**Foreign students judge Poly's diversity**

By Cynthia Neff

When Simon Kaspar came to study at Cal Poly, he expected the demographics to be "more multicultural." Instead, he arrived from Switzerland to find San Luis Obispo "white and conservative."

"I expected the demographics to be like the ones in San Francisco or Los Angeles," he said. "SLO Country is more of a white country."

But the city and regional planning senior noted that the comparisons between San Luis Obispo and his hometown may be a little unfair since he comes from an area where speaking four languages is the norm.

At the same time, differences in background aren't so obvious in Switzerland, he said. "You don't realize people (are foreign) because they are usually European — from Greece, for example — but here, it is more obvious that someone is Hispanic, or from South Africa or Asia," he said.

This year, there are 233 international students at Cal Poly — 198 undergraduates and 35 graduates from 41 different countries, said Dr. Barbara Andrés, associate director of International Education and Studies.

Programs. They make up about 1 percent of the students on Cal Poly's campus.

Most international students live at Valencia Apartments, due to discounted rent and quarter-by-quarter leases, and often find themselves helping each other care.

"A lot of international students end up hanging out together," Kaspar said, "especially the larger groups like the French and the Germans."

For many exchange students, the perceived lack of diversity on the campus is an issue.

"I don't think it matters," said business senior Michael Grachin, who is from Karlsruhe, Germany. "Perhaps it depends on what region you are in."

But for some Californian locals, traveling overseas has been the best way to mingle with people from different backgrounds, and often diversity is found in the least expected places.

French Professor John Thompson, who studied in Montpellier, France, as part of his undergraduate work, said that the students at Montpellier proved to be much more diverse than those at his home campus, University of California at Berkeley.

"I don't really think that out-of-state people pay attention to (Cal Poly) San Luis Obispo because nobody really knows about it," said Andrew Rice, a business administration graduate student. "Agriculture and engineering are the only really well-known programs."

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**Campus releases demographics**

By Kristy Charles

Cal Poly students are younger on average than most other California State University campuses, according to a census taken last fall by Cal Poly's Institutional Planning and Analysis department.

The census, which is taken every quarter and compiled into a publication called Poly View, also stated that the majority of students are California residents. And, the largest percentage of Cal Poly students originates from the San Francisco Bay Area.

For today's issue, we explore the different challenges facing minority groups on college campuses across the nation. Through our research, we found that university systems are still struggling with the issue of affirmative action versus reverse discrimination. Minorities are still underrepresented in leadership positions, and hate crimes are not a thing of the past, but rather an ongoing occurrence. Locally, Kristy Charles writes about the most current census data on Cal Poly's student population, and Cynthia Neff looks at foreign students' views on the American lifestyle.
Detroit students, teachers protest to keep affirmative action

By Jordan Schrader

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Kicking off a weekend-long civil rights conference, more than 300 students from primarily Detroit-area public schools marched through the streets of Central Campus en route to the Dragon, a popular eatery located in the middle of central campus on Friday, chanting "We won’t take retribution, we won’t take segregation, we want quality education," said Joshua Reed, a Cass Tech High School student.

Several teachers and administrators from Detroit schools accompanied their students, who were let out of school early that day as a field trip to the University of Michigan. Members of the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action and Integration and Fight for Equality By Any Means Necessary (BAMN) recruited the students by speaking at their schools, said Janaya Williams, a student at Philip J. Murray-Wright High School.

"We think we can stop affirmative action from being taken away from us," Williams said.

Speakers at the rally, which began the Second National Conference of the New Civil Rights Movement, addressed issues such as affirmative action in higher education, de facto segregation in inner-city public schools and inadequacies of education in those schools.

"We know that black people are not inferior ... but if you go to the black schools in urban Detroit you get an inferior education," said College of Literature, Science and the Arts sophomore and BAMN member Agnes Aleobua.

BAMN members who spoke asked participants to rally more people to their cause, find more signatures for the petition in support of affirmative action and to continue being active in protests — including a march to the Supreme Court if it agrees to hear any future appeal in the lawsuits challenging the university’s use of race in admissions.

The next major protest will be a "sick-out" held Feb. 20, said BAMN member Luke Massie. On that day, students and teachers in Detroit schools will not attend school, and will instead gather for a rally at Martin Luther King High School in Detroit.

"We came so we can get into schools like the university," said Joshua Reed, a Cass Tech High School student.

Reed said he also hopes activism will improve the quality of high schools, including technology and books.

Counter-protesters from the student group Young Americans for Freedom who attended the rally, bearing signs with messages like "Diversity is more than skin deep."

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YAF members stood in a line in the middle of the Dragon, shivering holding up their signs while a crowd of affirmative action supporters shouted angrily at them. At least two of the counter-protesters’ signs were ripped apart. From the steps of the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library, speakers threw these insults and snowballs at them.

"It was worse at the beginning, but toward the end the conversation went pretty well," said LISA Foxley, a YAF member.
University students rethink decision to study abroad

By Jennifer Drury

(WASHINGTON) George Washington University officials are encouraging students to continue with plans to study abroad next semester, but with an added note of caution. With anti-American sentiments flaring in many countries in the wake of a war on terrorism in the Middle East, students studying abroad said they felt their American roots is a warranted idea.

Lynn Leonard, director of GW's Office for Study Abroad, said students living abroad should keep a low profile, advising them not to hang out or travel with large groups of Americans. She also recommends that students vary their routines while overseas and not display any biases toward Americans. GW currently has 236 students studying in other countries this semester.

"You have to understand you are more visible as an American abroad, so you should consider that as you travel overseas," she said.

The office has received phone calls from parents and students about those debating going in the spring. Leonard said parents caution because they want the students to be safe and be measured that their kids will be safe.

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of California, Santa Barbara.

"It was the first time I was able to meet people from all over the world," he said. "It was great people from North Africa and the old French colonies."

The general also completed his graduate work in France and said that a lot of the students there were Asian.

"In a lot of countries you get a lot of Chinese food from living in France," he said.

There is one main difference for foreign students between Cal Poly and their home campuses, and that is the difference in the night-time and social lives. "In Germany, there is a lot of par-

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tially tickled down to affect state universities, Fabian said.

"If you take a campus without a high diversity rate and couple it with no sense of community, (the students) will have a feeling of alienation," he said.

But there is an upside to this issue, he said.

"Students of color are starting to come together," he said, citing the Multicultural Task Force and the upcoming Culture Fest as two examples of fresh cohesiveness among minority students.

"We're working with ASI and local businesses to develop projects that drive people to celebrate differences and brings the disparity into the light," Fabian said.

He added that Cal Poly is working on addressing the issue of diversity on campus through a new group called the University Diversity Enhancement Committee, chaired by dean of the College of Liberal Arts, Harry Herring. Leonard.

The issue of diversity at Cal Poly was raised a few years ago, Fabian said, when a student coalition for diversity conducted a successful protest, since they were open to work-

ing with the university. It was after this event that administrators realized that Cal Poly was not an accurate reflection of California's demographics.

President Warren Baker created the position of "Connections for Academic Success" to encourage students to complete degree at Cal Poly and to do it well.

"But really, what is diversity," Fabian said. "Do we define it legally, or by socio-economic status, or by race? I think it means to get people with different experiences, racial, eth-
ic, gender and class backgrounds, together. All of those elements go into diversity.

"Just be careful who you talk to and what you say," she said. "Never let your guard down. Although I have had very few negative experiences, there is a lot of resentment toward the United States abroad."

Even with the increasing around studying abroad, GW has not seen a decrease in applications for spring semester programs or a change in where they are applying, Leonard said.

"We are not completely done with the application process, but our pre-

least one-third of the junior class traveling over-

ning analysis shows there is no tremendous change in where students are applying," she said. "Our school sends very few students to the Middle East; students tend to travel to Western Europe, and the same is true this year."

The study abroad office has received applications for next semester -- which Leonard said is average -- that are mostly for Europe. Most students apply to GW's study centers in Madrid and Paris, and only a handful generally apply to places such as Turkey, Morocco, Turkey and India.

Numbers of applications for these areas were unavailable, but Leonard said GW is allowing students to go on all programs available, and she does not expect any to be canceled. The university sent 600 students to 40 countries last year with one-third of the junior class traveling overseas.

Guaranteeing the safety of every student in every country is impossible, Leonard said. She said the office works closely with students in orientation sessions, teaching them safety precautions and informing them of the resources available abroad.

Safety concerns have prompted some students to reconsider their travel plans. "We've already decided that I can't go abroad in the spring," said one student. "As an international affairs major, I had every intention on going away next semester, but I'm worried about what kind of backlash I would get as an American abroad," he said.

GW is not the only university with a concerned student body. Robert Undergraduate program director Ben DeWinter said he has heard from worried students and

parents. BU sends almost 20 percent of its students to international pro-

grams every year, he said.

"We work closely with resident directors in all the countries we send to make sure they are safe," DeWinter said.

Leonard said several programs are trying to help students decide whether to travel overseas by extending dead-lines and being flexible regarding refunds for their deposits.

Junior Rich Reineman said he intends to participate in the GW study abroad program next semester if he is accepted.

"Before Sept. 11, I never really thought about there being a threat to my safety, but now I am definitely going to be more cautious," Reineman said. "(The attacks) proves to me that D.C. is no safer than anywhere else, so there is no reason not to go abroad."

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incoming students graduated from home or in the Bay Area. They included San Luis Obispo, Atascadero and Arroyo Grande high schools as well as Andrew Martin in Aptos, San Francisco High in Mountain View, and Amador Valley High School in Pleasanton.

Another reported fact was that the average high school grade point average and SAT scores for incoming freshmen has increased through the years. In fall 1997, the average high school grade point average and SAT score was 3.6 and 1,159. Now the average GPA is 3.64 and SAT scores are around 1,169.

The same trend has been occurring for transfer students: in fall 1997 the average college GPA was 3.09. Last fall it was 3.22.

"Every year the number of applications to Cal Poly goes up. The more applications we get, the more selective we can be," said Krupp. "Our reputation gets better because we have better students and so the universities become a higher choice for students. Our competition is UC's and private schools, not really other CSUs." One trend that students may not be aware of is that the Cal Poly student population is slowly approaching an equal number of female and male students.

This fall the undergraduate stu-

dent population was 4,471, 53 percent male. This is up from fall 1990, when Cal Poly's undergraduate population was 4,19 percent female and 58.1 percent male.

Surprisingly, the CSU system in general has more females than males. At Cal Poly, the biggest programs are traditionally male fields, even though some colleges such as the College of Agriculture, the College of Liberal Arts, and the College of Science and Math have more female students. The increase in female students in gen-

eral at Cal Poly may be because more women are going into fields they didn't enter before, Krupp said.

Taryn LeForte, a math senior, is happy about having more female students.

"I take a lot of engineering classes, and there are a lot of male students in them," LeForte said. "It is less intimidating if there are more female students in the class-

room."
pecks of dust blow out the sides of donut hand saws as they put the final touches on what was once a square piece of foam. For a surfer, a surfboard is a vehicle of expression, but for the shaper, the hoard itself is his artwork.

While most architecture students are busy building models of houses, parks and towers, architecture senior Brandon Cover spends his spare time creating surfboards. The student surfer has been making surfboards for Poly students ever since he came to San Luis Obispo four years ago. B.C. Surfboards, the name of his board label, was born when Cover was a high school sophomore in Santa Barbara. He saw a piece of surfboard foam for sale in the newspaper, bought it and created his first hand-shaped surfboard.

"I didn't think I would have anything to lose buying the thing since it was only 20 bucks, and I had always wanted to mess around with shaping surfboards," Cover said.

Selling his first board set off the drive to want to shape more. Cover started by making long and short boards. Later he experimented with making "fun" shapes, which incorporated his own style into more non-traditional models.

Being a self-taught surfboard shaper was difficult at first, he said.

He didn't have anyone to tell him what he was doing wrong. It wasn't until he got a job working at Central Coast Fiberglass that his skills improved at fast pace. Sanding and finishing all of the boards that people sent there allowed him to see how better shapers work. This gave him new ideas on how to improve his designs.

"I just started figuring out how to make really clean shapes that the rider of the board could respond well to on the wave," he said.

His local shaping career began with making all of the boards for his two roommates, who are also surfers at Cal Poly. Currently, he shapes three to five a month for anyone who is looking for a custom-made surfboard.

"His boards are sick," mechanical engineering senior Mike Starkey said. "They're the only boards I ride."

The amount of work that goes into shaping a surfboard is enormous, Cover said. He described it as an eight-step process in which the shaper tries to make the perfect form for a particular surfer.

"Each surfer has a different style and finding what type of board suits them best is a real challenge," he said.

Cover's specialty is shaping "mini-guns." These range from 6 feet 8 inches to 8 feet in length and are traditionally ridden in bigger and heavier waves, he said.

"In the winter it's much more fun to have a board that's bigger," Cover said. "It allows you more speed and energy on the wave."

Although the extra income from shaping boards is a bonus, the pleasure comes from wanting to create something of his own, Cover said.

He shapes for the fun of it and sees it more as a hobby than a job. Making surfboards isn't a goal he is pursuing for a future career, he said. Next year is his last year at Poly, and finishing up with school is what he wants to get out of the way first.

"There definitely isn't much money in making surfboards," he said. "It's just a great thing to do."

He sells his boards out of his house on Mill Street. The average waiting period for a surfboard is three weeks, he said. Cover can be reached via e-mail at coverb@calpoly.edu.
Letters to the editor

Give residents some credit

Editor,

This letter is in response to Gaye Dagman's commentary of Feb. 25 ("Students and alcohol: always a part?"). I wrote this letter because Ms. Dagman's commentary was, for me, the proverbial "straw that broke the camel's back." Since I have been a resident of Cal Poly, I have heard almost constant complaints from plants from everyone, ranging from the average student up to our "illiterate" ASI president, about how the resident adviser helps college students because of their drinking and noisy parties. These same people argue that drinking is doing a disservice to their college life and that the residents are just going to have to learn to deal with it. But has anyone ever considered that the residents might be right? And why is drinking among college students inevitable? Don't try to give me the excuse that there is nothing else to do in San Luis Obispo. That is the most ridiculous reason I've ever heard. If you like drinking because of the feeling it gives you, I understand. But avoid hanging behind the excuse that there is nothing else to do. I personally don't drink, and somehow I seem to have a good time every weekend. You don't believe me? Here are just a few suggestions a non-drinker can have at the beach, play a bunch of sports, go dancing at The Grid, read a book, hang out with your friends, go to the movies, make a late night run to In 'N Out, bake up the "P" for a little star going, etc. Those are just a few examples. We are all intelligent around campus, don't be creative. There is always something to do.

It really is sad if you have to use mind-altering substances to have a good time, because I can think of two things about you. Either you yourself are so insecure you have to change your state of mind to become interested in, or they have grown to hang out with uninteresting people and have no other way to enjoy themselves. Or you are just breaking out of the mold of the stereotypical college student that goes drinking every weekend.

On the other hand, I am also aware of conversations to our ASI president for fighting the existence of alcohol on campus. That is the entire idea of being responsible for your actions and the consequences of your actions for other people. By the way, it is illegal for minors to be drinking, it's Hacker, and if you are providing the alcohol, you should be responsible.

Hopefully this letter has enlightened some. You don't need alcohol to have a good time. There is nothing wrong in San Luis Obispo that doesn't come from drinking. For more suggestions, you may try stopping by the WOW! office. Their entire program is devoted to "drinking-free" suggestions. So far they have some ideas you can do for fun around this town. And in a formal comment, try to put yourselves in residents' shoes and then think about your drinking habits.

Joshua Erquiaga is a biochemistry sophomore.

Women's sports still unequal

Editor,

I must say that the article "Female athletes overcome lack of funding to gain equality with male sports" (Feb. 21) made me laugh. Yes, Title IX has provided the opportunity for more women to compete in intercollegiate athletics. However, as a member of Cal Poly's club field hockey and lacrosse teams, I must say there is still a long way to go for funding women's sports. Not a lot has changed since 1965, apparently. We still have to drive ourselves to games, provide our own gas money, purchase our own equipment and tote our sleeping bags with us to away games so that we camp out at family and friends' houses. Not to even mention the team fees that come out of our own pockets that range from $75 to $250 per season. We are as much athletes as our NCAA-sponsored teams, yet receive much less funding and support. Our sport does not get scholarships, uniforms, travel expenses paid for and our own gym to work out in. Nor do we get the media support and acknowledgment we deserve. We are as much a representative of our school as other teams, yet given much less support. While the football field is beautifully maintained and taken care of, it is an uphill battle to get the administration to cut the recreation fields of San Luis Obispo so that we can play field hockey on. What drives us is our true passion for the sport we play. The women's field hockey team came in second in the state this year, and the women's lacrosse teams are currently ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in their respective leagues (http://www.nwwll.com/cgi/standings). Title IX has helped many women, but there is still a long way to go in funding support for women's teams at Cal Poly.

Shannon Rudi is a graphic communications junior and goalkeeper for Cal Poly's field hockey and lacrosse "B" teams.

There are bigger fish to fry

Editor,

While reading the Feb. 22 article "First Web master accused of taking site design," I began to think: Why do people have to make such a big deal over situations that are, in the grand scheme of things, petty? As of today, both DSF and PCE have new Web sites. Whether or not DSF's"style Miss Chu's design, I don't know. I don't care. I just hope she wouldn't accept their apology and leave it at that. As a graphic communication and business major, I know the value of intellectual properties; but I also know very well what generic looks like. Yes, the sites looked as if they could have been driven by a person of Asian decent, meaning they would have been wrong if they did not have something extremely unique or creative. The new Web sites both look better anyway. Mine, in this case, is in its day and age, why can't people just move on? They are two organizations at Cal Poly. They are full of students and not one graduate and (with the exception of the grid) have some fun while doing it. So what if now we couldn't look somewhere down the line? I don't want to decimate Miss Chu, because DSF did use her material they should have credited her. But I really think that in order for both groups to just move on, Chu should accept their apology and put their efforts into Web site design or another interest.

Lauren Perley is a business junior.

Fuel to the flames

Editor,

In reading Christy Rohr's response ("Race is a useless fact in this article," Feb. 11) to the dorm alteration article ("Dorms in dorm row," Feb. 5) on your front page, I feel sorry for even suggesting that the term "race" be a term to describe someone. A tabo was made in the reporting of the event by mentioning the race of those involved. Yes, I fol­low her for this. To then stereotype the very group of individuals she intended to defend in our school was bad in bad taste. A style of hair, the girls may have been driven by a person of Asian decent, even an allusion to what their names may have been, all sound tokens to the same level of the arti­cle she felt so moved to bash. It is my hope that the Daily ran her letter opposite Laura Newman's to give our student audience a deeply contrasting spectrum of how to go about voicing one's opinion here on campus.

Laura Newman gave the thought and insight necessary to traverse our painfully small town, and I would hope that not all of those students who would possess a vehicle to fill those precious spots. Granted, parking on campus has always been a road and absolutely lived to dance. As with the girl I was replacing (she was off to Spain for the year), I didn't want to discredit Miss Chu, because DSF did use her material they should have credited her. But I really think that in order for both groups to just move on, Chu should accept their apology and put their efforts into Web site design or another interest.

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Women face uphill struggle for top U. of Iowa posts

By Gigi Wood

(UP-WIRE) IOWA CITY, Iowa — Women seeking to become effective leaders at the University of Iowa need to work outside the office as much as they do inside, said a high-ranking university department head.

"You have to become part of that network outside of formal meetings," said Cynda Johnson, head of family medicine in the UI College of Medicine.

Johnson is one of four female department heads in the college, which on July 1 will join an elite group that includes Harvard and Stanford universities when the recently appointed Laurie Fajardo takes her post as the head of the radiology department.

Only four medical schools in the nation, aside from the UI, can boast five or more female department heads, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Although hiring Fajardo is a step in the right direction, medical school Dean Robert Kolb said sex inequality is still a problem at the UI.

"Forty-four percent of women entering medical school are women," he said. "We are working toward a proportionate representation of women at all levels, but always by recruiting the very best people."

Fajardo, a professor at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, will be the only female in charge of a radiology department in the country. Still, some critics say the university is not doing enough to recruit women and minorities for leadership positions.

"Joe Cotleur, the UI associate provost for diversity, said progress toward increased diversity at the university has been slow.

"In the past five to six years, it's been a chilly environment for women and minorities," he said, referring to what he calls a nationwide political backlash against affirmative action. "It's also partly because of the conviction that the battle's been won — that we don't need to worry about this anymore."

Since Mary Sue Coleman's appointment as UI president in 1995, the number of tenure and tenure-track women at the university has increased by approximately 5 percent, from 22 to 26.6 percent in 2001, according to the office of the provost. In 1991 the number was 23.6 percent.

Ann Rhodes, who has been at the UI for 25 years in roles ranging from student to senior administrator, said the number of women and minorities on campus is not as high as it should be.

"There has been no visible increase," said Rhodes, who currently serves as associate counsel for the UI general counsel.

UC searches for ways to increase underrepresented minority admits

By Helen Hwang

(UP-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — Despite efforts to represent minorities better in the four years since the end of affirmative action, the percentage of underrepresented groups in the University of California system has not yet reached pre-Proposition 209 levels.

Currently UCs student population has a 15 percent minority ratio. In 1997, the first year the university applied the anti-affirmative action proposition, the percentage of minorities in UC Berkeley's entering class fell from 22 to 11 percent. Some fear educational outreach programs, the UC Board's comprehensive review of admission policy, or even the possible elimination of the SAT II from consideration will not be enough to bring diversity to the campus.

The only way to compensate for the loss of affirmative action is to broaden educational opportunities — a goal that can be reached only if the state of California commits to building more campuses, said Ling-chi Wang, Berkeley's ethnic studies department head.

She added while programs such as educational outreach have increased the pool of minority applicants, they fail to address the underlying problem.

"We have spent $1 billion in the last four years on educational outreach, but what good is it to have more people applying if we don’t have room for them?" Wang asked.

Early Academic Outreach is an UC program designed to increase college admission. It offers high school students ongoing support and advises them about career and college plans. Wang said she believes the program is not enough.

"If we are looking at achieving more diversity, the economic outreach program will help, but it will not replace affirmative action," she said.

Wang said she had seen a significant decrease in the diversity level of the campus in the last few years, calling the change a "disservice to this institution."

However, Jorge Melgosa, Berkeley West Contra Costa High School coordinator for Early Academic Outreach, said while the program shows students "possibilities that they sometimes don’t receive in high school," there is only so much it can do.

He echoed Wang's sentiments and said the state of California needs more campuses across the board — high schools, middle schools and elementary schools, as well as universities.

Assistant Vice Chancellor of Admissions and Enrollment Richard Black said there were several problems involved.

"We need to raise academic preparedness of high schools, increase college enrollment, and up the capacity of community colleges, state (uni­

versities) and UCs," Black said. "It is absolutely important for UCs as a public institution that is supported by taxpayers to have all of California's communities represented."

Wang said while UCs should be applauded for attempting to increase diversity in the absence of affirmative action, she proposed the it has made are not sufficient. UCs should shift their focus away from finding a replacement for affirmative action and address the real problem of "limited opportunities," Wang said.

The expected influx of students from Talib Wave II, combined with California's current budget crisis, already has put the resources of UC campuses under strain; a 10th UC campus, however, is expected to open in 2007.

UC Merced, which is already allocated $162.4 million by Gov. Gray Davis, will be the first new campus in UC's over a decade. Since UC Riverside was established in 1959, many said they believe a new campus will help the UC represent the growing state.

"The population of California has doubled, but have we doubled the number of campuses?" Wang asked.

She said the plans for UC Menlo are a "long overdue step forward."
Cal Poly freshman Andrew McDaniel throws a pitch during Saturday's game against San Jose State. The Mustangs lost that game 18-6 but defeated the Spartans on Sunday 9-4.

Cal Poly used seven pitchers Saturday. Price said the team's pitching is "going through some growing pains."

"We've got a lot of young guys in the bullpen that are still trying to prove we're able to pitch at this level," he said. Sophomore catcher Kyle Wilson seemed to match the sentiment that floated across a windy Baggett field after Saturday's game.

"It was a peak on the losing streak," Wilson said. "We had a couple chances for a couple big innings, and we just didn't get it done."

Cal Poly defense came stronger in the last two innings, holding the Spartans to only two runs in those final two frames, striking them out quick in the ninth.

We had the opportunity to win it," Wilson said, "and obviously we lost some games late, and lost some games by a run, but (Saturday was) the first day that I've felt like we got behind early and just shut it down." Price said. "I didn't think we played as hard as we could.

"(San Jose) is a fine team — they were in the College World Series two years ago," he said. "If you leave the ball up, they're going to hurt you, and they hurt us real bad (Saturday)."

On Friday, San Jose State beat the Mustangs 5-2. Spartan senior shortstop Jeremy Rogers held Cal Poly to six singles, striking out nine and walking two.

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Lacrosse gains momentum in Davis win

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The Cal Poly men's lacrosse team beat UC Davis 11-4 on Sunday's road win.

The Mustangs had a slow start, allowing Davis to net two goals with in the first minute. But the team mounted a comeback, taking the lead at the end of the first quarter by a score of 4-2.

At the beginning of the third quarter, the Mustangs converted two "man up" opportunities to raise the score to 9-3. Davis scored three more goals, but Cal Poly had already secured the lead with strong performances by Tristan Foblish,Blake Bolton and Ryan Oliver. Scoring was led by Jim Fipp, who had three goals, and Matt Ryan, with two more scores. Tim Casey finished the game with a behind-the-back goal. The Mustangs are looking to gain confidence as the team heads to Tucson for the first time.

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