Lopez fire devours 50 acres

By Christine Spone
Daily Staff Writer

For several hours on Memorial Day the sun wasn’t visible in Upper Lopez Canyon. The sky was black with smoke. Hot winds swirled down the road blowing ash and debris in little twister funnels, aimlessly picking up burning embers and laying them down.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) helicopter overhead made a whoop whoop sound and a sprinkling of mist settled on upturned faces as another 320 gallons of water was dumped on the smoldering forest floor.

Monday’s Lopez fire burned approximately 50 acres of the Las Paderos National Forest near Arroyo Grande. No structures were damaged.

Canyon resident Cay Daugherty was driving out of the canyon at about 1:30 p.m. when she saw flames coming from a clearing. She also saw two men walking from the flames toward a late model pickup truck.

“I yelled to them and asked what was going on,” Daugherty said. They said it was a fire and asked if they had water or blankets or any way to put it out.

“No,” they said. “We’re getting the fuck out of here,” she added.

Daugherty drove about 300 yards to the closest neighbor and called 911. The white pickup truck sped out of the canyon, she said.

Daugherty said she filed a formal report with USFS along with another witness who also reported seeing the truck leave the scene of the fire’s origin.

California Department of Forestry (CDF) Battalion Chief Mike Harkness was first to respond to the 911 call.

“It took me 20 to 25 minutes to get there,” Harkness said. “The first engine came from the airport station and he was right on my heels.”

CDF eventually had four engines, two water trucks, six hand crews, two planes and air attack planes at the Paso Cuesta Grade.

“The fire protection for private property in the canyon is the responsibility of CDF located at San Luis Obispo County Airport. CDF also maintains tanker planes and air attack planes at the Paso Hitey airport between June 1 and mid-October. On Monday, the planes came from Palm Springs and Hollister.

“Unfortunately, like everybody else, we’re budget driven and we would have liked to put them on duty a month ago, but there’s only so much money to pay for air power,” Harkness said. “They come on a line a little earlier in Southern California because historically it dries out sooner down there.”

Most private residences in the canyon are scattered throughout the national forest land, nesting like little pockets of humanity within 95,000 acres of wilderness, which stretches along a corridor from Santa Maria to Cuesta Grade.

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Los Osos gathering honors patriots on Memorial Day

By Rachel Brady
Daily Staff Writer

A Memorial Day celebration was a time of tears and smiles at Los Osos Valley Mortuary and Memorial Park on Monday.

The day was filled with music, poetry, speakers, food and for more than 1,000 people who gathered at the park.

The celebration began with music by the San Luis Obispo County Band, and then Tim Haley, the master of ceremonies spoke. Haley is a former Marine corporal who served in Vietnam.

After the delivery of the American flag by three skydivers and the pledge of allegiance, the featured speaker, Bill Martin, addressed the crowd.

“Hundreds of thousands of people are gathering all across America today for a reopening of the national memory,” said Martin, a retired master sergeant for the U.S. Army. “Names may be forgotten, but we remember what these people did.”

Martin spoke with emotion about those that had died while fighting for our country.

“The American democracy, they saved the event’s founder and then music from Mixed CO. The musical group, made up of three young women and an older man, delivered songs of the 1940s including “The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company B.”

The next speaker was Bud Laurent, a San Luis Obispo County supervisor, who continued the “memory” theme that Martin had started with his speech.

“Without memory, there is nothing,” Laurent said. “Without Western world,” he said. “Keep their memories alive in your hearts.”

The speech was concluded with a praise to the audience. “To all those people who came out today to help strengthen and foster the national memory, I commend you,” Martin said.

This speech was followed by a tribute to Millard Coddington, the event’s founder and then music from Mixed CO. The musical group, made up of three young women and an older man, delivered songs of the 1940s including “The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company B.”

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“Without memory, there is nothing,” Laurent said. “Without memory, there is no knowledge. It’s easy to remember those things that are pleasurable, but it is not enough. It doesn’t allow us to grow as individuals and human beings.”

Laurent ended his brief speech by asking those present to reflect on their memories.

“We must be willing to remember our sorrow,” Laurent said. “Without you there would be no path to a better day when humans will live in harmony.”

Congressman Walter Capps of the 22nd district was the keynote speaker and the last to address the audience.

“All over the country today, people are gathering to honor the memory so we can live in peace and freedom,” Capps said. “One-point-two million Americans have been killed in war. These deaths must remind us of the urgency to settle our differences under law.”

Capps also stressed the importance to recognize those who had fought and lived.

“Today, we pay tribute to those who have served in our military forces,” Capps said. “We pay tribute to their memories and have our gratitude.”

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Speaker delivers anti-white sentiments

By Kristan Hal
Daily Staff Writer

Audience members were searched for weapons, and 15 security guards lined the walls of a Cal Poly classroom in preparation for a controversial speaker, the ex-minister to the Nation of Islam, Thursday night.

Khallid Muhammad was cheered on by an audience of about 70 people — three of them white — during his speech in which he preached “unity of the black, red and brown” and in order to liberate themselves from “the enemy, the oppressor” — the white man.

“Stop going on college campuses and developing alliances with the white Zionists, and diring your own people.”

Muhammad attacked Catholicism as well, telling the audience to give back the religion of their natural enemy, who is responsible for the position that all colored people are in.

“You’re like a crack, some smut, some homosexual freak. You should raise your dress up and see what’s really under there. He might be hiding some little boys under there.”

Muhammad encouraged listeners to stop using the names “African American” and “Native American.” He said the names are a conflict in terminology. “You are brainwashed if you believe in these names,” he said. “America was something that was taken, stolen. It came out of the white man’s mind. We people of color have no connection with America, except oppression and slavery.”

Continental African and Diasporan African were deemed by Muhammad as acceptable names. He said colored people should stop trying to be honorary whites and accept their own people.

“When you know the glory of what God made you then you don’t want to be anything else but what he’s made you,” he said. “Know the glory of being an African man or woman.”

Muhammad encouraged students to learn a consciousness of self along with their Cal Poly studies.

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Tuesday's Sundaes for Seniors. The event was part of A Week Of Leaving (AWOL) which is annually hosted by the Senior Cabinet.

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Muhammad answered that he believed in peace when possible, and violence when necessary.

"I believe God will allow me to shoot straight when it counts," he said. "Don't give up your guns. We should arm our community." The audience applauded and appeared in good spirits as Muhammad left the building with his bodyguards around 10 p.m. Civil engineering sophomore Nitaasha Copeland attended the speech and said she thought Muhammad was inspirational.

"He said a lot of things that I never thought of or took into perspective," she said. "There are a lot of things I agreed with, like making a difference within our own community. Once he said it, we have to do something about it."

Madeline Matta, a philosophy senior, wasn't at Thursday's speech but heard him speak last year on C-SPAN. She was disturbed that the event wasn't well publicized and felt it was kept quiet in order to discourage any opposition.

"I would have gotten people together to protest had I known about it," she said. "I believe in freedom of speech but let us know (Muhammad's coming) so we can have a chance to respond. Without anyone to keep them in check they say whatever they want."

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Muhammad was fired in February of 1994 as senior aide to Louis Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam, after making racial slurs during a speech at a New Jersey college three months earlier. Farrakhan dissociated himself with Muhammad, while President Clinton and other black and Jewish leaders condemned him.

Security at the event was taken seriously, especially after a shooting three years ago at U.C. Riverside where Muhammad was wounded after speaking to an audience of about 450.

According to the Riverside Press-Enterprise, security at the Riverside event had been tight, but Muhammad's bodyguard's seemed unprepared for the impromptu question-and-answer session that took place outside the university's gym after the speech.

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It turned out Bess was a former minister of the Nation of Islam who was kicked out of the group. It was unknown why he shot Muhammad.

Muhammad was invited to speak at UCI by the university's African Student Alliance club and the United Black Student Organization of Pomona.

Starting Fall 1997, Career Services will introduce Web Walk-Up (WWU), a new program which will allow students to sign up for career, co-op and summer job interviews from any computer with access to the World Wide Web.

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Students get firsthand details of Germany's reunification

By Brad Davis
Special to the Daily

Nov. 9, 1989 marked a significant turning point in history. The communist Eastern Bloc began to crumble, and first with it was the dramatic fall of the Berlin Wall. Those exciting celebratory images of Germans rejoicing on and around the wall, shared with a global audience, are but a fading memory.

Since that time, Germany has undergone an incredible amount of change and is currently challenged by a rather tough set of issues.

Jean Pierre Rollin, deputy consul general from the German Consulate in Los Angeles, was invited to speak to a HUM 310 class, German Culture, on Thursday. He talked about topics such as German reunification, current economic turmoil and the European Union during his hour-and-15-minute presentation.

"It's always a pleasure to escape the concrete desert of Los Angeles," Rollin began with a smile and a German accent.

He explained that German reunification has come with a lofty price tag. The western section of Germany has undergone an incredible amount of structural reforms to be enacted as part of reunification. The eastern part had 70 million inhabitants who have enjoyed more than 40 years of democratic capitalism development and stabilization. The eastern part had 17 million inhabitants at the time of reunification. The former East, unemployment soars at a whopping 25 percent.

"High unemployment may be a result of unemployment pens," Rollin added. In Germany a person on unemployment collects approximately 40 percent of what they were formerly paid. This translates to less incentive to become employed.

Then add into the mix high tax pressures and social security pensions which exceed the limits of their financial responsibilities.

"This is only part of the financial and economic problem Germany is facing," Rollin said.

In the current tax reform debate, Rollin said German politicians are looking at the "(American) Democrats and Republicans' balancing of the U.S. budget — it provides a good example to Germany." Faced not only with domestic problems, Germany is in the process of collaborating with other neighboring nations to form a unified Europe, also know as the European Union. This will mean the ending of a joint European security policy, remodeling of treaties and set structural reforms to be enacted before making this union desirable to underdeveloped Eastern European countries.

"Monetary unity is also part of the whole package," Rollin added. "This aims at introducing a common currency to all members of the European Union with an average inflation rate set at 2 percent yearly."

ROLLIN also explained how the European Union "will be an exercise to extend wealth and security for peace in areas ravaged by totalitarianism and dictatorship."

Baltimore billboard ban encourages others

BALTIMORE (AP) - The day after the Supreme Court let stand Baltimore's ban on tobacco billboard advertising, Los Angeles City Councilman Michael Feuer introduced a similar ordinance.

Soon after, Harriburg, Pa., Councilman Zane Phoenix did the same.

The Supreme Court's decision last month not to bear a challenge of Baltimore's billboard ordinance has been seen by cities around the country as a legal green light.

A grant student pleads guilty to SDSU murder

SAN DIEGO (AP) - A graduate student who faced the death penalty in the slaying of three engineering professors at San Diego State University pleaded guilty Tuesday to first-degree murder.

Frederick Martin Davidson, 36, is scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 16 after the judge accepted his guilty plea.

Davidson shot and killed the engineering professors Aug. 15 with a gun he had hidden in a classroom where he was to defend his master thesis. Professors Chen Liang, 32; D. Preston Lowrey III, 44; and Constantinos Lyristis, 36, died instantly from multiple gunshot wounds.

Davidson killed his professors because he believed they were conspiring to keep him unemployed, according to grand jury testimony. He told police he killed the professors because he regretted not being in the Marine Corps.

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He reflected sadly on the lack of support that our country gave to returning Vietnam veterans.

"It's a sad fact that more Vietnam vets returning from the war took their own lives then were killed there," Capps said. "When we send soldiers to war, we must support them when they return."

He finished with a promise. "As a congressman, I will support the highest level of federal benefits for vets and their families," Capps said. "I will ensure that the basic rights that we all enjoy are never ever diminished. I will be on the side of the 22nd district."

Other events of the day included a vintage airplane flyby, a military display with an M1 Tank and boy and girl scouts bringing in the American flag.

The program ended with music from the Mixed CO and Gold Coast Chorus, and was immediately followed by a free barbecue.
Students with high GPAs failing writing tests

After failing the GWR twice, one senior's not graduating, and he's blaming campus-wide grade inflation.

By William Renfro

This criticism is not a lack of effort, far from it. But for the entire student body, faculty and staff at Cal Poly. It is a matter that needs to be addressed and is of the utmost importance. I have just been informed that I have failed the graduation writing proficiency exam for the second time in a row. Because I am a senior this means that I will not be able to graduate, at least not right away.

You may think that I am mad. You are right, but not for the reasons you may think. I am a social science major with a 3.16 GPA and I think I am a good student, but how good of a student could I really be if I cannot compose expository prose at a level appropriate for a college graduate? I will be the first to admit that my spelling leaves a lot to be desired, but I thought that at least I had been taught how to write a logically structured essay, with all the component parts in introduction, body and conclusion.

Every year we hear about high schools that graduate students who can't read or write. The quality of our public secondary schools has seriously eroded. Are our public universities next?

A friend of mine holds a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. This person also earned an undergraduate degree from a well-known private college. This person has taught at the University of Michigan, various private institutions, community colleges and Cal Poly, and says that since the 1960s academic standards have diminished significantly.

In addition, this person says the general academic quality of Cal Poly students is "seriously substandard," and what is required of students at Cal Poly is "inadequate." What a tragedy this is. I no longer believe that I am a good student. In fact, I must certainly be an inferior one. I just wish someone would have told me. How was I supposed to know that I was not good enough to make the grade when I was making the grade?

The graduation requirement in writing proficiency is designed to ensure that individuals can write expository prose appropriate to college level composition. In addition to the requirement that all college courses take basic English classes, an examination must also be passed in order for students to receive their diploma. This test is graded by an independent board of examiners that have no vested interest in the students. It is therefore, the best indicator of the level of achievement of the general student body.

I have no statistics on the overall success of the general student population, but I do have my personal experience. Twice I have received a six out of a possible 12 on the writing test, only half of the total points possible. This is pathetic for a person with a 3.16 GPA in a major that requires a significant amount of writing. How could this be from someone who received an 'A' on a senior project from a professor who was on the GWR review board? This professor graded mine, who had a 3.65 in a "liberal art" major received a nine. A nine is passing, but I do have my personal experience, a student and a nine is not very impressive. What is going on here? Why are people getting good grades, but when it comes to an independent evaluation of their performance they do not measure up? It is very simple: grade inflation.

Cal Poly is selling us an education we are not really getting. Everyone (including U.S. News and World Reports) likes to express how good a university Cal Poly is, but how good are we really? To what degree has the university been encouraged to graduate students to improve its image instead of training them for the skills they really need for the next century? I think this is very significant. Some may say that I am simply one example of an incompetent person who should not have been admitted to Cal Poly and did not study hard enough, but this would be an oversimplification. Perhaps I should not have been admitted to Cal Poly, but then neither should about 40 percent of the student population currently attending Cal Poly who will not graduate within the next seven years. In addition, those who do graduate may be doing so under substandard requirements.

If this school is to be taken seriously, it must raise its standards. It can't continue to admit students who can't make the cut, but still pass due to grade inflation. If the nation is to compete in the international market we must have a competent, well-trained work force. At the highest level the country's colleges and universities are responsible for this task. Where the universities lead, the nation follows.

Through the Cal Poly Plan, President Baker wanted to make it easier for students to graduate in four years. What he needs to do is make sure that when they do get through, they are competent, qualified graduates. Instead of increasing enrollment, the school needs to increase its standards. It would have been much easier and a whole lot less embarrassing for me if I had simply remained quiet, taken the English 115 class and then graduated. I could have also written this anonymously. However, in a time-honored American tradition, I am going to put my name to this.

William Renfro is a social science senior.

All hail our new president, all hell to anti-white speaker

By Jonny Vandal

There's only one word to describe this place, hot. A bit too hot for me but at least it's not Valley hot yet, I took last week to give everyone a chance to cool down after the elections, but they're over and I'm back.

It seems Steve McFhan fell into the same peril as the Democrats did a couple years ago and was voted out by a public tired of the same old pro-paganda-machine running government.

Cindy Entzi became the dark horse candidate and snatched the ASI Presidential job out of the greedy hands of McFhan who decided to run for a second term. Both candidates complained about the other side's supporters stealing signs and destroying flyers. Both were probably guilty of playing some part in the escapades. Ultimately, however, both are responsible for the actions of the people working in their campaigns.

That's just the way it goes with leaders. The students are responsible for the action of people who work for them as well as their own. Both, however, said that they shouldn't have been惡á student for a few overzealous people in their courses with transitions and a conclusion.

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Jonny Vandal
Editor,

On July 1, Hong Kong will be returned to China, a dream that is long awaited by all Chinese people and all people around the world, because it can bring peace and prosperity to Asia and the global market. It will also bring back a stable political system, an excellent higher educational system and family values to the people of Hong Kong.

Chinese people need a strong and conservative government to promote order and stability...

The returning of Hong Kong to China will also set up the blueprint for China to bring back Taiwan in the early 21st century.

The great American politicians Richard Nixon once said Americans are idealists who long awaited a world without conflicts, a world in which all differences between nations have been overcome and all aggressive and selfish impulses have been transformed into acts of individual and national beneficence. However, the Chinese people are not idealists, they are 

"entrepreneurs." Chinese people need a strong and conservative government to promote order and stability, to promote individual rights and ideas under the Chinese ideology and to promote equal sharing of wealth. The Chinese government will bring these ideas back into Hong Kong so it will bring peace and prosperity to the people around the world.

The Chinese government will transform the higher educational systems and in doing so it will promote more scientists, more engineers, more caring and talented teachers and more businesswomen. It will not be necessary for Hong Kong to have more lawyers, more service-oriented personnel or more psychologists. The new Hong Kong educational system will let students put more emphasis on scientific researches, and on creative and innovative thinking. It will also give the chance for students to understand Chinese individual ideas and self reliance instead of the ideology of materialism. Hong Kong will also need more professors from aboard to educate and to advance high technology and international perspectives to its college students.

Family values will be brought back to the people of Hong Kong. More families will see the divorce rate decline. More young women will be promoted into professional positions and teaching positions instead of the position of office ladies.

The returning of Hong Kong back to China will set up the foundation for the returning of Taiwan back to China. Taiwan is part of China in every sense of the word. Nixon visited the land of China and part of the sovereignty of China.

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Editor, Take Back the Night is an annual event for men and women alike to share experiences, thoughts and beliefs expressing their concerns with domestic and sexual abuse, homophobia, sexism and violence of all natures. It is a time to help one another to prevent others from being wounded, to bring awareness, and for voices to let others know that they will not tolerate the violence that is so prevalent and accepted in our society.

We are a shared voice that exemplifies to others that we are aware of such problems, and that we will fight to find solutions to them. We are a shared voice that speaks for all who will not speak for themselves. We are those who took part in Take Back the Night.

Part of the celebrating of this event included a candlelight march that took us throughout campus and the dormitories. Knowing that our voices would be heard while chanting to end violence and abuse, we entered a territory that was unknown to me. That territory is the discrimination, ignorance and spitfulness that exists in so many Cal Poly students.

Four people clapped when we marched past. In contrast, I cannot recall the number of harsh, cruel and derogatory comments flung at us as we walked by the dorms. What baffles me most, however, is that probably every person who called us bitches, whomes, dikes and fags (mind you, about a quarter of those marching were men) has at least one loved one who has been raped, sexually harassed, molested, beaten or even killed due to domestic violence and/or sexual abuse.

Hoping and trusting that the decency and goodness of humankind still exists in this quarter of those marching were men, I also know that there is little that most people wouldn't do to prevent it.

The first thing you can do is take violence out of your own life. Keep your feeble-minded comments to yourself. Look at others in the same light, no matter race, age, shape or size, gender, sexual preference or religion. I know that many of you are rolling your eyes at my previous comments, because they are so commonly stated. Tough shit. That's what it takes.

Put some thought into your actions and respect others and what they hold dear. Put an end to the violence that you administer. Live at peace with yourself and those around you.

Thank you to ALL who supported Take Back the Night.

Sarah Wickersham
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**FIRE**

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USFS is responsible for fire suppression in the national forest areas of the canyon.

"Last night we had up to 150 people from several different agencies involved in suppression," USFS spokesman Jim Youngston said Tuesday.

Although the fire was contained within the national forest, personnel and equipment from CDF, Arroyo Grande Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Fire Department and San Luis Obispo County Fire Department responded.

"We work mutually with other agencies to help them put out the fire which is in everybody's best interest," Harkness said.

According to USFS, the fire started heading up the investigation of the fire. A cause had not been determined at press time.

The fire started in an area used by local target shooters. Although it is legal to shoot in any area of the national forest except in those areas designated as non-shooting zones, the target range is not designed specifically for that use.

Residents have complained to the sheriff's department and USFS about night-time shooting and the debris left behind by the users of the range.

Canyon residents were successful in eliminating another trouble spot last year. The City of San Luis Obispo owns 300 acres of land scattered throughout the area which was being used illegally for off-road vehicle activity, dumping and camping.

Natural Resources Manager Neil Havlik enforces the regulations to keep the public land open and safe for everyone.

Havlik said he gave them information about the Village at the shooting range area.

"The county, in essence, needs to authorize the forest service to close off the area to shooting," Havlik said.

Residents have been working with USFS Regional Director Katherine Silverman to resolve the problem.

Silverman said she has closed off areas which are currently open to recreational shooting, and any closure will entail a great deal of public input to ensure a smooth transition.

"When you're working with public lands you have to make sure a problem is genuine and not just perceived," she said.

About three months ago Arroyo Grande Sportman's Association removed the trash from the area and erected a sign indicating they were maintaining the range.

On the day of the fire, the clearing was littered with trash and the sign was shot full of holes.

"This is what usually happens," Havlik said. "A group will clean up the area then you'll have a group of 'tories' that just trashes it. It sounds like an attempt has been made, but you can't just come in and do a clean-up and expect that the real problem will go away."

Youngston said that people need to be careful when participating in any activity in the forest. Even driving through can be dangerous to the residents as well as those enjoying the area.

"You don't want to park your car on the dry grass, light a cigarette or build a campfire this time of year," he said.

He said that residents of rural areas seem to be more in tune with rural values and nature.

"Sometimes people don't understand that national forests are wild places. It's not like going into a county park, but they sometimes treat it as such," Youngston said.

"That's why we have people getting hurt and not being careful with fire. They just don't understand," Youngston said.

Youngston said that with more people moving to California most problems will occur with the different uses of the national forest.

"This is not a problem right now. We just can't accommodate everybody and their special interests," Youngston said.

In the meantime, Upper Lopez Canyon residents are clearing brush from their property and locating new defensive structures.

They want to prevent any wayward winds and warn forest visitors about the dangers of fire.

During the hot summer days ahead, their senses will be alert to detect the first scent of acrid smoke; the first warning of impending disaster.

**LECTURE**

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by a deficit rate of 3 percent yearly.

This new currency system is tentatively scheduled to begin development in 1998, but hinges on a finalized European policy. The governments of Europe will be brought to more strict control via these international policies.

"Which countries will be taking part in the monetary union?" Rollin asked. "Within a year there will be a clear answer to that question."

"The real question remains to be unclear as does the future of this unified continent," said that. "What will be the effects of a temporary dual currency system in those countries that become members of the European Union? If one were to say that this may pose a burden to the citizens of a united Europe, their answer may be quite justified."

Rollin also explained how the European Union "will be an exercise to extend wealth and security for peace in areas ravaged by totalitarianism and dictatorship."

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The Cal Poly men's and women's track teams finished up their 1997 season this past weekend at the University of California, Irvine. In Irvine, the men finished in a strong third place with 128.5 points, and the women placed ninth with 38 points.

"I was very pleased with how the men did," head coach Terry Crawford said. "We had a solid 5th (1,500-meter race) and 8th (3,000-meter race) at the meet."

Because Brown had to miss a few weeks of practice, the other pole-vaulters knew that they were going to have to work to compensate for Brown's normal potential.

"The other guys did a really good job of stepping up," Crawford said. "Kris (Koenig) (8th), Joe (Koenig) (6th) and Logan (Nichols) (5th) all stepped up to make it a big event." She mentioned that the women's side, the team, which has been suffering from injured athletes all season, made a good showing and effort at the meet.

"We didn't have the depth or the numbers to be competitive with the other powerhouse teams," Crawford said. "(Kris) Mack (8th), Joe (Koenig) (6th), Michael Katri (9th), Collin easier (11th) and Logan Nichols (10th) all stepped up to make it a big event."

Junior middle-distance runner Lori Fancon performed her best to fill the holes that were present due to several injured runners.

Fancon ran a 4:32.05 minutes, 32.05 seconds personal record in the 1,500-meter race, putting her in fourth place. She also finished strong with a sixth place finish in the 5,000-meter race at 10:10.98.

Fancon had entered the race with a positive feeling that she could run very well. She said that a combination of a lack of nervousness at the starting lines, a strong confidence in her level of running and her love for the team and the sport allowed her to achieve all that she did. "Everything just went like clockwork," Fancon said of her performance. "All of my friends and teammates said that the (1,500-meter race) was the most exciting race to watch."

Jovelin thrower Chip Lilienthal provisionally qualified for the NCAA Championships at a meet earlier this season.

Sophomore Cynthia Pettibone and Cha'ron Stewart also finished well in their events. Pettibone placed second in the triple jump and Stewart, who has previously provisionally qualified for the NCAA championships, was third in the 400-meter hurdles.

Senior Nikki Shaw, who has qualified for the NCAA championships in the 1,500-meter race and is currently dealing with an injured foot, finished seventh in the 800-meter run.

In a sport and division where recruited foreign athletes are often the top-performers for the schools, Crawford said that she was pleased with the effort of the Cal Poly athletes, none of which is recruited from another country.