Science and Math asks for maximum

By Stephen Curran
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly is standing at a crossroads. On one side is greatness, the other disaster. And the one thing that could make the difference is a proposed college-based fee.

Dramatic as it may sound, this analogy is no exaggeration, said Philip Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Math. As the university’s academic reputation continues to climb, issues of access, facilities and equipment start moving to the forefront.

It is these issues that will keep the university from achieving the status it seeks, Bailey said. “What’s scary is that at the same time we’re poised for greatness, we’re also on the brink of disaster,” he said.

Therefore, Bailey said, a $200 fee would alleviate many of these concerns and allow the college to retain its current status. Bailey estimates that the fee increase would raise the budget approximately $1 million, a figure that would not solve all resource problems but would make a significant impact on unmet needs within the college.

One of the most significant of these needs lies in faculty development and equipment, for which the college: $17.7 million budget allocated no money during the 2001-02 academic year. Ideally, Bailey said, the college would spend $200 per student.

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The vote gets rocked around the clock

Student-run group evaluates fitness success

By Katrina Telfer
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Wondering if that time at the gym is paying off? You can find out with Polyfit. Cal Poly’s student-run fitness testing and exercise prescription program is open to all Cal Poly affiliates, including students, teachers, alumni and retirees. Polyfit tests the four components of fitness: body composition, cardiology, muscular strength and endurance, and flexibility.

Polfit was set up two years ago in kinesiology major Morgan van Dooran’s senior project. Previously, there existed a body fat test program, but van Dooran and kinesiology professor Susan Puhl felt this program overemphasized fat instead of overall body fitness. Polyfit is much more comprehensive, Puhl said.

The students currently in charge of the program are Dave Ponfitre and Ena Sorensen. Ponfitre believes they have achieved van Dooran’s goal. “We are now bringing Polyfit to a higher level and a more professional environment,” said Ponfitre, a kinesiology graduate student.

Ponfitre also pointed out the popularity of the program. Last year, almost all of the appointments available for testing were filled, he said. Analysis of body composition, called Hydrostatic testing, is the most popular among clients. It is the most accurate way to calculate body fat percentage, said Nate Tomforde, a kinesiology senior. Hydrostatic testing is a complex process. The participants sit in a plastic chair, which is lowered into a deep tub of water. After they are underwater, they blow all their breath out completely and then hold their breath for three seconds while they are weighed with special scales.

Polyfit also gives kinesiology students a unique opportunity to gain experience in their field. Prior to Polyfit, kinesiology majors didn’t have any way to practice testing fitness, Puhl said. "Polyfit truly perfectly with Cal Poly’s motto of 'learn by doing,'” she said.

Tomforde gained experience through Polyfit by helping to run the tests. He learned customer service skills along with hands-on experience.
Weather Watch

5-DAY FORECAST

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TODAY'S SUN
Rise: 7:02 a.m. / Set: 5:31 p.m.

TODAY'S MOON
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TODAY'S TIDE
AT PORT SAN LUIS
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News

‘Lurker’ strikes again in different location

By Chrystall Anderson

Coastal College sophomore Stefan Danckwit was approached by a man fitting the description of the "I-1 Parking Lot Lurker" Tuesday around 7 p.m. in the Murray Station parking lot.

Danckwit told officers that the man was lurking around her com-

plex, looking into neighbor's win-
dows. The San Luis Obispo Police were notified about an hour after the inci-
dent occurred so they were unable to speak with the man, Lt. Jim English said.

The four previous incidents occurred around the same time and the man was wearing the same black jacket, Det. Mike Kennedy said.

The man is described as a white male adult, in his late 20s, 6 feet -10 inches to 6 feet in height and is thin to medium build," Kennedy said. "Stefanie said that he had short dark blonde hair and no facial hair.

The vehicle the University Police are looking for is a maroon Ford Ranger pickup with matching camper shell, Kennedy said.

"People have seen that type of vehicle on campus," he said. "And we have license plate numbers and we are checking things out at this point."

The bad thing is he is going off campus, Kennedy said. The man becomes more active and startling students at residences, he said.

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National News

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Bush vows to extend terrorism fight, pushes domestic agenda

By Doyle McManus and James Gerstenzang

(WIRE) WASHINGTON

President Bush, calling on the nation to embrace a wartime spirit of receive and responsibility, vowed Tuesday to extend the campaign against terrorism to Iraq, Iran and North Korea and proposed to double hundreds of thousands of Americans in programs of voluntary national service.

"Our war on terror is only beginning," Bush told both houses of Congress in his first speech in the Capitol since the outset of his administration - and his first speech in the Capitol since the aftermath of terrorist attacks 11 months ago. "We will win this war, we will protect our homeland, and we will repair our economy.

"Seeking to use his success in war to bolster his policy agenda at home, Bush called on Congress and the nation to remain "steadfast, patient and persistent" in the struggle against terrorism and also to support Republican proposals on taxes, health insurance, education and energy.

Leaders of the Democratic opposition responded by declaring full support for the president in the war effort while criticizing his domestic plans as ill-designed and insufficient.

But the prevailing theme was wartime unity, and members of both parties gave long standing ovations to Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Afghan leader Hamid Karzai, and Shannon Spann, the widow of a CIA officer killed in battle against terrorists in northern Afghanistan.

In his 45-minute speech, Bush laid out an ambitious agenda, from the battle against global terrorism to plans for more volunteer teachers and medical workers at home.

He said U.S. intelligence agents searching terrorist bases in Afghanistan found maps of U.S. cities, diagrams of nuclear power plants and water facilities, and instructions for making chemical weapons - as well as new evidence that "thousands of dangerous killers" still are at large.

He warned that hostile countries — specifying Iraq, Iran and North Korea — are "a grave and growing danger" by building chemical, biological or nuclear weapons, and made an implicit threat of military intervention if they do not dismantle their arsenals. "I will not wait on events while dangers gather," he said.

"The United States of America will not permit the world's most dangerous regimes to threaten us with the world's most destructive weapons.

"The statement clarified Bush's position on an issue that has been hotly debated both inside and outside his administration. While Iraq, Iran and North Korea may not harbor terrorists like those who carried out the attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Bush said, he nevertheless considers them equally dangerous — and equally deserving of military pressure — for their role in building weapons of mass destruction.

But the president did not explicitly threaten war against the three countries. Instead, he said he will "do what is necessary" to prevent them from threatening the United States or its allies.

Bush reaffirmed his plans to nearly double federal funding for homeland security measures, from $22 billion to $45 billion, and to increase military spending by 14 percent, or $40 billion — the largest boost in the defense budget since the presidency of Ronald Reagan.

In domestic affairs, Bush proposed several measures that already enjoy broad bipartisan support: extended unemployment benefits for workers who have lost their jobs in the recession, expanded programs in early childhood education, and a continuation of welfare reform.

But he continued his intention to fight hard for Republican proposals on issues that have divided Congress on party lines, such as additional tax cuts for corporations and upper-income families, plans for Medicare reform and increased domestic production of oil and nuclear energy.

In response to issues raised by the financial collapse of Enron Corp., the giant energy company whose executives were among his largest campaign contributors, Bush called for new measures to protect employees from losing retirement funds when a company fails. "Corporate America must be made more accountable to employees and shareholders and held to the highest standards of conduct," he said. He did not mention Enron by name.

He also proposed a significant expansion of federal programs for voluntary service, including the USA Freedom Corps.

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President George W. Bush in his State of the Union Address

Report: Gov. Davis should run K-16 system

By Noah Grand

(LEFT) LOS ANGELES — The best way to organize the system of education in California — from kindergarten through college — is through the governor's office, according to a new state report.

The report is another step in the California legislature's attempt to create a single master plan for both primary and higher education by August.

"To ensure that (K-16 coordination) will be carried out, it should be placed in the office having ultimate accountability and the greatest power over multiple segments," the report states. "That is the office of the governor.

The report, released Thursday, is the final work of the governance working group, one of seven working groups within the Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education — a joint state legislative committee consisting of state senators and assemblymen.

Final reports from the other six working groups will be published over the next six weeks.

Meanwhile, the master plan committee will begin holding a series of hearings to start formulating a new master plan for education.

The first hearing, to be held next week, will discuss the governance committee's findings, according to Stephen Blake, speaker for Sen. Deke Alpern, D-San Diego, master plan committee chair. He said he was unsure what the committee's first hearing would focus on because of the scope of the governance committee's work.

Alpert formed the committee by Senate Concurrent Resolution 29 in May 1999 to create a new master plan to replace California's original plan, formed in 1960.

The original master plan defined the roles of the University of California, California State University and community college systems. The new master plan, however, is designed to incorporate both universities and K-12 schools.

Most of the report's recommendations focused on streamlining the state's K-12 educational system and the California Community College system. There were no specific recommendations for the UC or CSU systems.

"That we did not mention much of the UC says that most of the (UC) is functional, and there are more pressing matters," said Christine Galves, consultant for the legislature is overly and unevenly involved in education governance, modesty with respect to K-12 education.

report from the Committee to Develop a Master Plan for Education
It's Thursday night, 10 p.m. Most students are in their pajamas at home, watching the newest "ER." But the dedicated members of Orchesis stick around campus to watch tapes of old rehearsals. The cast of "Signature in Dance" will begin performing Feb. 1, and the 27 members are working hard to improve their act.

The production, which is made up of about 20 pieces, includes a variety of different styles of dance, such as modern, hip-hop, ballet and capoeira (a Brazilian martial art).

"Many people haven't seen dance performances before and this incorporates a medley of dances that change from year to year with the people," said Jessica Prepolll, a liberal studies junior in the show.

The cast of dancers invents many of the dance scenes.

"About two-thirds of it is student-choreographed," said Prepolll, who was in the production last year.

Junco describes this year's team as some of the best technically skilled dancers that Orchesis has had in a while.

The group invites guest choreographers to set up the other dances. This year, Orchesis will showcase Lisa Deys, performing her ballet "Found at Sea," which seems to have dancers moving with the flow of an invisible tide, Junco said.

A new modern dance piece is going to be introduced by Dana Stanton, a modern dance teacher at Cal Poly. The piece is titled "This Channel is Open, But No Words Are Coming." It explores the complexity of human communication, Junco said.

Being a part of "Dance Orchesis" means more than just dancing in a production. The troop members average 20 hours of practice each week. When students are trying out to be part of this, they are also trying out to be part of a four-unit class.

"It's a great educational experience, physically and academically," said Quan Carano, a mechanical engineering sophomore and publicity officer for the show.

Dancers in the production take the class in the fall and winter quarters. Part of the class involves going to dance shows, reading articles on dance and writing papers.

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Ten immunizations, 140 piranhas won’t stop floral photographer

By Amber Hodge
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Even though she was floating around on an eight-person canoe surrounded by piranhas-infested water, Karen Joy Jackson was more absorbed in the flowers found deep in the Brazilian jungles than the danger close at hand.

Jackson experienced nature to the fullest by taking a three-and-a-half week trip down the Amazon River in 2000, following the route of a botanist to see if the plants and wildlife had changed.

"It was an incredible experience," she said.

Brilliant flowers from the coast of California to the jungles of Brazil are the subjects of the current photography display at Your Photo Shop in Morro Bay. Jackson, the featured photographer, traveled around the world to capture beautiful images on film and see nature at its best.

Before leaving for Brazil, Jackson had to get 10 immunization shots, which she said demanded a true commitment, but in the end was worth it.

Jackson said that the trip was exciting.

"They caught 140 piranhas in one day," she said.

Another time, the wasps were so bad that some people had to avoid them by jumping in the water. The man that didn't jump left the water with over 30 stings, she said.

Despite such dangers, sacrifices had to be made to capture the essence of the rare images in her photos.

"If you are not next to the photo, you will not get the picture," Jackson said. The leader of the trip took her out on a canoe to take a picture of the Brazilian Rare Shooting Stars, one of the various floral photographs being showcased.

"Flowers are very difficult to photograph," Jackson said. "My photography captures the glorious colors and shapes of nature. I hope to enhance people's awareness of the beauty on our planet and enlist support for the preservation of that beauty."

Karen Joy Jackson photographer

Jackson's photography of rare flowers will be on display at Your Photo Shop in Morro Bay until March 15.

A photograph of a Canadian squirrel taken by Jackson was sold at the Jan. 19 opening, but other photographs are being looked at.

"It's usually at the fourth or fifth week of an eight-week show when the photography is bought," he said.

The floral photography will be showcased until May 15. Your Photo Shop is located at 257 Morro Bay Blvd. For more information, call 772-2957 or visit www.trafficschool.com.

Jackson does not hide the fact that directing a performance like "Signatures in Dance" is a very time consuming experience.

"There are skills in a performance situation that would be impossible to get in a studio," she said.

If interested in attending "Signatures in Dance," which runs Feb. 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 3 at 2 p.m., please visit the Cal Poly box office or call 756-2787. Tickets are $9 for students and seniors and $12 for general admission.
The success of the reissues enabled the label to support new acts in the "jazz" genre during the early 1990s. Currently, they host an extensive list of genres: jazz, funk, rock, classical, experimental, folk, and break beats to name a few. Mustang Daily bought up with McFaden to get some advice for would-be label magnates out there in the music industry.

The first ingredient to starting your own label is passion: follow your passion and get involved with something you love, McFaden said. "I've always loved music, walked into rock and roll to punk rock to teen age," he said. "I later discovered funk, soul, and jazz, and we became obsessed with learning everything we could about it and finding every great undiscovered record there out was there.

However, digging up old tracks and reissuing them comes with a different set of pitfalls than recording a new artist. On occasion, fans may have had to lay down their tickets, tracking down obscure artists from past decades in order to add them to their collection. "One such artist is Carl "Sherlock Holmes." We were looking for Carl Holme for some time but had no luck locating him," McFaden said. "One night Jody and I were watching 'Top Cops' and it was an episode from Philadelphia, where Carl Holmes is from, and they showed a cop who looked just like him and stated his name was Carl Holmes. We called the police department there and it wasn't his name, it was his son, Carl Holmes Jr.

The legalities of owning the rights to a musical are a part of the lore of the book. McFaden suggests good legal advice from an experienced attorney. But knowing the masters on a personal business level whenever possible._ubesty's stamp of new artists may include The Greyboy All-stars, but the group actually started with a DJ's recording of the album. The process of recording at the major league level is incredibly expensive, so McFaden suggests having the masters cut when the studio clock starts ticking. Once you have the tapes from the studio session, take them to be mastered. With master tapes in hand from either your friend's session last week or in the form of some dusty old reel of plastic, it's now time to go press some masters. "Lace up your boots and head for the best quality pressing plant at the fairest price and establishing credit terms with the master," McFaden says. "This will help when you have orders for a record but no revenue yet.

The next step is where a lot of labels fail. The details of keeping your music machine well oiled will help you endure against competition, McFaden said. There's a noticeable shift in McFaden's tone at this phase of the interview. He is no longer a fan of the music business: "It's the job of Cal Poly to establish a good history. Be sure of your repertoire, grass roots style."

The next big thing, he said, is "I've seen others start out with lot of funds and over-spending trying to break a new artist, so it's best to go forward slowly and build your repertoire grass roots style."

Once you've nurtured the next big thing, they begin taking off, consider what incentives will help keep them on your label. McFaden says, "You want to stay independent," McFaden said. "We give them way less money (than a major label), but way more creative freedom. They value that."

Now that the office is up and running, McFaden emphasizes the importance of staying on top of good music and putting out a top-quality product. Resist the temptation to throw something out there. Your reputation will suffer, he said. With a warehouse full of sparkling new vinyl, you need to distribute and market the good.

Although the best part of starting your own record label is exposing music that you love, McFaden said situations like the Beastie Boys were showing their faces at "Groove Merchandize" in order to track down obscure jazz and funk grooves from which to sample. With just knowing what you love, McFaden says, "We're always excited to bring the excitement preceding the perform of "Cabaret." We're always excited to bring the excitement preceding the perform of "Cabaret." We're always excited to bring the excitement preceding the perform of "Cabaret." We're always excited to bring the excitement preceding the perform of "Cabaret."

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Opinion

Thursday, January 31, 2002

Loosen up SLO, nothing wrong with a little fun

Once upon a time, one night a year this bubble of a town — better known as San Luis Obispo — used to take a few leisurely steps out of its natural state of conscription. It used to host the largest Mardi Gras celebration on the West coast.

It was believed that a little bit of excessiveness and fun enjoyed by those innocent college students, neighbors, and out-of-towners would even be enough to combat the moods of the very young and inexperienced children of this peaceful town.

In the month of February, heads of all ages and colors would start filling the displays of stores and boutiques. The entire town enjoyed a higher atmosphere, with the imagination of many participating. It was attempted to carry a maximum capacity to make the best of this unique night.

Some concentrated on building exotic floats. Others competed to shock viewers with funny, out-of-the-ordinary, bizarre and even scandalous costumes. College students would make a few masks at the Craft Center, adjust their bra, and stock up on beads. It would be sure to make sure the bra, or the lack thereof, did not get unnoticed.

The thrill of drinking, beer and hard alcohol would start flowing hours before the parade.

"How scandalous!" the alarmed residents would say.

There was music and dancing, and laughing and flirting.

"How improper!" they would scream and kick. 

"How wicked!" they would yell.

"How ungodly!" the decent residents would say.

The celebriton would start early in the day to deter those alcoholic students from infesting the streets again. That didn't work too well. More people were around last year than in the town before.

and the mother of young children did not feel comfortable with the celebration at all.

So the town moved to stop Mardi Gras from happening all together.

I only say so, get over it.

Not so, the students, but the city of San Luis Obispo.

Society should be concerned, as it is in this event that brings together a large group of people. If alcohol is a problem, it is not because of this one night.

Drinking too much is a societal problem that will not be solved by suppressing it or hiding any trace of it from the "children." Mardi Gras was the only chance this town bad to be wild, to have fun. It was created to give people a chance to dance like no one is watching them, to let go of inhibitions built up over the years. In the Catholic tradition, it was meant to enjoy all the pleasures of life before jumping into 40 days and 48 nights of debauchery.

Alcohol in and of itself is not a problem. It is in the form of alternative expression is considered immoral, and when no source of excessiveness is allowed, that a society runs to other means for escape.

So if I sound too much like a sociologist, psychology, feminist, socialist or any other -ist you would like to attach to my name, but the attitudes of this town have become too blind and close-minded to let them pass.

Promote healthier habits if you would like. Ask people to drink just a little less, but realize that the problem is not Mardi Gras, and limiting it or getting rid of it will not solve anything. It can only accommodate what is already there, a propensity to abuse the only chance available for freedom after a lifetime exposure to an anesthetistic society.

Sonia Stutki is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily editor in chief.

Letters to the editor

Stereotyping is out of hand

Editor,

In regard to Mr. Mason's letter, "Quoting a textbook isn't so impressive" (Jan. 30), I do not think any individual has ever shown more ignorance in the Mustang Daily. When I started to read it, I thought I was going to be hearing a remark about the problem of people parroting textbook facts instead of using their own minds to make a decision. Instead, my 30 sec tions was wasted stepping into the ignorant world of Jason Mason. How can you stereotype an entire group of students as cheaters? Are you with any of Cal Poly's six colleges, I'm sure cheating occurs in various agriculture classes. Every college has to deal with the problem of cheating.

However, just because you think that belonging to the "elitist" group of Architectural Engineering majors gives you the right to express your ideas in writing to all, doesn't mean you should. Unfortunately, for you, the four years spent at this school have done nothing to improve your personal skills. I judge your opinion of others and the way you express yourself, I believe you, as well as the rest of society, could benefit from this point of view if you walk around regurgitating the brilliant words of a mime.

Kelly Crowe is a civil engineering senior.

Take off the blinders

Editor,

Let us think realistically here for a moment, Mr. Mason and friends. Do you really think that all agriculture students are cheaters? What if I said all architectural engineering students are cheaters? (Highly likely is what I have seen in my five years here.) Do my five years outweigh your four, or do yours outweigh my five? The fact that I have been cheating all my life.

The truth of the matter is that it is much easier for a person to ignore facts and stereotype others in order to preserve their own narrow-minded beliefs rather than take the entire population into perspectives. Whether the letters written in response to Meredith Rogers contained information from a textbook or something else, it is documented scientific research (which they were) that is not false information. They are fact. I may have missed in your letter because I am different, but I failed to see where you had any factual information to support your claims. You think and you said but, you're not sure of it. Perhaps, it would be in your interest to learn something before you lash out so you don't sound like the same people who used to make African Americans sit at the back of the bus.

Thanks for the "props," by the way. It just so happens that there were written responses because agriculture, whether you like to believe it or not, is what feeds our country. Maybe eating doesn't apply to you.

Travis Stewart is an animal science senior.

Just say no to Jack

Editor,

I'm sure that a few students will feel compelled to write in defense of eating grease and long after reading "Food and Politics," (Jan. 30). So I just wanted to remind everyone that this diet that Dr. Knabe adheres to is for people who really need to improve their health. Don't judge this vegan diet without considering that it has and will save thousands of people from taking loads of medicines and undergoing risky surgeries. High blood pressure and cholesterol run in my family, so I am finally trying to change my lifestyle in order to combat future health problems. It's going to be a slow change. I'm starting to throw out pizza coupons and trying to end the late-night Jack In The Box run. I'm certainly not vegan, but every time I get a soy burger from The Avenue (instead of my usual burger with bacon and cheese) I know that I am doing something to help myself. I hope that some of you out there who think that vegetarianism is for women will give it a try. It takes a really strong person to just say no to Jack.

Jose Gutierrez is a business administration freshman.

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Shot glasses taken off shelf at Chico

By Carolyn Marie Lucas

No longer will the two-and-ahalf inch miniature souvenir glasses with the words "Chico State" written across their bellies be seen lined up on the shelf next to the greeting cards across their bellies. The bookstore has discontinued the sale of the shot glasses.

Although the shot glasses were a top-seller and were otherwise pursued as souvenirs, A.S. Bookstore Director Steve Dube said Associated Students decided that the organization did not want to send any mixed messages, especially concerning alcohol.

At the end of last semester, the bookstore sold its entire supply of shot glasses at a sale.

The move to get rid of the most wanted gift item was partly influenced by the comments made by family members who filled out surveys during summer orientations. Some felt that shot glasses might encourage drinking.

However, it is not unusual for the bookstore to take a product off its shelves.

"The bookstore has taken similar steps of removing a product for sale because of the message it could be sending to our customers," Dube said. "For example, we do not sell cigarettes."

Since the discontinuation, A.S. Bookstore gift buyer Janna Reiffert said she hasn't received any complaints about their absence.

"But occasionally, people do ask for them, and when I explain to them why we got rid of them, they seem pretty understanding about the whole deal," she said.
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produced a 3:1 cushion for Cordeiro. Early on, Cordeiro looked dominant, striking out four of his first six batters.

"The game plan was to give them a lot of first pitch breaking balls," Cordeiro said. "I was doing all right and then things just stopped going my way." Cordeiro couldn't catch a break in the third. He balked home the second Anteater run and threw a wild pitch to the next batter. After the following batter, Cordeiro gave up a run scoring double and the only clean hit of the inning to Fullerton.

Weathers replaces Cal Poly head coach Dave Snow, a two-time NCAA National Coach of the Year. Snow, in 13 seasons at Long Beach, led the 49ers to appearances in 11 NCAA regional playoffs and four College World Series. Weathers inherits what could be the toughest schedule in the nation. The 49ers will play four teams who are currently ranked nationally in the top 10.

Fullerton will be the heart of last year's pitching staff back this year. Their pitching will have to compensate for the loss of Bobby Crosby and Jeff Jones, the team's two biggest offensive threats from a year ago. Crosby was selected 25th overall by the Oakland A's and Jones went to the St. Louis Cardinals in the 10th round in last June's draft.

Weinstein came to Cal Poly via Sacramento City College, where he managed his college to 19 conference championships, including the state title in 1988. Weinstein was also the assistant coach for the 1992 and 1996 Summer Olympic Games and helped coach the U.S. team at the Pan American Games in 1987. His minor league Baseball experience ranges from serving as a catching coordinator to director of player development for the Los Angeles Dodgers. He has also coached several minor league teams such as the Milwaukee Brewers, Montreal Expos and Chicago Cubs. Weinstein's knowledge of the game is immense, and many players have expressed an appreciation for everything he has brought to Cal Poly. Outfielder Bean Haskell said Weinstein's preparation helps raise the players to a new level of professionalism and maturity.

"Weinstein brings something that was needed to our squad," Haskell said. "He makes us play to our full potential." The Mustangs open the series at 5 p.m. on Friday at Burgart Stadium. The series continues at 1 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.
Baseball heating up for next home series

By Cory Dugan
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As the air stays chilly over San Luis Obispo, the Cal Poly baseball team continues to heat up. The Mustangs will look to ignite this weekend as they take on the University of San Diego in a three-game series at Baggett Stadium. Cal Poly is coming off two weeks of impressive play, starting the season with a record of 3-1-0.

Last year, the Mustangs played well against the Toreros, taking two out of three games. But the team is prepared for an improved USD program that has added a few new superstars to their roster. While this year's series may prove tougher for the Mustang hardballers, head coach Rich Price said he enjoys the challenge of a good game and hopes USD is ready for some of Cal Poly's upgrades as well.

"Last year we had four freshman starting for us against USD and managed to do all right," Price said. "Our players have grown and matured into exceptional athletes and we plan to use this to our advantage this weekend."

Price's assurance in his team has added off on the players. Fourth-year left fielder and designated hitter, Bryan Grant, said he feels much has changed since last season and the underlying factor is confidence. Grant added that he knows how powerful USD is and feels confident that the Mustangs won't take the series lightly.

Grant said USD's last win was an impressive victory over UC Irvine, a school in the same (Big West) conference as Cal Poly.

"This just gives us more incentive to win," Grant said.

Other players commented on the team's confidence level. Second baseman Adam Leavitt credited a lot of the Mustangs' energy to the addition of coach Jerry Weinstein. Leavitt said that, just in the short time that the coach has been here, Leavitt feels that he is a better player.

"He is a very knowledgeable man, with a ton of experience we can all learn from," Leavitt said. see BASEBALL, page 11

Funny hop gives UC Irvine first win in 10 years

By Scott Bair
Daily Bruin

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES—The UC Irvine Anteaters went into Tuesday's contest against UCLA looking for their first win since 1992. On the fourth game of this season, destiny brought them a 6-4 win. Not even God could've stopped Irvine from winning.

The score was knotted at three in the bottom of the seventh. With a runner on first and no outs, Irvine second baseman Effren Trejo bunted the ball down the first base line to charging freshman first baseman Wes Wholer who hesitated, allowing Trejo to reach first.

Then fate took over.

With bases loaded and no outs, Irvine third baseman Steve Guthrie hit a ball down the third base line that looked like it was going foul. The ball mysteriously defied physics and caromed off of the outside corner of the base and went into foul territory. The fair ball scored two Anteaters and put them ahead for good.

"Baseball is a weird game, sometimes things just don't go your way," UCLA starting pitcher Chris Cordeno said.

After Irvine (1-3) scored, UCLA (0-1) responded with two runs in top of the third. True freshman and Irvine native Kevin Conlin registered the first hit of the 2002 season with a base hit to start the Bruin rally, which

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Can Mustangs tame baseball Big West?

By Andy Fahey
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

The Big West will be wild this year, as the good, the bad, and the improved shoot for victories in one of the toughest leagues in the country.

The conference will look to duplicate last year's performance, when it sent three teams to the NCAA Baseball tournament. The Big West finished last season with the third highest RPI (schedule rating) in the country.

The Big West will have a slightly altered appearance this year, with the additions of UC Irvine and UC Riverside, there will now be a total of nine teams in the conference.

Good pitching should be a common theme among the conference leaders this year. Cal Poly, Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, Cal State Northridge, and UC Santa Barbara all have quality arms returning and are expected to have strong pitching staffs for the 2002 season.

This year will be a true test for the Cal Poly baseball program. In addition to 19 new faces, the much-improved Mustangs will have one of the most challenging schedules in the country. The Mustangs will play 20 schools that made it to the NCAA tournament last year, including three games at Stanford, the number one ranked team in the nation, Cal State Fullerton, and Nebraska.

Pitching will be the key to Poly's success this year. They will have more depth on the mound than seen in recent years. Senior hurler Kevin Correia, who turned down a professional contract to remain with the Mustangs this year, will lead the pitching staff. Veterans Teller Pitch and Greg Bocchi will also headline the staff.

Catching for the Mustangs will be Kyle Wilson. Wilson, who has never played catcher before, was a Freshman All-American last year at the third base position. He'll replace Scott Sheldon, who is out for the season with a back injury.

Headlining the Mustang defense is Scott Anderson, perhaps the Big West's best defensive shortstop.