CRIME ROUNDUP
Events from the week of April 20

April 20
The University Police Department made an arrest at the corner of California and Foothill boulevards at 12:35 a.m. The female suspect was not a Cal Poly student, was taken into custody for driving under the influence of alcohol and transported to San Luis Obispo County Jail.

After a theft was reported to UPD at 10:05 p.m. regarding a physics textbook taken from the University Union. The book is estimated to be worth $125 and is still missing.

April 21
Medical aid was requested to the Cerrito Vista housing complex at 2:08 a.m. to assist a male who was having chest pain. The subject was transported to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center. No further information was available.

A student involved in an altercation at the Rec Center at 3:42 p.m. and was taken to the Health Center for further treatment. Her current condition is unknown.

UPD responded to South Poly View Drive to assist a bicyclist involved in a traffic collision. It was not determined whether or not the bike hit a vehicle or if the person lost control of the bicycle.

April 24
UPD arrested a Cal Poly student on Orange Street for public intoxication and transported her to San Luis Obispo County Jail.

April 25
A staff and student parking sign on the bottom level of the Graduate Student parking structure was broken off from its base. No damage estimate was available, and the signs are still at large.

At 7:40 p.m., UPD responded to the computer science building after a theft from a vending machine was reported. The loss from the theft are estimated to be at least one dollar, though officials said these type of crimes have increased since the beginning of the school year.

Classrooms will be renovated and buildings will be funded by state-approved Proposition 55.

Prop. 55 gives Poly $35M
Leah Mori MUSTANG DAILY

Approval of Proposition 55 by California voters means more than $35 million in funding for Cal Poly to use in replacing and remodeling classrooms, buildings and equipment. The $35 million is Cal Poly's portion of more than $71 million that has been designated for use on the Central Coast.

Cuesta College, Allan Hancock College and K-12 schools will receive funding from Proposition 55 as well.

More than $28 million will be used to benefit the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Approximately $17 million, derived from both Proposition 47 and 55, will be used to fund the construction of a new architecture and construction management building. The proposed 46,000-square-foot building will take the place of the 60-year-old heating and air conditioning building.

Tentative plans for the building include 12 lecture halls, 26 various labs and 10 faculty offices. It will also house the construction management and other CAED departments.

Plans may change in accordance with the amount of funds received by private sponsors.

Doug Austin is the project's director. Austin works for Austin from Robbins Partners, the architects chosen for the task.

The expected groundbreaking for the project is set for 2005 and is expected to be completed and occupied in Fall 2007.

In addition to the new building, architecture and industrial technology classrooms will be renovated, updated in engineering west, Dexter and architecture buildings.

Lighting, wiring, as well as class rooms and lab space, will be improved. Approximately $17 million, from Proposition 47 and 55, will be spent on the project.

CAED Dean Thomas Jones said he is excited about the project. "It's going to be something that will be very helpful to the students," he said. "It will provide for an upgrade of greater efficiencies. Students will experience a real upgrade in the very teaching facilities that we're in."

-THOMAS JONES

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Poly hosts Future Farmers of America State Finals
Liza Sullivan MUSTANG DAILY

Approximately 2,500 people are expected to attend this year's event, which is put on by a crew of volunteers.

Hee Hae! Aggies are coming to town and taking over Cal Poly's campus Saturday for the Future Farmers of America State Finals. High school students from FFA chapters all over California will be competing in contests that include anything from plant and animal judging, to marketing and management presentations for a chance at the FFA national competition in Louisville, Ky.

FFA teams have been competing all season in statewide contests preparing for this final event. This is the "crème de la crème of judging," communications co-chair Matt Moreno said, an agriculture education and communications graduate.

An anticipated 2,500 are expected for this year's event, which is put together by a crew of volunteer agriculture education and communication grad students and faculty advisers.

"It's going to be huge," Moreno said. "This is one of the strongest recruiting tools the College of Agriculture has."

FFA began in 1928 and has had its state finals at Cal Poly, annually, since the beginning.

Because Cal Poly had the reputation of being college focused and founded on agriculture, and the university already hosted a state judging contest, since 1926 through a program called Junior Aggies, the FFA officials thought Cal Poly should continue the tradition and host California's finals, Moreno explained.

The event offers 19 different contests, which are designed to provide a real-life experience for students interested in agriculture, awards co-chair Christine Lancaster said. Some events focus on leadership, like the team presentation for farm business management and marketing plans, while others focus on career development, like the judging of pest control, livestock and vegetable crops.

Each of the contests will be held on sites throughout campus and are being hosted by departments within the COAG.

Some of the winning contestants from Saturday's state finals have the "very prestigious opportunity to competing nationally in the final competition," general chair Melissa DePaoli explained. But only about half get to move on, because some of the contests offered here aren't offered at the national competition, she and Lancaster explained.

An awards ceremony will be held at Mustang Stadium on Saturday night.

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WEATHER REPORT

Tides
Tide
SUNRISE 6:12 A.M.
SUNSET 7:48 P.M.
High 4.2 at 7:11 a.m.
Low 0.1 at 4:09 p.m.

Fee raise won't cover some IRA groups
Anastasia Kiltam MUSTANG DAILY

While some athletes smoke celebratory cigars, other university members wonder if the results of the recent athletics fee referendum indicate a declining interest in preserving Cal Poly's learn by doing approach.

More than 45 groups and clubs, not related to intercollegiate athletics, are also supported by Instructionally Related Activities funds. These too face a compara­bly ominous budget forecast. However, the groups, which receive a minority proportion of IRA fees, were not included for a possible increase in fee allocation during the last election.

Some professors are wondering why intercollegiate athletics was apparently prioritized before the similarly eligible non-athletic groups.

"Some of the frustration is the perception that athletics is well funded," said interim chair of the ethnic studies department Debra Valencia-Lasser. "There is the perception to professors that athletics gets funding from a number of different sources."

Across the university, people are trying to maintain the same level of services in a time of a difficult budget, she said. It is increasingly

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Science and mathematics building have also been included in the $35
million that Cal Poly received. The
$1.2 million allocated for the pro-
ject will pay for the initial, out-
working, design for the 256,289-
quare-foot building.
The plan is to tear down build-
ing 52 along the D wing, which is
the soil science department.
"We could not operate if they
tore the whole building down," said
Pam Carsons, budget analyst for
the College of Science and Mathem-
atics. For that reason, they are
only tearing down a portion of
the building.
After the new building is com-
pleted, building 52 will be demol-
ished and that central area will
become a park, Carsons said.
Construction will not begin on
the project unless the next bond
issue passes. Voting will take place
in the next few months. No archi-
tect has been chosen for the pro-
ject at this time.
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important to make decisions that
provide for the greatest amount of
good for the greatest number of
students, Valencia-Laver said.
The greater good argument is in-
cluded in the criteria and eligi-
ibility guide in regards to non-athletic
activities and programs on the Web
site on IRA policy. According to
the document, "Greater considera-
tion may be given to those pro-
grams with the largest participation of
students directly and actively
involved in the program (e.g., max-
imum benefit for maximum num-
ber of students)."
"There are all kinds of under-
funded programs at Cal Poly, espe-
cially now," she said. "It just seems
like bad timing, not that it should
not have been done at some time?"
Vice Provost of academic pro-
grams and undergraduate education
David Conn said the results of
the affirmative student vote in regards
to the athletic referendum will free
up money for non-athletic purpos-
es. Specifically a $21,000 sum
which was previously diverted from
the marching band, he said.
Conn said the current situation in
regards to IRA funding availability
was not a surprise. Due to a planned
reduction of IRA general reserves,
an increase in the number of appli-
cants, and an increase in the amount
of money requested, planners real-
ized they would have this situation
over time, he said..
The colleges now have the
option of adapting to decreased
funding, proposing another fee
increase or drawing from college
based fees to support instructionally
related activities.
The College of Liberal Arts faces
a significant decrease in the amount
of money available through IRA
funds. The college's 2004-05
approved IRA budget was
$146,036. The 2004-05 is about
$77,000, said CLA Dean Harry
Hellenbrand.
One implication of this decrease
in available funds is “there will be
fewer student activities on campus
with performing arts,” he said.

Students step into funding void left by legislature
Dan D'Ambrosio
University News
DENVER — Student leaders at
the University of Colorado will vote
Thursday on whether to boost stu-
dent fees to pay for a new law school,
improvements to the business school
and a new learning center with cut-
ting-edge technology.
It's the kind of thing state govern-
ment has traditionally paid for. But
coming off a 5 percent tuition increase and a $45 million cut in state
aid, university administrators are look-
ing for new ways to pay the $71.3
million required for the projects.
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*** State Briefs ***

SAN DIEGO — Two San Diego County women were indicted on federal conspiracy charges of operating a pyramid scheme disguised as a program for women's empowerment.

The 12-count indictment filed Wednesday against Rozann Sweeney, 60, and Carolyn Freisniuth, 50, included charges of mail and wire fraud.

The schemes run by Sweeney and Freisniuth were called The Garden, The Garden Circle, The Garden Circle Women Empowering Women, FeminiZe Philanthropy/Philanthropic Circle, Prosper Forever and Pay it Forward. U.S. Attorney Carol Lam said Wednesday.

Pyramid schemes promise investors that they will receive money paid by new members.

Sweeney made $260,000 from the pyramid schemes during 2001 and 2002, according to the indictment.

Both women face five years in prison and a $250,000 fine on each count.

*** SACRAMENTO *** — Employers who violate equal pay requirements for men and women could be hit with sharply higher fines under legislation approved Thursday by the California Assembly.

The bill by Assemblywoman Jenny O'Keeffe, D-Long Beach, was sent to the state Senate by a 41-22 vote, the bare majority needed to clear the 80-member Assembly.

State law bars employers from paying men and women different wages for equal work on jobs performed under similar working conditions and requiring equal skill, effort and responsibility.

Violations can result in employers being required to pay twice the lost wages plus interest to employees who were discriminated against.

*** LOS ANGELES *** — More than half of the nation's population lives in counties blanketed by hazardous levels of smog, many of which are located in California, according to an American Lung Association report released Thursday.

The annual study says about 159 million Americans, or 55 percent of the country, reside in 441 counties threatened by air that is heavily polluted with smoke from tiny particles of soot, known as particle matter.

The Western states have challenged freeways and sunny climate, retains its notoriety for poor air quality, holding a majority of the top worst-polluted counties. The Los Angeles metropolitan region placed at the top for most ozone pollution for the fifth consecutive year.

— Associated Press

*** National Briefs ***

WASHINGTON — President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney spent more than three hours behind closed doors Thursday with the Sept. 11 commission charged with finding ways to prevent a repeat of the worst terrorist attack in American history.

"I answered every question they asked," Bush said.

Bush declined to disclose details of the Oval Office discussion, saying the commissioners would incorporate his and Cheney's comments in their final report, set for release about three months before the November election.

*** WASHINGTON *** — A monumental monument to the 16 million U.S. men and women who served during World War II opened to the public Thursday, giving veterans of that era a sense of recognition some say was long overdue but well worth the wait.

"It is beautiful," declared World War II veteran and former Marine George Lynch. "To see this memorial after all these years is absolutely marvelous."

*** WASHINGTON *** — The State Department reported Thursday there were fewer international terrorist attacks last year than any time since 1969.

Though Bush administration officials frequently refer to Iraqi insurgents as terrorists, most attacks in Iraq were not considered international terrorism because they were directed at combatants, the report said.

"Increasingly, the line between insurgency and terrorism has been blurred by anti-coalition attacks that have included suicide car bombings at police stations, an Italian military police base and the headquarters of the International Red Cross," the State Department said in its annual report on terrorism.

The 181-page Patterns of Global Terrorism Report offered a country-by-country review of terrorist attacks and cooperation in fighting terrorism.

*** SOMERVILLE, N.J. *** — Former nurse Charles Cullen pleaded guilty Thursday to murdering 13 patients and attempting to kill two others at hospitals in two states.

The deal with prosecutors spares him from the death penalty.

The pleas were the first from Cullen, who said last December that he had killed between 30 and 40 patients in Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

— Associated Press

*** World Briefs ***

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Marines and former Iraqi generals were negotiating a pullback of U.S. forces from Fallujah, and a U.S. commander said Thursday a tentative deal on ending the siege had been reached. But a Pentagon official said the agreement was still not final.

Elsewhere, 10 U.S. soldiers were killed, including eight in a car bombing south of Baghdad. Two were killed in a monkey attack in Baghdad's Shula district in western Baghdad, north of the capital.

After word of a possibility of agreement in Fallujah, Marines and guerrillas skirmished in the city, with blanks and sporadic gunfire heard from a northern neighborhood — although it appeared light at the barrages launched against insurgents in the past three days.

KOSTANAI, Kazakhstan — An American-Russian crew prepared Thursday to return to Earth in a Russian Soyuz spacecraft as they end their six-month mission on the International Space Station.

The snug Soyuz TMA-3 capsule is scheduled to carry American astronaut Michael Fosse and Russian cosmonaut Alexander Kaleri home Friday. European Space Agency astronaut Andre Kuipers of the Netherlands will also be returning after a nine-day mission on the station.

SEOUL, South Korea — The six nations negotiating the North Korean nuclear issue met for low-level meetings on May 12 in Beijing to lay the groundwork for the next round of talks, South Korea and China officials said Thursday.

The apparent breakthrough comes as the United States reportedly prepares to release an estimate of North Korea's nuclear arsenal to at least eight atomic weapons, from its long-standing estimate of "possibly two."

The report, disputed by U.S. intelligence officials to account for strides North Korea has made since last year, when it restarted its nuclear reactor and plutonium reprocessing.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday the United States expects to release more detainees from Guantanamo Bay in Cuba soon, but first must make sure that interrogators have all they can from them about terrorism activity.

"I expect action on the French detainees in the near future," he said in remarks to high school students in Denmark. But Powell emphasized that many of the detainees would be held indefinitely.

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The top 5 least romantic places in San Luis Obispo

Devin Kingdon

San Luis Obispo is often glamorized with its lush, rolling green hills, the summits of its surrounding peaks, the romantic dining of restaurants like 1865, the dark, come-hither seduction of the bar Blue, or the quiet, moonlit beaches of Avila. But alas, that is not what we are here to discuss today. We want to find what no good couple should: the least romantic places in San Luis Obispo. Places where no date should ever occur. Places that if a connection is made there, that is exactly where it should stay.

1. The bus
First of all, let it be said that I do ride the bus. If it's an early morning, everybody usually looks like hell! They shuffle their feet to the bus door and somberly scan their card with a muted "thank you" to the bus driver. Everyone sits down, staring at either the floor or out the window, waiting for the misery of the ride to end. If people are talking, the conversations are usually dreadful. Here's an example after the 6a stops at the Valencia housing complex. "I almost didn't come to school today. There was a 'Star Trek Deep Space Nine' marathon on." His friend replies, "I know, I saw that. I almost stayed home, too." He says this as he holds a comic book in his hand.

"Sometimes there are some cute girls on the bus," political science junior Matt Kramer said, "but if she's on the bus, she could have some green beans don't exactly reek of romance."

2. TG's
The on-campus dining establishment near the Sierra Madre residence hall ranks No. 2 on our list. The place is darkly lit and not in that come-hither way. Or maybe it's the food: Macaroni and cheese and green beans don't exactly reek of romance.

3. The Library
"My roommate and I went to a random 'late-night' at TG's freshman year, and the place was empty," business junior Darren Key said. "We were sitting in the dining hall and ATC's 'Around the World (La La La)'

song came on, and we danced while eating our chicken quesadillas.

Does this sound like a romantic setting? I guess you could try to bust out the "can I flip your waffle for you?" line at the self-serve waffle bar but odds are it's not going to get you anywhere.

4. Taj Palace
Granted, the Taj Palace does have the ambiance of a romantic place. It's darkly lit, with quiet Indian beats playing in the background. It's even got tapestries adorning the walls. Yet what is truly unromantic about this place is the food.

"This might be the last restaurant I would ever take my girl friend," civil engineering junior Robert Moody said. "I can see it now: We're both gagging on mystery head and avoid them if you're looking for that special someone; a long-lasting relationship will never spawn from any of these locations. The only outcome is a walk of shame and maybe if you're lucky, a good story to tell.

5. The Graduate
It truly cannot get any less romantic than San Luis Obispo's famed 18-and-over Hump Night at The Graduate. Unless you're coming with a significant other for a good laugh, this is not the place for a date or to meet anyone. Let's face it, the only reason anyone ever goes here is because you aren't able to go downtown. It has that junior high prom feel with the flashing screens saying "Happy Birthday Jody!" and the video games surrounding the dance floor. But the truly unromantic feature of The Grad is the clientele, which might be the sleaziest anywhere in San Luis Obispo. Some women feel like they are being assaulted and are constantly creeped out by the scary, old men gerrating in the corner by themselves.

"I hate when a strange guy just comes up behind me and just starts grinding against me without my consent," theater junior Michele Cannon said. "...As for the old men, I'm fine with them as long as they don't try a sneak attack on my ass." Keep these five places in your head and avoid them if you're looking for that special someone; a long-lasting relationship will never spawn from any of these locations. The only outcome is a walk of shame and maybe if you're lucky, a good story to tell.

Looking to make a good first impression? Whether it is the first date or the celebration of an anniversary, there are certain places couples should stay away from. But if you are not in the mood for romance, feel free to venture to these places.
From sketch books to the silver screen

By Karina Brown  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

"After 'X-Men' hit the box office, all the studios started buying up every comic property they could get their hands on," said Jason Lee's character Brodie in "Joy and Silent Bob Strike Back." Turnouts it was right.

Some of us grew up reading comics like "The Punisher," "Batman" or "Hellboy," but many of us had no idea what they were until they came out on the big screen.

Now, big-time movie producers and stars like Ben Affleck, Halle Berry and Krauss Reaves are signing up to take part in the latest comic frenzy, which allows those who aren't comic fanatics to get involved.

"I'm so happy that they are doing comic movies that are good now," said Rick Berg, manager of DeKalb's Graham Cracker Comics. "And it's not so much that they are good comic book movies; they're just good movies." There have always been comic-based TV shows, like Batman with his action bubbles neatly labeled "BOOM!" and "POW!" But some movies, such as "The Road to Perdition," are based on comic books.

Some past directors succeeded in making generic comic films like "Superman" or "Hellboy," and is referred to as one of the biggest comic flops.

"He didn't even have the skill on his shirt that distinguishishes his whole being," Berg said.

Now, it seems comic book movies have come out of the closet. "Spider-Man" ranks in the all-time leader for opening weekends at the box office at more than $114 million and went on to gross more than $600 million worldwide, according to boxoffemojo.com.

Comic book movies are making more money than ever before. Berg said current directors understand the stories because they grew up with the comics and transported their appreciation to the big screen.

Berg explained that the "Superman theory" has carried over to the big screen. Jeffrey Chown, a communication professor and director of graduate studies, explains why the Superman theory has ties to fascism.

"In the 1930s, we liked to think that fascism didn't appeal to us. But now there is uncertainty in our politics and economy, so our fascinations in Batman and the Hulk appeal to our values of protection.

It's not just protection that makes these superheroes so appealing.

"The reason why comics are typically so successful is because people find parts of what they want to be in their superheroes," said Jim Yeager, a communication graduate assistant and avid comic reader.

Yeager explained why comic books appeal to a diverse audience.

"Kids will want to see it because it has a lot of action and cool superheroes. Adults recognize the intricacy of the plots and have fondness for the comics in the past," Yeager said.

Instead of saving the world, the comic movies now focus on more realistic issues such as discrimination, faith and acceptance of self, Yeager said.

But no matter what comic Hollywood decides to produce next, Berg said he only has one request.

"I just want to them to be good. They increase sales when they're good," Berg said.
**The New York Times**

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November 2003 to February 2004. The interviews for the Hooters hospital were held in a makeshift office, in a travel trailer next to the soon-to-be-opened restaurant. The female applicants said they were required by the manager to try on the Hooters uniform as part of the interview. He told them to stand in a certain area of the room so that construction workers wouldn’t be able to see them undressing, and then there was a private trailer. While the women believed they had privacy, his digital camera was sitting on his desk filmed them.

Two women independently confirmed the police, having the inking that something wasn’t right about their interview. Police found 180 mp4 files of video and audio recording of more than 82 women in various stages of undress on the manager’s office computer.

The manager has not been arrested, but a police investigation is currently underway and the female plaintiffs are suing Hooters for invasion of privacy, sexual discrimination and harassment and negligent supervision of a Hooters restaurant.

Here’s the question: Do Hooters women deserve less respect than other women because of their career choice? Do these women actually have a valid case?

It doesn’t matter if a woman is interviewing to be a Hooters waitress or a political consultant for the White House. No woman deserves to be sexually harassed or have her privacy invaded. Not one. Yes, these women are applying for a position where their tools are a part of their occupation, but no argument could validate videotaping them undressing.

Hooters restaurant claims that having applicants try on the uniform is not a part of company policy until after the women have been hired and trained. Police said Hooters has fired the manager and that his files and possessions are in the hands of authorities. Hooters is as much at fault for hiring the sexless manager as the manager himself is at fault for videotaping the women.

"He’s representing the company," media law professor John Soares said. "He’s an agent of Hooters and even though they might not condone his behavior, he’s still a representative of the company name and the company can be held responsible for hiring him."

Soares said Hooters is going to have to dig up records showing they had no knowledge of any previous behavior of this kind from the manager. They are going to have to show that he had no previous sexual harassment incidents. Otherwise, Hooters can be held responsible for negligence of hiring an employee.

These women did submit to getting filmed in a trailer where the manager told them to dress in a specific spot. Doesn’t that diminish some expectation of privacy? According to legal standards, the answer is no.

Most people know that they could be watched getting undressed in a retail clothing store because there are signs warning people about shoplifting, and that there might be video camera presence. But these women applying for Hooters were given a designated area to change clothes and were told it was a part of the interview process, which leaves no unreasonable cause for hiring a restaurant. Although many women were told to stand in a certain area, Soares said they could have interpreted it as, "This man cares about my privacy and doesn’t want some random stranger to see me.” Thus, their reasonable expectation of privacy is valid.

Although the investigation is still pending according to the former manager, Soares said he believes that he will be arrested, especially since one of the plaintiffs is a minor. Soares also said he believes this will be a long battle in court, but the decision will probably be in favor of the women.

When it comes to Hooters, I hope they get more than a slap on the wrist when it comes to hiring and training their employees. And for the women, I hope they continue to fight for their rights and never forget that this type of behavior is never appropriate or justified.

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A higher level for Mustang stars?

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MUSTANG DAILY

Vannie Dennis still runs on the soft Pismo Beach sand to strengthen his leg and massage the pain of his scarred right knee. Shane Schilling still gets up early, pounds the weight room and shoots hoops wherever there’s a ball and court.

They’re two players on two paths, one goal.

A chance to play basketball for money, it’s the dream of millions of kids.

Both Dennis and Schilling will enter the summer hoping it can become closer to reality than their

When July hits, Schilling will be heading south for the Long Beach Pro-Am where scouts and agents drool over potential professionals.

Dennis, on the other hand, hopes his invitation comes from the NBA Pre-draft Camp in Chicago.

“Coach Boomley has really been talking to the people who hold the pre-draft,” Dennis said. “They contacted Kristal (Slover) in the training room, so it’s a pretty good sign.”

Both Dennis and Schilling don’t care whether it’s overseas or in the states, they just want to keep playing basketball.

The Pro-Am is a five-week league. Participants play two games a week and the season ends with a tournament where league participants can make their case for why they deserve to play in the NBA or overseas.

“Schilling’s attitude hasn’t changed. He still shoots around with his teammates and even plays games with them when there’s an open gym at Mont Gym. On occasion he can be seen shooting around at the Rec Center. Sharing in his workout has been former Mustang guard Jason Allen.

“I’d be down with the guys,” Schilling said. “It’s real casual. We’ll get up and down the court trying to get a nice cardio in, I do a lot of stuff on my own though. I get up and work out.”

If basketball doesn’t work out, Schilling is interested in firefighting.

“A very close friend of mine is in a hot-shot crew in Los Padres,” Schilling said. “He always talked about getting me in fire season on the hot-shot crew.

So I’ll go with basketball as long as I can, when it’s all over I’ll try to pursue firefighting.”

Dennis, meanwhile, has garnered interest from the Golden State Warriors and Chicago Bulls by shown interest in him.

If Dennis attends the camp he will be joined by Cal State Fullerton’s Pape Sow and friend David Harrison from Colorado University, an NBA prospect who Dennis scored 26 points against in a game two years ago.

Dennis already has experience playing with some of the best. Last summer he competed in an open gym setting with Steve Francis and other pros in Maryland.

Dennis admits that if he has any chance at the NBA it would be as a late-round pick or through the agency, but he considers playing overseas a viable option.

He looks forward to the challenge of competing against the best college and elite category basketball players in the nation, especially without getting consistently double- and triple-teamed, which he regularly dealt with in a Mustang uniform.

“The goal is to do the best I can possible do. I think I can compete with some of the draft nominees. For now, I’ll continue to get in shape, get stronger and the sky’s the limit.”

If current plans don’t work out, Dennis will have his business degree with him.

Another tough series awaits

Crystal Phend
MUSTANG DAILY

After being swept last weekend by one of the Big West’s perennial powers, the Cal Poly baseball team is being thrown back in the fire. They will travel to Cal State Fullerton this weekend for a three-game series in hopes of staying afloat, and over .500, in the Big West after a promising start to the season.

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Even so, morale is good. The Mustangs are ready to take their chances.

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So did Anaheim, which won for the fifth time in six games.

The Angels scored seven of eight runs in the big inning off Robertson (1-3).

Robertson was tagged for nine runs and eight hits in 3 1/3 innings.

Jurd Wabburn (4-1), who walked five in his last outing, pitched eight innings, allowing three runs and nine hits while striking out six and walking none. He won his third consecutive start.