Rec Center exercise room expected to open today

By Michelle Hatfield
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As students and faculty return to Cal Poly to make good on their New Year’s resolutions, administration at the Rec Center hope to have most of the facility open today.

Parts of the exercise room have been closed during the break for remodeling.

Fitness Program Coordinator Nancy Clark said that, barring any unseen complications, the east side of the exercise room will be open 11 a.m. today, instead of Jan. 14.

“It’s very odd because we’re ahead of schedule,” she said. “The story is that something is usually behind schedule.”

The smaller room, the west room, will open Sunday. The west room has been closed since Nov. 17 and the east side has been closed since Dec. 9. During the remodeling, the only part of the Rec Center that was closed was the exercise room. The racquetball courts, pool, locker rooms and two gyms remained open, Clark said.

The biggest part of the remodeling was tearing up the damaged floor of the exercise room. The room had a wooden floor that was sagging and breaking, Clark said. Cement replaced the wood and rubber flooring was layered on top, she said.

Other new features include a new layer of paint for the whole exercise room, eight ceiling fans to help improve air circulation, new mirrors on walls to help brighten up the room and racks mounted on the wall for magazines.

“As a whole, we think people will be really glad that we did it,” Clark said. “We tried to inconvenience the fewest amount of people that we could.”

Every winter break, the Rec Center is completely closed down for two weeks. Clark said that they scheduled the remodeling during these two weeks to help make it less inconvenient for people.

Front Line Service worker Stephanie Barnes said that she heard many students complaining about the

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Rose Float takes Founder’s Trophy

By Robin Nichols
MUSTANG DAILY ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

This year’s Rose Float wasn’t a grizzly situation at all for Cal Poly, which took home the Founder’s Trophy at the annual Tournament of Roses parade on New Year’s Day.

After months of work, the Cal Poly Rose Float entry, “A Grizzly Situation,” received the Founder’s Trophy honor for the most beautiful float built and decorated by volunteers, said Robert Mijares, Cal Poly Rose Float club vice president and architectural engineering senior.

“The finishing (of the float) is a great feeling of accomplishment,” said Brett Davis, a mechanical engineering sophomore and Rose Float Club president. “And to have it recognized by the Tournament of Roses with a trophy and award … just gives a feeling of gratification.”

Only about half a dozen of the floats in the parade are built by volunteers rather than professionals, he said. Of all the floats in the parade, the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Pomona was the only university entry.

The club’s preparations began in February, when design concepts and ideas were first discussed. The following months were devoted to design and construction.

“A lot of care was spent on the construction,” Davis said. “It needs to be done by the middle of December to pass final inspection by the Tournament of Roses. During the final week (of December) it gets decorated. Nothing is glued on until Dec. 26, when almost two tons of flowers and organic matter (are put on).”

During Thanksgiving break, the float is moved from San Luis Obispo to Cal Poly Pomona, where the halves are joined together. During Deco Week, the final week before the parade, the club members go to Pasadena and finalize decorations and planning, Mijares said.

The actual float judging took place this year at around 2:30 p.m. on Dec. 31. Final award announcements were made at 5 a.m. Jan. 1. The parade began at 8 a.m., when club members were able to sit on the sidelines and enjoy their hard work.

“It’s a moment of intense pride to see the float come down the parade route and know that there

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Left, the 2001 float, constructed by Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Pomona Rose Float clubs, was called "A Grizzly Situation." Right, horticulture senior William Hill applies grass groundcover to the float, which was honored with the Founder's Trophy.
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planning for the future." One example of something Johnson may work on is a planning new facilities, such as recreational areas, for the growing number of students expected in the next few years.

Johnson was chosen from three other finalists for the position. "I feel like what came out of the interview process was a need for an advocate for students and seeing that their needs are met," he said. "I'm thrilled. I think the future of ASI is very bright." ASI President Sam Aboine has worked closely with Johnson since the summer and will continue to have a day-to-day working relationship with him.

"I'm excited that we have someone who's bringing that level of energy we have gotten so far," Aboine said. Johnson has worked in various positions at Cal Poly since 1983. He was the director of Rec Sports when the Rec Center was built, and he was involved in the creation of the University Union master plan. He is a graduate of the University of the Pacific and has his doctorate in public administration from the University of La Verne.

CSU rejects fact-finder report

After months of disputes about merit pay and other issues, hopes that the California State University and members of the California Faculty Association would work out their differences have once again been crushed.

The CSU system rejected the report of Richard B. Pandolfo, a neutral fact finder on Jan. 2, claiming it offered no compromise.

The majority opinion of the fact-finding report was flawed and was not helpful in the California State University's efforts to reach an agreement with the faculty union, said Sam Stras, chief negotiator for the CSU system and senior director of employee relations, in a press release last week.

The CFA was pleased with the fact finder's report. "Our case has been strengthened significantly," said CFA President Susan Meisenhelder in a CFA press release. However, the CFA's response to the CSU system's rejection was one of disappointment.

Cal Poly political science professor and CFA chapter president Paul Fetter said the response from the CSU system was disappointing, but expected. "The fact finder was pretty critical of the merit pay," Fetter said. "He went along with our position on the argument.

The CFA will likely have a state board meeting next month to decide what to do next.

"Now we'll just carry on the old contract, in what's called imposition," Fetter said. "Even if they impose the contract, they'll honor the salary adjustments from legistature-allocated money. Everything can be bargained in June."

Horse theft unresolved

After the four horses stolen from Cal Poly stables at the end of September were recovered in October, the University Police were left investigating the identity of the perpetrator.

University Police Chief Tony Arfits said last Friday that the investigation was still open. He couldn't comment at length about the case but said, "The investigation looks really good."

Three of the four stolen horses were found on Oct. 11 in Kern County after police received an anonymous tip. They were returned to their owners in good condition. The fourth horse was found a week later in Orange County and was also returned safely.

Dorm theft still a mystery

University Police are continuing their search for the perpetrator of the burglaries of North Mountain dorm rooms that occurred sometime between Nov. 23 and Nov. 24.

"At this point it's still an open case, but it's not where I'd like it to be," said University Police Chief Tony Arfits on Friday.

Nine dorm rooms were broken into and approximately $1,400 worth of goods was stolen. Items lost ranged from fish tanks to CDs to belt buckles.

Arfits said the police have stopped a variety of suspicious people on campus, but "nothing has quite panned out at this point."

Police have also interviewed many dorm residents and were given a lead by a female resident who allegedly saw a white male with dark hair in his twenties climbing out a dorm window.

"There isn't anything there that we're really going to be able to pursue," Arfits said. He encourages all dorm residents to report any suspicious behavior.

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — A small Cesna plane crashed about one mile north of San Luis Obispo airport, killing two people.

Witnesses heard the plane crash around 8:30 p.m. Saturday, less than 200 yards from a residential area, authorities said.

The man and the woman, believed to be between 25 and 30 years old, were the only two aboard the Cesna 172F four-seater, said Sgt. Mike Sheridan from the sheriffs department. Their identities were not immediately released.

Carolyn Huber, operation supervisor for the San Luis Obispo County airport, said the plane had just taken off when it crashed.

The local tower was closed at the time of takeover, but Huber said there was no "call of distress."

It is not unusual for an experienced pilot to take off after hours or in fog, which was thick Saturday night near the airport, she said.

The National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the crash.
Fox defends 'Island'

CASPER (AP) — Fox television executives have defended their new reality series, "Temptation Island," saying it is about sex — but the show's participants were tested for sexually transmitted diseases.

Conservative and religious groups are up in arms after only seeing promos for the series, which debuts Wednesday. It depicts four couples brought to a steamy island overrun with scantily-clad singles, urged to test the boundaries of their relationships.

Fox executives defended "Temptation Island" on Sunday, while at the same time stepping back from last year's promise to stay away from risque reality. "This is not a show, as you will see, that is about sex," said Sandy Grushow, chairman of the Fox Television Entertainment Group. "This is a show that is exploring the dynamics of serious relationships."

Still, Fox tested participants for sexually transmitted diseases, part of an effort by TV networks to be extra careful about the background of reality show participants. Fox was burned last spring when it came out that its "Who Wants to Marry a Multi millionaire?" groom, Rock Block, had a restraining order issued against him by an ex­fiance. But Fox refused to say whether any of its "Temptation Island" participants succumbed to temptation.

The American Family Association, a conservative watchdog group, has urged its followers to protest the show and has asked its local station not to air it.

"The producers of "Temptation Island" should be ashamed of themselves for trying to force the destruction of four relationships for the entertainment purposes of those low­lifes who consent to watch this trash," said Brent Bozell, founder of the Parents Television Council.

"I don't think this is a show that endeavors to spark new couples," Grushow said, urging people not to judge it. He claimed the show is low­pro­vocative than the commercials hawk it. After having seen two episodes, he said it falls "within the boundaries of appropriateness."

When the quickie marriage of Rockwell and Davis Rogers blew up in Fox's face last spring, Grushow publicly said the network was getting out of the risky reality show business it pioneered. "They're gone," he said then. "They're over."

Any subsequent non­fiction programming had to meet tougher tone tests, he promised.

Since then, the success of "Survivor," on CBS proved the public has an appetite for the genre, Grushow said. Rock Block's episode was "dropped and rescheduled," he said, because he was not a businessman but to allow his programming people to pursue it, he said. "I don't think it's about distancing myself from anything," he said. "We work in a dynamic business and things change."

There are no apparent winners or losers on "Temptation Island."
Think writing is easy? I’d like to see you try!

Writing is easy, right? At least, opinions writing is easy. Probably every student agrees that essays, theses and term papers are excruciatingly difficult to put together. Most people I’ve met think that nothing could be simpler than slapping together a few sentences, adding an introduction and conclusion and dusting their hands off to be done with yet another column, such as this one.

In actuality writing is hard. There are not many people who can “slap a few sentences together.” There are even fewer people who can get the sentences into some semblance of coherent order. Fewer still are capable of wielding the proper grammar, vocabulary and punctuation that is so necessary in this highly critical, literary society. Finally, only a minute fraction of humanity can make the ordered, grammatically correct sentences interesting enough to hold the average reader’s attention. Forget me for saying so, but the typical reader will be swooned from the printed page for something as trivial as the memory of a particularly tasty Orange Julius.

As someone who has quite a bit of experience in writing for the opinion page, I can safely say that it is an extreme challenge to regularly craft 500 attention-capturing words.

I’m not saying that I’m a member of the minute fraction of literary orators, but I have no illusions of grandeur. In fact, I count myself as lucky if 45 percent of the people who began reading this column are still with me at this point. Even now, readers are falling away, distracted by shoes that need to be tied, deciding what toppings to get on their next pizza and succumbing to that feeling like you need to snore when you walk into bright sunlight. This is my competition, and, sadly, I feel like I’m fighting a losing battle.

Maybe you can help.

I’m looking for people to write regular columns for Mustang Daily. Having opinions and being able to express them is a plus. I’ve only got so many opinions, and even most of those are pretty weak. It took me nearly two hours to come up with the idea for this column, and, in the case of 25 percent of the stuff with which I haven’t noticed, there aren’t really any opinions in it.

If you have strong opinions and/or a witty way to express them, you may have what it takes to be a regular contributor to this fine publication.

Drop by the Mustang Daily office, building 226, room 26. Or call me at 756-1796. You can even e-mail me at mustangdaily@hotmail.com. Provide your contact information and a couple samples of your writing. If you’ve got what it takes, you could become the proud owner of two copy inches and win the undying love and respect of literally dozens of people. Sound impossible? It’s not! Why not just give it a try?

Really, it’s easy.

Ryan Miller

Opinion editor

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“You don’t have a wooden doll with a broken crock, either.”
Letter to the editor

Seek alternatives to alcohol

Editor,

Last quarter, Chancellor Reed spoke to students about many issues pertaining to the California State University System and Cal Poly. The one that caught my attention for more than one reason was the alcohol issue. He stated that "alcohol abuse is the biggest problem ... on American university campuses." I couldn't agree more. I feel that it is a very big issue, not just for university students, but for all young adults. Your freshman year is often filled with many new experiences, as this is probably your first time away from home. Experimentation is bound to happen at one point or another. The problem is that often we are unable to understand the consequences that come with these new "games." Recently, a freshman died at Chico State University due to alcohol consumption. He just drank himself to death, and no one around him realized until it was too late. I hate the idea of someone dying because they didn't understand exactly all of what they were doing. I also don't understand why other campuses and communities don't come up with more realistic and fun alternatives for students to participate in rather than experimenting.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not advocating abstaining, but rather taking care of oneself and alternatives. Because I feel strongly about this issue, I was appointed to the Alcohol Abuse Task Force by the president and the university if you want to see changes. They don't know what you want until you tell them.

Veronica Shippy is a Cal Poly representative to the Statewide Committee on Alcohol Abuse.

My two cultures clash

I was always too brown to be white and too white to be brown. Coming from differing backgrounds, my place could only be found in an imaginary place in between. No matter which side of the Atlantic I was on, I was always half a world away from one side of my family. I remember as a child wishing I could live on an island in the middle of the Atlantic, exactly between Pakistan and the United States. Back in 1962, before sunrise is easier then the one that is the most important, I wish that everyone always wants what they don’t have. Life in Pakistan is much slower and relaxed. It is common for adults to take naps in the middle of the afternoon, while, in the United States, children have these hours. Children return from school early enough to have lunch with their families, whereas American families are too busy to find time for one meal together.

I was unable to experience Ramadan in Pakistan this year because it fell during winter break. The Islamic calendar is based on the lunar cycle, so Ramadan falls on a different portion of the solar calendar every year. Waking up to eat with an entire country before sunrise is easier than getting up alone in a dorm room. My small balcony over looking the dining table, my cousins’ eyes half open, and fill our stomachs with homemade bread and freshly squeezed juice until the call for prayer. The adhan carries through the air, it is called by colorful voices from all the neighboring mosques. We would go back and forth late at night again to the same line that means food is forbidden. The tantalizing aroma spices that float through our noses as we wait the last few minutes before the sun sets. After fasting through the holy month of Ramadan, the three-day celebration of Eid Al Fitr will begin.

I was soüfian and I spent that evening mourning much of our hands in turn line design. The as will remain on our hands throughout the month of Ramdan.

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Israel points finger at Arafat

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel on Sunday accused a militia affiliated with Yasser Arafat's political faction of carrying out a bus bombing in Tel Aviv 10 days ago — a move certain to add fuel to Prime Minister Ehud Barak's contention that the Palestinian leader is to blame for attacks against Israelis.

The allegation came as top Israeli and Palestinian officials met in Cairo with the American CIA chief to try to iron out terms to end the Israeli demand that violence must be halted before any talks on U.S. peace proposals can resume.

Meanwhile, a young Palestinian woman was killed, a 12-year-old boy was critically injured and a Palestinian man suffered multiple gunshot wounds in separate incidents in the West Bank, witnesses and officials said. The woman's death brought the number of people killed in the current wave of violence to 96.

Israel's disclosure of an arrest in the Dec. 28 bus bombing as a terrorist attack, which injured 14 people, was the closest Barak's government has come to directly implicating Arafat's government in plotting an attack inside Israel since bloody clashes broke out in late September.

A senior Israeli security official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the bomber was a Jordanian-born Palestinian man recruited in the West Bank town of Nablus by the Tanzim militia movement, which is affiliated with Arafat's Fatah faction. He was arrested the day of the bombing, the source said, but it was kept under wraps until now.

The source described how the bomber was shot four or five times by Israeli soldiers at a checkpoint, witnesses said. The army said he was a Tunisian militant who fled as soldiers tried to detain him.

In Washington, the White House said President Clinton planned to send mediator Dennis Ross to the region in coming days for separate talks with Arafat and Barak, in an attempt to least narrow the differences between the two sides.

As time runs down on Clinton's term, there are indications he is shifting his goal from negotiated settlement between Israel and the Palestinians to a declaration of principles to guide the incoming administration.

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exercise room being closed.

"A lot of students would get all the way over here and it was closed," Barnes said. "But on the other hand, it's such a great improvement.

The only thing left to finish is getting the equipment back into the room. The exercise equipment was stored in the fitness room during the remodeling.

"We're going to work as hard as we can to get the equipment in as soon as we can," Clark said. "A lot of it is very heavy and some machines need to be bolted down."

Because the fitness room was used as storage and now has to be cleaned up, the free exercise classes that are offered during the first week of the quarter will be postponed until the second week of classes. They will begin Jan. 16, Clark said.

While the west room is closed, the exercise room capacity will be dropped from 150 to 110. Clark said during the afternoon hours and with bad weather forecast for the first week of classes, the room will reach its maximum capacity and people will have to wait for others to finish their workout before they can be admitted.

While the exercise room is closed, cardiovascular equipment was brought down to the racquetball court overhead for people to use, Clark said.

The cost of the remodeling was approximately $58,000. Rec Center Director Marcy Maloney said in an earlier Mustang Daily article, funding came from an annual repair and replacement fund, the state and Associated Students, Inc.

Clark hopes that the new look will draw in people who haven't used the Rec Center before.

"It's more inviting and has a nice look to it," she said. "It looks like a professional type of weight room. It has a different feel to it now."

FLOOR

RECOHORSING for the Rose Float club this upcoming Monday afternoon at 3 p.m., the chosen theme is "Good Times." A concept contest will be held for next year's float, with decisions held in February. To assist the Rose Float club, students can attend meetings in University Union room 220 on Thursdays at 8 a.m., beginning this week.

Until then, though, club members are taking a little time to recuperate from the past month's work. "For all of us in Rose Float, it's a highly fun, highly stressful year," Mijiates said. "At the end, we don't talk about next year until next
Ravens stifle Titans

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) —
In one corner was the illustrious but Lewis. In the other were two total unknowns. Together, they sent the Baltimore Ravens into the AFC title game.

Baltimore's Keith Washington blocked a field-goal attempt and Anthony Mitchell returned it 90 yards for the go-ahead score as the Ravens again brought the worst in All Del Greens in beating the Tennessee Titans 24-10 on Sunday.

Lewis, the NFL's defensive player of the year, clinched it with a 50-yard interception return after winning the ball from the arms of Eddie George. The two TD returns accounted for more yards than Baltimore's offense, which was held to 114 yards.

The Ravens (14-4) go to Oakland to play the Raiders next Sunday in the conference title game, the first time the franchise has been that far since the then-Cleveland Browns lost to Denver in 1984 and 1985.

The Titans, who were a yard short, fumbled twice and missed three field goals.

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Ellerson also helped improve Arizona's special teams play and coached place kicker Steve McLaughlin to the Lou Groza Award in 1994.

The assistant and defensive line coach resigned in 1996 to become the head coach at Southern Utah. And like Webb (Cal Poly went 10-1 in 1997 after a back-to-back 3-6 seasons under Andre Patterson), Ellerson saw plenty of success his first year at the helm. In his only season with the Thunderbirds, Ellerson lifted the 1-AA program to a 4-7 record, after a 2-9-1995 season.

Ellerson said he is looking forward to turning around another I-AA squad.

"You can see that there is consistent upward progress (at Cal Poly)," he said. "We can see the long-standing tradition of excellence. Obviously there are some challenges before us. There has been an investment in the infrastructure, there's an investment in resources. As bright as the past has been, you can honestly say that you can look at the picture and say that the future is brighter than the past. The past is something that is all around us.

Ellerson's past includes stints on the sidelines of six other ballclubs.

He was an assistant at Arizona Western in Yuma in 1978, at Idaho in 1979, and at Cal State Fullerton in 1992. He also coached under Tenney at Hawaii from 1981-83, and was an assistant with the British Columbia Lions (1984-85) and the Calgary Stampeders of the Canadian Football League (1986).

Despite all of his travels, Ellerson said Cal Poly is the dream scenario.

"There is really no other program in the Western United States like it," he said. "The level of competition, the quality of academic institution, the balance between competition and academic emphasis is exactly right. Why it was that got into coaching in the first place."
New coach takes over Cal Poly football

By Brian Milne
MUTANTG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Twenty-four days after Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutcheon told head football coach Larry Webb to pack his bag, Rich Ellerson was asked to unpack his.

Ellerson, 48, defensive coordinator at the University of Arizona the last four seasons, will replace Webb, who replaced Webb, 59, whose contract wasn't renewed after his fourth season.

Webb, a local legend as a high school coach at Atascadero, led Cal Poly to a 19-25 record in his four years with the program.

"When we got into coaching 20 years ago, we visualized ourselves being in some place like this, in a community like this," Ellerson said of himself and his family during a press conference held at Mott Gym's Mustang Hall on Dec. 6. "I am so proud that we have this opportunity," he added. "We will continue to work hard to gain your trust and hopefully you will share that enthusiasm with us."

McCutcheon, who met with eight prospective individuals and spoke with another 10-plus candidates by phone, said Ellerson brings a perfect mix to the Division I-AA program. "Number one was his level of experience," McCutcheon said of Ellerson, whose name surfaced from a number of candidates during his search. "He's been in the coaching ranks for a while now. He has been in a number of situations and is highly regarded nationally for his technical expertise and he's familiar with California, being in the Western region for quite a bit of his career. When I sat down and talked with him, I got an understanding of his ideal system of how academics and athletics blend together. It really sounded like a perfect fit for us."

This past season, while Cal Poly was 1-8 overall through its third straight 3-8, Arizona again led the Pac-10 and finished fourth in the conference, allowing just 88.5 points per game.

"Academics and athletics won't be the only thing Ellerson will have to balance in his first year managing the Mustangs. He will also serve as the defensive coordinator after he was unable to lure his top choices away from various programs across the nation."

Ellerson joined Arizona in 1992 as an outside linebacker coach before taking over the entire defensive front in 1993.

"I just came from a situation we all know," Ellerson said. "It's scary to open a paper. You open that thing and you can see big-time coaching football and the coaching changes, and the money floating around out there. And at that level things get a little warped. I really believe we have a chance to do some great things competitively, but we can do them with a sense of balance and a sense of propriety."

The Mustangs split the upcoming last eight of 13 times (6.7 field goals a game) last season.

Ellerson was a four-year assistant defensive coordinator Larry MacDuff from 1992 to 1995. The Wildcats' terrific "Desert Swarm" defense ranked No. 2 against the run from 1992 to 1993 and ranked in the top 10 in total defense all four years.

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Mustangs hit the skids

Men's basketball drops first two Big West Conference games

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly men's basketball team has had a handful of wins slip between its fingers this season.

But recent heartbreaks to Boise State and Utah State to open the Big West have left the Mustangs, 5-6 and 0-2 in conference, with their hands in the air.

On Saturday, questions regarding the team's leadership status as Cal Poly fell to Boise State 83-79 for the fourth straight game.

Now Cal Poly has a chance to tie the game, trailing 82-79, in waning seconds before David Henry threw the ball past Chris Bjorklund with 29 seconds remaining in regulation.

Boomer Nabors scored the Mustangs for a game-high 22 points and Abe Jackson added 21.

Boise State (9-6 overall) led 49-41 at halftime — which was the most the Mustangs have allowed over the first 20 minutes this season. The Broncos led 64-57 before the Mustangs cut the lead to 66-63 on a three by Jamial Scott, and a pair of key free throws by David Henry.

The teams traded baskets before Jeremiah Myers shaved the lead to 66-65 with a free throw. The senior had 20 points and five rebounds after he was ranked from the starting lineup by Cal Poly coach Jeff Schneider for lack of production.

But Nabors answered with a jumper in the paint to push the lead to 74-68 and the Broncos never looked back.

Cal Poly out-rebounded Boise State 40-30 and shot a decent 48.1 percent, but Boise State shot 68.1 percent and forced 17 Cal Poly turnovers.

Scott finished with a team-high 21 points, eight rebounds and four blocks.

On Thursday night, the Mustangs mounted an impressive second half comeback but crumbled to Utah State 82-69.

Senior Shawn Daniels lit up Mott Gym with 24 points and grabbed seven rebounds for Utah State, which has won 20 consecutive conference games.

The Aggies raced to a 24-9 lead to open the game, but the Mustangs scrambled back to 58-54 with 9:15 remaining thanks to the inside presence of Varney Dennis.

But the Aggies outdueled the Mustangs 24-14 over the final eight minutes.

Cal Poly, which outrebounded Utah State 35-32, was led by Bjorklund's 19 points. Scott added 12 points and two blocks, while Wondale Fields had 10 points.

The Mustangs host Texas A&M Corpus Christi in a non-conference game tonight at 7 p.m. Cal Poly lost its first game of the season at the Islanders' Cal. Court 86-72 on Nov. 26.

The Mustangs hope to improve on 41.4 percent from the foul line (12 of 29) and a struggling 38.6 percent from the floor (27-70).

Guard Michael Hicks, a member of the Panamanian National Team, scored 40 points on 15-of-21 shooting and eight of 12 from the charity stripe. He had 14 rebounds and two steals in the game.

Bjorklund tallied 29 points in the losing effort as Scott and Fields faded out in the game, leaving the team without its starting backcourt for most of the second half.

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— By Brian Milne, Mustang Daily

Freshman Jamaal Scott led the Mustangs on Saturday with 21 points, eight rebounds and four blocks against Boise State.

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• Swimming vs. University of Pacific at 2 p.m.

Sports Trivia

Previous Answer:
Rick Pitino coached Providence and Kentucky to the Final Four.

Congrats Steve Corino!

Today's Question:
Who was the only Atlanta Hawks player to have won the NBA scoring title?

Please submit sports trivia answers to sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu. Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

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Olympic champ Felix Savon retires

HAVANA (AP) — Felix Savon, one of the greatest boxers in Olympic history, retired and will become coach of Cuba's national boxing team.

The retirement of the three-time heavyweight Olympic champ was announced Sunday by the Cuban Boxing Federation and the official Prensa Latina news agency.

No reason was given for the decision by the 33-year-old fighter.

Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

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