**Patriot Act is anything but, scholars say**

By Stephen Curran

A bill passed to protect American citizens from future terrorist threats may hinder many of the freedoms its designed to protect, say many scholars.

The Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept Terrorist E-mail and Online Solutions to Protect Americans from Additional Threats (PATRIOT) Act, provides investigators with greater access to high-tech tools to wiretap cell phones, intercept e-mail and monitor web surfing.

The bill was passed on Oct. 21, 2001, but it has raised concerns that the high-tech nature of this surveillance will lead to potentially harmful scenarios for Americans.

Lewis Call, a history lecturer at Cal Poly, said that even before Sept. 11, America was becoming an increasingly observed society. However, he said the main difference now rests in people's willingness to forgo these rights.

"This measure has serious potential to infringe upon our right to be left alone, which is one of the most basic of American rights," he said. "It seems apparent that people are willing to give up these rights."

Some recent polls have supported this assertion. Over half of the sample of citizens polled by BusinessWeek magazine on Oct. 8 supported expanding e-mail interception and phone tapping privileges, and 60 percent of respondents favored a national ID card.

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However, a similar poll conducted by PC World magazine found that 62 percent of those polled have "serious concerns about giving the government greater access to e-mail."

Col Poly journalism professor Ruscill Muler called many of these polls "musky," but said that it will take a high profile case to bring the potential dangers of such a law to light. He likens the PATRIOT Act to the Bush administration's initial call for suspected terrorists to be tried in a military tribunal setting, a vague move that raised concern for many citizens. Much like the tribunal proposal, he said, the specifics of the PATRIOT Act need to be further explained.

However, in a time of increased patriotic fervor, government proposals are often accepted without question, which can set a dangerous precedent for civil liberties.

"It's this kind of zeal that the government picks up on and often uses to run roughshod over people," Murray said.

Public support of this nature is not a new phenomenon, Call said, with World War II being the most relevant corollary. In both instances, public support reached all-time highs following an unprecedented attack on American soil.

In fact, it is the high-tech nature of these surveillance techniques that brings specific flaws of the PATRIOT Act to light, Call said. Many of these techniques do not take into account the low-tech planning involved in the execution of these acts of terrorism. Instead of a vast

**Teaching jobs plentiful despite school closures**

By Stephen Curran

Even though three San Luis Obispo area schools will be closed down, Cal Poly's future teachers will not be hit in the pocketbook, said a representative from the University Center for Teacher Education.

The center currently places student-teachers in schools throughout the county and state, but it had fewer than 10 students at the schools marked for closure, said Bonnie Konopak, dean of the University Center for Teacher Education.

Prior to receiving a teaching credential, students must complete a student teaching requirement, during which time they work under an experienced teacher. These students will not be affected, although graduates looking for full-time positions in the area may feel some impact.

"In terms of student teaching, we're going to be fine," Konopak said. "But a lot of our students stay in San Luis Obispo County. There may be some impact in the area."

However, a potential reduction in teaching positions is not indicative of the situation across the state. In fact, the said, students are now facing great incentives to go into teaching. Currently, the state of California sponsors the Governor's Fellowship Teaching Program which pays young teachers approximately $20,000 to relocate to low-performing urban and rural schools.

The program is now in its second year, and the number of fellowships was recently increased by 1,000.

"There are plenty of jobs to be had in California," Konopak said.

While the future of students at the three ill-fated schools is uncertain, the future of the facilities themselves remains uncertain. At last week's meeting, representatives from San Luis Coast Unified School District said that the sites will most likely be leased to tenants through

**Post-shower sky fades over Poly**

San Luis Obispo's luck has run out lately with scattered rain showers dampening the area. Sunday morning and early afternoon had spots of rain until the sun came out for a few hours so that it could set, above. Scattered rain in the morning that lightens up later in the day is also expected today, Tuesday, more sun than clouds is expected.

By Kristy Charles

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Complaints spark closer look at bike violations

By Chrystal L. Anderson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly University Police are cracking down on bicycle violations in response to complaints from both pedestrians and bikers. Sgt. Lori Hashim of the University Police said that the campus community complains regularly about inconsiderate bikers who do not follow the rules.

"It is interesting that probably 80 percent of the people we pulled over knew that they were supposed to stop and admitted to the violation," Hashim said.

For the first half of the quarter, the University Police only give out warnings to violators, then they start to give citations, she said. At the end of fall quarter, the officers give about 50 moving violations for bicycles in one day.

The violations vary from $25 for riding your bike in a Walk Your Bike Zone to $103 for running a stop sign, Hashim said. Instead of paying a first offense fine, people who violate bike regulations can attend a class offered once a month at Cal Poly.

The regulations for bicycles can be found in the Cal Poly catalog and in handouts on bike safety in the University Police office.

Deby Anderson, the commuter and access services coordinator for University Police, holds class presentations on bike safety.

"The biggest complaint is the traffic on Via Carta," Anderson said. "The biggest complaint from the bicyclists is that the pedestrians are in their lane and the pedestrians complaint is that the bikes are in their lane."

The intersection of Via Carta and North Poly View Drive is a high traffic area for students, faculty, and staff, she said.

"The whole campus is really a 'Walk Your Bike Zone' with the exception of a designated bike path," Anderson said. "The reason we enforce that path is the mass numbers of people in that area. Safety. It always comes down to safety. For no other reason, safety."

But some students are not enthusiastic about following the safety rules.

"I think (the zone is) really inconvenient," said Amanda Preve, a biology senior. "I feel like if you're a conscious, respectful person your not going to be endangering pedestrians."

Chad Stoehr, civil engineering senior, agreed that the rules are inconvenient. He said that the reason he rides his bike is to get from place to place quickly and that the zone is right in the middle of campus with most of the bike racks.

"If you're going to ride your bike to school, you want to leave it where you are," Stoehr said. "It kind of defeats the purpose of riding if you have to walk."

"If you have one warning and one ticket," Stoehr said that he is going to stop riding his bike on Poly View Drive.

The money generated from the bicycle tickets goes into the General Fund of the State of California and gets distributed among different organizations within the state, Hashim said.

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money for labs and field trips to go to the industry."

The College of Agriculture will hold forums throughout the month of February to make sure students are informed about the proposal and what it will do. A letter will also be mailed to all agriculture students and their parents that explains the proposal and answers commonly asked questions.

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Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

— Reuters

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(3) We are easy to keep clean and wash.
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(6) We are practical and less mainstream. Length wash.
(7) We are very good hairdos for a female soldier.

— Associated Press

"unlawful combatants and detainees" by the Bush administration because it allows the U.S. to violate internationally accepted laws and specifically targeted civilains.

— Associated Press

They impose a minimalist state. The conflict is over. The convention should be held to settle the case of the prisoners. The Supreme Court should be held to settle the issue. Rumsfeld said that there is no ambiguity in the cases of the prisoners, thus making the convention irrelevant.

— Associated Press

"There are very dangerous. They are devoted to killing millions of Americans—they need to be detained, treated very cautiously, so that our people are not at risk," Vice President Dick Cheney told Fox News Sunday.

Middle East

JERUSALEM — An 81-year-old Palestinian man who was shot in the head was treated for shrapnel wounds.

— Associated Press

Barack Obama will have its first meeting Jan. 28-29 in Geneva.

The defector, who said he had no association with the U.S. military, said that he first saw the bombing in an Israeli city in a week.

— Associated Press

The lump was not detected during his annual early-December checkup.

Teens in front of tens of thousands of foreign followers were postponed Thursday because he said he would not have been able to shit for the next two months.

— Associated Press

The television station said the woman was wounded Sunday at an event in which a television station said the woman was wounded Sunday at Al-Najah University in the West Bank.

The bombing was the third major attack in an Israeli city in a week.

The blast set a store on fire, blew out windows, and scattered pieces of fruit, shoes and monkeys among the victims. More than 100 people were treated on site or hospitalized.

Most suffered from burns, and 12 were critically injured, nine were wounded, officials said.

Those facilities included incorporated members of a U.S. family of four from New York. The father, Mark Sokoloski, was on the 30th floor of the World Trade Center's south tower when it was hit by a hijacked airliner Sept. 11th. He was evacuated before the south tower went down.

— Associated Press

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. Israel has said it is holding Yasser Arafat, Palestinian leader, ultimately responsible.

South America

BOGOTA, Colombia — A rebel defender said Sunday that the three people, suspected of being Irish Republican Army members, allegedly sold rockets to leftist Colombian rebels and trained them to build bombs over a three-year period.

The three were arrested in Bogota and have been held in a Colombian jail since August on charges of training the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia, FARC.
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the fingertip, men must trim their
nails to the tip of the finger.

Also, corrective contact lenses can
be worn if they are not tinted.

The regulation allows soldiers to
carry one electronic device, limited
by size and color, and prohibits
device unnecessary for official duties.

But Radd said the regulation
applied only to devices worn on a per-
son's body. Soldiers would be able to
carry any additional devices in a
backpack or purse.

"The Army wants soldiers to have
to carry all the devices they need to do their
jobs," she said.

In the field, soldiers soon might be
allowed to wear camouflage hydrating
systems, at the discretion of their
commanders. Also known as a
"camelback," the system consists of a
water-filled backpack, complete with
a long straw.

Capt. Phillip Carter, a National
Guardian and former active-duty
officer, said the camelback might be
the most welcome change — some-
thing soldiers have been asking to use for
a while.

"The single biggest problem out in
the field is the lack of hydration," he said.
"The camelback works amazing-
ly at keeping you cool and hydrated."

Carter said that, while Army lead-
ership might be resistant to some of
the changes, young soldiers are
encouraged by the slight loosening of
some restrictions.

Carter noted that the Marines-
new combat uniform, which they
begin wearing Friday, features a digi-
tal camouflage design.

"A lot of folks are looking at the
Marine Corps with a lot of jealousy," he said.
"There's a sense that when the
Army wants to transform, they
tend to be a bit slower, but when the
Marines want to transform, they went
to new high-tech uniforms."

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technological conspiracy, he said,
these terrorist organizations rely on
personal communication spreading
from one person to another.

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As history has illustrated,
increased surveillance of citizens can
lead to a decline in scholastic or cre-
ative discourse, Murray said, with
those who do not agree singled out as
un-American, as was the case dur-
ing 1950s McCarthyism.

"(During that time), people did
not make that creative movie or
write that creative book," he said.
"That's how frightened they
became."

Call argues that infringements on
the rights of expression are especial-
ly dangerous to a country like the
United States, which was built upon
such principles. As a historian, he said,
these possibilities are troubling,
because historians often rely on
media and government documents in
their research.

"Often, when people look into
government policies, they are por-
trayed as amorphous," he said. "The
moment we prohibit that kind of
discourse, we give up."

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out the area. Pacheco Elementary,
located across the street from Cal
Poly's Grand Avenue entrance, has
yet to find a tenant. As of now,
there are no immediate plans for
Cal Poly to lease the facility.

While district Superintendent
Steven Ladd and Cal Poly
President Warren Baker have dis-
cussed the possibility of Cal Poly
moving into the facility, there
have been no official moves to do
so, said Frank Lebens, vice presi-
dent for administration and
finance.

Pacheco is the only site, in
which the university would possi-
bly be interested, he said. However,
because annexing the facility would
involve changes to the university's recently completed
Master Plan, Lebens said he does
not foresee that the land will be
annexed in the immediate future.

The district's plan involved
moving Pacheco students to Teach
Elementary School, Teach stu-
dents to Bishop's Peak Elementary
School, and students at Sunnyvale
and Morro Elementary schools in
Los Osos will be distributed to
other schools in the district. The
changes will take place in the fall.

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UC Davis looks to online learning to ease student, cost increases in face of budget cuts

By Marco Abrams

The California Age

(CALIFORNIA) Davis. In light of budget cuts and increasing student demands for online courses, UC Davis administration has concluded that online education is a potentially viable alternative.
He may be messy, but he pays his rent.

I've known him for as long as I can remember. He's my partner. That doesn't mean we hold hands or walk side by side. What it really means is that I try to keep him out of as much trouble as he inflicts on me. I give him a hard time - it keeps him in check. But really, he's like my brother.

He came in the form of a 5-foot-10, 210-pound Port-a-gee (not Portuguese), who doesn't know what dish soap is or that there's a sink in the kitchen. In fact, he doesn't even know why he's here, a major part of the time he eats off of paper plates or the wrappers that his 79-cents tacos come in, and in that case you would think he would wash them. Oh wait - apparently the trash is the cushion cracks of the couch.

While I don't pretend to sit here and play the perfect roommate who doesn't leave dishes in the sink, clothes strewn about or newspapers all over the 2-square-foot hole that we call an apartment, I can testify as my partner to the fact that he can and does. And funk and attract tiny flying insects quite as well as stacks of dirty dishes and trash.

Alas, he breaks down like this. Dishes begin to stack up. Fall quarter finals come. Fall quarter finals pass. I leave for vacation. As I pull out of the driveway, I revel in how clean my place looks and hope to do dishes. He's home for himself a week before and after Christmas. He's got to do them. No one can stand that stank-ass smell for that long, I think as I tap the phone. There must be some kind of magic.

Four weeks later I return to find him sitting in front of the television playing Flaps vs. Marsman on his Dreamcast in the midst of a tank that could choke a donkey. Either he wasn't noticing the funk at all, or he was putting on an Oscar-caliber performance as he offered me a slice of pizza and informed me of the 24-pound fish he just caught. It doesn't stop at the sink. Hell, he never even makes it to the oven. Why should he? A major recession has not. Yes, many of the flags have come down and the music has been somewhat muted.

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Al Qaeda detainees receiving fair treatment at Guantanamo


Though the United States is not an official signatory of the 1949 treaty-outlining fair treatment for prisoners of war, the昆明 very might likes to pride itself on treating its detainees fairly, as it should. But it should keep the security of its citizens in mind.

European politicians have recently raised an uproar over the United States' alleged civil rights abuses of Al Qaeda prisoners at Guantanamo Bay's Camp X-Ray.

True, this country has committed its share of civil rights violations. But the United States has generally had a good record in its treatment of prisoners of war. During WWII, German soldiers detained in this country were known to gain weight. But these were actually people who gave a damn whether they lived or died. In this war, we're dealing with individuals to whom death means the glory of paradise. In such a situation, the Geneva Convention and politics in general are little more than formalities.

Conditions in dealing with such prisoners resulted in a bloody prison riot in November when a group of 300 captured Taliban fighters smuggled their weapons into a Mazare-e-Sharif prison compound. The incident became so violent that U.S. fighter jets had to be called in. Almost all of the Taliban ended up being killed and more than 100 Northern Alliance fighters were lost trying to put down the uprising.

The al Qaeda prisoners are housed at a U.S. military base 90 miles off the U.S. mainland. Much of the controversy swirling around the prisoners at Guantanamo Bay stems from claims that the prisoners were shackled, drugged, gaged and blindfolded. Recent photographs showing the Taliban's chains and gaggles have fueled the fire.

These are extremely dangerous individuals, however, a fact echoed by the gun fire that erupted as the transport plane carrying the first load of detainees departed Afghanistan two weeks ago. Judging by the behavior of their counterparts at Mazare-e-Sharif, such security measures make perfect sense. If it is all right to shoot excruciating children with rifles, then it should be no problem to solve some of the world's most feared terrorist organizations.

Keeping the fighters in open-air cages may be questionable, but they are well-fed (receiving three meals a day, made to conform to the Islamic diet), have access to medical facilities and wear their shackles only when they are moved. According to British officials who visited the camp last weekend, the prisoners had no complaints about their treatment.

“None complained of any ill treatment,” one said they had any medical condition requiring treatment,” said British Foreign Office Minister Ben Bradshaw, as cited on CNN.com.

Making a big issue out of the detainees' treatment is little more than a waste of time, especially when there are so many other important threats to civil rights in this country and abroad. After 50 years of relative peace and prosperity in the West, many have forgotten that war is hell. Various human rights organizations lay the out the ground rules for war, but in reality we have to be practical. The Al Qaeda prisoners and their defenders should be more concerned with their captors' commanding officer and are eager to go home. They reason mainly with those who strike them for the least extreme religious views and are happy to do as long as they take a few people down with them.

That's not to say the government should go out of its way to treat the Taliban brutally or neglect their needs. We should still respect their basic human decency, but we should also take a common-sense approach that respects our safety and the safety of their jailers.

Robert Lopez, Daily News (Ball State U.)

Letters to the editor

Grazing the land has many benefits

Editor,

Properly grazing is beneficial to rangeland health, the environment and diversity. There are many types of grazing for different reasons, for different circumstances. In the article written by Miss Rogers on Jan. 16 under the Ag and Politics section, cattle grazing rangelands was the topic. Many rumors about the cattle industry and grazing and the impact they have on rangelands were addressed.

Miss Rogers stated, “Cattle are not selective eaters and strip the land of almost every kind of plant... destroying the plant and animal diversity.”

In reality, “Livestock can diversify wildlife habitat by opening up dense stands of vegetation and changing plant composition by selective grazing” (Holechek, Rangeland Management). Therefore, cattle and other livestock can increase wildlife. Furthermore, they are more selective grazers. Just sit and watch them graze sometime-they pick through taking a bite of their favorite species as they graze.

Holechek, who is a renowned rangeland manager, continues with, “Livestock grazing... is beneficial to the habitat needs of desirable species.”

Studies have shown that range- land needs to be grazed. Ungrazed rangeland will increase the residual dry matter to form athach layer so thick that new growth will eventually be suppressed by the lack of sunlight.

Another fallacy written by Miss Rogers was, “The excrement [cattle leave behind hardens quickly and is not beneficial to the environment.]” But does break down for months. As a result of cattle grazing, our beautiful western rangelands once thriving now contain dead and dead.”

Cattle excrement is 80 percent water, which means that only 20 percent is left as persistent matter. Have you ever noticed clumps of grass that are larger, greener, and healthier, and yet it is the same type of grass? If that land has been grazed in the last two years, you are looking at livestock excrement. Fungus needs nutrients, and excrement is a wonderful fertilizer for rangeland. In fact, most of the nutrients in the environment that the grazing practices. I can be contacted through the animal science office in building 10.

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Editor,

I would like to express my disappointment to your Jan. 24, 2002, letter seemed skewed and prejudiced. Was he able to attend any of the Veritas activities and seminars? If we are expanding your horizons, why are you not trying to fool anybody and then scream Bible verses or doctrnine at them. We want people to question their own existence and find an absolute truth. Even if you want to question your own existence and play “devil’s advocate,” at least you are expanding your horizons.

The next time you read a good rule of thumb is, if you don’t know, find out.

Holly Sell is an art and design senior.
Anteaters bite it against Mustangs

"Cal Poly defeats top-ranked UC Irvine Saturday night in Mott-ly upset"

By Chris Arns

UC Irvine may have brought the Green, but a fierce was defense was money for the Mustangs.

Cal Poly shut down the Anteaters' highest point Scorcher Green in an upset of the Big West's top-ranked team, beating Irvine 50-47 Saturday night at Mott Gym.

Coaching by guest lead, and Brandon Benson made two free throws to give Cal Poly a 50-44 advantage with 1:58 to play. After an Armenian three-pointer brought the score to 50-47, a winking Cal Poly defense sealed the victory and gave the team its second straight win.

The Mustangs faced a six-point deficit at halftime, but battled to keep the score close in the second half. Green pointed to the team's never-say-never attitude as the determining factor in the upset.

"We were in the whole game," he said. "We knew we had to keep down the turnovers and play defense, because we knew everything could change in a second."

Neither team shot well, as Irvine shot only 59 percent while Cal Poly shot a freezing 31 percent, going only 19 for 59 from the floor. Both teams had been averaging around 70 points per game coming into the contest. The Anteaters' offense was stalled due to Cal Poly's ability to limit Green to seven points, almost 15 below his season average.

Coach Bill Brownlee said the team's strategy to contain the Irvine star in the game was extremely successful.

"Our guys exc€cut it to a tee," he said. "We weren't going to let Stealers.

"We were going to trap Green on the out, standing up and chanting."

Cal Poly will leave the friendly confines of Mott Gym next week to play several tough road contests. The upset of Irvine carries the Mustangs into key match-ups that include a game against Utah State, a team that has a home record of 51-4 in the last three years. Cal Poly defeated the Aggies earlier in the season at home, yet Brownlee knows that facing Utah State on the road will be especially tricky.

"It will be a tough road trip coming up," he said. "Utah State's home record speaks for itself. Their crowd will be as hostile as any we've seen."

The Mustangs travel to face the Aggies on Feb. 2 after playing at Idaho on Jan. 31. Cal Poly's next home game is Thursday, Feb. 7 against co-Big West leader Cal State Northridge.

Rugby creams Cardinal crew in shutout

By Justin Rutkay

CAL POLY SPORTS EDITOR

If you were wondering what happens after a Cal Poly rugby loss, ask Stanford.

The Mustangs vented their frustration on a hapless Stanford team on Saturday, blowing out the Card-43-11- at the Sports Complex. Cal Poly had lost to Brigham Young University last Thursday.

Saturday's loss to BYU may have initially led to some lingering side effects, as the team failed to score midway through the first half.

"It was taking us a while to get into the game," head coach Charles Zanoli said. "We were kind of slugging it at first."

Cal Poly came close to scoring throughout the first minutes of the game, repeatedly bringing the ball down to the irish line without recording a try, or in other words, a score. The Mustangs finally got on the scoreboard when John K erschel made the team's first try.

"Once we got our key movements, we just couldn't stop," he said.

By the numbers

Cal Poly lost to BYU on Thursday by a score of 24-12.

The Mustangs scored 31 points in the second half against Stanford

Zanoli cited the 12-point lead as a definite advantage going into the second halt. Cal Poly's Jon Kollner led the team to two more five-point tries, while Craig Bonelli made two two-point conversions in the second half.

Other players remarked on the difference in play after intermission.

"We just made some big adjustments in the second half that really helped us out," said team captain Nick Gascogne.

Another run-in brought Cal Poly to a dominating lead of 36-0 with only a few minutes remaining in the game. Ed Fronzoli had the last try for Cal Poly, finishing the shutout.

"We really got the ball moving for us in the second half and it allowed the scores more opportunities to score," Zanoli said.

Cal Poly is now 3-1 in the pre-season and is currently ranked ninth in the nation.

BRIEFS

Baseball beats Utah, takes three-game series 2-1

After a rough start, Greg Bohni earned his second win of the season and Cal Poly exploded for 10 runs in the second inning on route to a 13-8 victory over Utah in a non-conference baseball game Sunday afternoon.

With the win, Cal Poly finished the three-game series against the Utes, 2-1. Utah won Friday's opening game of the series 6-4 and Saturday's game eight-3. Cal Poly is now 5-1-1 for the young season, while Utah fell to 1-1.

Bohyni surrendered four runs and four hits in the first inning, then settled down and allowed just one run and two hits during the rest of his 6 1/3 inning stint. Bohni struck out six and walked two.

The Mustangs hit four runners and four hits in the second inning, erupting for 10 runs on eight hits and a pair of Utah errors. Big hits in the inning were a two-run single by Aaron Escobedo, RBI singles by Scott Anderson and Brian Haskell, a run-scoring double by Kyle Wilson, and a three-run homer run by centerfielder Jason Barringer.

Cal Poly added its final three runs in the sixth inning on a three-run single by Wilson and a sacrifice fly to center by Barringer. The Mustangs collected 11 hits, including two each by Anderson, Wilson and Barringer.

Barringer had four RBIs for the day, while Wilson cashed in three runs.

Cal Poly will host another three-game series this weekend when San Diego State comes to town.

The series starts Friday at 5 p.m.