Protesters wear white death masks and black robes as they carry coffins onto the army base in Fort Benning, Ga. They were marching against the School of the Americas, which trains Latin American soldiers.

**Students protest army school**

By Andy Castagnola

**MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR**

FORT BENNING, Ga. — Five Cal Poly students and a campus minister defied federal law Sunday as they crossed onto the U.S. Army School of the Americas (SOA) in an organized act of civil disobedience.

Under approximately gloomy skies, the group joined thousands of protesters to condemn the practices of the SOA, which has trained Latin American soldiers for 54 years. Protesters say SOA graduates have been linked to assassinations, tortures and other human rights abuses throughout Latin America. Army officials maintain that the school honors human rights, yet protesters have gathered outside the gates for the past 11 years to call for its closing.

The five students — Julie Chappell, Sarah Elliott, Jesse McGowan, Clifton Whitt and Kara Stein — are members of Cal Poly's Progressive Student Alliance. They have dreamed of joining the annual protest since SOA Watch founder Father Roy Borgeaud visited Cal Poly in April. Newman Catholic Center associate director Sister Mary Pat White, a longtime social justice advocate, accompanied the students.

The group endured 15 hours of travel and cold, wet weather to stand with nearly 7,000 others at the western Georgia post.

About 3,500 people elected to cross through the gates on Sunday. Protesters ranging from children to the elderly arrived at the gates around 9 a.m. Bengal lions welcomed the assembly with gratitude and encouragement, then introduced actor and activist Martin Sheen. Stepping into his television role as President of the United States, Sheen issued an executive order to close the school, which, to the crowd's dismay, didn't hold much weight.

"Preserve," and raised their crosses.

The first two dozen protesters, dressed in black robes and lifting mock coffins onto their shoulders, set the procession's somber tone.

Three-tenths of a mile down the road, the coffin bearers stopped at a barricade of military police. They lowered the coffins to the road, placed red paint onto their robes and laid beside the coffins. A priest and nun, defying military orders to sit, marked the sign of the cross on each masked protester.

Immediately, military police began carrying the "dead" onto waiting buses, leaving the street and their clothes smeared with red.

Sheen led the mass of remaining protesters toward a second police barricade. Chants rose from the crowd: "Hey, hey, ho, ho, the SOA has got to go," and "There ain't no power like the power of the people." The protesters continued on.

Police gave the trespassers the option to either board the buses, which meant arrest and fingerprinting, or turn around and walk back through the gates.

About 1,700 protesters stood their ground and eventually boarded buses to a processing station, said Army spokesman Col. Joe Torres. They were issued letters banning them from Fort Benning for the next five years. The other half, including Cal Poly's contingents, decided to cross back over the line.

"We want to come back next year without having a 'banned-and-barred' letter so we can fully participate," said Whitt, a social science freshman.

"I'm one of the thousands of people who all feel the same way."

Sarah Elliott
political science junior

If protesters decide to cross the line with a banned-and-barred letter, they risk six months to a year in federal prison and a hefty fine.

The Cal Poly group started the day determined to sit and resist arrest.

"I felt pretty scared being with not only the people I came with, but the greater group," she said.

Elliott, a political science junior, said the power of groups inspires her as well.

"Being there with all those people..."

By Adam Jarman

MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

"Best in the West" can be applied to yet another aspect of Cal Poly. The ROTC Ranger Challenge team took home a first-place title and a coveted symbol of its success this weekend.

"We brought home first place from 22 schools in the west," said Eric Megersdorff, a five-year ROTC student and industrial technology senior. "With the first-place win came both a trophy and a wooden beast. Megersdorff said the beast is symbolic of the western brigade.

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Poly's ROTC first in West

"We stole it from them this year," he said.

He said Cal Poly has been competing for at least 10 years and this is its first first-place win. In the past four years, Cal Poly has scored second place twice and fourth once.

The annual competition took place Nov. 17 and 18 at Fort Hunter Liggett in Monterey County.

Other schools competing included University of Southern California, University of Utah, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and Brigham Young University.

Megersdorff said BYU was their biggest competition, as the team has won the last five challenges.

The Ranger Challenge is designed to emulate the skills used by U.S. Army rangers and is comprised of six events: physical fitness test, combat
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although almost 90 percent of all rapes and attempted rapes are not reported at all.

RAD differs from other self-defense classes in its intensity. Students endure approximately 10 hours of training and two hours of classroom instruction. The course begins with an overview of safety tips and precautions for everyday life.

"Nine percent of avoidance is being aware of your surroundings," said Lori Hashim, RAD instructor and University Police sergeant. "Yes, San Luis Obispo is a safe environment, but it doesn't mean that stuff can't happen. Even if you're living on campus, it doesn't mean that you're completely safe."

Some of the safety tips mentioned by Hashim for deterring intruders were: storing spare keys in non-obvious places, keeping drapes and shades closed at night as well as in early morning hours, keeping doors and bathrooms trim, keeping in light timers, and arranging for mail to be picked up while on vacation.

The most unique part of the course occurred on Sunday, the final day of instruction. Students were able to put their skills to work.

Five male police officers dressed in visually intimidating red and black padded equipment suits. The women had to use their newly acquired skills to defend themselves in three different real-life attack scenarios that were played out in a serious manner. Officers shouted, cursed and made offensive comments as students defended themselves against as many as four or five officers at a time.

Jeff Jont, University Police officer and RAD instructor, was the only male officer to train with the women during the first two days of the course.

"With some defense techniques, if employed effectively to an attacker, it only takes one strike, and that's it -- the fight is over," Jont said.

The idea behind the drills is to give women confidence that the skills they attained over the three-day period are accessible, practical and workable in a real rape scenario. Estelle said. "In a real-life situation, you're probably not going to be attacked by more than one person. If you were successful in the simulation, you will do well in real life."

Judging from the reactions of the women in the course, the exercises were effective in fostering confidence.

"Being prepared is a big advantage," said Tracee Johnson, a history freshman.

"Just taking this class we have a lot more confidence than other women," said Johnson, who attended the RAD course for the second time this past weekend. "We're probably not the ones that'll be picked on, but if we are, we know what to do and how to survive."

RAD courses are free, and students are encouraged to attend other courses periodically in order to build and practice the skills they have learned.

Young Kwak, coordinator of student development in Murt Hall, was the only non-student to attend the course. Kwak's first experience with RAD was at a course held at Harvard University. Kwak walked away from the course with a feeling of empowerment.

"It really makes a woman feel that they're not helpless, and that they can defend themselves and do some damage to the other person who's attacking you," Kwak said.

First time attendees also gained a renewed sense of confidence.

"It was completely amazing, the amount of power that came out of that class," said Marisa Eggering, a business sophomore.

Eggering, who is a resident adviser in Santa Lucia, said she's already recommended RAD to the students living in her hall.

"Everyone who focuses on it will gain something that will help them in a rape situation," she said.

The next course will take place next quarter, but space is limited to about 20 participants. To reserve a space for next quarter, contact the University Police at 756-2281.

Correction:
In yesterday's Mustang Daily, it was erroneously reported that there was a 1980s conflict between Guatemala and El Salvador. Foroohar was comparing U.S. intervention in Colombia to the U.S. intervention strategies of the 1980s in Guatemala and El Salvador.
Institute reaching toward future technologies

By Jon Hughes

At the dawn of a new millennium, breakthroughs in all areas of technology are occurring at a hectic pace. DNA research, medical innovations and computer technologies are developing rapidly, and it seems that new possibilities are revealed almost daily. Many Cal Poly students might be surprised to learn that many groundbreaking technologies are currently being employed by an organization on campus: the Environmental Biotechnology Institute.

The EBI, established in June 1996, aims specifically to explore biotechnological approaches to problem-solving in various areas of environmental biotechnology through the use of microorganisms and their products. Researchers are presently studying new venues in converting waste products to energy and disease control in agriculture.

The organization's list of accomplishments is already lengthy, and there are likely more to come. Its achievements include, among others, being the first in the world to isolate DNA from an insect encased in ancient amber (a Las Jaritas Fly), and designing and implementing a novel bioremediation process for restoration of a site polluted by petroleum. Bioremediation is the removal or reduction of pollutants and contaminants with the intervention of biological entities such as fungi, plants or bacteria.

At least 12 Cal Poly faculty members are involved with the EBI, but participation of students is the key to the Institute's success, said founder and director Dr. Raoul Cano.

"Student involvement is core to the program," said Cano, who has been a professor in the biological sciences department for 14 years. "That was really the way we set it up, so that we can provide an ongoing programmatic research experience for our students."

Apparent students have been taking advantage of the opportunity. "Participation is increasing at an alarming rate," Cano said. "We are reaching our carrying capacity."

The project that is currently receiving most of the EBI's focus is the restoration of the vegetation on the Guadalupe-Sipipamo Dunes. The hope to do this with bioremediation technology. The EBI has spawned numerous student senior projects in the last year. These range from genes in soil organisms, by Megan M. McCoy in March 2000, to analysis of E. coli bacteria, by Trent Elliott in June 2000.

Corporate support for the EBI has been solid, with contributions from companies such as Unocal, Microslide Pharmaceuticals and Perkin-Elmer, a manufacturer of analytical instruments and life-sciences systems. Last June, Unocal donated $5.6 million to cover three years of research funds and two endowed chairs. A portion of the minimum of $6 million annually the Institute will need to cover facilities and equipment when it moves into Cal Poly's new Center for Science and Mathematics will also be covered.

Such sponsorship has helped to further widen what EBI member and biological sciences department head V.L. Holland said is already a broad range of research.

"We have expanded our range of studies to include an innovative and wide range of restoration technology," he said, noting the significance of Unocal's contribution to the Guadalupe Dunes project. "We have several students already working on the Dunes and will add 25 more soon."

Cano forecasts that, in the future, EBI will involve itself in a variety of areas of research. In addition to further efforts with the Guadalupe Dunes, it will focus on marine biotechnology, DNA and genome sequence research.

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The EBI's primary goal is environmental research, but the focus is on work force training for students entering the marketplace," he said. "We centered on giving them skills that will help them make significant contributions in environmental research."

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I'm partial to anything Yahoo, which bought GeoCities in 1999 for $5 billion in stock, other notable inclusions include Homestead, Tripod and Thglobe (all are FREE). The chief advantage of OC is the "Site Statistics" feature that provides comprehensive stats on your Web site's demographics. But before you get too excited, note the user interface is very well done, clear, and allows for a productive and efficient interaction session.

Once you become comfortable with PageBuilder, an awesome tool that allows you to edit your pages with ease. Use it to edit the size and font of your text, or to upload and place a new picture within a fancy border. Like everything Yahoo, the user interface is very well done, clean, and allows for a productive and efficient interaction session.

A fly trapped in amber, above, is the basis for much of the EBI's new findings. Dr. Raoul Cano, left, founded EBI. He is currently the director. The Institute is constantly researching problems with biotechnology.
Clinton, Nixon similarly visit Vietnam, China

Only Clinton could go to Vietnam— to update a popular saying from the 1970s. In light of the president’s recent visit to an Asian country, the similarities this phrase conjures in relation to Nixon’s 1972 visit to China is striking. (In this column, I will overlook the fact that both presidents came dangerously close to leaving their office in a disgraced hury, while mananinn to salvage some dignity.)

Clinton, as the American public is well aware, avoided Vietnam the first time around; he was opportunitly selected as a Rhodes scholar and avoided the draft. And, there is no question that, because of this, he has no lingering memories of fighting in the war. About the only thing he opposed the conflict, and was not simply removed from all that happened there, is he is not returning to Vietnam as a soldier who once faced the numerous atrocities that occurred there. He is, at least for this reason, the ideal candidate to visit the country. As a national leader and notable absentee from the war, he brings with him the best of both political and diplomatic worlds.

Similarly, in the 1970s, Nixon’s staunch anti-Communist stance made him the seemingly perfect choice as a visitor. While we, as Americans, were suspicious of what could happen to him during his visit to a country we basically feared, we trusted Nixon to hold his own. He came through successfully, leading to the creation of the phrase, “Only Nixon could go to China.”

Nixon was the first American president to visit China while in office. His trip aided in establishing goodwill and furthering trade lines with China. Similarly, Clinton is the first American president to visit Vietnam since 1969, making the trip an immensely historic event. His talks have also been successful in dispelling thoughts of animosity and establishing trade.

An obvious difference between the two situations is the apparent lack of interest in Clinton’s visit. In the 1970s, newspapers were plastered with pictures of Nixon eating Chinese food and shaking Chairman Mao’s hand. Unfortunately, for Clinton’s trip, our newspapers and other media have been swamped with stories about the Florida vote debacle. Close national headlines have covered front pages and even the non-political spectrum.

This is not to suggest that Clinton’s historic event has been covered inadequately. All the major world media have covered the trip, and there is no hesitation to call it one of the most significant events of the year. Many of our readers have come to realize that the trip was not simply removed from all that happened there; he avoided Vietnam the first time around; he is, at least for this reason, the ideal candidate to visit the country. As a national leader and notable absentee from the war, he brings with him the best of both political and diplomatic worlds.

In 1997, two weeks before his high school graduation, she came very close to dying.

The school my mom worked for had a policy of requiring parents to drop-off and pick up their children in a parking lot next to the school. The parking lot had a gradual incline.

A truck, for reasons unclear to this day, rolled down the hill toward where my mom stood with the children she was supervising.

Once it became apparent to her that the children could not get out of the way she dove at the truck with hopes of somehow stopping it.

She ran headfirst into it. The truck’s momentum continued. She slipped from the top of the truck’s hood down towards the bumper. She was then dragged back toward 12 students and the curb behind them.

The truck eventually came to rest, pinning her to the curb. The distance between the curb and the truck was separated by my mom’s rib cage. This distance prevented any serious injury to the 12 children. This distance rested the weight of the truck on her vertebrae, crushing one of them.

I am thankful for my father. His dedication to my existence has allowed me to come to Cal Poly, to live alone near the ocean and to focus entirely on what I want to do. He has not required me to hold a job during the school year. This is unique, because I am 22 years old. A lot of my friends at this same age are forced to hold part-time jobs to pay for their education.

I am thankful for my brother. Each time I get the chance to surf with him I get re-excited about life. Seeing him happy in the surf helps to recharge my energy for life and I am thankful for that.

I am thankful for my girlfriend. She is a gift. She adds to my happiness. She is both my friend and my date.

As a student, I am thankful for all those people who have taught me something. From my professors, to fellow students, I am most grateful for those who have shaken me out of a bland lifestyle. Many of us here are young. This feeling of youthful energy is a fleeting state. The health with which most of us enjoy can also be fleeting. Those of us who are young have a fantastic freedom. We can go in any direction we want and with our healthy, youthful energy, we can become what we want to be.

Our very location is a source of much beauty and peace. I think we all can be thankful for that. That is one reason most of us left the big cities in the North, the East and the South. San Luis Obispo is a unique place in California. I hope I don’t take this for granted, and I hope you don’t either.

When I was assigned this commentary, I was told to be creative, humorous, thoughtful and touching. In order to do this, I have tried to be very honest, so I have written a letter of thanks to the one who has helped create me, my mom.

Thanksgiving Day was created to give us a chance to be grateful. The dictio

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Ryan Miller is the Mustang Daily opinion editor.
**Opinion**

**Buy Nothing Day - Don't stop the shopping**

Give your credit card and bank account a rest for Buy Nothing Day on Nov. 24. Don't buy a single thing.

**Commentary**

thing, it says a lot. Buy Nothing Day is Dec. 1, and it says a lot. Buy Nothing Day is described as a "day of cheerful and critical protest against Western overconsumption, the unequal worldwide distribution of wealth and hunger, and the influence of advertising on our daily lives."

In 1992, Ted Dave, who was working in the advertising world, wanted to combat the materialistic, overcommercialized holidays, so he cycled out to protest against the idea of buy nothing. The goal was to have people think about their shopping habits and the impact of their purchases on the environment and the global economy.

**Letters to the editor**

**Leave our holidays alone**

In response to "I'm re-examining Thanksgiving," Nov. 14: It seems as though every time I open Mustang Daily today, there's a new writer whining about how European Americans have missed out on what the Native Americans got - all we have to do is take it away and have Buy Nothing Day as a short term solution.

*Justin Linquist is an agribusiness senior.*

**Mascot issue boils down to power and politics**

I hope that, as college students, we are able to look past the obvious and question the way things are done in our society. The argument about Native American imagery being used as mascots goes beyond race and stereotyping.

Native Americans had their lands taken away, their families were destroyed, and their heritage taken from them. The word "Indian" is used to categorize a group of people that we need to control. There are hundreds of Native American tribes that have different belief systems, religions, and lifestyles. The feeling among "whites," as Vicky D'enesi described in her article ("Native Americans are too sensitive," Nov. 15), is that all Native Americans are similar, when in fact they are not. Currently, there are 511 distinct federally recognized tribes and an additional 200 unrecognized.

*Tony Bagota is a city and regional planning senior.*

**Recognize what's worth fighting for, Editor**

I wish to write in response to Matthew Stavis's letter concerning sports team mascots ("Team mascots can be disgusting," Nov. 16). I am an avid sports fan and a firm believer that no one human being are created equal. It is my feeling that supremacy has no place in a nation that was founded to include citizens from all nations and ethnicities. I must say, however, that I find no practical reason to make a political or social issue out of something as simple as the name of a sports team.

Professional sports, as we most all agree, are simply a form of entertainment. Why do basketball and baseball players make millions of dollars a year, while many Olympic athletes are lucky to get an occasional endorsement deal? Does the political or racial issue out of the equation anymore? I have overheard comments of sports figures, friends and family, and I have been told me how bad this holiday that "we started."inion

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They have a competitive salary and excellent company benefits.
Smith signs with Pistons for $2.25 million

DETROIT (AP) — Joe Smith, declared a free agent in the NBA's biggest salary cap case, signed with the Pistons Monday to help Detroit rebuild from the departure of Grant Hill.

Smith agreed to a $2.25 million deal with Detroit for the rest of the season. Had he re-signed with the Minnesota Timberwolves, he would have been able to make a maximum of $611,000.

"I'm very happy to be able to add another versatile player to our team," Pistons coach George Irvine said. "I can see him playing with a big lineup. I can see him playing power forward a great deal of the time, and on some occasions I can see him playing center."

Smith was expected to join the team this week, but it wasn't known when he would be seen on the court. Smith was unavailable for comment, with the Pistons expected to call a news conference later in the week to introduce their new star.

"He hasn't been playing," Irvine said. "I certainly don't want to put him out there if he is not in game condition."

Minnesota signed Smith to a free-agent contract in 1999, with the secret promise of $86 million over seven years after that, a salary cap violation.

The NBA punished the Timberwolves by taking away their next five first-round draft picks and fining them $3.5 million, a league record.

NBA commissioner David Stern also voided Smith's contract for this season and the previous two seasons, taking away the so-called Larry Bird rights that would have allowed the Wolves to sign Smith to a multimillion-dollar contract next season.

With the absence of Hill, Jerry Stackhouse has been the focal point in the team's defense. Now, Stackhouse will have some support.

"I think it's a great choice," Stackhouse said. "He's going to be a great addition to our team. In no way are we trying to put him on to be the starter, but we feel we are on the right path."

The addition of Smith will certainly help the Pistons' chances of reaching the playoffs. His ability to score could go a long way for Stackhouse more room on offense.

"We're going to try to use him to initiate offense, and I think that's going to be a plus for him, and for myself," Stackhouse said.

"We are very happy to be able to sign him," Stackhouse said. "He hasn't been playing," Irvine said. "I certainly don't want to put him out there if he is not in game condition."

Despite the delays, Bagheri noted the athletic department is fighting to bring the courts as soon as possible. I just commend the guys for keeping their heads up. They're still plugging along even though they got the short end there a little bit.

Despite the delays, Bagheri noted the athletic department is fighting to bring the courts as soon as possible. It doesn't reflect the fact that those seniors might not get to play at home.

There are seniors on our team who aren't going to have a home match," Bagheri said. "I've been at college for three years and I've never had a home match. It just kills the experience. We're a NCAA Division I sport. I just don't understand."

John Capello, who was 15-8 a year ago, added that as the season progressed the team heard that the courts would not be done until April.

"The way it sounds, we're probably not going to get to play a home match my senior year," he said.

In the meantime, the Mustangs will continue to reschedule matches at either the Avila Bay Club or the San Luis Obispo Golf and Country Club.

The women hold their practices on the quarter court across town at Sinsheimer Park.

"Every single time we play we'll be at a deficit," Cappello said. "It's definitely an advantage to have home courts and get a home crowd. Even when we have home courts here (off-campus) the only people that come are the same of the parents and the staff. The only time students are going to come out are when matches are on campus."

The men were supposed to open the regular season with the Cal Poly Classic in mid-January, but with the first four matches scheduled at home things are in the air. So like the women's team, men's team last season. "But not, we won't have them until next year and that sucks for guys like John Capello and Brandon Fallon because they're seniors."

Fallon hopes that somewhere over the rainbow, and down the yellow brick road, he'll see his first ever match on his home turf.

"All I want to do is play one home match at Cal Poly my senior year and I'll be a happy man," he said.

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No place like home?

Cal Poly men's and women's tennis teams are homeless for the third consecutive season

By Brian Milne
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"There's no place like home." Those are the famous words uttered by Dorothy Gale in "The Wizard of Oz.");

"There's no place to call home." Those are the infamous words mumbled by Cal Poly tennis teams in what seems to be a never ending story.

For the third straight season, the Mustangs are homeless. Not because of a devastating tornado, but because of a destructive parking structure that demolished their old courts, leaving both the men's and women's teams stranded without on-campus courts until at least the end of their season.

"I have a feeling we're not in Kansas anymore," Dorothy said in the classic movie. And so does No. 1 men's player Brandon Fallon, who has never played a match on Cal Poly soil since leaving University of Nevada Las Vegas three years ago.

"We're in no-man's land," Fallon said. "I've been here for three years and I heard about new courts when I was first coming in. I've never seen something take this long."

Once upon a time, the Mustangs rallied on 10 courts behind Mott Gym. But two years ago, the construction of the parking structure scraped six of them. The four remaining courts were barely enough to practice on and weren't enough for match play. Since last season, those courts were upgraded and the Mustangs no longer have green pavement to play on at Cal Poly.

"It's really frustrating," said junior Angie Bagheri, who went 15-11 for the women's team a year ago.

"Everyday I'm reading about the Sports Complex and all this attention about everything else and I'm thinking, 'OK, we don't even have courts.' It's such a joke."

Now, with redesigns and the parking structure complete, construction bids are finally in the works. "We are waiting on the final construction drawings which are due shortly. The anticipated completion is in April," said Athletic Director John McCutchon.

Project manager Katherine Dunkla said the project's estimated cost is between $700,000 and $920,000 and will come from the special repair and minor capital funds.

"The progress has been very slow due to a project of this size," she said. "It just takes time and it's hard to let people know the time that's involved. The first phase is to identify the funds. In a state pool system like this it's taking longer than we want it to, but we're very much on track for a project of this size."

The new seven-court facility will include nicer courts, with an expected completion date.

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**Timeline of Events**

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**Bids and final drawings in the works: April 2001**

**Expected completion:**

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**Above, the site:**

emann until a tennis courts sits dormant until a proposal is accepted by the athletic department.

**Left, in a file photograph:**

fom 1997, the courts are seen in the shadow of Mott Gym. There used to be 10 courts before construction began.

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**Men's Water Polo Results**

Cal Poly defeats Williams College, 9-5
Michigan State, defeats Cal Poly, 8-6
Cal Poly defeats Cornell, 13-7

**Roller Hockey Results**

A Team
Cal Poly defeats U.C. San Diego Spirit, 11-7
Cal Poly defeats UNLV, 16-2
Cal Poly defeats UCSC, 9-2

B Team
Cal Poly defeats UNLV 8, 13-7
UNLV 8 forfeits second game.