INS keeps close tabs on foreign students
By Dale Quinn

The federal government will put some students under the microscope with the goal of ensuring security.

All male international students from certain countries must now register in person with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, a Cal Poly official said.

Under the Homeland Security Act, male non-citizens from the Middle East and some African countries who study at Cal Poly must appear at the designated INS office in Fresno, said Barbara Andre, director of international education and programs at Cal Poly.

International students from North Korea must also register with the INS.

During registration, students will be photographed, fingerprinted and interviewed under oath, according to INS documents.

Hicham Meftah, a Moroccan student who has studied in France since 1990, has to register at the Fresno office by Feb. 19. Upon entry into the United States, his fingerprints were taken and he was asked questions about his family and where he planned to live.

Everyone was polite and friendly, he said.

Meftah came to Cal Poly to study architecture and make connections. While the trip to Fresno may be inconvenient, Meftah said he realizes why such measures are necessary.

"I understand that kind of regulation because the United States needs to protect its citizens," he said.

By Dale Quinn

Password rules frustrate users
By Alina Neacy

A student who just transferred from Cuesta squints at the computer screen in frustration. For the fifth time, her attempt to create a new password is denied by Cal Poly's Password Manager. She finally gives up and calls the Information Technology Services Help Desk, which assigns her a long sequence of random letters, numbers and symbols.

She writes it down in her binder, muttering that she'll never be able to remember the eight-digit code.

The help desk is overwhelmed. Since the enacting new password restrictions last quarter, calls have been flooding in from frustrated students and faculty. Bryan Friedman, computer science senior and Help Desk lead student, wrote a complaint to ITS about the strict new rules.

"It can take us up to 30 minutes to help one person come up with a password," he said.

By Alina Neacy

Tuition hikes too much for some
By Andrea Svoboda

For some students, a pillow and blanket can be too hard to part with in the early hours of the morning, especially if they just went to sleep only moments before. Yet this particular student wasn't putting off late or even cramming for a mid-term.

Instead, she was working a night shift to ensure she could afford increased tuition fees and the rising cost of rent.

Due to state budget cuts and increasing enrollment, there has been a proposed quarterly fee increase of $152 for undergraduate students and $116 for graduate students. Many may need to work longer hours in the fall to pay the proposed $1,127 undergraduate quarterly tuition.

Agricultural science junior Stephen Ferguson has to pay for tuition, utilities, car payments and insurance. His parents help out by paying for some of his rent, but he works and takes loans to cover the rest. This quarter, Ferguson is taking 19 units and works about 23 hours a week.

"Sometimes I wonder if I should take less classes and drop some units," he said.

All of Ferguson's jobs are flexible, he said. He does night work and sometimes helps check Cal Poly fire alarms. At the ranch, Ferguson does everything from raking our decking to

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Poly Speaks
What do Cal Poly students think of another possible tuition increase?

"Personally I'm lucky my dad helped me out with housing and tuition. I don't pay anything and I don't have to work. For those that would have to pay on their own it would be like another slap in the face." -- David Archer, civil engineering sophomore

"I think it is stupid to have three fee increases in three quarters. It is kind of extreme for students that come to state schools for low tuition." -- Jake Neher, business sophomore

"Another one? Fortunately I will be graduating but it won't be fair for everyone else."

René Sandoval, architecture senior

"The fact that you're taxing students in the first place is idiotic. You're making the people who are trying to become educated, to help the economy run, become broke." -- Libby Simas, speech communication senior

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Reactions to shuttle crash differ among students
By Erica Drummond

After the pre-launch disintegration of NASA's Columbia shuttle Saturday, emotions around Cal Poly have ranged from apathy to grief depending on age group.

"Students really aren't as affected by this (event) as adults are," said history freshman Jonathan Senigaglia. "Technology has come so far that we've grown up seeing things like space missions and failures as routine."

Sympathy toward the crash has come from prominent figures as far away as Great Britain's Tony Blair and the Pope, according to the New York Times, but many students claim to feel unaffected.

Business sophomore Jennifer Parker said students have become spoiled and they don't care about or don't want to take the time to show an interest in current events.

"It was a very tragic event," she said. "But I didn't even know the shuttle was up there."

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emotional responses to Saturday's crash.

"Growing up with the 'Space Race' — one of the strongest American symbols of our time — it's easy for me to feel sympathetic," said Craig Russell, a Cal Poly music professor. "We're all products of our generation, but when it comes to tragedy I think feelings become universal."

When people see someone in a tough spot their reactions are usually uniform with one another, he said, especially in this instance. "I think even a child would feel affected by this loss of human life," Russell said.

He also said he observed that students, due to their overload of schoolwork, have reactions that are "governed by whether they have a chemistry final the next day or not."

As a college student, Russell said he never bought a newspaper or kept in touch with the evening news — as he and many of his fellow faculty now consider routine. He said he sympathizes with students who are uninformed.

"Students are doing what they should be doing: The best they can," Russell said. "Apathy over a single event is not troubling. Lack of participation in things that are ongoing, things that matter — that's what worries me."

COLUMBIA

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Feb. 4: Two students were cited for possession of marijuana in two separate incidents. The first occurred on Klamath Road near Palomar Hall and the other in the R-1 parking lot behind Fremont Hall. Despite widespread popularity to urge otherwise, especially from college students, marijuana has yet to be legalized in California for recreational purposes.

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Bush tells Hussein "the game is over"
welcomes another U.N. resolution

By Barry Schwed
AP White House Writers

WASHINGTON — Eden closer to war, Bush vowed Thursday the "game is over" for Saddam Hussein and urged skeptical allies to prepare for a new U.N. resolution.

Bush said he would welcome a new U.N. resolution on Iraq if it made clear the world body was ready to use force if Saddam will not reveal and give up weapons of mass destruction as demanded by an earlier resolution.

Britain is likely to introduce such a resolution authorizing force after top weapons inspectors reported to Baghdad and report to the Security Council on Feb. 14, British and U.S. diplomats said.

Unlike Britain, France has balked at the idea of war, and Jean-Marie de la Villerie, French ambassador to the United Nations, said Thursday, "the time has not come" for a second resolution.

"The U.N. must not back down," Bush said. "All the world can rise to Saddam's challenge.

"Saddam Hussein will be stopped," Bush pledged, warning that the United States would meet "identifiable threats" with "identifiable responses." The White House said the U.S. was ready to use military force if Iraq repeats actions as recently as 2002.

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By Hassan Fattah
AP Gaza correspondent

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Hamas is prepared to take over for Arafat, but it does not recognize the existence of a Jewish state in the Middle East, opposing U.S.-led peace efforts, Hamas deputy leader Talal al-Masri said in an interview with Associated Press correspondents who traveled with Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The visits would give Powell an opportunity for further consultations with U.S.-led peace efforts, and he is also likely to go to China.

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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

You know it's a bad movie when you're eagerly awaiting its end, or when you feel the need to apologize to your fellow moviegoers for suggesting the flick. I experienced both troublesome feelings after watching "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind." I have a confession myself: The movie leaves much to be desired.

The movie — notice I am not calling it a film — is an unspired attempt at making a meaningful statement of cinematic ingenuity. In his directorial debut, George Clooney endeavors to create and star in an engaging picture about television producer Chuck Barris. However, redeeming qualities are hard to find in the midst of the over-stylized, gratuitous nonsense.

"The movie leaves much to be desired. The picture chronicles the rise and fall of Chuck Barris, who cashed in on people's willingness to humiliate themselves in front of an audience. Barris managed to achieve fame by creating and producing "The Dating Game," "The Newlywed Game" and "The Gong Show." The movie's creativity clearly reflects Barris' ability to create original names for his tasteless game shows.

While struggling to advance in the cutthroat television industry, Barris is approached by Agent Jim Byrd, played by Clooney. Byrd attempts to corral Barris into leading a double life as a television producer by day and a CIA assassin by night. Barris accepts and becomes a regular assassin for the U.S. government.

As ratings rise, Barris incorporates his show into his covert life. Vicious couples win trips to romantic Helskinki and West Berlin and are chauffeured by Barris as a cover for his clandestine missions. However, with waning public interest, his life begins to spiral out of control and come crashing down with his nervous breakdown.

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Adapting a Kaufman screenplay was not only daunting for a rookie director. However, Clooney not only botched a good script, but also delivered a tediously performance, equally matched by that of his costars.

Sam Rockwell, whose credentials include a host of independent films, delivers a mediocre performance as the self-assured Barris. His lifelong obsession with chasing women to no avail is alleviated when he meets and seemingly falls in love with Penny, played by Drew Barrymore. Her hackneyed performance as the bubbly yet naive hippie was annoying and predictable. In other words, Barrymore succeeded at being Barrymore.

Julia Roberts was a humurous choice for Patricia, a bombshell spy who befriends Barris as he gallops through life in search of love and the death drive. All credit to Roberts; her hackneyed performance as the bubbly yet naive hippie was annoying and predictable. In other words, Barrymore succeeded at being Barrymore.

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"Cemetery Man" is a horror flick that digs deep

Hidden on the shelves of your local video store, disguised as a children's book, is a little gem of a movie that Martin Scorsese called "the best film of 1994.

"Cemetery Man" is a horror film in the Italian tradition of graphic gore, with zombies being shot in the head. But it is much more than that. A film as gorgeous as it is grue­some.

Rupert Everett plays a cemetery worker who loves, then loses, the woman of his dreams. Then she comes back. He is given another chance. And then...

Suffice it to say that the film is an interesting reworking of "Vortigern," with several visual allusions to Hitchcock's masterpieces which film buffs will enjoy.

There are even images that echo those of "Citizen Kane." The art direction (an Italian specialty) is creepily elaborate. The plot has many twists and turns that will keep you guessing. And the dialogue (which is in English) is alternately hilarious and profound: "An ossuary? I have never heard such a good idea in my life."

"Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" has potential, but fizzles. On screen George Clooney directs Sam Rockwell as a CIA agent handling out contracts, while on-screen Clooney, unlike his career, remains a fizzle of a film.
Opinion

Drug abuse isn't just about illegal drugs

The clock ticks. Pictures from my past door at my window. My roommate's group in the kitchen. I listen. Their laughter pulls me away from the questions in my desk. The clock ticks. I've been sitting here for 45 minutes and I've only read one paragraph. Thinking about the midnight tomorrow that my heart racing comes and clam­my. My options are slim and my environment impossible. I get up and sit at my room­mate's door.

"Do you mind if I use any of your stuff to study?"

Now I am calm after swallowing the perfect solution, with nothing to break my focus.

This scenario is common on any college campus today, as students are using their friends' prescription medications to enhance their study skills. According to the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN), 14 of the top 20 most abused controlled substances in the United States are prescription drugs. A commonly abused prescription drug on college campuses is Ritalin, or methylphenidate, a drug prescribed for students with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

According to the National Drug Intelligence Center Web site, Ritalin is a stimulant-type central nervous system stimulant, with properties similar to cocaine. Individuals abuse Ritalin to increase alertness, lose weight and experience the euphoric effects resulting from high doses. The drug can be taken orally, ground into powder and snorted like cocaine or dissolved in water and injected like heroin.

So strip away the innocent faces of college youth, the noble pursuit of higher education and the merits of high potential and you have drug abuse. This was surely one of the motives of professors and academic officials here at Cal Poly, as they established high standards for this university and higher edu­cation in general. In principle, what is the difference

Surely no guilt will follow a short, innocent little jaunt down the hallway to my goal oriented and successful friend's room for a harmless pill to help with my homework. The scenario is much different than driving incognito into urban Los Angeles to meet a cocaine dealer, but drug abuse is still drug abuse. Just because prescription drug abuse does not have the social stigma of illegal drug abuse doesn't make prescription drugs any safer.

"Ritalin can have major effects on blood pressure: strokes are a risk," said Bart Coehorn, the head of medical services at Cal Poly's Health Center. "The boost from Ritalin (expe­rienced by people without ADHD) can be habit-forming, and frequent use decreases one's response."

To truly analyze the phenomena of prescription drug abuse, I thought back to my days of working with nachoes. Drug abuse is typical of guys working on the racetrack, but I noticed that the best trainers never hired drug abusers. Their employees took pride in their work, and everyone worked together. A certain degree of unreliability and a lack of merit went along with a work ethic that drug abuse can compute to.

For a student to rely on someone else's prescription drugs to get through college means he or she is already destined for criminality and unauthenticity.

Abbey Kingston is an animal science senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letter to the editor

Poly basketball deserves school spirit

Editor,

Cal Poly men's basketball has two big games coming up this weekend. Tuesday, we're playing Idaho; Saturday, we're playing Utah State. We need a strong showing of student support at both of the games. When the crowd gets juiced, the players get juiced. We know it, the players know it, and now we have to get there and do it.

Maybe you students have seen, Mustang Militia, at the games. Maybe you wanted to join in, but haven't known what to yell or what to yell it. If you go to this webpage: http://www.caopoly.edu/chargelo you'll find a little thing I whipped up called, "The Mustang Militia Pledge." There you can read up on all our star chants and team rules. You can also download a cheat sheet that you can print out and bring to the games every Friday and Saturday night.

I don't doubt that the place will be packed during both games. What I want to see is fewer people telling us to sit down and be quiet, and more people standing beside us, behind us, and in front of us, telling us and helping us, and our team get news.

Hope to see 3,032 of you there.

Colin Bartolome is a computer sci­ence junior.

Column displays the atheism of media

Editor, 

I'm writing in response to the article, "Sinners at the hand of an advertising God" (Feb. 3).

From the article, I learned that billboard signs, like the ones that can be seen on northbound Highway 101 entering San Luis Obispo (which read "Need a marriage counselor? Inn available— God."), are popping up all around the country.

I liked the so-called quotes from God, because they were engaging and important, but I didn't like the shallow and sarcastic remarks added by the writer. The evolutionary com­ments presented, I fear, will only give readers a mindset that man is by him­self, independent of God, determines truth.

I pray that students and staff from this campus will think deeply about what the various billboards say: "I love you and you and you— God," "Will the road ever be the same place?" and "Need directions?— God!"

I expect Christians on this campus to universally defend God from such atheistic media.

Tim Nelson is a mechanical engineer­ing sophomore.

Women need to deal with consequences

Editor,

After reading the articles going back and forth about abortion these last few weeks, I sat down to think of a revolutionary way to solve this problem.

After hours of thought, it hit me. I'm just not sure if an idea this radical could ever be accepted by anyone. Here it is: A woman can control her own body... not having sex unless she is able to deal with the conse­quences.

Ben Seager is an architecture senior.
More letters to the editor

Opinion

Anyone can make claims in abortion issue

Editor,

As I read arguments on the subject of abortion being thrown back and forth in the last few weeks, I am amazed that no one has commented on the differences between men and women. The last time I saw a woman's opinion print in the issue. Last Thursday ("Abortion is a woman's issue, not man's"). Susan Ostro stated that "Women must be able to control their reproductive choices," and I recognize that women are not forced to have sex. They choose whether or not to participate in sexual acts and in this way have complete control over their reproductive choices. I'm sorry if this sounds stupid, but listen for just a bit.

I am not trying to convince everyone to stop having sex until they are ready to have children. I am just asking people to take responsibility for their reproductive choices. I'm sorry if this sounds stupid, but listen for just a bit.

I really value freedom. But let's take responsibility for our actions.

Robert Lockwood is a mechanical engineering graduate student.

Holbus can't speak for all conservatives

Editor,

I am writing in response to all those who seem to be writing to the Mustang Daily as if it is a political organ. I'm not sure why don't we make these choices. Abortion is very unnatural, so why must we have it? It is so secure more pleasure? So we can avoid being responsible for our bodies and our actions. Let's face it, women aren't the ones who bear the weight of those babies (I'm not judging others; I make mistakes all the time).

And I really value freedom. But let's take responsibility for our actions.

Greg Matza is an industrial engineering senior.

More letters to the editor

Editor,

Mustang Daily use this right to their disadvantage. When authors students exit there white minds are not accustomed on partying.

Using harsh sarcasm can also undermine an argument. What may appear to the audience, you're better off presenting a well thought-out argument instead of an emotionally charged assault absent of logic. So, to all those of you who decided to drag us through the rest of the citizens. As a result, you can't find the truth and find a deeper meaning in your lives.

Felicia Kalsch is an architecture sophomore.

Confederate flag styled as well

Editor,

The Confederate flag means different things to different people. Apparently you feel it's racist and a badly done bad thing that symbolizes "dag bags behind their truck while drinking beer." To the rest of us, it's a symbol of our past, heritage and a symbol of pride for who we are. Sure, we sometimes give that "spine-chilling rebel yell" a bad rap, but it doesn't mean that we don't get a little choked up when we see it and how do we feel about it? I'm not writing to you to bash someone's history, get to the other side of the story.

Alison Tulloch is an agribusiness freshman.

Editor.

In response to the three letters "Abortion is a woman's issue, not man's" (Jan. 31). I am glad that people have finally taken the time to properly assert the domain of men and women's issues. Indeed, abortion is something that should only be discussed by women—notably the women—who are still capable of giving birth. The opinions of old men and those who can't give birth for medical reasons are NOT wanted.

With our new definition of who's allowed to have an opinion firmly in hand, I must outline even further. I am sick of heterosexual people arguing for or against the rights of homosexual people. I'm sick of women, old men and the disabled arguing about whether or not we should have a draft when they could never have served either way. I am sick of non-pedophiles arguing with North American Magna Love Association (NAMLA) about the rights of women. NAMLA claims to be a consensus of private relationships that is nobody else's business.

Our immediate society, the ideas, logic and values of those who would establish such claims (not to mention the evidence and "facts" they would cite) are what matter—NOT the identities of the people who believe them. If two people who have a close group of friends or family who are affected by these issues in one way or another. The assumption that we, as isolated individuals, are not affected by these issues is false and self-defeating. As a result of other people making decisions based on their own experiences and situations, the freedom of students out there whose minds are not focused on partying.

Peter Di Bono is a construction management senior.

Students don't always fit stereotypes

Editor,

I must say that I was somewhat displeased and rather discouraged to read one of the quotes by Jason Sutor in Jerami Minter's article "Eminent philosophers discuss resurrection of Jesus" (Feb. 3). Sutor quoted as saying: "It is a good way to stimulate late minds that would usually be focused on partying and drinking..." I really don't think that college students have panned their own stereotype as drinkers and dual-minded. I am not sure the majority of students out there whose minds are not focused on partying.

Sutor's anti-party stance is rather humorous, I find it extremely that his words are out of place. Clearly new students are not partying as much, but are they becoming a stigmatized group. I think if dual-minded could change this stereotype, the public would hold them to a higher standard.

Sue Farag is an animal science senior who is focused on graduating this spring.

Woman's opinion holds added weight

Editor,

I would like to commend Jake Ashley for pointing out for a fact that I find very true, both here at Cal Poly and nationwide ("Males the majority in partying," Feb. 3). As of Feb. 3, we have had only one female write in to give her opinion on the matter. The others have come from men. I find it very difficult to understand how a male could write a move about an issue. Abortion is a woman's right and should remain one.

Undoubtedly, this is a hot issue and people of both sexes have opinions about it, but shouldn't women have a weighted vote in the matter? I know it's not possible to pass legislation based on one vote, but every once in a while, and at least give a grander stance on the matter in this way. My wish is that more men simply listen to what a woman has to say on the matter, because there can be no dispute that an abortion affects her exponentially more than any man.

Brian Poseley is a business administration junior.

Spirituality should be a source of pride

Editor,

I am writing in response to Steve Hill and Christ Renfro's Quot et Bitc丘 column ("Sinners at the hand of an advertising God," Feb. 3).

I am deeply offended by the article because I really appreciate and enjoy the billboards that they're bogging on. I see them as an uplifting, inspirational reminder that there is a wonderful spiritual side to be a part of our day as well as others.

Second, I know how to take a joke, but I also know where to draw the line. I appreciate the fact that people have different views on spirituality, but I don't think they have the right to push beliefs onto others but I'm not going to try my spiritual life in a closet.

I could comment on the many jokes they made in poor taste; however, this is not the place to address. In the conclusion of their article, they stated that people should seek out the truth and not the other way around. I believe that people should seek out the truth, not religion. And as for whether or not religion should seek out people, anyone who has a genuine relationship with God and they tell you that he does seek you. I encourage you all to search for the truth and find a deeper meaning in your lives.

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if a foreign student stays in the united states more than one year, they must re-register with the INS. also, students must notify the INS within 10 days if they change their address, employment or education institution. students who do not comply risk arrest, detention or possible deportation.

special registration, while heightening security, may decrease the number of foreign students studying in the United States, she said. "we may see a drop in international students." special registration is only one way the government plans to keep more effective tabs on international students. andre said Cal Poly must now also comply with the student exchange visitor information system (SEVIS), an Internet-based program that allows schools to exchange data with the INS. information for SEVIS is collected for all international students.

previously, the INS tracked international students using a paper-based system. to increase efficiency, the INS implemented legislation in 1996 requiring the INS to keep track of foreign students using a computerized system. André said Cal Poly must now comply with the Student Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS), an Internet-based program that allows schools to exchange data with the INS. Information for SEVIS is collected for all international students.

the changes have affected international students, but they have been dealing with the situation. "travelling to the united states is difficult," andre said. "there's a little more effort and more time involved in the process."

Andre said Cal Poly plans to fully cooperate with the requirements of SEVIS. however, her first priority is in assisting the students. "my role is as an adviser," she said. "I am not an INS agent."
Cal Poly Men's Lacrosse

By Stacee Doming
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Mustangs return to action today at Portland State.

Triathlon

‘Chains of Love’ returns for a field Sunday

The Cal Poly triathlon team will host the second Chains of Love race on Sunday at the Cal Poly campus.

The race is open to everyone, including children. Contestants can race as couples or on their own.

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Men’s Tennis

Mustangs face national champs

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men’s tennis team is in Orlando this weekend to face No. 65-ranked UC Irvine and No. 7-ranked defending national champion USC Trojans.

Today the Mustangs travel to Irvine to face their first Big West opponent in No. 65 UC Irvine (4-2 overall, 1-0 Big West). The dual match will take place at 1 p.m. at the Anteater Tennis Stadium.

Cal Poly takes on No. 7 and defending national champion USC on Sunday at 10 a.m. at Marks Stadium. The Trojans are 3-2 overall, one of their losses coming from No. 1-ranked UCLA.

The Mustangs are 2-3 overall and have yet to start Big West play.

Football

Marucci’s son signs with Cal Poly

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Former 49ers coach Steve Marucci has found a new team to lead; his oldest son has found a new school to play for.

Tyler Marucci, a senior quarterback at Valley Christian High in Sunnyvale, signed a national letter of intent with Cal Poly Wednesday.

Cal Poly Men’s Lacrosse

Hot shooting lifts Poly to victory

MOSCOW, Idaho — Five Cal Poly players scored in double figures as the hot-shooting Mustangs defeated Idaho 85-79 in a Big West Conference women’s basketball game Wednesday night at the Cowan Spectrum.

Senior guard Kari Dupersen led the way with 16 points, sinking six of 11 floor shots. She also corralled a game-high 10 rebounds. Freshman guard Courtney Uphoff added a career-high 14 points, making all five of her free-throw attempts, while sophomore guard Michelle Henke scored 12 points.

Senior forward Heather Journey had 11 points and sophomore guard Heidi Wittstrom contributed 10 points off the bench.

“Journey was in foul trouble, but Uphoff played great for us as the forward spot,” said Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimnaugh. “She helped us build a 10-point cushion with her strong play inside.

“Dupersen had an awesome game and played terrific,” Mimnaugh added.

Cal Poly made a season-high 35 percent of its field goal attempts in the first half of the game.

Idaho lost despite a 28-point scoring performance by Alyssa Erickson.

She made nine of 13 floor shots and seven of eight free throws. Heather Tholke added 17 points.

Cal Poly outrebounded Idaho 38-29 but committed more turnovers, 20-17. The Vandals were held to 44.3 percent from the floor (27 of 61).

With the win, Cal Poly improved to 5-4 for sole possession of fourth place in the Big West and 9-10 for the season. Idaho fell to 4-5 and 6-13. Cal Poly led 43-38 at halftime.

The Mustangs, 63-35 winners over Idaho on Jan. 9 in Mott Gym, are idle the rest of the week, preparing for a pair of home games against Cal State Northridge on Thursday and Pacific on Saturday, Feb. 15. Both games tip off at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly Women’s Basketball

Holding their own

After a game of hard checks and rowdy fans, the Mustangs were left down and out after the lacrosse season opener.

The Cal Poly men’s lacrosse team lost 13-9 after a close game with rival UC Santa Barbara in Mustang Stadium Wednesday night.

“Our overall play was well, but we still have some kinks to work out,” midfielder Grant Millett said.

Going into Wednesday’s game, the Cal Poly Gauchos were ranked No. 4 nationally by the United States Lacrosse Intercollegiate Associates, while Cal Poly was ranked 12th.

“We played evenly with the No. 4 team in the nation, and we were even missing key players,” midfielder and lacrosse president Andy Parr said.

The Mustangs were without midfielder Sean Whittacre and defender Vinny Console due to injuries.

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Weekly spot,” said Cal Poly head coach Marc Lea.

Despite the efforts, nothing was able to stop the Gauchos’ momentum.

In the first quarter, the Mustangs stepped onto the field with an air of anxiousness.

“We came out tentative and nervous, but once we settled down we played well,” head coach Marc Lea said.

Coach Lea, who is back for his seventh season with Cal Poly lacrosse, expects another strong showing from his growing team in 2003. The Mustangs have their eyes set on making a return visit to St. Louis for the USILA national championships in May.

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By numbers

Rebounds per game for the Cal Poly women’s basketball team.

“Cal Poly and UCSB both have solid teams, but it will be more important to beat them in St. Louis,” Lea said.

Rookie midfielder Steve Jones made a name for himself, making the first goal of his college career in the season opener.

Middleton said he was thankful for every goal that the Mustangs held on their minds. Cal Poly fans cheered and shouted as the game’s excitement heightened.

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