Nothing rotten here:

Tomato mania hits Poly

Briidget Veltri

Tomato mania is ripe, ready and returning to the Poly Plant shop April 10 and 11.

"There are people that come into the plant shop asking about tomato mania all year long," said horticulture senior Angela Magdaleno. "People get all excited about it.

Aside from being one of the more popular enterprise projects for students, tomato mania has quite a following. "People have been coming up to the unit asking if they can buy them now," said horticulture senior Lisa Bary.

Some say tomato, others tomato, but no matter how you pronounce it, there will be over 60 varieties of the fruits for sale during tomato mania.

Prices will be $6 for one pot and five

plants for $27.50. Some of the varieties available are Cherokee Purple First Light Hybrid, Golden Nugget and Red Zebra.

A lot of people have no idea how many different kinds there are," Bary said. "I didn't know that there were that many varieties until I got involved with this project.

Magdaleno favors the Murray Smith, a large red tomato that was developed by longtime professor and former dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, Howard Brown. The Murray Smith is only available at Cal Poly and the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden.

"It's a local hybrid and it is tolerant in the coastal areas," Magdaleno said. "It grows really tall and produces a lot of tomatoes.

A catalog of all the tomato varieties is available online. A small selection of pepper and basil plants will be available during tomato mania as well.

Tomato mania will continue through April as long as supplies last.

"The 10th and 11th is the big sale, those

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Poly logging team chops and rolls

Jennifer Ticecomb

Chainsaws, axes and log rolling are all in a day's work for the Cal Poly Logging Team.

The team competed in the 70th Annual Association of Western Forestry Clubs Convention last month at both the Redwood Acres Farmground in Eureka, Calif., and Humboldt State University's campus in Arcata, Calif.

Students from colleges in Washington, Montana, Nevada, Colorado, Arizona, Idaho, Oregon and California participated. Although Cal Poly put together four teams to compete in every event, it wasn't enough to place in the top five. Forestry and natural resources seniors Katherine Napier and Shane Larsen took fourth place in the pulp toss. Napier also placed fifth in the women's obstacle and lumber pole events.

Each team chose one student to compete in the STIHL Timbersports Series. Business

senior Michael Fallmar represented Cal Poly and finished sixth. The series will be broadcast on ESPN this summer. Fallmar placed second in the ashe throw as well.

While competition has ended for the school year, the team's next activity will be to participate in Cal Poly's Open House in April. "We will have a booth for people to

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Vermont legalizes gay marriage with veto override

Dave Gram

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Vermont, which invented civil unions, is poised to become the first state to legalize gay marriage through a legislature's vote, suggesting growing popular acceptance of the idea.

The House barely achieved the votes necessary to override Gov. Jim Douglas' veto of a bill that will allow gay and lesbian couples to marry beginning Sept. 1. Four states now have same-sex marriage laws and other states could follow suit.

Bills to allow same-sex marriage are currently before lawmakers in New Hampshire, Maine, New York and New Jersey. The three other states that currently allow same-sex marriage — Connecticut, Massachusetts and Iowa — moved to do so through the courts, not legislatures.

"For a popularly elected legislature to make this decision is a much more democratic process" because lawmakers have to answer to the voters every other November, said Eric Davis, a retired Middlebury College political science professor.

Gov. Douglas typically deals with arcane points of constitutional law. While legislators debate some of the same principles, the process may become much more personal. In Vermont, some of the most gripping debate came when gay and lesbian lawmakers took to the House floor last Thursday and told their own personal love stories.

Getting gay marriage approved in a political, rather than purely legal, forum is a big step, said Boston University law professor Linda McLain, an expert on family law and policy. "What may give courage to other legislatures is that this legislation managed to do it," she said.

She added that using the civil rights language of equality — the measure in Vermont was dubbed the marriage equality bill — could help make gay marriage more acceptable elsewhere.

Opponents said they, too, believe activists will be emboldened in other states. The action comes just days after the Iowa Supreme court ruled that not permitting gay marriage there was unconstitutional.

"To the millions of Americans who care about marriage, we say get ready: President Obama and Democrats will use Vermont as an excuse to overturn the bipartisan federal Defense of Marriage Act," said Brian Brown, executive director of the National Organization for Marriage, which waged a radio campaign against the measure. "The next step is to ask the Supreme Court to impose gay marriage on all 50 states.

The Defense of Marriage Act, signed into law by President Bill Clinton in 1996, defines marriage as a legal union between a man and a woman, and provides that states need not recognize the marriage of a same sex couple from another state.

To date, the same-sex marriage movement's main gains have been in New England, which some attribute to Yankee liberalism and the grad-
days are dedicated specifically to tomatoes," Magdaleno said. "They sell really quickly and what's left over will be on sale but there won't be as big a selection."

"For a lot of other enterprise projects, they usually don't sell all of their plans," Barta added. "But tomato plants are done in two or three days."

"Tomato plants is a horticulture enterprise project. The five students involved are able to keep the income left over from the sale and split it among the group after paying back Cal Poly for what they bought and seed."

"It just happened to be one of the enterprise projects that was coming up and it was very popular," Magdaleno said of her involvement. "It was something that I felt I could do."

Before tomato plants, Magdaleno had never grown a tomato.

"It was interesting to see the process," she said. "Growing the seeds, then the mounding, transplanting them and watching them grow. Being able to see that product you were able to make was really neat."

The Poly Plant shop is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and is located on Via Carta.

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Logging

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State

SAN SIMEON, Calif. (AP) — Three historic paintings displayed inside Hearst Castle for decades are being returned to the family of two Holocaust victims because the paintings are part of a covered sale of Jewish assets by the Nazis.

California State Parks officials began their investigation two years ago into the ownership history of the paintings. State Parks officials and the California attorney general's office determined the paintings belong to the heirs of Jacob and Rosa Oppenheimer.

The paintings were decided to be the state by the Hearst Corporation in 1972 as part of the transfer of Hearst Castle to State Parks.

William Randolph Hearst, who didn't own the knowledge his masters armed the paintings from 1 & S Goldschmidt Galleries in Berlin in 1939.

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SANTA CRUZ, Calif. (AP) — The end is apparently near for what conservative commentators condemn as the most liberal political program at the University of California, Santa Cruz — the Community Studies Department.

University officials have proposed eliminating the department that was founded in 1969 to educate social and community activists.

It was long mocked by conservative commentators as "the outline of a political agenda" but revered by local nonprofits that benefit from hundreds of student volunteers.

Boys and Girls Club Director Alex Fey says the department "is perhaps the biggest resource in terms of student engagement in the community."

The university says it needs to cut $13 million from its budget.

Briefs

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House has hired actor Kal Penn as a liaison between President Barack Obama's administration and Asian constituents.

White House spokesman Shin Inouye said Tuesday that the actor who had a recurring role on Fox's "House" and has starred in several movies would join the staff as an associate director in the Office of Public Liaison. His role will be to connect Obama with the Asian-American and Pacific Islander communities, as well as area groups.

Penn starred as Kumar in the movie "Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay." His "House" character committed suicide in Monday's episode.

Penn backed Obama during the campaign. The White House says a start date for Penn hasn't been set.

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ST. LOUIS (AP) — Suicide by fighter jet was the goal of a flight student who stole a plane in Canada, entered U.S. airspace and flew an erratic path over the Midwest with the military on his tail before he landed safely on a rural Missouri road, federal authorities said Tuesday.

Adam Dylan Leon, who was running out of fuel when he landed the plane Monday night in Elsboro, Mo., was charged Tuesday with transportation of stolen property and illegal entry. The six-hour flight prompted a brief evacuation of the Wisconsin Capitol and warnings of a commercial aircraft over Chicago and other cities, but terrorism is not believed to be a motive.

According to the federal complaint, Leon told the FBI that he flew the plane into the U.S. expecting to be shot down by military aircraft. The complaint said Leon also told the FBI he "has not felt like himself lately" and he recently was being treated by a psychiatrist.

International

KABUL (AP) — A new law that critics say legalizes marital rape will face a thorough review, the president's spokesman said Tuesday, and a State Department spokesman said the United States was glad to hear it.

The law, quietly passed and signed this past month, has stirred international outcry over women's rights. The law says a husband can have sex with his wife every four days unless she is ill and it regulates when and for what reasons a wife may leave the house by herself. The law would apply only to the country's Shiite population, between 10 percent and 20 percent of Afghanistan's 30 million people.

Women have had an uneven and a very sad history in Afghanistan," State Department spokesman Robert Wood told reporters in Washington. "This type of a law shouldn't have been enacted without regard to changing some of these provisions that send a very, very negative signal to the international community about where Afghanistan is going.

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HAVANA (AP) — Signaling its willingness to discuss improved relations with the Obama administration, Cuba on Tuesday granted three visiting members of the Congressional Black Caucus the first meeting with Fidel Castro by American officials since he fell ill in 2006.

The surprise meeting came a day after the full delegation of six representatives spent more than four hours talking privately with Cuban President Raúl Castro, his first encounter with U.S. officials since formally replacing his brother as head of state nearly 14 months ago.

The sessions occurred as Washington discusses whether to warm up long chilly relations with Cuba.

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Strident aftershocks hit Italy; survivor found

Marta Falconi
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Strong aftershocks Tuesday sent a fresh wave of fear across earthquake-shattered central Italy, and rescue crews pulled a young woman alive from a collapsed building about 42 hours after the main quake struck the mountainous region.

Eleonora Calessi, a 21-year-old student, was found alive in the ruins of the five-story building in central Molise, in the seaside town of Montaione.

"She's safe," he told The Associated Press, adding that her father had gone to devastated city in the snow-covered Apennine mountains to try to locate the student, who wears a hearing aid. She reportedly had an arm injury but was in good condition otherwise.

The death toll from Italy's worst earthquake in three decades climbed to 235, with the bodies taken to a makeshift morgue in a hangar at a police officer's training school, the ANSA news agency reported. The dead included four students trapped after U(3 received a record number of applications and cut freshman enrollment in response to the state's budget crisis.

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The number of students applying for undergraduate admission for the fall 2009 term increased by nearly 5 percent to almost 127,000, up from 123,000 applications for fall 2008. Admission offers to California residents increased 2 percent for African American, 4 percent for Latinos and 21 percent for American Indians. Offers remained relatively unchanged for Asian Americans and declined 6 percent for whites.

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University of California admits fewer applicants

Terence Chea
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Fewer high school students are getting acceptance letters from the University of California this year after UC received a record number of applications and cut freshman enrollment in response to the state's budget crisis.

UC admitted 72.5 percent of California freshman applicants for fall 2009, the lowest admission rate in a decade, UC officials said Tuesday.

The admission rate was 77.5 percent for fall 2007 and 75.4 percent for fall 2008.

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Creativity is more than clever lyrics
for local bands, it's survival

Getting good takes a lot of practice. Getting big is a crap shoot.

-Dave Carlsen
Lead singer and guitarist

According to Carlsen and Landisman, there are only two or three local bands that are big enough to play a headlining show in San Luis Obispo. Sometimes venues will look to neighboring cities like Santa Maria or Atascadero to fill their slots, too.

Central Currency has learned that it takes a lot of hard work and self-promotion for a local band to get recognized. This can be tough because almost all of their shows are scheduled on weekends.

The band often takes priority over other things that may be happening. The other weekend, Matlock and Carlsen missed out on a free trip to Six Flags because they had two shows scheduled.

"We know that what you put into it is what you get out of it," Matlock said. "If we want to really play bigger shows we've got to put in a lot of effort."

At the same time, Central Currency is ultimately just looking to have fun with the experience. It is tough for students to get too involved with a band because of the massive time commitment.

"The people that aren't in school are making a real go at it," Carlsen said. "All of us are working on our majors and that sort of thing. Greg's already got a full-time job."

"I do feel like a lot of students are just doing it to play at parties, you know, to have a good time and see where it goes," Landisman added.

For up-and-coming bands, getting noticed often comes down to having a good MySpace page. Central Currency's is www.myspace.com/centralcurrency. Venues often book bands based on what they advertise on the site. Having a lot of friends on MySpace is important, especially when businesses are booking concerts because it lets them know how many potential customers a band will be bringing in.

"It's interesting because I feel like there's nobody on MySpace anymore really, but MySpace still controls music," said Carlsen. "When you're trying to get a gig, the first thing they ask is, 'Do you have a MySpace?' It's kind of a tough cycle because you won't have a solid MySpace until you get gigs, and it's tough to get gigs until you have a lot of friends on your MySpace.

The digital age has altered the balance of power in the music industry, mostly favoring unknown bands. Since so many people get their music for free, a large percentage of money comes from touring instead of record sales.

"It's all grass roots now," Carlsen said. "Everybody is going the indie route. Because of the digital age everything is changing. Bands used to go on tour to promote a CD, and now you make a CD to promote a tour."

Any band can create a professional sounding CD without signing their life away to a record label. They can tour as much as possible by basically the only route to increased popularity. In a way, playing shows has sort of a snowball effect. "Just getting out and playing is key. We played a benefit show for free and after we played, people came up to us and were like, 'Oh you should play here,'" Carlsen said.

College towns are virtual breeding grounds for bands. Places like dorms provide great musical networking. Carlsen and Landisman lived in the same dorm and decided to form the group after a few jam sessions. According to Landisman, they originally had "zero aspirations." Landisman added, "Central Currency is willing and ready to play any gig thrown their way. Playing as many shows as possible is basically the only route to increased popularity. In a way, playing shows has sort of a snowball effect. "Just getting out and playing is key. We played a benefit show for free and after we played, people came up to us and were like, 'Oh you should play here,'" Carlsen said.

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Carlsen has noticed that there are hoards of people who play instruments in college, but very few actually play well.

"Just being in college, music is a good distraction. People have a lot of free time. I feel like with the guitar especially, so many people feel that they can play music in college, but very few actually play well."

You can call the members of Central Currency "idiots." They do not strive to control the music world. Like most college bands, they play music together for the sake of doing something cool and fun with their limited free time. As long as they continue to develop as a band, the rest will hopefully follow.

"Getting good takes a lot of practice. Getting big is a crap shoot," Carlsen said.
Changes to Apple’s iTunes prices take effect

Apple said in January that it would end its practice of selling all individual songs for 99 cents each and begin offering three tiers: 69 cents, 99 cents and $1.29. Recording companies pick the prices, much as they did for CDs sold in stores and online. On day one, songs including “Jai Ho” from the “Slumdog Millionaire” soundtrack, “Single Ladies” by Beyonce and “Chicken Fried” by the Zac Brown Band were bumped up to $1.29. The main iTunes page advertised collections of 99-cent songs that included “London Calling” by The Clash and “Monkey” by George Michael.

Other songs from the same albums and artists remained at 99 cents. Apple also did away with copy-protection technology known as digital-rights management, or DRM, allowing customers to play more songs on devices other than Apple’s own iPods. Without DRM, the songs can be copied to any number of CDs, computers and music players, as long as those devices support the AAC encoding format Apple uses.

AAC, like the more widely used MP3 format, is a method of compressing large audio files while trying to preserve sound quality. Besides iPods, several media players can play back unprotected AAC files purchased on iTunes, including Microsoft Corp.’s Zune and certain models from SanDisk Corp. and Creative Technology Ltd.

Susan Kevorkian, an analyst for the technology research group IIC, said music retailers have historically set higher prices for hit songs and lowered prices to stimulate interest in new artists and revitalize sales of older albums.

“iTunes was very much a market maker for digital music services,” Kevorkian said. “It made sense for Apple and other retailers to charge 99 cents a song, $9.99 an album. It was a new way of buying music for many consumers, and the less complexity and the better perceived value, the better for all involved — Apple and the music labels.”

As people got used to buying music online, Apple had trouble arguing that it was simplest if all songs were 99 cents; when it became clear DRM was on its way out, Apple let go of control over pricing in order to keep its service in line with competitors like Amazon.com Inc.

Shoppers looking for the lowest price have several iTunes alternatives, including Amazon, which sells songs for 99 and 89 cents and most albums for $9.99 to $9.99, and Wal-Mart Stores Inc., which sets prices at 64 cents, 94 cents and $1.24.

While music labels pushed for this ability to vary pricing, it isn’t clear music shoppers are swayed by a difference of a few cents if it means having to change their iPod/iTunes habit in any way. Apple continued to out-sell Amazon for more than a year after the Web retailer launched its MP3 store, even though the music could be transferred automatically to iTunes after a simple software download.

Shares of Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple fell 3.45%, or 2.9 percent, to close Tuesday at $115 amid a broader market sell-off.

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THIS IS NOT YOUR MAMA’S SMOKING CESSATION CLASS!
So as you may recall, I reviewed the somewhat recent series "Batman R.I.V.E.T. while back and thought it was completely terrible. Well, rest assured the stuff DC is putting out right now isn't any better.

Spoilers: No. Batman is "dead." He died at the end of "Final Crisis" at the hands of DC's most hardened villain, Darkseid. The writers tried to make his final battle immensely poetic by having Batman break his oath and use a gun to stop an immense evil but it just looked really corny.

I say Batman is "dead" because there are innumerable accounts of superheroes "dying" but coming back for no good reason. However, even if Bruce Wayne himself does not come back from the dead, at least there will be some sort of "Batman." DC is almost done with their event "Battle for the Cowl" whereby someone else will supposedly take up the Batman persona.

This is all well and good but honestly I have no desire to sit through a wealth of comics about some lame Batman sidekicks bickering over who deserves to be Batman. If they didn't already screw it up with "Batman R.I.V.E.T" or "Final Crisis" they certainly are doing it now.

There is an old saying that goes something along the lines of "Hell hath no fury like a nerd's scorn." When you take away our favorite superheroes, change the rules of our favorite playing game or raise the prices for our hobby games, we get angry. And yes, that anger doesn't really mean much. But you know, it's there, and you better watch out for it.

Anyway, Jeph Loeb and Tim Sale are an amazing team-up, with Batman and many other superheroes. I suggest picking up "The Long Halloween" first, but also be sure to check out "Dark Victory."
I realize that you probably dislike thinking of yourself as primitive beings wrenched to uncivilized methods and goals. In fact, you probably have quite the opposite conception of self. You consider yourself to be sophisticated, educated and possessing an appreciative and lucid regard for that ever elusive "third way" of moderate centrism. I know because I have studied carefully considerees who, like you, voted for Obama.

And while I confess that you bear a superficial sene of sophistication as far as dress, speech and appearance go, closer examination confirms that you are indeed beastly serpents. You may not consume raw meat or dwell in caves, but you share with covenants the single most crucial element of distinction; that is, you think like one of the dead.

You deny this? Perhaps you must remind yourself of your nearest distant brothers and their ways. Covenants carried large sticks with them everywhere, which served a two-fold purpose; as a mode of self defense and a means of procurement. The covenant mentality was simple; if you want it, take it. That's what the club is for. If your neighbor's woman strikes your fancy and your neighbor is reluctant to accommodate your lechery, beat your neighbor until he is more cooperative, and then beat his wife too, if need be. The same applies to his neighbor's property, whether it is his goat or his fields or any other possession of his which appeals to you.

"But that was then," you protest. "We are reformed. We do not use clubs anymore." True, you're too advanced for simple sticks. Perhaps you will recognize them easier as rifles. And now you are at ease, for how can I possibly draw an analogy between you and covenants where fire-weapons are concerned? For you are vocally anti-gun, and consequently elect representatives to enact legislation that hampers and restricts gun ownership. But do not put your back, rather, humble yourselves to the point where you are at ease and covenants where fire-arms are concerned? Of course not. They are twain integral to your aims and purposes. You have forsaken clubs, and so you call yourself a 21st century caveman, where fire-arms are in constant change. You are the primitives who prehistorically utilize clubs, though I certainly long, as I'm sure you do, for the day when clubs are not necessary. But in the meantime, while humans remain the same as they were, let us recognize, along with others, libertarians and our Founding Fathers, the right to self defense and, conversely, that we acknowledge that liberties are abundantly advanced about the right to self defense, recognizing it as a principle human right, without which the other rights are in constant danger.

But just because I and other Libertarians and our Founding Fathers are principled defenders of clubs does not put us in the same primordial class to which you belong. Notice carefully this distinction: we acknowledge the right to clubs and their usage only in their proper, lawful sense, that is, the right to self defense.

You are the primitives who predatorily utilize clubs at a device of procurement, a powerful and effective tool for getting the things you want without actually having to work for them and earn them lawfully. Of course, you claim innocence because you entered to Uncle Sam all the dirty details of your criminal ambitions. You have forsaken clubs, and so you call yourself a 21st century caveman, where fire-arms are in constant change. You are the primitives who prehistorically utilize clubs, though I certainly long, as I'm sure you do, for the day when clubs are not necessary. But in the meantime, while humans remain the same as they were, let us recognize, along with others, libertarians and our Founding Fathers, the right to self defense and, conversely, that we acknowledge that liberties are abundantly advanced about the right to self defense, recognizing it as a principle human right, without which the other rights are in constant danger.

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Performer energizes crowd with poems of humanity

Drugs, originality, fear and politics were just a few of the topics covered by Slam Poet Ike Torres, a two-time member of the Sacramento Slam Team and the champion of the Sacramento Grand Slam in 2006, when he came to Cal Poly Tuesday night.

Calero to be head basketball coach

At age 28, Justin Calero is new basketball coach for the Mustangs.

Baseball: Cal Poly 11, CSUN 3

After splitting past weekend to open Big West Conference play, the Mustangs (12-9, 3-1) went 3-1 over the weekend to take the series.

Cal Poly softball completes sweep of UCSB

The Mustangs swept the weekend series against the Gauchos.

Capitalists are not the root of all evil

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Giants overcome Lincecum’s woes to beat Brewers

Greg Beacham

SAN FRANCISCO — Although Tim Lincecum readily acknowledged he was mostly awful in his two opening-day starts, he left the ballpark excited about what happened.

For just about the first time since the NL Cy Young Award winner became a full-time major leaguer, he didn’t have to be outstanding for the San Francisco Giants to win.

Travis Ishikawa hit a three-run triple, Aaron Rowand had three RBIs and the Giants overcame Lincecum’s struggles for a 10-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday in the majors’ final opener.

Lincecum walked leadoff hitter Rickie Weeks on five pitches, right after his pilot Chesley Sullenberger threw out the first pitch, and the 24-year-old right-hander’s day got worse only after Ishikawa hadumu, and Randy Winn also homered for the Giants, who had six extra-base hits.

“Those guys played really good baseball offensively,” Lincecum said. “They were putting a lot of good swings on good pitches. It’s going to be great to see them develop and score runs this year.”

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Cal Poly athletes dominate classroom as well

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Worst Tournament... Ever

Monday night’s national championship game was a fitting end to one of the most mediocre NCAA men’s basketball tournaments in recent history.

North Carolina, perfectly playing the role of big bullys, beat up on the little guys, manhandled Michigan State. But that’s what this year’s tournament was all about.

From ‘Selection Sunday’, on, it was made very clear that the little guy was not welcome at the dance this year. Traditional Pac-10 power Arizona was invited while non-big name schools like Saint Mary’s (28-7) and San Diego State (26-9) were left wondering what else they could have done.

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Cal Poly junior rightfielder Adam Melker, not pictured, hit a game-winning walkoff RBI double to center field in the bottom of the ninth inning to power the Mustangs (22-7) past Saint Mary’s 5-4 on Tuesday night. For a full recap of the game visit mustangdaily.net.