By Mary Dalrymple
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The IRS has more than $2.5 billion it could return to about 3 million taxpayers who did not file a 2000 return. The lesson for taxpayers who earned too little to require a return: You could be missing out on a big refund.

Those taxpayers, many of them students, retirees and part-time workers, have until April 15 to file a 2000 tax return or lose the refund forever.

"The clock is running if you want to get your refund," said IRS Commissioner Mark Everson.

"Don't wait until it's too late! About half the taxpayers that do a return could claim more than $520. In many cases, the individuals had taxes withheld from their wages or made tax payments as a self-employed taxpayer but had too little income to require filing a return.

Individuals with income less than $7,200 and married couples with income less than $12,950 did not have to file a return in 2000. The income threshold was slightly higher for those age 65 and older. Dependents, such as students, had to file a return if they earned $4,452 or more, or had $700 or more in unearned income such as interest, dividends or capital gains.

Some may also be eligible for the earned income tax credit, which refunds a portion of payroll taxes to lower-wage workers. In 2000, the credit was available to families with two children who earned less than $31,152 and families with one child who earned less than $27,417.

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to the University of Missouri.
"We don't get any sort of commemorative ribbon or plaque to acknowledge that we were No. 1 in these categories," Cawley said. "It's more an issue of prestige.
Most students agree that owning items with the Cal Poly insignia is a great source of pride on campus and the school they spent in Los Angeles.
"I wish that all I purchased more items with the Cal Poly name," recent computer science alumnus Aaron Jensen said. "Now I'm not a longer student, I kind of regret not buying more stuff. I don't really have anything to represent the university where I earned my degree, and that's unfortunate."
The contest ranks categories each year on a basis of annual sales. The categories evaluated are textbook categories, general books, student supply and clothing.
"Cal Poly always ranks highly in these categories," Cawley said. "I don't suspect that next year will be any different."

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Staples office supply store.
Brandy Mender, who works next door to Staples at Red, Bath and Beyond, said the signs can parked in the two spots regularly.
There are usually cars there, probably about two to three times a week," she said. Mender said she used to see similar charging stations Los Angeles, where she was previously lived.
"Electric cars that need recharging are a thing of the past," said a Toyota assistant sales manager, Robert Feldman.

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Single taxpayers who earned less than $10,380 may also qualify for the credit.
There is no penalty for filing a late return if you qualify for the refund, but the refund must be postmarked by April 15 to beat the deadline for claiming the payment.

Doctors urged to consider fitness
By Lindsay Tanner

CHICAGO — Don't be surprised at your next checkout if the doctor measures your waist and writes a prescription for exercise. It is among the recommendations in a new "call to action" for primary-care doctors "clearly recognizing that we might be more dire, the report says, citing data showing that about two-thirds of U.S. adults — 131 million people — are overweight.

Despite the enormous public health impact of excess weight and a sedentary lifestyle — at least 300,000 premature deaths and more than $50 billion in health care costs each year — many doctors are failing to capitalize on their unique ability to help change patients' ways, the report says.

Primary-care doctors "clearly have the access, as the average American makes three office visits per year," according to the report in Monday's Archives of Internal Medicine.
Many doctors might think they do not have time during already-packed office visits, but the new recommendations could take only those extra minutes, the authors said.

That is less time than doctors spend treating high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes and heart disease — some of the major complications of being overweight, said Dr. Ann Manson, the report's lead author and chief of preventive medicine at Harvard's Brigham and Women's Hospital.
"We are treating the symptoms of the disease, rather than the root cause," Manson will said. "We will be spending more and more of our time addressing the health consequences of obesity if we don't see these few minutes with prevention."
The report is co-authored by Archives editor Philip Greenland, a Chicago heart specialist, who said it is designed to serve as a practical guide outlining specific steps doctors should take.
"It should not be left to the diet books and health clubs," he said. "This is really a serious medical issue and it should be conveyed to patients as a serious medical issue."
The message is directed at the journal's more than 150,000 subscribers, most of whom are internal medicine doctors who serve as primary-care physicians.

The recommendations include:
• Assessing body mass index and waist measurements and discussing patients' activity levels at every visit. Patients who are not overweight should be congratulated.

"Overweight patients should be told about the dangers, which include a doubling of the risk of heart disease and a tripling of the risk of diabetes for people with a body-mass index of 30 or higher, which is obese.
• Counseling overweight patients to reduce their daily food intake by 500 to 1,000 calories and get more exercise, with a goal of losing up to 1 pounds a week.
• Writing a prescription for exercise, such as walking a mile briskly at least five days a week. Sedentary patients also should be advised to incorporate more activity into their daily routines by doing things like using stairs instead of elevators, walking during lunch breaks or getting off the bus or subway a stop early and walking home.
• Using a pedometer, which can help motivate some patients to walk more. A good long-term goal is to increase their daily routine of walking, using the calendar, increases activity.
• Referrals for stomach-shrinking surgery for severely obese patients who do not succeed with less drastic methods.

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Nevada Project eyes young voters

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nevada ranks 45th in the nation for the number of younger people of voting age who actually cast ballots, but a nonprofit group is hoping to reverse that.

Nevada is one of six states targeted by the New Voters Project. The Colorado-based nonprofit group is working to recruit 20,000 newly registered voters, mainly among students at Nevada's universities and community colleges.

Nearly 70 percent of Nevada's young people aren't students, the group also will visit music venues, coffee shops and neighborhood places to register voter.

In the days before Nov. 2, hundreds of volunteers will conduct an aggressive precinct canvass to convince young people to vote.

"We hand picked states that we thought would have the best opportunity of reaching as many people as we possibly can," said Jacyn Bliss, deputy field director for the New Voters Project.

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Washoe County Voter Registrar Dan Burk said he has tried to set up a voting place on campus but couldn't find enough parking for those who don't live on campus to use.
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dents have been receiving should be decreasing and messages should begin coming through the system again in six months," he said.

The virus has been removed from most of the computers, although there are still a few infected machines. ITS will be trying to identify those, but many are from off-campus locations, Wormwald said.

Viruses have affected Cal Poly's e-mail system several times before, but this has been one of the worst occasions, Wormwald said.

Last week, another virus, known as McMaster or Novarr, appeared on 60 percent of the computers, according to Wormwald. It was much like this week's virus and Wormwald said this is a variant of the Novarr virus.

ITS will alert students and staff to the problems the virus caused.

"We are trying to get some thing out there [e-mails] to alert people to what happened and what actions were taken," Stuffer said.

"I'm not optimistic more young voters will turn out this year. If "It is a history a guide, they won't be," he said. "It is an endemic problem. They don't own property. They haven't settled in yet. They don't have a family and don't have kids in school. All the things that trigger interest just aren't there anymore."

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WASHINGTON — The Agriculture Department said Monday it is ending investigations of animal cases of mad cow disease even though officials have not found all the animals they sought after the nation's first case turned up in December.

The investigation into a case in Washington state, which is now complete, was the first under new guidelines issued by Secretary Tom Vilsack, the department's chief veterinarian, said reporters in a telephone conference call.

"We feel very confident the remaining animals, the ones we have not been able to positively identify, represent little risk," he said.

The closure leaves officials not knowing what happened to 11 head of cattle among 25 that authorities consider likely to have eaten the same feed that caused the confirmed case. In July, the Department of Agriculture said it had found red meat from a cow with the disease in a piece of feed, but it is not clear how the meat got there.

It said while the government has been sharing information about the case with international partners, no one has come forward to say they have the same case.

The United States had in the past requested information from other countries about potential cases of the disease, which is fatal to cattle and a possible risk to human health.

SACRAMENTO — The parent company of Tower Records, the pioneering record merchant that invented the music megastore and became one of the nation's largest music and video retailers, has filed for bankruptcy; the company announced Monday.

MTS Inc., the privately held parent of the West Sacramento-based chain, said it has filed a prepackaged plan of reorganization and voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 as a concluding step in a debt restructuring that began in May 2003.

The filing is expected to help clear the way for selling the 93-store chain that suffered from rapid changes in the music business, especially the exploding popularity of downloading music from the Internet. Deep discounters such as Best Buy, Circuit City and Wal-Mart also undercut Tower's prices and hurt the chain's earnings.

PASADENA — NASA's Opportunity rover peeked over the rim of the crater in which it landed and was able to see the backshell and also undercut Tower's prices and hurt the chain's earnings.

A photograph from Opportunity released at a Jet Propulsion Laboratory news conference showed the two objects distinctly, just below the horizon line on a largely featureless surface.

The photograph of the two objects about 434 yards away helped test the accuracy of complex efforts, including photography of the landing site from orbit, to determine where exactly Opportunity ended up when it touched down on Mars in January.

Scientists likened the landing to a hole-in-one by a golfer who can't see the hole. The ball-cushioned roverKiunced and rolled across the martian surface right int( to a small crater, where Opportunity has plenty of exposed rock in reach of its robotic geologic instruments.

LOS ANGELES — The father of Michael Jackson's youngest accuser, who has pleaded no contest to child cruelty in 2002 and spousal abuse in 2001 and the boy's mother filed for divorce in 2001. The man's ex-wife, a Los Angeles County Superior Court judge, had ordered the boy taken into custody. The judge had not yet made the order final.

The father pleaded no contest to child cruelty in 2002 and spousal abuse in 2001 and his wife filed for divorce in 2001. The man's lawyer, Russell Halpern, said the father entered the no contest plea "against his own wishes," but never admitted wrongdoing.

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STORRS, Conn. — In a time when people have learned to expect the unexpected, the University of Connecticut branch of the American Red Cross will be doing its part by holding the first blood drive of the semester this week in an attempt to raise this state's low blood supply level.

Sally Halstead, an account manager for donor services of the American Red Cross Connecticut, said the blood drive will be held at the Atlantic American Cultural Center.

Pence received the importance of this blood drive because of the area's high blood supply.

Lenn Townsend, the communications manager for the American Red Cross Connecticut, said the state has a tremendous blood supply.

In fact, there are 662 units of red cells on the shelves in Farmington, which is far below what they should have.

LOS ANGELES — National news has become more readily available to students living on campus at the University of California, Los Angeles takes part in the pilot stage of the College PreReadership Program.

The program is in a four-week trial where national newspapers are delivered to each of the dining halls free of charge. After this period, students living on campus will vote on whether to continue with the paid program.

Should the paid program come to UCLA, all students living on campus will incur a yet-undetermined charge. The fee depends on the papers selected and the rate of consumption during the trial period, said Jack Gibbons, associate director of the Office of Residential Life.

— University Wire
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Washoe County's planning approval

After organizers of the annual festival threatened to move away from the desert, the Washoe County Planning Commission approved a facility to fabricate wood and metal products used in the festival and to develop an automotive repair shop on 220 acres 10 miles north of the Labor Day event.

Organizers abandoned plans for a camp to temporarily house up to 120 volunteers that help set up the event annually. Instead, it seeks much smaller camp housing 40 to 60 people in the town of Gerlach.

Washoe County's denial in May of permits needed for a camp and staging area for Burning Man was called a 'clipping blow' by organizers, who sued the county the following month.

They threatened to move the event that attracted 50,000 people to the Black Rock Desert last year to Pyramid Lake Paiute land or south to Esmeralda County.

Organizers say the county's actions are acceptable.

Opponents say they don't see much point in continuing their fight.

"Overall, the solutions we've come up with make everybody happy, including us," festival spokesman Marian Goodell said. "We don't think we're going to have any problems."  

Stacie Jackson, who was one of the critics who successfully appealed previous plans for Burning Man staging area, said she remains opposed, but resigned.

"I object to Burning Man on lots of levels," Jackson said. "I'm not pleased, but we've basically fought this for so long we're giving up. It's pretty futile."

Property owners Kevin and Julia Brittner said the concerns that prompted them to fight the staging area in their valley last year have been addressed.

Julia Brittner said Burning Man organizers have made major strides in cleaning up the land where activities have occurred for years without county permits and that plans to move the camp to Gerlach represent another significant improvement.

"I think Burning Man has done a good-faith effort in addressing our needs," Brittner said. "They have a right to use their property, and I think they're taking the right path this time."

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**Have a NICE day!**
Barbershop' sequel offers same characters, little change from the first

By Lauren Freeman

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Luckily, this was not the case with "Barbershop 2." Here we have virtually the same cast, playing the same roles. Ice Cube is Calvin, the owner of the shop. Cedric the Entertainer is Eddie, the politically incorrect ex-luggage who doesn't cut hair but enjoys his "free chair." Singer Eve plays the smack-talkin' "barberess" Terri Jones.

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The main conflict that is built upon in "Barbershop 2" is whether Calvin will sell out to the restructuring committee that is offering him a large sum of money to rebuild on his father's property. According to Calvin's lesson garnered from the first movie, one can probably guess that Calvin will not sell out. Thus, there isn't enough tension in the sequel due to the fact that the audience is already familiar with Calvin's response to similar situations. The outcome is therefore predictable.

The main difficulty that arises with "Barbershop 2" is that, while it is intelligent to maintain the same cast of characters, the story doesn't change all that much. A sequel is meant to be a continuation of the preceding film, not a restructuring or changing of the same plot. Although it is a good idea to keep some of the themes from the first film intact and explore them further, the writer of a sequel must remember where the characters left off and from that starting point rebuild for them an entirely new character arc.

Another problem that resounds in both of the "Barbershop" films is an overabundance of stereotypes. "Barbershop" (Michael Ealy) is the quintessential thug trying to better himself. Tia is the hands-down female who is overcoming her experiences with abusive, deadbeat boyfriends. Gina (Queen Latifah) is the best-necked broadbody from next door who can dish out insults at the snap of her fingers. Even Eddie is supposed an ex-con. Then there is Laos ("Slim Fastey") (Troy Garity), the white guy who is "collin' up" on everyone's customers and claiming to be the best stylist there. It seems like we've seen all these characters before in different locations and different situations.

"Barbershop" and "Barbershop 2" are indeed full of laughs. "Barbershop 2" in particular opens with a wonderful montage of height comparisons and white photos of our favorite black icons donning different hair styles over the forever-changing decades. The key here is these opening visual gags way to a mundane plot, featuring somewhat unchanging characters. Although poignant sociological commentary (many blacks do indeed feel stuck in their situations), a movie is best when characters are forced to make change.

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On the path to enlightenment

Before I left to study abroad in Thailand, my mom gave me some traveling advice. She suggested that I purchase a pair of culottes so I could have some comfy shorts to wear as well as a kind of nice skirt for nights out.

"It's the best of both worlds," she said. "You can look nice and be totally comfortable all at the same time."

After hearing her advice, I was completely horrified to think that she gave me half of my genes, but I also realized that I was about to embark on a journey that most people wouldn't really understand.

The culture in Thailand is an interesting balance of history, religion and American cultural icons. On every street corner, you will find a McDonald's and a woman selling lotus flowers. KFC and McDonald's are just as prevalent as the Buddhist wats. At the wats, or Buddhist temples, the monks greet you with a wat and a smile, and ironically so does Ronnie at Mickey D's. I passed, however, on the Big Macs and opted for pad Thai from street vendors. It cost about a quarter, but the taste was worth at least 35 cents.

The people in Thailand were the best part. They were the nicest people. I was constantly stopped by Thai people who were very excited that I was visiting their country. One local woman even joined one of our classes in Bangkok. Looking back, I guess she joined us not so much because she was friendly but because she was curious. She came into our drawing class and just started yelling at our class in Thai. I think it was about the end of the world, but since I don't speak Thai, I can't be certain. Later, I saw the woman showing people away from the front doors of the school. She was funny.

I can't put into words what I experienced during my three months in Thailand, but I do know that everything about my experience was better than anything I imagined. I encourage everyone to travel to Thailand and do it in your own style — meaning, if you are the type of person who loves culottes more than life, then you should get a designer pair of culottes and find your path to enlightenment.

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Modern day example: bug chasers and gift givers. Bug chasers and gift givers sound innocent enough to emerge from a fairy tale, but this is far from the truth. A bug chaser is the term given to individuals who are completely healthy, given one minor exception. Rug chasers appears, is taking a firm hold in many people's minds.

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Whoever gains the Democratic National Convention in 2004 will most undoubtedly be seen in churches across the country campaigning. The South will not soon be so foolishly at this, as most of the candidates have already shot themselves in the foot by pandering to the far left of the Democratic Party, a group that is largely humanitarian.

The last "strong" Democratic candidate, Gen. Wesley Clark, looks to give the Bush administration a tough battle, although he has not shared clear of religious discussions so far.

The last two Democratic presidents were from the South, thus having the appeal to Southerners who were widely supporting Christianity, even through underground Internet self-exploiting videos. The last two Democratic presidents were from the South, thus having the appeal to Southerners who were widely supporting Christianity, and that's a major educational problem.

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Barry Hayes is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

**Candidates must woo Christian South**

A merica is a Christian nation, although some doubt or disagree with this. The realities of religion in America are prevalent in a lot of areas, especially during presidential election years. Most politicians call on the name of God to gain support from the influential Southern. Jimmy Carter was elected on his moral principles that also included George W. Bush to victory.

Most students are taught at a young age about the religious beginnings of America. What most students are not taught is that our institutions are inseparable from Christianity. For example, our laws makers find their right to make law from Hebrew traditions. Our present concepts of marriage, family and state are derived from the Judeo-Christian ethic.

For a long time, both parties aligned closely to Christian institutions. The Democratic Party was very conservative for most of the 20th century, until John F. Kennedy's death, when Lyndon B. Johnson took office. At that point, the Democratic Party rode the modern wave into secular humanism supported by scholars. The Republican Party was left dead in the water until Ronald Reagan gave it an H-R type revival, appealing to a large segment of voters who were not being courted. Reagan gave the Republican Party a strong moral face to tag with the publicly popular Christian, and the Clinton administration has steered clear of religious discussions so far.

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This is President Bush's election to lose. He is placing himself in a very good situation, effectively giving illegal immigrants amnesty, their deaths and returning money to wage earners. The future is likely to bring another Bush administration or a Democrat that convinces the South he is conservative enough.

Jonathan Teubner is a writer for the Daily Collegian at Oklahoma State University.
Bush's deception is costly

Raising state sales tax

The Golden State's no go anymore

According to a recent survey, California has the highest sales tax rate in the United States. The state government is increasingly relying on sales taxes to fund its budget, which has led to increased taxes on goods and services. As a result, many California residents are looking for ways to reduce their tax burden and are searching for alternative forms of revenue generation.

Letters to the editor

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Morgan Elam is a general engineering senior.

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Faith prevents evolution

Editor,

If something is not performing to the standards that we wish then we need to adjust it, change it or evolve it into something that works better. This is the hallmark of nature and our own existence. When it comes down to it, our own ability to adjust so rapidly is what separates us from animals. But one area has always plagued our species with its utter reluctance to adapt: the area of religion and faith. So many people have what they consider to be a private conscience. It alst> creates great worry and can strip you of any responsibility to society. Faith and religion have played a key part in the evolution of human society. For those who continue to deny the existence of a higher power, they may be living in a world of ignorance.
**Judge seals witness, juror names**

**By Kim Curtis**

**San Francisco** — The judge presiding over Scott Peterson's double-murder trial ordered Monday that the witness lists and names of potential jurors remain confidential, despite protests by the media.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi, who said he hopes to begin jury selection in about two weeks, told attorneys at a pre-trial hearing that he had been fighting against the press to have a responsibility here to see that Mr. Peterson gets a fair trial. Peterson, 31, who wore a gray suit and smiled at family members as he entered the courtroom, said nothing during the 40-minute hearing.

Karl Olson, who represented the San Francisco Chronicle, Los Angeles Times and The Associated Press among other media outlets, argued that "justice works best when exposed to public scrutiny."

Both prosecutors and defense attorneys disagreed. "The media has taken great steps to place themselves in the middle of this case," prosecutor David Harris said.

"The media has a right to gain information, but they don't have the right to injure an individual," Peterson's lawyer, Mark Geragos, said. He was concerned the media would harass witnesses, citing examples of "Web sites publishing witness' names, addresses and phone numbers."

"The fringe elements...have turned this into a circus," he said, adding that two new billboards near freeways encourage viewers to "comfort" murdered fetuses. Olson countered that he didn't represent the radio station sponsoring the billboards.

"I don't believe that there is no right to cut off public access to these proceedings," Olson said.

Delucchi ruled that Olson's concern was not sufficiently addressed and prohibited from court, pointing out that seats in the courtroom were reserved for reporters.

He called the coverage "overwhelming," and said jurors and witnesses would interfere with a fair trial for Peterson.

"The press will get their witness names when they're called to testify," Delucchi said.

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**Providian seeks to improve image**

**By David Kravets**

**Associated Press**

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court granted a stay that may keep a Denver jury from hearing evidence early Tuesday morning of convicted killer Kevin Cooper, whose bid for a last-minute reprieve was denied by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

It was not immediately clear when the en banc panel would hear the latest challenge, which Cooper's lawyer filed Monday.

Cooper, who was convicted in 1985 of killing four people, died to rights of video — live feed to his last minutes on death row.

Cooper has gained support from actors who oppose the death penalty such as Samuel L. Jackson and Robin "Hurricane" Carter. In addition, three of the seven who convicted Cooper called for a stay of execution so his trial and blood evidence can be tested.

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**Sea lion found in central valley**

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- **Los Banos, Calif.**

- **A sea lion has been spotted near a river near the ocean.**

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- **The animal barked in the sun on the back of a CHP patrol car.**

- **"We're trying to find out where this sea lion came from. It doesn't appear to be injured. It just appears to be out on a stroll in the Central Valley for some reason," Jobinger said.**

- **"We're thinking maybe the body dropped in, but there are also a lot of big rocks in that area," Jobinger hypothesized that the animal could have come up a river from the ocean and made its way to Los Banos via a canal, explaining that the mammal could have been carried into the ocean cuts through San Joaquin County.**
Big batting aids Cal Poly

SPORTS DAILY STAFF REPORT

Junior leftfielder Kyle Blumenfeld drove in three runs with a pair of hits and Cal Poly reliever Don Carlson and Nolan Moser combined to limit San Jose State to one run and five hits over the final seven innings as the Mustangs beat the Spartans 7-3. The win completed a near-perfect series for the Mustangs. They beat the Spartans 5-1 in the second game and had San Jose State 6-4 after Friday's game was called due to darkness.

Blumenfeld hit a two-run double to highlight a fourth-inning inning Cal Poly rally and added an RBI double in the sixth as the Mustangs outhit the Spartans 11-7 for their seventh win against two losses and a tie. San Jose State fell to 0-2-1.

LeDuc pitched four innings in relief of starter Garrett Olson and allowed one run and five hits with one strikeout for his first win of the season. LeDuc, 11-5 in one season at Cuesta College and 3-2 at Cal Poly, is still unbeaten in his collegiate career with a 1-0 mark.

Moser pitched three scoreless innings of one-hit baseball for his second save of the year. The senior right-hander struck out seven.

Blumenfeld was one of four Mustangs to collect two hits on the day. Center fielder Sam Herbert singled twice, right fielder Chalun Tietje also single and twice and knocked in one run and catcher Cory Tullson, who entered the game with a .322 batting average, singled twice and drove in another run against the Spartans.

Second baseman Adam Leavit added an RBI double while third baseman Matt Guittago singled in the eighth inning to score Cal Poly's final run.

Head coach Larry Lee credited his relievers with the win.

"In the Os and Mounts had a great job of pitching in the last two-thirds of the game," Lee added. "We were able to maintain the lead all the way and that was big for us because San Jose State had chances to get back into the game."

San Jose State shortstop Anthony Cortesana, right fielder Darrell Sales and catcher Mark Bautista each had a single and two runs.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Roundup ends poorly

By Brian Koser

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly softball closed out the third annual Mustang Roundup on Sunday with a 6-1 loss to the Sacramento State Hornets.

The Mustangs entered the tournament with a series of hits and runs in the top of the fourth inning.

Sacramento's Amanda Moreland led the rally with a hard-hit single down the third base line. Sacramento then took advantage of the Mustangs' errors.

With two outs and a runner on first, chants from the Sacramento bench began to crescendo as Homer Amy Hillet ripped a single to center. The next two batters reached base on a single and a high throw to first to load the bases.

A glimmer of hope for getting out of the inning unscathed became faded away pitcher Emily Hively's wild pitch managed to strike out the next batter. The nifty pitch got away from new catcher Chelsey Stoufer, allowing Hornets two to grab one more run.

Moreland returned to the plate in the same inning to rip another pitch to center, tacking on two more runs for Sacramento.

With the score 0-3, the Hornets had runners on second and third when Cal Poly's Jennifer Graver came in and got them out with the force at first.

Cal Poly appeared to get some steam back when Shannon Brooks crushed her first Homer of the year, over the left-field wall. Brooks also did well defensively by turning an unassisted double play in the previous inning.

Unfortunately for the Mustangs the score would stay at 0-3 for the rest of the game. Cal Poly was 3-2 in the tournament.

Despite the win, Homer head coach Kathy Kastman thought her team could have played better.

"I was not satisfied with our overall playing," she said. "We were out of character and lost the first couple games of the tournament.

I had a talk with the team, and we were able to turn things around."

Sacramento's Nicole Dehoyos, who is 1-1 as pitcher this season, said the bus ride home would be nice after the win.

"We got it together out there. It took a while, but we were able to capitalize on opportunities."

Cal Poly's Eva Nelson was disappointed with the loss but was pleased with the way her team performed.

"The pitchers and everyone have been working hard," she said. "I think we all did well this weekend. The Legends have a series of hits and runs in the top of the field."

MUSTANGS upset Toreros

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The No. 65 Cal Poly women's tennis team upset No. 46 University of San Diego in a monumental 4-3 victory on Sunday afternoon.

The victory was the first recorded win over a team ranked in the top 50 since Cal Poly moved to Division I in 1994.

The Mustangs started doubles rolling with an early sweep in doubles play. No. 1 Samantha Walker and Kristen Grady recorded a win against Lauren Kazarian and Jennifer Brown in a tightly contested match. Following a key win at No. 1, the Mustang pair of Noelle Lee and Chelsey Thompson won at the No. 2 spot, defeating Emma Musson and Tara Livesay, 8-5.

After already claiming the doubles point, the Mustangs applied even more pressure by winning at the No. 3 position, 8-4.

In singles, No. 5 Noelle Lee continued her winning ways by defeating Lauren Kazarian, 6-2, 6-2, to take a 2-0 lead.

The match was reminiscent of the San Diego State match as the Mustangs were in control early with a 2-0 lead, but let the match slip away.

USD battled and claimed victories at the No. 1 through 3 positions. No. 1 Lauren Perl ensued the comeback by defeating Walker, 6-1, 7-6. No. 2 Shiri Lu of USD defeated Thompson, 6-2, 6-1, and No. 3 Livesay helped the Toreros take the lead 3-2 by defeating Grady 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Sheila Lewis fought off nerves and played solid tennis even to the match 3-3 by defeating Brown, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

The lone freshman No. 6 Carol Erickson outlasted Catherine Heppell, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

The Mustangs were unable to stage a rally against the Hornets.

Cal Poly lost on Sunday against USC, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

FILE PHOTO/MUSTANG DAILY

Dooley does it well from downtown

By Hillary Schuler-Jones

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

At first glance, Jennifer Dooley is about what you'd expect. The sophomore guard from Ventura is soft-spoken and modest. But don't mess with her three-point threat.

Dooley exploded into Cal Poly's record books this weekend. Her 15 treys against UC Riverside on Jan. 31 to break the single-game three-point mark of nine set in 1996 by Stephanie Owens. That performance gave her a game-high 30 points.

Dooley said UC Riverside's decision to play zone defense in her second game was the primary reason for her success that night.

"It's easier to get a better look at threes (in zone defense)," Dooley said.

"Now that I was just a little more confident going into the game."

Head coach Faith Mimnaugh's description of Dooley as a "dangerous" player may be one reason teams rarely zone up against Cal Poly.

"You cannot leave her for one second or she will light it up in your eyes," Mimnaugh said.

Although Dooley credits UC Riverside's defense with making the shots easier, she failed to mention her own history of record-breaking play. She is the fourth all-time leading three-point shooter in the Toreros' basketball history; hitting 243 successful shots at Ventura High School, 105 of which she sank during her senior season alone.

She was also a Los Angeles Times Player of the Year for Ventura County in 2002, a co-MVP of the Channel League and a three-time All-Central League selection.

This season, Dooley leads the Mustangs in three-point percentage, making 42 percent of her three-point shots.

Dooley played a variety of games growing up, but said basketball was always the main sport. Now, it is almost therapeutic for her.

"I can have a bad day at school or whatever and then go to practice and it all just goes away," she said.

"It's a good release of stress for me.

The dynamic of the team also plays a big part in their success.

"I'm really enjoying the team this year," Dooley said.

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Jennifer Dooley is a zone defense's worst nightmare.