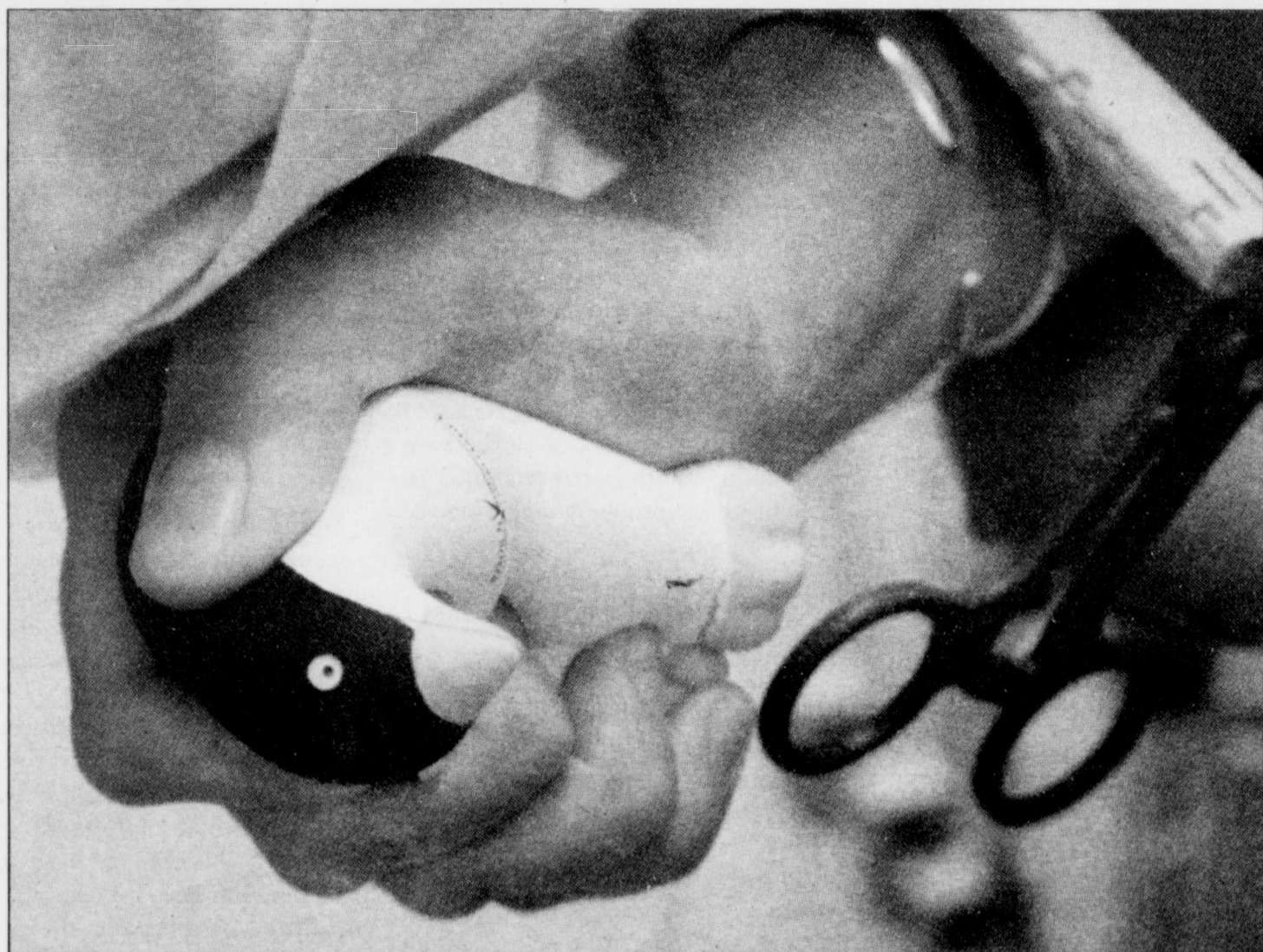


Tri-Counties comes to campus Tuesday



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A student diverts her attention by squeezing a toy penguin while giving blood on campus.

O-positive supply low

Kendrick J. Carson

MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly was recently given an award from the Tri-Counties Blood Bank, commending the university's outstanding community service after donating 850 units of blood during 2003. However, the blood bank has said this year they are extremely low on the type O-positive supply.

Local hospitals are experiencing an increased demand for blood due to the population growth. The recent climb in overall population and its density in the area have caused an increase in the local hospital's blood usage and resulted in a shortage of type-O positive blood.

"O-positive blood is the most common type out there," Tri-Counties Blood Bank communications relations employee Mona Kleman said. "It has put

us behind because it is the most needed."

According to the Tri-Counties Blood Bank, the increase in hospital usage means that an extra day's worth of blood must be collected each month to keep up with the demand. Hospitals must average 150 units of blood per day to keep pace with the Central Coast. Though hospitals have experienced a 5 percent increase in products and supply, it is not enough to combat the escalating need.

"We would love to see regulars bring in a friend or relative to donate," Kleman said. "Also, it would be great if people would give blood twice a year instead of only once. Everyone can do little things to help out in the big picture."

At the beginning of this month, the O-positive blood level entered its seventh week at a critical

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Cal Poly has \$1B economic impact on SLO

Study finds that university contributes more than 11 percent to county's entire \$9.4 billion GDP

Nicole Angeloni
MUSTANG DAILY

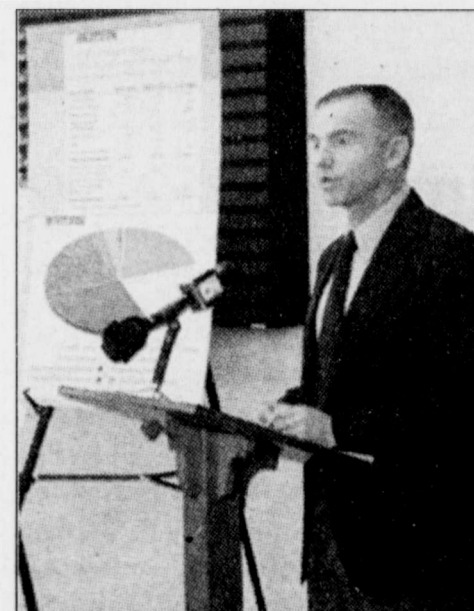
Cal Poly has a \$1.12 billion impact on San Luis Obispo County, according to the latest edition of the economic impact study done by the Orfalea College of Business.

Last summer, professor and chair of finance for the OCOB Kenneth Reiner and business senior Robert Rendler conducted the survey as part of Rendler's senior project. This is the sixth edition of the study.

"We came out with this data right after Mardi Gras," Reiner said. "So it was pretty good timing to remind the community that Cal Poly does have a positive impact."

The study examines the impact Cal Poly has on the local economy, such as the university payroll, university purchases, student spending, retired faculty and staff spending, visitor spending, local capital expenditures, the increased earning power of local Cal Poly graduates and other categories. Reiner and Rendler also factored in the impact of the many visitors the university draws to the area.

"In this edition, we also took into consideration impacts like retired staff and faculty spending," Rendler said. "But we accounted for that by going back to other



COURTESY PHOTO

Chair of finance Kenneth Reiner speaks about the impact.

studies and figuring it in there. There was still a big increase in impact this time around."

The overall impact of Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo County represents more than 11 percent of the entire \$9.4 billion gross domestic product of San Luis Obispo County, according to the study. This means that of every \$9 spent in the county, more than \$1 can be directly traced back to Cal Poly.

"It was also interesting to discover that Cal Poly has a larger economic impact than Diablo Canyon, which has a \$640 million economic impact," Reiner said.

Employment at Cal Poly also greatly influences the economy in San Luis Obispo County. The university creates about 10,500 jobs, which is estimated to be 10 percent

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Hundreds meet in San Francisco to create supercomputer

Experiment organized to build a machine with the same capabilities as some government, corporate computers

Terence Chea
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Hundreds of technophiles wired together their laptops and desktops recently and succeeded in their grass roots bid to create a computing force on par with the world's most powerful computers.

The Saturday experiment in "Flashmob Supercomputing" was organized by researchers at the

University of San Francisco who wanted to see whether a gymnasium full of off-the-shelf personal computers could muster enough power to process the most complex research problems.

Supercomputers perform highly sophisticated functions such as predicting weather patterns, modeling biological processes or animating movies. Most are run by government labs or big corporations because they're so expensive — running from millions to

hundreds of millions of dollars.

"Flashmob is about democratizing supercomputing," said John Witchel, a USF graduate student who codeveloped the concept. "It's about giving supercomputing power to the people so that we can decide how we want supercomputers to be used."

Saturday's event, known as "FlashMob I," was designed to measure how much computing power hundreds of networked computers could generate, rather than to tackle a specific task.

Participants began trickling into USF's Koret Gym around 8 a.m.,

some lugging their monitor-less desktops in wheeled suitcases. Volunteers included programmers, self-described "computer geeks," teenagers, college students and researchers curious whether flashmob supercomputing could be used for their own projects.

"I just want to be part of history," said Glenn Montano, a USF senior majoring in computer science.

When the experiment began three hours later, organizers said 660 desktop or laptop computers had been connected by thick bundles of wires throughout the gym, which

houses three full-size basketball courts. While the event didn't attract as many volunteers as expected, the university and some private companies helped pick up the slack by lending their computers.

Organizers had hoped to break into the ranks of the world's top 500 supercomputers by generating more than 500 gigaflops of power. A powerful PC can generate about half a gigaflop. The top spot is held by Japan's Earth Simulator, used to simulate weather patterns with about 35,000 gigaflops.

Saturday's flashmob managed to

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Carrey shines in Kaufman movie

'Eternal Sunshine' is fragile, provocative comedy
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Sun, sandals and spring

Classes no longer focus of Cal Poly students
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WEATHER REPORT

TODAY
Mostly Sunny 64°

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy 66°

Tides

High 4.7 at 10:47 a.m.
Low 0.5 at 4:40 p.m.

SUNRISE 6:43 A.M.
SUNSET 7:28 P.M.

No, it wasn't just an April Fools' Day joke.

Mustang Daily's new look, implemented Thursday, is a complete revamp in the design and organization of the paper's identity.

The redesign was the senior project of art and design senior Brooke Finan and graphic communication graduate Lisa Arias. Their goal was to add organization and consistency to the layout and incorporate a look of professionalism and maturity.

"After working at the Daily for two years, I wanted to leave with more than just an appreciation for the accomplishments we've made with the content of the paper," said Finan, who is also the production manager of Mustang Daily.

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of all jobs in the county.

The economic impact has grown by more than 53 percent since the 1992-93 academic year, even considering Cal Poly's policy of slow enrollment growth. Much of the increase is attributed to additional student fees, increased research and grant-related activities and increased donations made by Cal Poly alumni and friends.

"I was really surprised at how much of an impact Cal Poly has on San Luis Obispo," Rendler said. "Studies like these are always a work in progress because numbers change, but there was a huge increase represented in this edition."

For more information on the Orfalea College of Business, or to view the economic impact study, go to www.cob.calpoly.edu.

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generate 180 gigaflops — an impressive amount of power, but not enough to make the Top 500 list. Still, organizers said they were thrilled with the results, which validated the concept of flashmob supercomputing.

"This proves that this kind of computing can be competitive with computers that cost tens of millions of dollars," Witchel said.

The term "flashmob" comes from the spontaneous Internet-organized gatherings that gained popularity last year. During the events, hundreds of people suddenly appear at a predetermined location, perform a wacky stunt — such as wearing pur-

ple hats or spinning in circles — then quickly disperse, leaving bystanders scratching their heads.

To create their supercomputer, Flashmob volunteers booted up Linux open-source software that connected their PCs to a high-speed network and formed a single computing system. The software, designed by USF researchers, runs on each computer's CD-ROM and doesn't touch its hard drive — so participants didn't need to worry about security or viruses, organizers said.

Saturday's event wasn't the first time citizens have pooled their computing power. For example, the SETI (at) home project has created a virtual supercomputer, through Internet-connected PCs, to search for signs of extraterrestrial life.

when it is needed.

"It may seem like a local problem because we have been critical for two months, but the shortage is nationwide. We need everyone to help out," Kleman said. "The cold season at the end of last year and beginning of this year hurt the supply because a lot of donors have been sick over the past couple of months."

The Tri-Counties Blood Bank recently visited Cal Poly for collections. However, due to the constant need of blood, they will be visiting campus again soon. They will be in front of Mott Gym Tuesday and by building 8 with a barbecue on Thursday. After, they will visit the residence halls and be a part of Greek Week.

The Tri-Counties Blood Bank has an office in San Luis Obispo, located adjacent to the Sierra Vista Hospital. They are taking new donations every day and can be reached at 549-0303.

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level. The Tri-Counties Blood Bank is doing everything they can to help raise the blood supply, including increasing overall collections this year.

They have reported that the current level of O-positive blood has depleted to less than a single day's supply, despite increased collections last year.

Tri-Counties Blood Bank, which has four offices on the Central Coast, is looking for more volunteers to support the growing need for blood. In a press release, they said standard surgeries could use from one to 20 units of blood per patient, depending on the severity of the procedure. Patients who have suffered major injuries from a serious car accident can use 25 to 50 units. People who need blood transfusions, and their doctors, also expect to have blood ready

Nirvana's Kurt Cobain did more than entertain

Gene Johnson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ABERDEEN, Wash. — Beneath this bridge above the muddy banks of the Wishkah River, a troubled young Kurt Cobain would come to escape his unhappy home and the persistent gray drizzle of the Washington coast.

Among the cracking concrete supports, he would smoke pot and drink and plot his stardom, bragging to friends of his "suicide genes" and that he would die a young rock star.

It's here that many of his fans have come to pay their respects since he fulfilled that prophesy with a needle and a shotgun 10 years ago today.

"Peace, love, empathy," reads one message scrawled in graffiti under the bridge.

"Kurt," says another, "Your spirit will bounce on happily."

Cobain and his band, Nirvana, spent only three years in the public eye, and they released only three studio albums. But what he accomplished before committing suicide at age 27 — deciding it was "better to burn out than fade away," as he quoted Neil Young in his suicide note — was remarkable.

Critics describe 1991's "Nevermind," which has sold more than 10 million copies, as one of the decade's most important albums. Its biggest hit, "Smells Like Teen Spirit," remains a seminal expression of teen angst. Cobain brought the dark, driven sound of grunge rock to the nation, helped save the world from hair metal, and with a single line — "Here we are now, entertain us" — captured and captivated a generation that had grown bored and cynical about popular music.

Cobain biographer Charles Cross says that when Nirvana went to record "Nevermind," they followed Warrant into the studio — a band known for big hair, open shirts and their "Cherry Pie" video.

"Music at that point was so pre-fabricated, so fake, so hairspray that Nirvana was really a breath of fresh air," Cross says. "It was more organic than anything we'd seen in music in years."

As his fame soared, though, so did his heroin use, in part as a self-treatment for his chronic stomach pain. Encouraged by his wife, Courtney Love, who had her own drug problems, Cobain checked into detox several times over the next 2 1/2 years. But he always returned to heroin, even around the time his daughter was born in the summer of 1992.

Nevertheless, his songwriting remained impressive and became more polished with Love's collaboration, especially on "Heart-shaped Box" and other songs for Nirvana's third album, "In Utero."

In January 1994, as Cobain's despondency spiraled, he recorded his last great song, "You Know You're Right." It would not be released until 2002, following a long legal battle between Love and the surviving Nirvana members, but the song's ironic couplet "Things have never been so swell/ and I have never been so well" lent a serious insight into Cobain's mind at the time.

While in Rome a month after recording it, he tried to kill himself by taking 60 tranquilizers. The overdose left him in a coma.

He survived, but in early April he jumped a wall at a detox center in Los Angeles and flew back to Seattle.

On April 5, 1994 — give or take 24 hours — Cobain wrote a suicide note, in which he said he couldn't stand to think of his daughter becoming "the miserable self-destructive, death rocker that I've become." He went into the greenhouse of his mansion, injected himself with a massive dose of heroin, put a 20-gauge shotgun against the roof of his mouth and fired.

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ATTENTION SUMMER GRADS

If you were planning to meet the Graduation Writing Requirement through coursework over the summer, you should plan to meet the GWR spring quarter at Cal Poly by taking the Writing Proficiency Examination on Saturday, April 10.

The Writing Proficiency Examination is NOT offered summer quarter. At the present time, the English Department does not plan to offer any 300-level GWR-approved courses during the summer. Therefore, the only option to meet the GWR for a summer graduation will be through the spring quarter exam offered on Saturday, April 10; the next WPE will be during fall quarter on October 9.

Students who plan to take a GE Area C4 English course at another college CANNOT earn GWR credit at Cal Poly for that coursework.

Pay the \$25 fee at the Cashier's Office by the
WPE sign-up deadline: Thursday, April 8.

State Briefs

UKIAH — A single-engine private plane was found near the Ukiah airport Sunday morning after it crashed next to U.S. Highway 101.

The PA-32R hit the shoulder of the freeway and caught fire shortly before 8:10 a.m. The pilot is believed to have died in the crash, said CHP Sgt. Wayne Ziese.

Federal Aviation Administration officials have not determined whether the crash occurred during landing or after takeoff.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Three bald eagle chicks have hatched from their DDT-contaminated eggs at the San Francisco Zoo and will be returned to the wild, a zoo spokeswoman said Sunday.

The three chicks that hatched last week are from eggs that were retrieved from wild nests on Santa Catalina Island in January, Nancy Chan said. Dummy eggs are substituted for the real eggs and the eagles continue to incubate and rotate the eggs, she said.

Contamination by DDT, a pesticide banned in 1972, makes the eggs too thin to survive, so the eggs are incubated and monitored at the zoo's Avian Conservation Center until they hatch.

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SACRAMENTO — Environmentalists who successfully tapped taxpayer money to buy thousands of acres of California coastline to stop development are now targeting the Pacific Ocean, with a plan to curb human activity by buying boats, fishing permits and possibly underwater land.

The idea is provoking a renewed struggle between some of the world's wealthiest and most powerful environmental groups and California fishermen who fear they gradually will be booted off the ocean they prowl for recreation and profit.

California voters could be pulled into the fight this November.

— Associated Press

National Briefs

WASHINGTON — Despite escalating violence that killed 10 U.S. service members over the weekend, the Bush administration is sticking with its timetable to turn over power in Iraq.

The chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Sunday raised the prospect of extending the Bush administration's June 30 deadline for turning over power in Iraq, questioning whether the country would be ready for self-rule.

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WASHINGTON — The commission looking into the Sept. 11 attacks will ask Condoleezza Rice why government anti-terror efforts failed to stop the strike and how the Bush administration plans to fix the problems, panel members said Sunday.

"Nineteen men with \$350,000 defeated every single defensive mechanism we had up on the 11th of September, 2001, and they defeated it utterly," said former Democratic Sen. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska.

President Bush's national security adviser, in her public testimony Thursday, will need to answer how that happened, Kerrey said.

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BOSTON — Trying to reverse partisan stereotypes, Democrat John Kerry is launching a campaign to portray himself as a fiscal conservative, comparing his economic strategy with the \$6 trillion in unpaid spending that he says President Bush has proposed over the next 10 years.

For weeks, Bush's campaign has been saying Kerry would raise taxes \$900 billion over 10 years.

Kerry is striking back with a report to be released Monday that says the president would increase the deficit with his unfunded spending proposals and tax cuts.

— Associated Press

World Briefs

NAJAF, Iraq — Supporters of an anti-American cleric rioted in four Iraqi cities Sunday, battling coalition troops in the worst unrest since the spasm of looting and arson immediately after the fall of Saddam Hussein. At least 22 Iraqis, eight U.S. troops and one Salvadoran soldier died.

Hundreds were wounded as fighting raged in Baghdad, Najaf, Nasiriyah and Amarah. Tanks rolled through the Iraqi capital and two Humvees burned in the streets of its eastern Sadr City neighborhood.

Protesters, some dressed all in black or waving green banners, raced toward the fighting in Najaf as heavy gunfire echoed through the city. One man stood on a bridge, a rocket-propelled grenade launcher at the ready.

The riots were ignited by the arrest on Saturday of an aide to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

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JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said his pledge to the United States not to harm Yasser Arafat no longer holds, declaring that the Palestinian leader and the head of Lebanon's Hezbollah are potential targets for assassination.

In an interview set for broadcast Monday by Israeli Army Radio, Sharon also said for the first time that under his plan to leave the Gaza Strip, evacuated Jewish settlements would not be destroyed.

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MADRID, Spain — The suicide apartment house blast that killed the alleged ringleader of last month's Madrid train bombings and four other terror suspects left the core of the terror group either dead or in jail, Spain's interior minister said on Sunday.

Explosives discovered in the building where the five killed themselves to avoid capture Saturday night indicated they were plotting more violence and were linked to the failed bombing of a high-speed rail line Friday.

— Associated Press

THIS WEEK

IN ASI EVENTS

MONDAY MOVIE MADNESS

Featuring **BIG FISH**

Monday, April 5

6:00 & 8:30 p.m. showings in Chumash Auditorium - FREE

Check out Tim Burton's latest film on the big screen before it's available for home rental. Seats are limited.

HIGHER GROUNDS ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

Featuring **LONGVIEW**

Wednesday, April 7

6 - 8 p.m. UU Gallery (in the UU Epicenter) - FREE

Longview intimate acoustic sound will appeal to fans of artists such as Ben Harper, Pearl Jam and Dave Matthews. Free refreshments.

UU HOUR

Featuring **THE EXPENDABLES**

Thursday, April 8

11 a.m. - noon in the UU Plaza - FREE

This reggae/punk-rock/ska band has opened for Slightly Stoopid, Eek-a-Mouse and Pepper. Don't miss this special performance.

CONCERTS

Virgin Mega Tour featuring **MICHELLE BRANCH**

Friday, April 9

8 p.m. in the Rec Center (doors at 7 p.m.)

Daytime village in the UU Plaza, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. with interactive booths and giveaways. Evening concert featuring Michelle Branch.

Rock the Vote Concert featuring

NOFX, AUTHORITY ZERO, JELLO BIAFRA and ALKALINE

Saturday, April 10

7 p.m. in the Rec Center (doors at 6 p.m.)

Tickets for both concerts on sale at all Vallitix locations, vallitix.com, or (888) 825-5484. CP student price at the Mustang Ticket Office only.

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student fee
REFERENDUM

April 14th and 15th

Two separate proposals

1. Increase Health Services Fee
2. Increase ASI Fee supporting student athlete scholarships

have been approved for a student referendum on
April 14th and 15th

The following Open Forums have been scheduled where students can ask questions and learn more about these two important proposals

Wednesday April 7, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday April 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Monday April 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Location: UU 220

Additional information including an Objective Statement & Financial Analysis, Pro and Con Statements, sample ballot and polling times and locations is now available on the web, by clicking on the link located on Cal Poly's home page (www.calpoly.edu).

**Get the lowdown on SLO Town
Every Friday in On The Rocks**

Two quarters down, one to go

Commentary

Dexter Lawn is once again covered with students worshipping the sun god. Lucy's Juice is luring away Julian's coffee guzzlers, and students throughout campus are bustling to crash courses that will fill their required 12 units to maintain financial aid.

That's right, after two quarters of non-stop schoolwork, we're into the home stretch. Spring quarter is finally here and it's time to buckle down in one final attempt to do our parents proud before we come face to face with them during summer break.

Who are we kidding? Spring quarter is here, which means we can all breathe a well-deserved sigh of relief.

All fall and winter we sat in the library, huddling together in study groups to conserve body heat in the mild cold of the San Luis Obispo chill. Now that the sun is out on a consistent basis, we've exchanged backpacks and books for beach balls and sandals, and class sizes seem to have dwindled, even in the first week.

Who can blame us, really? With the beach being a mere 10-mile drive, and monotoned lecturers drilling theorems and definitions into our brains, the sand and surf serve as a much-needed respite from the daily grind. Really, when it comes down to noon class or beach volleyball under the sun at peak sunshine hours, we know you'll choose the feel of sand between your toes. Unless, of course, you are a dedicated student (and we are not sure if those even exist — at least in the College of Liberal Arts).

So what shall we do while we skip our so-called required courses?

That's an easy one. Like we mentioned before, soak up the sun at Pismo or Avila. If you're feeling ambitious, you can make your way to the glorious Montana de Oro. If you're not enjoying the outdoorsy feel, stay home and follow the Major League Baseball season from the start. Speaking of which, it's a shame we have to wait until the Giants play the Dodgers or the Braves to watch our beloved team on San Luis Obispo TV stations. This town is about 30 miles closer to Los Angeles than San Francisco, but must all the Giants fans suffer because of a few measly miles? This could be a whole other article.

Back to the springtime.

There is more to this magnificent time of year than getting half-naked by the pool, contrary to what you may have read in the J-Spot. Spring is the last time of the year to catch up with friends and solidify relationships before we all part ways for the long-awaited summer. Some will stay here, some will go home and some will accept that coveted internship in the heart of Nebraska. So it's important to fire up the barbecue every now and then, open up some beers and reminisce: "Remember that time freshman year when you (insert embarrassing moment here)?" "Oh man, I saw that girl you were trying to hook up with last summer, she looks like she's moved on." It is moments like these that truly define springtime.

So here we are, on the eve of our summer vacations, left with only one thing to say. We offer, on behalf of the entire student population, a collective "I'm sorry" to any instructor who teaches an afternoon class this quarter. While (in most cases) it is not your lectures that make us gaze out the window with longing, we hope you understand our unexcused absences and mysterious sunburns. These are just the consequences of being a college student in the spring on the Central Coast, and we appreciate your support. You were there once, too.

Steve Hill and Chrissy Roth are journalism seniors and Mustang Daily columnists who will probably begin skipping classes this week. Email them at QuitYerBitchinCP@yahoo.com.



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Ireland breathing easier

Commentary

As smokers took their last legal puff in pubs in the Irish Republic last week, controversy ignited across Europe over the importance of health versus social customs.

For Californians, the dilemma seems like a no-brainer. The state enforced a ban on smoking in public places 10 years ago. Business and life went on.

But for some Europeans, taking away their smokey bars would rob them of their civil liberties.

"A ban on smoking in bars and pubs will be met with resistance because it's taken root with our customs," said Francesco Giannini, an aerospace engineering senior who is studying abroad in Italy. "After meals and sex, people smoke."

Citizens of Ireland, who hold Europe's highest rate of heart disease, realized that you have to be alive in order to have social customs. Smoking is a cause of heart disease. The country enforced a ban on smoking in bars and pubs and those who violate the law can face a fine up to more than \$3,000.

"Health and quality of life issues are important to people in their place of work," said Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern on CNN.

About 25 percent of the Irish smoke and there are about 7,000 tobacco-related deaths each year in Ireland, the BBC reported.

The global effect of smoking on

humans is tragic. The World Health Organization's global smoking statistics in 2002 reported that about one-third of the world's male population smokes, killing one in 10 adults.

In the US, cigarettes cause more than one in five deaths. The fiscal impact is enormous; smoking related diseases cost the US more than \$150 billion a year.

It is a mystery

how people in Europe or elsewhere in the world will fight for a social custom that releases more than 4,000

toxic or carcinogenic chemicals into the air we all breathe.

"Obviously smoking was banned in California because the needs of the many outweighed the few who smoked," said Paul Brown, owner of Mother's Tavern in San Luis Obispo.

Despite the statistics, many Europeans stubbornly oppose smoking bans in bars. Instead of completely banning smoking, some encourage pubs, hotels and restaurants to introduce smoke-free zones according to customer's wishes rather than enforce legislation.

The logic of bar smokers might also hold that a person won't die from a being in a smokey bar for a night. But the health of bartenders who work in a pub for their whole

life is jeopardized.

According to a study published by the Journal of the American Medical Association in 1998, the respiratory health and lung function of bartenders improved after California enforced the legislation.

A worldwide ban on smoking in bars is unrealistic today, because more imminent issues confront most nations.

Citizens of Ireland, who hold Europe's greatest rate of heart disease, realized that you have to be alive in order to have social customs.

"Our country has a lot of other problems to fix before outlawing smoking in bars," said Yevgeniy Gisin, an aerospace engineering senior who grew up in Russia. "Smoking is bad for you, but drinking is much more of an issue. There's a great difference between vodka and nicotine addictions."

However, some countries and states within the US are making progress. For a country where a pint of beer and a cigarette with a friend in a bar is a national pastime, Ireland sacrificed an indulgence for the well-being of many.

Hopefully, the rest of the world will follow.

Carrie McGourty is a journalism junior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the Editor

Founder's Tree shows age and growth

Cal Poly's recent decision to destroy the 98-year-old Founders Tree in order to extend Highland Drive (Tribune, "A new way through" March 30) is shortsighted.

While extending Highland, will improve circulation, the Founders Tree is one of the best reminders of the college's age and growth. It is hypocritical that a college which recently celebrated a centennial in 2001 would thoughtlessly destroy one of the last remnants of its founding years. Cal Poly planners should explore ways to

extend the road without incurring this loss.

Terrence Murphey is an architecture senior.

The politics behind the Punkvoter Tour

I just wanted to let people know what the concert on April 10 is all about. I was stoked about Authority Zero and Alkaline Trio (NOFX and Jello Biafra are also playing) coming to the Cal Poly Rec Center. What I didn't know, however, is that Numbskull is presenting this Punkvoter Tour. The

purpose of the tour is "to form a united front in opposition to the dangerous, deadly and destructive policies of George W. Bush Jr." (www.punkvoter.com).

As much as I would like to see the bands play, I am not going because it is in blatant opposition of what I believe is right. I just wanted people to know what they're supporting in case they hadn't heard what the tour was all about. I'll let the Numbskulls do their thing without complaining, but I won't throw my money at them.

Steve Bachmeier is a mechanical engineering sophomore.

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"If you nail me, I'll cry."

In Theaters

Sharp screenplay, effects prove *Eternally* gratifying

Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet step out of traditional roles in lovelorn 'Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind'

Stacey Anderson

MUSTANG DAILY

Despite its opening image of Jim Carrey's slumbering face, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" is not the same solo spotlight show as his past efforts.

The fragile, provocative comedy rests on a sharp screenplay, innovative direction and a series of well-acted plot veins that play on the title's irony. The movie fights with and eventually concludes that erasing painful memories is not ignorant bliss but the robbery of life's most rewarding struggles.

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"Eternal Sunshine" centers on the love gone awry of meek nine-to-five Joel Barish (Carrey) and kittenish free spirit Clementine Kruczynski (Kate Winslet). After their bitter break-up, Clementine impulsively has all the memories of their relationship erased. The wounded Joel arranges to have the same procedure done. His spite leads him forward as his eyes flicker with apprehension at the scary machinery that will literally damage his brain. Asleep in his bed during the process, he travels through his memories as they are blurred to extermination

and watches as his recollections fade sorrowfully and forever away.

Realizing what he is losing, knowing he can't change the past but no longer wishing to, he begs from inside his head to stop the operation; when that fails, he begins a frantic dash through his mind to save the memory of Clementine.

Luckily, the whirling psychological premise is tempered by compelling, haunting performances both in front of and behind the camera. Carrey delivers his finest dramatic work to date, restraining his usual behavior to make Joel a subdued, discontent soul with a voice that scarcely breaks a mumble. From his introverted gestures to the subtle tightening lines framing his facial features, Carrey's wearing a different mask indeed. No longer the

cinematic focal point but the main contributor, he interacts with the brilliantly volatile, vulnerable Winslet, forging an utterly believable bond between the characters. Never is there a doubt why such opposites would want the comfort of each other.

Supporting roles with Tom Wilkinson, Mark Ruffalo, Elijah Wood and Kirsten Dunst flesh out the depths of the theme — Wood especially conveys the sadness of such stolen seasons — but the script really steals the show. Screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, the skewed braini-



COURTESY PHOTO

Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet take a trip through memory in the twisted love story "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

ac behind "Being John Malkovich," "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" and "Adaptation," finally channels his intricate creativity into a story that embraces love instead of smirking at its imperfections. Joel and Clementine's uncomplicated romance is stretched to the absurd until it is convincing, and their characters show real maturity without sermonizing.

As does the direction: Michel Gondry takes special effects out of the computer and utilizes the sneaky moves that have made his

music videos some of the best ever created. Joel's surroundings sequentially pop away à la the White Stripes' "The Hardest Button to Button" and his nomadic confusion in a distorted world just needs some falsetto warbling to become Beck's "Deadweight." Jittery, surreal camera work reflects his earlier directing endeavors with French pop group Oui Oui, and the dreamy blurriness of his other shots are as polar opposite to the former as Joel is to Clementine. This is the same effect that allowed the Rolling Stones to

look so elegantly wasted in "Like a Rolling Stone."

As Joel battles to keep Clementine from being as, lost and gone forever" as her namesake song, he understands he found someone who made him feel as alive as he'd hoped to become. "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" is a sonnet to love itself, a reminder that the rough waves of romance lead us closer to the true fullness and purpose of living. To watch it is to feel happy for every ending and every beginning.

Vines deliver lackluster sophomore effort with 'Winning Days'

Alex Frydman

THE CHRONICLE (DUKE UNIVERSITY)

DURHAM, N.C. — We all know the story: Unknown band becomes famous overnight with their debut album, then follows it up with such an abysmal release that they eventually fall right back into obscurity.

Enter The Vines, an Australian band propelled on to the top of every magazine's best new artists list with their 2002 debut "Highly Evolved." Now they have released their follow-up album "Winning Days." So have The Vines been able to avoid the dreaded sophomore slump? Well ... sort of.

"Winning Days" can be thought

of as an album with a split-personality. There are the excellent fast songs, such as "Ride" and "F--- the World," blending catchy guitars with the raw, growling vocals of Craig Nicholls, which are almost reminiscent of Kurt Cobain or Chris Cornell in his Soundgarden era. These are the songs that — though they may not

be pop songs — still have the ability to get stuck in your head with their catchy choruses. Songs such as these build upon the formula established on "Highly Evolved," yet intensify the aggression present on their debut. These songs make it seem like the Vines were able to beat the norm and release an excellent sophomore album.

Yet a good part of this release is also devoted to slower songs, without the growls and amp squeals present on the faster tracks. These songs are sluggish and plodding, often lacking memorable choruses.

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Compared to the hisses and screams in the first set of songs, Nicholls' voice seems almost apathetic, droning on for a majority of each of the tracks. Perhaps if this second set had been a release in and of themselves, it would not have seemed so lacking. But when compared to the intensity of the album's faster cuts, the effort seems a bit lackluster. So while the Vines won't fade into obscurity with this release, they still have a ways to go to reach the level of superstardom predicted for them.

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Segregation not black and white

WATSONVILLE (AP) — To see how integration is playing out 50 years after the Supreme Court banned school segregation, consider Pajaro Valley Unified.

A sprawling school district about 45 miles south of San Jose, Pajaro Valley extends from the quiet, oceanfront beaches of Aptos in the north to the strawberry fields of Watsonville in the south. It is a district divided not only by geography but also by race, wealth and academic achievement.

Schools in the more affluent town of Aptos have a majority of white students, and score well on the state's Academic Performance Index. Students in the working-class, agricultural city of Watsonville are largely Hispanic, and the schools' performance on the index is significantly worse.

In Watsonville, some parents complain that their schools are getting short shrift in terms of top classes and experienced teachers. In Aptos, parents twice in recent years have proposed splitting off and creating two districts, but were denied by the California State Board of Education.

A third proposal by two school board members — one from Watsonville, one from Aptos — to study a split was postponed in February after officials decided it was "too divisive an issue," super-

intendent Mary Anne Mays said.

Supporters maintain a split could improve student performance in both communities, but Carolyn Savino, president of the Pajaro Valley Federation of Teachers said such a move would be "morally and ethically wrong."

It would create "an affluent white district and an impoverished minority district," she said. "We should have gotten past that after *Brown v. Board of Education*."

As what's happening in Pajaro Valley makes clear, the Supreme Court's ruling doing away with "separate but equal" school segregation can still be a flashpoint for impassioned arguments a half-century later — in an increasingly diverse America where racial separation goes far beyond the black and white of 1954.

"When you go back and you understand *Brown v. Board of Education* and what it means to have 'separate but equal,' it just strikes a chord because it's happening in this community," said former Watsonville city council member Rafael Lopez.

Back in 1950, the Census Bureau did not even break out Hispanics as a group. Now they are the nation's largest minority — 39 million, according to a census report last year.

Rock climbers: Ban promotes religion

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A U.S. Forest Service climbing ban on a Lake Tahoe landmark is unconstitutional because it promotes religion, a rock climbing group contends.

In papers filed Thursday in support of its federal lawsuit against the agency, The Access Fund claims the ban at Cave Rock gives control over public property to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

The Boulder, Colo.-based group maintains the tribe has always said Cave Rock is a religious, sacred site. The Washoe tribe has opposed climbing on Cave Rock, located on U.S. 50

between Glenbrook and Zephyr Cove on Tahoe's east shore.

The Access Fund

argues the ban runs contrary to other federal court rulings that have held mandatory closures of public lands for religious purposes are unconstitutional.

In a case involving Devil's Tower National Monument in Wyoming, the court allowed only a voluntary climbing closure of the monolith during tribal religious ceremonies each June.

The group also asked the court to reject a Forest Service amendment declaring Cave Rock closed to climbers as "a protection of tradi-

tional and cultural property."

"Listing Cave Rock as a traditional cultural property does not change the fundamental nature of Cave Rock as a religious site," the complaint argues.

The group filed the lawsuit in December in U.S. District Court in Reno.

Tribal Chairman Brian Wallace was out of town and could not be reached for comment. A phone call Sunday to the Forest Service's South Lake Tahoe office wasn't immediately returned.

The Forest Service has agreed to postpone until May implementation

of its Cave Rock management plan, which means climbing is allowed for the time being.

The management plan would allow such activity as hiking and picnicking to continue at Cave Rock. But it would ban climbing and require removal of climbing hardware on the volcanic core.

The plan calls for the land to be protected as a cultural resource and managed as it was prior to 1965. The rock did not become popular with climbers until the 1980s.

It's primarily used by expert climbers because the rock face is sheer and requires technical skills.



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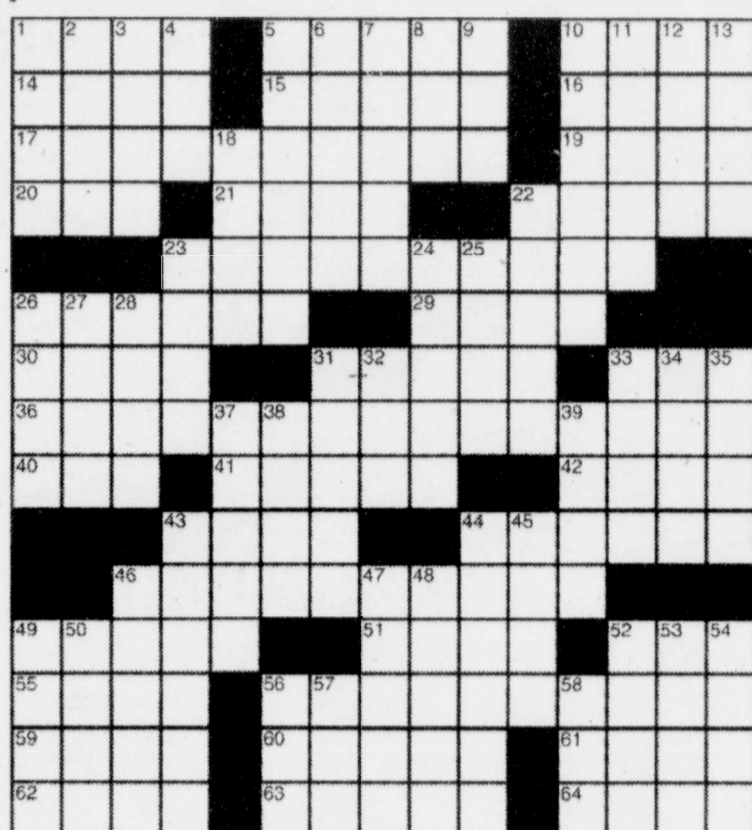
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Tennis

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Conference."

Lewis agreed with Bream on Idaho's level of play.

"We played a good team," Lewis said. "We played well, and I'm happy with the outcome."

Grady was proud of the team's performance as well.

"I think we came out really strong today," Grady said. "I'm proud of our performance."

The Mustangs are 11-6 overall and 7-1 in the Big West Conference.

The Mustangs lost 6-1 to No. 10 Fresno State on Saturday at the Wathen Tennis Center. Cal Poly (11-7) lost for the fourth time in the last five matches.

In singles, the only win of the day came from Lee as she posted a win by defeating Lucia Sainz, 6-3, 6-0.

NBA

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NBA champions.

The Spurs served a reminder Sunday.

Tony Parker had 29 points and nine assists and the Spurs beat the Los Angeles Lakers 95-89 for their sixth straight victory, moving them within 1 1/2 games of the Western Conference lead.

Tim Duncan added 18 points, 13 rebounds and six assists and Bruce Bowen and Manu Ginobili scored 12 points each for the Spurs (52-25), who have won eight of nine.

The Lakers had their 11-game winning streak snapped and dropped into third place in the West — a half-game behind the Sacramento Kings and Minnesota Timberwolves.

Kobe Bryant led the Lakers (53-24) with 28 points and six rebounds, but he shot just 9-of-26 while being closely guarded by Bowen.

Gary Payton had 21 points and eight rebounds; Shaquille O'Neal added 17 points and nine rebounds, and Karl Malone had 12 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers.

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Kings beat Rockets; Lakers lose

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Once Peja Stojakovic started moving, the Sacramento Kings began to rally.

Stojakovic scored 11 of his 28 points in the third quarter, and Chris Webber added 19 points to lead the Kings to a 99-94 victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday.

Stojakovic scored all but two points in a 13-0 run to give

Sacramento a 63-58 lead with 5:24 left in the third period. The outburst was part of a 26-4 run that helped the Kings to a 78-63 lead, Sacramento's largest advantage of the game.

"I tried to use my big guys," Stojakovic said of his scoring spree. "I just tried to run around behind them and they'd hand the ball off to me. We were moving the ball and did a good job of working it

around."

Stojakovic shot 5-for-7 from the field and 2-for-4 from the line in the quarter. Sacramento shot 63 percent (12-of-19) from the field.

Stojakovic's 13 points in the quarter helped the Kings move out to a 78-68 lead after three quarters.

"I felt good after I hit a three-pointer (with 6:48 left in the third)," said Stojakovic, who also had 11 rebounds. "And the guys just started

looking for me. It all happened so quick. It seemed like it was a couple of minutes that we went from being down to being ahead."

The Kings were looking for their scorer in that span.

"We ran some different things then," coach Rick Adelman said of the third-quarter spurt. "We tried to run (Stojakovic) off more people. We pushed the ball more than too."

Webber was glad to see the plan

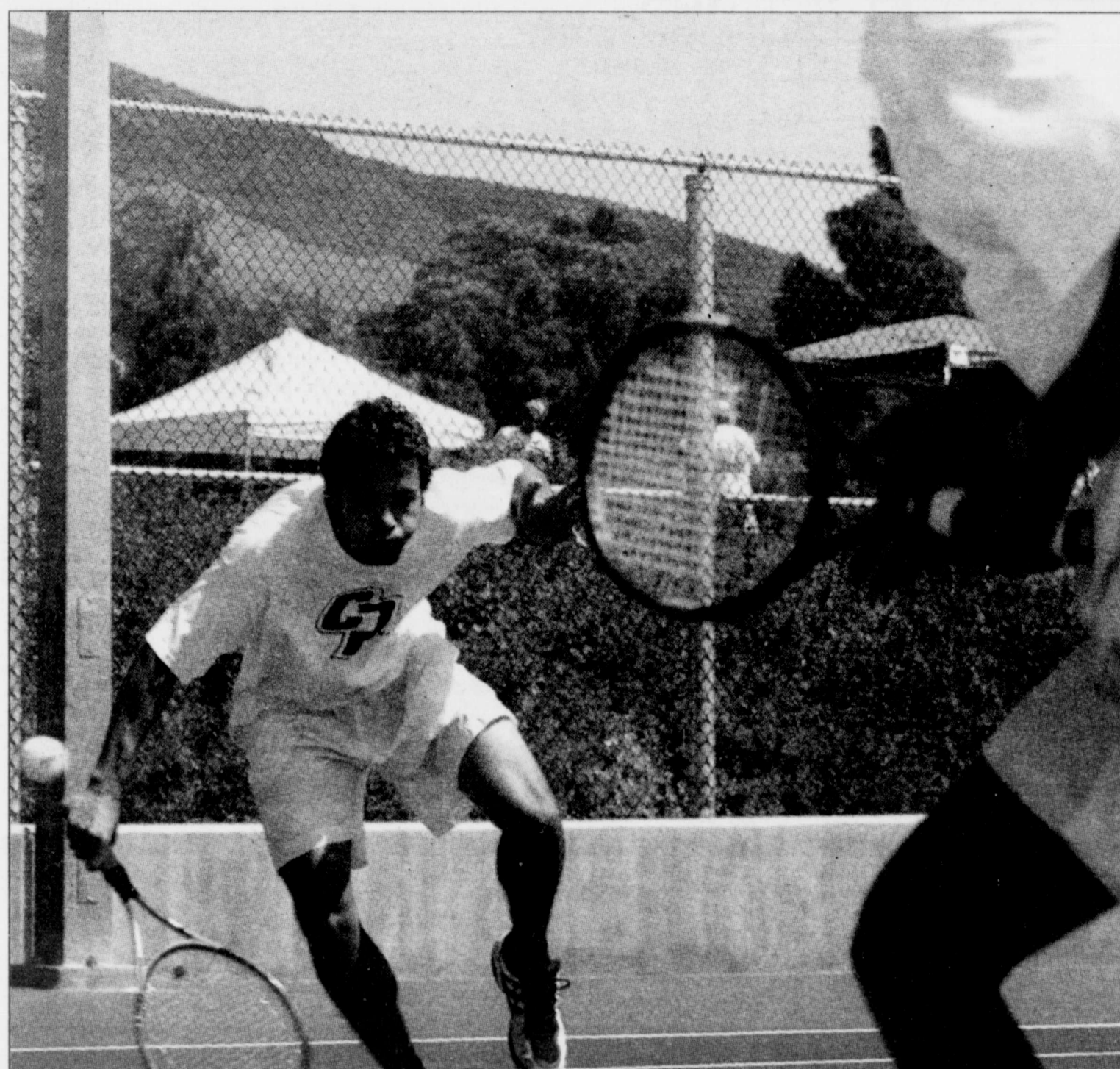
work.

"We moved (Stojakovic) around and made a lot of handoffs off the dribble," Webber said. "We just made a commitment to do it and it made a difference."

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With so much attention focused on the Lakers, Kings and Timberwolves, it's easy to forget the San Antonio Spurs are the reigning

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BRIAN KENT MUSTANG DAILY

Sophomore Brett Van Linge hits a backhand volley in the Mustangs' 5-2 loss to the Pacific Tigers. He and partner John Nguyen (foreground) lost their doubles match 8-6 to the Tigers' Lennart Maack and Arnar Sigurdsson. Nick Tracy and Travis Crawford were the only Mustangs to win their matches. Cal Poly fell to 10-11 overall with the loss.

Women's tennis splits matches

Leah Mori

MUSTANG DAILY

The 60th-ranked Cal Poly women's tennis team easily defeated Idaho on Thursday to stay near-perfect in the Big West Conference. Saturday's nonconference match against No. 10 Fresno State was a different story, as the Mustangs were blown out 6-1.

The Mustangs won all three doubles matches as well as singles matches at Nos. 3 through 6 over the 75th-ranked Vandals.

Idaho's doubles teams proved to be no match for the Mustangs, as Samantha Waller and Kristen Grady defeated Sunel Nieuwoudt and Jessica Hubbard, 8-2. Chelsy Thompson and Noelle Lee overcame Mariel Timirello and Patricia Ruman, 8-0, and Carol Erickson and Sheila Lewis beat Kareen Konishi and Monica Martin, 8-3.

The winning singles matches came in straight sets, and the two losses came from split sets.

Grady finished first as Ruman seemed to be no match for Grady's ball placement and deep ground strokes. She defeated Ruman 6-3, 6-3.

Lee finished quickly also, defeating Tara Fielding 6-2, 6-2. Lee kept her moving by switching up her game with different spins on the ball and changing between long and short shots.

Erickson overpowered Konishi 6-2, 6-1 with tough ground strokes and good net play.

Lewis defeated Timirello 6-3, 6-3 with her quickness, net play and with overhead shots.

"I stayed aggressive," Lewis said. "I was going for shots, and I stayed focused."

At the No. 1 position, Waller put up a good fight against Nieuwoudt with long rallies and fast serves but lost in a tiebreak.

Thompson had the longest match of the day, lasting about 2 1/2 hours and ending in a nail-biting tie breaker, which she lost to Hubbard, 4-10.

Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bream was proud of his team's performance against the Vandals.

"It was a strong match," Bream said. "The team competed very well. There are seven teams nationally ranked in the Big West, so there are no easy matches. I'm confident we will continue building momentum for the Big West

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ON THE DIAMOND

Pacific wins two games over Poly

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly softball team dropped to 0-2 in the Big West, 12-19 overall, as they fell in both games to the No. 19 Pacific Tigers on Saturday in Stockton. They fell in game one, 6-1, and in game two by a 2-1 count.

The Mustangs scored their lone run of the first game in the top of the first inning as Roni Sparrey led the inning off with a double down the right-field line. She would later score on a double to left field by third baseman Kristi Alvers. The Mustangs would leave three stranded at the end of the first. Alvers was 2-for-3, with a double, single and a RBI.

Pacific would take a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the first as they

took advantage of two Mustang errors in the inning and would score two runs on just one hit. The Tigers put the game away in the bottom of the fourth when they scored four runs.

Junior pitcher Cassie Vanderbeek got the loss, allowing six runs in just over three innings.

In game two, the Mustangs would fall 2-1, as the Tigers would score the game-winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

The Tigers would take an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third, but Cal Poly would rally back to tie the game in the top of the fifth, as Alvers would score centerfielder Amyjo Nazarenus.

The Mustangs scored one run on six hits, committing one error, as the Tigers scored two runs on seven hits.

Vulcans no match for Mustangs

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly held Hawaii-Hilo to no runs and two hits in both ends of a non-conference baseball doubleheader Saturday afternoon at Simmon's Field as the Mustangs trounced the Vulcans 19-0 and 7-0 scores.

Cal Poly erupted for 15 runs in the fifth inning of the opener. They scored in six of the nine innings in the nightcap as the Mustangs improved to 27-12-1 on the year, winning the first five games of the six-game series.

In the first game Cal Poly scored a run in the second inning and three more in the fourth before sending 20 batters to the plate in the fifth, scoring 15 runs on 13 hits — six doubles and seven singles. The game was called after five innings due to a 10-run rule. It was Cal Poly's biggest inning since scoring 15 times against Bethany College on

March 23, 2002.

Senior right-hander Nolan Moser started for the second time in his four-year Mustang career

• Cal Poly outscored Hawaii-Hilo 26-0 in the doubleheader.

• The Mustangs scored 15 runs in the fifth inning of the opening game.

and tossed a complete game. He struck out six and walked two.

S a m Herbert had two

doubles and a triple in the opener, driving in three runs. Josh Mayo added two doubles and a single for three RBIs while Chalon Tietje and Kyle Blumenthal each had three singles. Bret Berglund and John Marshall each contributed a double and two singles with three RBIs.

Junior right-hander Tony Saipe and freshman right-hander Bud Norris combined on a two-hit shutout in the nightcap. Saipe (1-1), in his second career start as well, struck out six and allowed two hits in six scoreless innings for the win. Norris earned his first career save by pitching three hitless, scoreless innings with three strikeouts. Saipe's other start was earlier this season at Fresno State, a game the Mustangs lost 5-4 on Feb. 24 at Pete Beiden Field.

Herbert again produced three hits, including a double, and drove in one run while Brandon Roberts doubled twice and knocked in two runs. Matt Guiliano, Blumenthal and Berglund all had two hits while Drew Gillmore had a double, single and sacrifice fly, driving in one run.

Cal Poly won their fourth and fifth shutouts of the year in the doubleheader.