Shakin’ and Bakin’

Mustang Daily sports editor Cam Inman guards a driving Cal Poly President Warren Baker during a Saturday halftime promotion pitting the media against Baker and Poly coaches.

Diablo has unusual event

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — An overheated pump motor led to an “unusual event” declaration and partial shutdown of one of two nuclear reactors at the coastal Diablo Canyon Power Plant, officials said Saturday.

There were no injuries and no evacuations as a result of Friday’s 9:06 p.m. incident in a non-nuclear portion of the plant, said Nicki Malenfant, spokeswoman for Pacific Gas & Electric Co., operators of the plant.

Workers discovered smoke in a Unit 1 electrical equipment switching room in the plant’s turbine building, Ms. Malenfant said.

“The smoke occurred when a large pump motor apparently overheated,” she said. The heat caused dust on electrical protective equipment to smolder and smoke, but there were no flames, she said.

Fire crews from the nearby California Department of Forestry were called in as a precautionary measure and the unusual event was declared at 10:32 p.m., Ms. Malenfant said.

As required by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, an unusual event was declared for an other-than-nuclear plant condition, she said.

Workers at the plant had been on alert all day, said one of the unit’s operators, who asked not to be identified.

“It was rather surprising to see it stop right after we saw behavior like that in the afternoon,” the operator said. “But it’s good to have a warning system, you know.”

The unit’s power was cut off around 3 p.m., and it is not expected to come back online “at this time,” the operator said.

A spokesperson for Pacific Gas & Electric Co. said the company did not know what caused the motor to overheat.

“The smoke was cleared by the time we got there,” said the spokesperson, who asked not to be identified.

The power unit was shut down for routine preventative maintenance work, the spokesperson said.

“We’re just in the process of investigating what caused the event,” the spokesperson said. “We have not concluded what caused the event yet.”

Workers took the components from the unit and will perform an analysis to determine the cause of the event, the spokesperson said.

The plant is located near the city of San Luis Obispo and is operated by Pacific Gas & Electric Co., a subsidiary of San Francisco-based PG&E Corp.

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It hasn't rained all day, though the weatherman said it would, and the dark clouds have been marching quietly overhead like the unsmiling muddy faces of retreating infantry. The atmosphere is shrunk and taut with the strain of conversation. Our voices to the breaking point and smile long to fill the uncomfortable pauses in conversation. Even the buttercups bide in the ground today, and, sitting on the railroad tracks, other times the pigeons leapfrog on the framework until there were a few more things to say. If the sun had already fallen...  

By Dave Gross  

The wind comes and goes, sometimes hurrying tumbrelwheels and load-bearing aluminum mobile-home siding over speed-bumps and across the street to catch in the fence along the railroad tracks, other times motionless but moaning in the half-closed drapes, I hear the screaming back down to Earth as if the kinetic energy of the struggling stormfront had been transferred electrically into their sugar-coated bodies. They prance around in their clean California rain gear, fresh from the Christmas boxes where they have lain waiting for this day.

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Enjoy this complimentary photo of the Cal Poly campus after sunset.

As the sun sets on Cal Poly, take a good look. Some students say it's the last good source of adequate lighting you'll see until morning. Darkness sweeps over campus walkways and shortcuts and parking lots. Lights flicker, but don't pierce the blackness. Students complain the campus is still inadequately prepared to ensure safety. We'll hear what they have to say — and take a good look around — later this week.

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Poly regains form, wins two at home

By Brad Hamilton
Senior Staff Writer

It was like a scene from Child's Play II. The Cal Poly women's basketball team stood over its victims and said, "We're back at it again.

Unlike the homicidal puppet, Chuckie, the Mustangs played their foes with an offense that returned from a two-game vacation.

Cal Poly killed California Collegiate Athletic Association foe Cal State Los Angeles 85-68 Thursday night at Mott Gym in front of 211 witnesses.

Saturday, the Mustangs edged non-conference foe West Texas State, 61-56.

Cal Poly coach Jill Orrock said the lack of offense in previous games featured into an issue of concern, but she said she liked what she saw this week.

"We took solid shot attempts," Orrock said.

The Mustangs (4-2 in CCAA, 8-9 overall) ended a two-game skid by grounding the Golden Eagles (1-4, 4-10) The win elevated Cal Poly into a second-place tie in the CCAA.

For the first five minutes of the game, Cal Poly's offense seemed to still be in its slumber. The Golden Eagles jumped to an 8-2 lead via a 12-2 explosion.

But Mustangs' Christine Rodness helped to close the lead until sophomore guard Shelley Burke sunk a layup to tie the game. Cal Poly's offense reeled and put it in for a 19-13 lead with 7:17 left.

In the final 15 seconds West Texas State's Cindy Chapman sank a long jumper to put the Mustangs' lead to 58-56. The Lady Buffs quickly fouled senior guard Cee Cee Nues and put her in for 3 of 3 free throws.

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Mott Gym.

By Peter Hartlaub

The Mustangs, who beat Cal State Los Angeles 69-64 Friday, couldn't match Pomona's persistence in those final few minutes and failed to climb out of the CCAA cellar.

Pomona's Tim Cage dropped in a three-pointer with 2:38 left, giving his team a 66-59 lead.

No matter how good the Mustangs have played, they've consistently run into the same problem: taller opponents.

"It's no secret we've thin and inexperienced in the post," Benzon added. "But you have to play with the cards you've been dealt."

It looked like Mustang guard Jeff Oliver had a trick card up his sleeve, using the three-point arc for a pair of back-to-back treys, pulling Cal Poly to within 66-62 with 6:28 left.

A takedown in the third period which drew a personal foul. Oliver sank both ensuing free throws and a Scott Kjellesvig lajoip tied the game at 66 with 6:07 remaining.

"Our focus is that we want to be as strong as we can be," said the Mustangs' seventh-year coach.

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After his second trey, Oliver was pushed into the scorer's table by Pomona's DJ Norman, who was called for an intentional foul. Oliver sank both ensuing free throws and a Scott Kjellesvig lajoip tied the game at 66 with 6:07 remaining.

"We played our way back in it," said Oliver. "Our shots just weren't falling at the end."

Added Benzon: "I thought we had a chance. You've got to make the plays, and you've got to credit Cal Poly Pomona — they played great."

Cage, who entered with a 9.9 points per game average, finished with a season-high 25.

"They shot better than we would have liked," said Benzon. "But we had our opportunities and didn't make them."

For the Mustangs (2-7 in CCAA, 8-13 overall), it was a sad ending to what had looked like a resurgence back into the overall league after a disappointing loss last year.

"It was a bad loss, but it's a good win for them," said Benzon. "We didn't play our way to the loss; we should have played our way to the win."

The Mustangs, ranked first in Baseball America's preseason poll, opened the season with a three-game sweep of host Cal State Humboldt.

Dan Cherry (1-0) pitched seven innings and gave up just three runs to lead Cal Poly to a 9-3 win in Friday's opener.

Grant Munger led Friday's hitting attack by going 3 for 5 with five RBIs, including a solo home run in the second inning.

In Cal Poly's 7-1 victory in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, Paul Souza (1-0) pitched a complete game, giving up only five hits and striking out six.

Mustang Rob Neal hit his first of two home runs on the day with a solo shot in the seventh while Brent Simonich, Brett Mauller and Brady Sebek had two hits apiece.

In the second game, Scott Mollahan, Eric Hill and Steve Rianda combined to hold Stantians to two runs as the Mustangs won 6-2.

Phil James went 2 for 2, scoring three of the Mustangs' six runs to lead the offense, which included another home run from Neal.

Cal Poly coach Steve McFarland was particularly impressed with the team's pitching.

"Our pitching was real strong, especially Paul Souza," Cal Poly coach Steve McFarland said in an overview of the series. "Going nine in his first start was really a plus."

"I got a second wind in the eighth inning and I knew I could finish it," Souza said.

Cal Poly (3-0) plays again Feb. 13-15 at home against San Francisco State.

Softball wins 5-0

After losing swept by the University of Pacific in a doubleheader Saturday, Cal Poly's softball team shut out Santa Clara University 5-0 Sunday.

The second game of Sunday's doubleheader was rained out.

Tricia Waaeys pitched a complete game to earn the win in the opener while leadoff hitter Kelley Bannom singled four times and scored three runs in a 10-hit Mustang attack.

On Saturday, Cal Poly fell 9-1 and 5-2, losing centerfielder Mario Aubert in the process.

Last year's leading hitter separated her right elbow and will be out four weeks because of a collision in the outfield.

Cal Poly (3-2 overall) next plays Feb. 19-21 at the Cal State San Bernardino tournament.

Lightweights key mat win

By Peter Hartlaub

Solid wrestling performances from Cal Poly lightweights set the tone for a 31-13 win over University of Oregon Saturday.

The Mustangs are 7-4 in dual meets or tournaments.

"I'm a 118 and I know I belong in 118's, but I'm starting to feel confident," he added.

Cal Poly jumped out to a 15-3 lead after dominating performances by 145-pounder Pat Morrissey (10-6) and a key pin by 150-pounder Jake Gaeir.

Morrissey (10-6) is ranked seventh in the nation but is coming off a disappointing loss last week against Bucknell.

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In the second game, Scott Mollahan, Eric Hill and Steve Rianda combined to hold Stantians to two runs as the Mustangs won 6-2.

Phil James went 2 for 2, scoring three of the Mustangs' six runs to lead the offense, which included another home run from Neal.

Cal Poly coach Steve McFarland was particularly impressed with the team's pitching.

"Our pitching was real strong, especially Paul Souza," Cal Poly coach Steve McFarland said in an overview of the series. "Going nine in his first start was really a plus."

"I got a second wind in the eighth inning and I knew I could finish it," Souza said.

Cal Poly (3-0) plays again Feb. 13-15 at home against San Francisco State.

Softball wins 5-0

After losing swept by the University of Pacific in a doubleheader Saturday, Cal Poly's softball team shut out Santa Clara University 5-0 Sunday.

The second game of Sunday's doubleheader was rained out.

Tricia Waaeys pitched a complete game to earn the win in the opener while leadoff hitter Kelley Bannom singled four times and scored three runs in a 10-hit Mustang attack.

On Saturday, Cal Poly fell 9-1 and 5-2, losing centerfielder Mario Aubert in the process.

Last year's leading hitter separated her right elbow and will be out four weeks because of a collision in the outfield.

Cal Poly (3-2 overall) next plays Feb. 19-21 at the Cal State San Bernardino tournament.