Anti-abortion display provokes

Students examine the Free Speech Board adjacent to the anti-abortion displays on Dexter Lawn Monday, brought by the organization Justice For All.

Giana Magnoli

The graphic anti-abortion displays on campus Monday caused a lot of discussions, with some debating going on between people on both sides of the issue. Despite the "Warning: Graphic Photos Ahead" sign placed on walkways surrounding Dexter Lawn, many students felt the in-your-face approach to creating discussion was the wrong one.

"That's quite vulgar," one student yelled as he rode by on his bike, not even stopping on his way to class.

The display was brought to campus by the national organization Justice For All and was requested by the Cal Poly student club of the same name, though there's no affiliation between them. According to the club's entry on the Associated Students Inc. online group directory, its goal is to "engage college students in dialogue over bioethical issues."

Representatives from the national Justice For All organization said the traveling exhibit is meant to open discussion about abortion by putting a face on it.

"The word 'abortion' has lost its meaning to us," Justice For All volunteer Maureen Harr said. "We want to make sure we're all talking about the same choice."

Though Harr said the reception had been respectful, most students had an issue with the graphic nature of the photos and the one-sidedness of the display.

A debate in the University Union would be a better option," materials engineering senior Ian Muir said as he looked at the display. "It's good to ask questions, but this shows it in peoples' faces. They should make people think, not tell them the answer."

The tall display hoards attracted a lot of attention, and many students decided to vent their frustration with the exhibit by using the Free Speech Board on the lawn.

Students wrote things like "It's simple: her body, her choice!" and "Don't preach at our school!" There were also many messages stressing the importance of Planned Parenthood and safe-sex practices in addition to free access to abortion as an option.

"Last year I got unburdened from debating these people for, like, five hours. This year, I'm going to class. I didn't change their minds at all," Muir said.

"I debated with a man last time ... men take the high position when they're minimally involved."

New student-run Web site invites campus clubs

Shannon Boren

Clubs on campus have a new option to get the word out about upcoming events and announcements — thanks to polyclubs.com, the brainchild of five Cal Poly students fed up with the current word-of-mouth and flyer systems used around campus.

The free Web site, which was created in 2006 and recently relaunched with a new look and new features, offers clubs a place to post events, upload photos, utilize message boards and e-mail members.

"Right now, people run around school posting a bunch of flyers and sticking their little stakes in the ground, hoping that people see them," said Shasta Palmer, a polyclubs.com co-creator and recent Cal Poly graduate. "You have to wait around and hope students see your stuff and come to your events, and it's not effective."

Instead of this hit-or-miss system, Palmer hopes club leaders will register with polyclubs.com and receive their own page to keep members of their clubs, as well as non-members, informed and involved.

Students can log on to view a main calendar of events encompassing all registered clubs and organizations. This allows a one-stop shop to find out about happenings on and around campus. From there, users can click on individual club pages to view more in-depth information.
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black, with employers shedding jobs and consumers reeling from high gas prices and tight credit.

Meanwhile, Hollywood is more than holding its own, with revenues ranging 4 percent ahead of last year's, according to box-office tracker The

Media By Numbers.

Factoring in higher admission prices, attendance was up 7 percent over last year as of a few weeks ago, before a few box-office duds — such as the Will Ferrell comedy "Semi

Pimp" — arrived. It's since fallen back to a gain of 0.5 percent.

Though virtually everyone gripes about the cost of snacks at concession stands, the average movie ticket price last year was $6.98, cheaper than sporting events, concerts, when a quarter or less could buy a quarter or a nickel's worth.

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — A federal appeals court issued an emergency order Monday allowing the city of San Diego to replace a rope barrier at a beach in La Jolla to protect nursing harbor seals.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the barrier can stay up until the breeding season ends in May while it considers whether it should stay permanently.

The picturesque cove has lately been a battleground between animal rights activists and residents who argue the rope barrier violates a 1931 deed requiring the city to preserve the beach for human use as a children’s pool.

FRESNO (AP) — Environmentalists vowed to sue the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Monday after the agency found that air quality in the San Joaquin Valley met federal standards for airborne dust, smoke and soot.

On Friday, the agency ruled the pollution level was no longer plaguing the valley with excessive levels of PM-10 pollution, tiny airborne particles that are linked to asthma, bronchitis and heart problems.

Monitors throughout the valley showed pollution levels hadn’t violated requirements under the federal Clean Air Act over a three-year period, the agency said.

National
NEW YORK (AP) — The federal investigation into a high-end prostitution ring linked to Gov. Eliot Spitzer apparently began last year as a financial probe by the Internal Revenue Service.

The investigation into the Emperors Club VIP gathered more than 5,000 telephone calls and text messages, and more than 6,000 e-mails, along with bank records, travel and hotel records and surveillance.

But it was unclear whether Spitzer was a target from the start or whether agents came across his name by accident while amassing evidence.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Endeavour was poised for a rare nighttime launch Tuesday to the international space station and the longest visit ever to the orbiting outpost.

NASA filled the shuttle’s external fuel tank Monday evening; everything went exactly as planned.

Good weather was forecast for the 2:28 a.m. liftoff. It will be the first shuttle launch in darkness since 2006; only a quarter of all shuttle flights have begun at nighttime. It will also be NASA’s longest space station mission: 16 days.

International
VATICAN CITY (AP) — In olden days, the deadly sins included lust, gluttony and greed. Now, the Catholic Church says pollution, mind-damaging drugs and genetic experiments are on its updated “thou-shalt-not list.”

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Fish and wildlife showing adverse effects of drug contamination in waterways

Jeff Donn, Martha Mendoza and Justin Prichard

On this brisk, glittering morning, a flat-bottomed boat glides across the massive reservoir that provides Las Vegas drinking water. An ominous rumble grows beneath the craft as its two long, electrified class extend into the depths.

Moments later, dozens of stunned fish float to the surface. Federal scientists scoop them up and transfer them into 50-gallon Coleman ice chests for transport to a makeshift lab on the dusty lakeshore. Within the hour, the researchers will clatch the seven-pound common carp to death, draw their blood, strip out their gonads and pack them in aluminum foil and dry ice.

The specimens will be flown across the country to laboratories where aquatic toxicologists are studying what happens to fish that live in water contaminated with at least 13 different medications — from over-the-counter pain killers to prescription antibiotics and mood stabilizers.

More often than not these days, the laboratory tests bring unforeseen results. A five-month Associated Press investigation determined that trace amounts of many of the pharmaceuticals we take to stay healthy seep into drinking water supplies, and a growing body of research indicates this could harm humans.

But people aren’t the only ones who consume that water. There is more and more evidence that some animals that live in or drink from streams and lakes are seriously affected.

Pharmaceuticals in the water are being blamed for severe reproductive problems in many types of fish. The endangered razorback sucker and male fathead minnow have been found with lower sperm counts and damaged sperm, some walleyes and male carp have become what are called feminized fish, producing egg-yolk proteins typically made only by females.

Meanwhile, female fish have developed male genital organs. Also, there are skewed sex ratios in some aquatic populations, and sexually abnormal bass that produce cells for both sperm and eggs.

There are problems with other wildlife as well. Kidney failure in walruses, impaired reproduction in muskellunge, growth in algae. “We have no reason to think that this is a unique situation,” says Erik Orsak, an environmental contaminants specialist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, pulling off rubber gloves splattered with fish blood at Lake Mead. “Be find pretty much anywhere we look, these compounds are ubiquitous.”

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"10,000 B.C." is the most ridiculous piece of trash to come out of Hollywood in a long time — and this is coming from someone who has seen "Jumper."

The film's plot, or its thinly veiled excuse for one, follows a tribe known as the Yagahl, focusing mainly on D'Leh (Steven Strait, "The Covenant") and his woman Evolet (Camilla Belle, "When A Stranger Calls"). Naturally, each member of the tribe speaks in some quasi-British accent, has perfect teeth, and is alarmingly clean for people who not only live in 10,000 B.C. but also spend much of their time rolling around in wooly mammoth droppings. That's just unceasing though, since most people probably wouldn't pay to see actors who actually looked like the people who lived during that time. Moving on.

Evolet is supposed to be the girl who will bring about either the end of this entire tribe, or its revitalization. The film doesn't really make up its mind there. Either way, the beginning "the legend of the blue-eyed child." This legend actually doesn't ever seem to truly begin, despite the narrator — none other than the legendary actor Omar Sharif himself — telling us at least three separate times throughout the course of the film that, no, wait, now it's the exact point when the legend truly begins.

One day, scary-looking dudes from far away attack the Yagahl and abduct Evolet. This makes D'Leh more than a little pissed off, as evidenced through his slightly pained expression, and he sets off on his epic (in the loosest sense of the word) quest to find her. This is mainly an excuse to show a lot of desert scenery — as the journey actually seems to last 10,000 years — and larger-than-life animals. No doubt, this film was expensive to make, but who cares?

The film is so unbelievably laughable that it's a shame someone didn't suggest simply embracing the cheese and making this into a comedy. Maybe then it wouldn't be such a big deal that most of the dialogue is met with giggles. It's hard to blame the actors here; after all, even if Meryl Streep had to deliver dialogue like this, she'd still come off sounding pretty foolish. Actually, maybe if Meryl Streep were in this there'd at least be someone to care about. Each actor looks exactly the same as the other, making it a little difficult to care about who is sacrificed.

This film's director, Roland Emmerich of "The Day After Tomorrow"...
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Tomorrow’s fate, is no stranger to exponentially made yet completely brainless pieces of slick, but where his previous films differ from this one is their sense of fun and excitement. “10,000 B.C.” manages to take millions of dollars worth of special effects combined with extravagantly staged battle scenes and turn it all into one of the most boring films of the year.

Unfortunately, this movie cleaned up pretty well at the box office its opening weekend, much like “Jumper.” It’s a shame, with so many other great films out, that people wanted to waste their money on this crap.

“10,000 B.C.” is a forgettable novel

Astrid Duffy

(Livonia Daily Telegram [G. Vernon])

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As we begin, the heroine, Lexi Smart, has just been bit by a car. As a result of her accident, we learn, she has forgotten everything that has happened in the last three years. This includes everything that has turned her from the awkward, plain girl she was into the urban princess she is today, complete with designer garments, job and a millionaire husband.

And so, Lexi begins to track her life backward from the present day in order to find out how her life changed so dramatically. Very quickly, she discovers this new life is not so perfect. She meets Jon, who tells her she was just about to leave her husband for him. Cue the romantic blunders. Jon attempts to seduce Lexi all over again, but her quest to find out who she really is — the frizzy-haired past self or the sleek, new self — gets in the way.

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Nineteenth-century band member Trent Reznor posted his new album, "Ghosts I-IV," on NIN.com last week in an attempt to skewer major record labels. The album can be downloaded off the Web site for only $5, a steal considering it has 36 tracks. Moreover, for those who aren’t the biggest Nine Inch Nails fans, the album’s first nine tracks can be downloaded for free on the Web site.

The record, CD, which can be shipped anywhere for $19, will be available in retail stores April 8.

Nine Inch Nails fans everywhere are ecstatic. So is lead singer and multi-instrumentalist Trent Reznor, who is already making a pretty penny. His $300 debut-album, limited-edition package sold out on the first day — and all of the revenue will go directly into Reznor’s pocket, not to the record label.

In an interview on Nine Inch Nails last CD, 2005’s "With Teeth," Reznor said, "Would you take the hand that feeds you?" Some may say that is exactly what Nine Inch Nails is doing.

Apparently Reznor is mad at his record label because he feels they are taking advantage of fans by charging too much money for his CDs.

During a 2007 interview in Australia, Reznor commented on the outrageous prices of CDs there. During a concert he told fans, "Has anyone seen the price come down? OK, well, you know what that means — send it down. OK, well, you know what that means — send it down? OK, well, you know what that means — send it down.

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Reznor’s idea is new, though. Some may remember when Radiohead first pioneered the idea of cutting out the record label by going digital in 2007. The popular British band released its seventh album, "In Rainbows," as a digital download for which fans named their own price. In a bold move, Radiohead decided to trust its fans to pay a fair price for the 10-track album.

Explaining the reasons behind the album’s delivery — pricing scheme, Radiohead’s lead guitarist Jonny Greenwood said, "It was an experiment that felt worthy. It’s to make people wait for a few seconds and think about what music is worth."

At the time, Radiohead was no longer under a record contract, enabling the band to experiment. Lead singer Thom Yorke said in Time magazine: "I like the people at our record company, but the time is at hand when you have to ask why anyone needs one. And yes, it probably would give us some perverse pleasure to say ‘f*ck you’ to this decaying business model."

It was reported that 1.2 million digital downloads were sold by the "In Rainbows" release date. According to Yorke, the band’s profits from the digital download of "In Rainbows" were larger than digital downloads of all the band’s other studio albums combined.

Digital downloading isn’t the only thing Reznor is experimenting with for this album. The entire album is a kind of experiment.

On the Nine Inch Nails Web site, Trent Reznor explained, "This music arrived unexpectedly as the result of an experiment, the rules of which followed 10 weeks, no clear agenda, no over-thinking, everything driven by impulse. Whatever happens during that time gets released as something. We began improvising and let the music decide the direction. Eyes were closed, hands played instruments and it began. Within a matter of days it became clear we were on to something, and a lot of material began appearing. The end result is a wildly varied body of music that we’re able to present to the world in ways the confines of a major record label would never have allowed."

If Reznor’s venture works, he could very well make a lot of money — much more money than he could ever make working for a record label. Conventional record-buying contracts pay artists so little after the usual expenses associated with a record deal, only best-selling artists can make a profit from CD sales. For years, artists have depended on touring and merchandise sales to make money.

With the online success of Nine Inch Nails and Radiohead, other bands may follow suit in the near future. The demise of record labels will result in cheaper prices for fans, more profit for artists, and drastic changes to the music industry as we know it.
**Alcohol 101: What you don’t know**

With St. Patrick’s Day, the end of finals and Spring Break rapidly approaching, some of us may feel the need to celebrate with this little substance called alcohol. We all know the risks of heavy drinking, such as liver or kidney damage, increased chances of developing certain cancers, and higher rates of depression and violence. However, some of us lose track of how it affects us nutritionally. Many of us forget how many calories we are consuming with each beverage. Many studies don’t realize that one evening of drinking can be equivalent to a meal or even an entire day’s worth of calories! Alcohol can also deplete our body of several nutrients, such as folate, vitamin B12, vitamin A and calcium. Those who choose to drink alcoholic beverages should do so sensibly and in moderation. Here are a few tips on how to celebrate wisely.

Women absorb and metabolize alcohol more quickly than men, so watch out for that girl who tries to out-drink the guys; she might pay for it later. Also, when diet beverages are used to mix alcohol, such as a Diet Coke, the alcohol actually hits the bloodstream faster than when drinking full-calcium drinks. This poses a potentially dangerous situation if you consume multiple drinks with diet soda in a short period of time. Welcome to Blackout City, population you.

The reason we are prone to craving unhealthy foods after a night of drinking is that we are dehydrated and our blood sugars are low. Anyone who has been to Taco Bell the night before due to the effect.

**Before Drinking**

- Eat a full meal: A full stomach slows the absorption of alcohol, giving the body more time to process the toxins.
- Drink a glass of water: This ensures the body is hydrated before the diuretic effect kicks in.
- Take multivitamins: This better prepares the body for the depletion of vitamins caused by frequent urination.

**While Drinking**

- Drink and cut back on unnecessary calories, such as sweets, during the day in anticipation of the night.
- Make sure the type of alcohol. Some drinks give you worse hangovers than others due to the actions of congeners, and the worse the hangover. Popov anyone?
- If you are planning to drink, dilute your drink with club soda or something else to avoid having a full effect.
- Drink in moderation: Ideally, drinkers should limit themselves to one drink per hour because the body takes about an hour to process a single drink.

### How many calories are in popular cocktails?

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**After Drinking**

- Drink a full glass of water
- Eat something that is good for the body
- Take multivitamins: This better prepares the body for the depletion of vitamins caused by frequent urination.
Am I the only poor person here?

At Cal Poly Poly students have a lot of money. We see students on their way to class. In fact, we've known how to prevent an unwanted child: don't have one. We've known how to protect our center of Western freedom. Why?

In my opinion upon students

There is to explain why you believe abortion is wrong? At a meeting, when I was discussing the right to abortion, what do they lose? Of course, we would see their child screaming in pain. We have elevated this choice to kill a baby to the level of the almighty center of Western freedom. Why?

We also believe in ethics, morals and values. We believe in free speech, but I also believe in ethics, morals and values. I felt visually raped after walking past it in class. Cory movies disgust me, so I don't want to watch them, but I felt as if I had no choice but to look at that, which was the point, wasn't it?

Why dead baby pictures? If your point is so impressive, so right on, why do you need the shock values of those pictures? To anger, disgust and scare? Is that the only way there is to explain why you believe abortion is wrong?

I believe in freedom of speech, the right to voice opinions that don't match my own, that is important and necessary. But that several-story high, disgustingly bloody collage of photos on Dexter Lawn was an outrage.

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What if, just what if, this average student was the point, wasn't it? What if, just what if, this average student was the point, wasn't it?
Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

How was your run?

Roads you know it was running and not out with a mistress.

Hello, you won't believe that sweaty...

...and you certainly wouldn't have been gone for a whole hour.

Last Ditch Effort by John Kroes

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0129

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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Pop Culture Shock Therapy by Doug Bratton

Playing "Two Truths and a Lie" with Amy Winchousc
The Rockets won 19th straight season.

The Rockets held the Nets to 30 percent shooting (24-of-79) to match the league's longest winning streak since the 1999-2000 Lakers won 19 in a row on their way to the first of three straight championships with Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal.

Rfrey Alston and Luis Scola had 12 points apiece for the Rockets, who've won 23 of their last 24 games and 28 of their last 31. Houston also improved to 7-0 since Yao Ming's season-ending foot injury.

McGrady scored 19 points in less than three quarters and the Rockets built an early seven-point lead. Smothered by Jefferson early, McGrady missed his first three shots. Sharpshooting Steve Novak came off the bench and hit a 3-pointer and Jackson hit a tough fadeaway to start a 19-5 run that Houston made without its seven-footers for the first time in the third quarter as the lead swished another 3-pointer in the final minute of the third quarter and his only 3-pointer finished with 11.

McGrady returned after a long rest and got his first basket on a drive with 1:46 left in the half. Shane Battier swished a 3-pointer from the corner to give Houston a 46-26 lead at the break.

McGrady hit a jumper and Battier swished another 3-pointer in the first minute of the third quarter as the lead swelled to 20. Mutombo blocked a putback try by Carter and gave an emphatic wag of his finger to the crowd.

Jackson drove for a dunk over Mutombo and wagged his finger back at Mutombo, but referee Joe Crawford gave Jeffery a technical foul. Jeffery pleaded about the apparent double standard to Crawford to no avail.

The Nets scored better in the third quarter, cut the deficit to 14. McGrady hit a running jumper and his only 3-pointer in the final two minutes of the third quarter before calling it a night.

The Lakers play in the franchise's longest home-court winning streak since the 1999-2000 Lakers went 20 in a row during the 1970-71 season.

The Lakers won 20 consecutive games at The Summit, the longest victory streak in NBA history. Houston won its 10th straight game by double digits, tying an NBA record last set by the Nets in 2004. The Rockets also won their 13th straight at the Toyota Center, the franchise's longest home-court streak since the 1985-86 team won 20 consecutive games at The Summit.

Most importantly, the Rockets closed within one game of the Los Angeles Lakers and San Antonio Spurs for the top seed in the Western Conference. The Lakers play off in Houston on Sunday, but the hope for that showdown can wait.

Houston can match the second-longest winning streak in NBA history with a win in Atlanta on Wednesday night. The Memphis Grizzlies won 20 in a row during the 1970-71 season.

Rockets win 19th straight

Chris Duncan

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Cal Poly rugby club team welcomes Penn State

Mustangs, who’ve outscored past three foes 192-8, host rare match against East Coast adversary tonight

Donovan Aird  
MUSTANG DAILY

After winning in past three matches by a combined score of 192-8, the Cal Poly rugby club team will face an entirely new challenge tonight — or, more specifically, one from an entirely different part of the country.

In their first outing against an East Coast team this season, the No. 8 Mustangs will host No. 19 Penn State at 6 tonight at Baggett Stadium.

"It will be nice to see how the different styles match up," he said. Mustangs lock Luke Callahan is equally anxious about the possible clash in the teams’ approaches.

"Typically, East Coast teams are more forward-driven teams," Callahan said. "It’s exciting because they’re an East Coast team and we’re always ranked relative to (those). It’ll be nice to see how good they are. Our team’s really coming together and playing strong.”

Cal Poly, which crushed Long Beach State 61-5 Saturday, UC San Diego 93-3 March 1 and UC Santa Barbara 36-0 Feb. 22 and stands at 7-1 in Southern California Rugby Football Union play, focused on consistency following its 29-26 loss to San Diego State on Feb. 16, Marshall said.

"We came out with a different attitude," he said. "It’s about playing a full game and staying with it."

Despite possible surprises on their behalf, it doesn’t seem as if the NICtary Lions, whose tour of California also includes stops at fellow SCRFU clubs UC Santa Barbara and Claremont, should necessitate any changes in strategy on the Mustangs’ part.

"I’ll be a really good chance for us to see how the different styles of play go, and a pretty good match-up," said Mustangs reserve loosehead prop Aaron Borden. "We just need to focus on playing our game, and the way we have been doing stuff.”

GREG SMITH  MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly scrum half Jake Levit has been part of a Mustangs squad that opened this season 7-1 in the Southern California Rugby Football Union.

Women’s golf team wins dual

The Cal Poly women’s golf team topped Cal State Bakersfield 317-386 in a dual match Sunday at Hunter Ranch Golf Course in Paso Robles.

Sophomore Julia Heath and junior Elise Walker were co-medallists by carding 78s for Cal Poly.

Mustangs junior Hannah Brabla finished one stroke back, while sophomore Stephanie Yocom came in fourth with an 82.

Jenna Barnett paced Cal State Bakersfield with a 93 on the 6,292-yard, par-72 layout.

Cal Poly will next travel to Lincoln Hills Golf Course in Vacaville for a four-team meet at the Sacramento State West Regional Prelims from March 31 to April 1.

Cal Poly junior center fielder Logan Schafer leads potent hitting attack as Mustangs open seven-game home stand against Gauchos tonight

Cal Poly junior center fielder Logan Schafer, who has 20 hits in 47 at-bats this season, hosts rare match against East Coast adversary tonight

Schafer, who hit a career-high average (.426) and hits (20) while having played in all 11 of their games.

Schafer, 21, an All-Big West Conference Second Team selection a year ago after hitting .355 with 34 RBIs, learned the sport by playing with his brothers and friends.

"My dad taught us the basics, and my brothers and I practiced all the time," Schafer says. "All our friends would come over because it was the house to go to.

Schafer attended Cuesta College after high school and played his freshman season there.

Cal Poly's head coach, Larry Lee, who was the head coach at Cuesta from 1987 to 2002, saw its potential.

"Logan is the best center fielder I’ve seen in my 25 years of coaching," Lee says. "He is interesting as a person and player — he anticipates extremely well. Offensively he’s just developed into a very good hitter. He will be the No. 3 hitter and he’s possibly (our) best player."

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Schafer is center of attention

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In Little League, the left-handed Schafer played catcher and pitcher before finding his niche in high school as a center fielder.

"It’s more of an advantage to be left-handed, because not only is it harder for a right-handed pitcher to throw to a left-handed batter but it’s easier in my position that I don’t have to swing my body around to throw to first base,” Schafer says. "It cuts time off.”

Schafer thinks the chemistry between this year’s Mustangs, who host UC Santa Barbara at 6 tonight, is stronger than ever.

"At this level of competition it’s more than just being on a team,” he says. "We aren’t just teammates — we are friends and everyone respects each other. We have a good chemistry and we’re playing well.”

Schafer is the No. 3 hitter and he is thinking about it or watching it.

"No one else has been drafted twice already — in the 47th round by the Colorado Rockies a year ago and in the 19th by the Boston Red Sox in 2006 — Schafer is staying grounded in the present.

"My focus right now is school and my teammates,” he says. "I want to go out there and get better every day and play harder than the last time. I want our team to get to the postseason, which would be the first time in Cal Poly history."