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Hogan's boyfriend found dead in his home

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
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The ex-boyfriend of the Cal Poly student who was found dead Tuesday morning was also found dead in his Lox Altos home.

The body of William R. Weilandt, 26, was discovered in his home Wednesday afternoon in what police are calling an apparent suicide, according to Lt. Steven Mits, head of the sheriff's investigation in San Luis Obispo County.

Although police were unable to confirm many details, Weilandt's death is allegedly connected to the death of Kristina Hogan, the 20-year-old business major whose body was found on a hiking trail in Montaña de Oro State Park. Her body was found with bloody injuries to the neck and arms, and a "cutting instrument," covered in blood, was also found near her body, Mits said. Police are treating her death as a murder until coroners complete their autopsies, which was scheduled for Thursday afternoon, Mits said.

In all suspicious death cases, we treat them as a homicide until they've been proven," he said.

Sheriff's investigators are still attempting to piece together events that transpired before and after Hogan was found dead at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Mits said.

Hogan's roommate, liberal studies senior Annie Richardson, said the last she spoke to Hogan was at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Power Shortage

El Corral Bookstore shortened its hours Thursday to close an hour early due to the Stage 3 alert announced by PG&E. The Cal Poly presidents office sent an e-mail to all campus addresses asking people to turn off any non-essential appliances and keep doors closed to prevent warm air from escaping.

Normal business hours stopped at 6:00 p.m. Frank Cowley, El Corral director, said: "In the spirit of helping the energy problem, we decided to close at 5:00." Energy and Utilities Manager for Facilities Planning Ed Johnson said that fans at the Recreation and Matti Gym were turned down, heat was lowered, and many high energy-using lights were turned off. He added that Cal Poly saved at least 12 percent, or 800,000 watts Thursday. "I'm sure it helped prevent a local blackout somewhere," he said.

For a more detailed story on Thursday's state energy crisis, see page 2.

Turning out the lights

Due to PG&E
Power Shortage
We will be closed at 5:00pm

Architecture department has a different kind of structure

By April Pack and Erica Tower
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITERS

While most students were still composing the first Monday morning winter quarter architecture student advisers were not as fortunate.

Beginning Jan. 1, the architecture department only allowed classes to be added by permit.

This is the second year that the department has instituted this policy so that it may check prerequisites by hand. Gilbert Cook, architecture department director, said this is not intended to be something negative.

"We're doing this to help the students," he said. "If we didn't check class prerequisites carefully, we'd be setting students up for failure."

Unlike most other majors at Cal Poly, architecture majors must follow a specific sequence of courses as well as take a five-unit design laboratory every quarter for four years.

"In a sequential course system, you must make letters before words and words before sentences," Cook said. "As long as the system remains the same, the department needs the extra week to make sure requirements are met."

Before the department began to check prerequisites by hand, Cook said there were instances when students got into classes they should not have been taking.

Although the first day of each quarter seems to be hectic for architecture students, with an overwhelming number attempting to crash mandatory classes, neither students nor teachers attribute this problem to the early closing of CAPTURE.

Architecture junior Kerry Sargent believes that the problem lies within the availability of seats and classes offered each quarter.

"I've never had a problem with CAPTURE closing early," Sargent said. "But I have had problems trying to crash classes because there are 20 other students doing the same thing so since you must follow a specific course sequence."

Architecture student Joel Chapin agrees that there are not enough seats or chairs to accommodate the students.

"In my third-year classes, there is always a problem with an overabundance of people," he said.

Although the design studios can only offer a certain amount of seats due to equipment availability, architecture professor Arthur Chapman argued that teachers should let students crash.

"What I don't like is when faculty members say they have a seating limit and that's it," he said. "Students can bring their own chair to my classroom if they want."
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to a fully equipped room, where they can send and receive faxes and local phone calls, use the two computers or simply gather for a quick meeting. "It's the kind of room that every club is required to have, doesn't have any practice with accounting, so it provides weekly workshops to help the accounting process is followed thoroughly. Once the process is completed and all the signatures acquired, club officers receive a handbook, a mailbox and a new account through ASI. Harris said the process probably has not changed since the first club was created.

The guide needs some updating, but the basics haven't changed," she said.

According to the guide "the information contained within is up to date as of March 12, 1992."

Already existing clubs range from three to more than 150 members, the largest being the Ski Club and the Society for Women Engineers. Some tentative future groups going through the process are the Cooking Club and the Persian Club.

Martha said one thing that has been changed is the process of sponsoring activities by active clubs is the notorious Form 81, accepted by most club members as a long and tedious process.

Form 81 has a long history as well, as it was created by a former staff member with a military background. The number "81" is not special code but simply its number because it was the 81st form created.

Nevertheless, it is being replaced by the EPlan. It is an easier and quicker way to set up an on-campus activity without having to acquire signatures from all the service areas, the club wishes to use (Rec Center, Campus Dining, Cal Poly Theater, etc.), as it was previously required with Form 81.

For those interested in learning about already existing clubs, an online list is available through the campuscal.org/ clubs. Questions on the new EPlan can be answered by calling 756-1281. And for those curious to look at the paperwork required to start a new club, a complete guide and a sample "cookie" can be picked up at the Student Life and Services Office on the second floor of the UU.

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SCRAMENTO (AP)  California faced the threat of rolling blackouts Thursday after a powerful storm crippled a key nuclear plant while other electric generating stations shut down for maintenance.

The storm and repairs hampered enough plants to cut the state's power generation one-third. Regulators declared a Stage 3 alert as reserves dropped below 1.5 percent, and there was fear scattered blackouts would be necessary as demand rose in the evening.

The California Independent System Operator, keeper of the state's power grid, waited anxiously for 6 p.m., when electricity demand peaks. They urged consumers to save every kilowatt they could, but expected hope that outages would be averted.

"Some additional resources have been identified and the demand is less than forecasted," spokeswoman Lorie O'Donley said. "We were thinking it was probably that we'd go to blackouts, but now think it's probably we will avoid it."

Electricity shortages linked to California's troubled deregulation of the power industry have produced soaring prices and periodic outages of blackouts in the state since last June.

If the ISO ordered outages, utilities would decide which neighborhoods get them. Outages would likely last about an hour for each area affected, state regulators say, as the grid curtails power to blocks that house essential public services such as hospitals.

Any utility on the ISO grid, includ­
ing municipal utilities, could be hit by blackouts. The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power genera­
tes all the power it uses so it wouldn't be affected.

The ISO asked Pacific Gas & Electric Co. to cut off customers who volunteered for power stoppages in exchange for lower rates.

The need to save power was hitting home across the state.

Officials of Polytechnic University in Pomona, east of Los Angeles, closed the 19,000-stu­dent school for the rest of the week.

In San Francisco, Mayor Willie Brown dimmed the lights in his office and instructed all city departments to scale back power use.

"It is almost to the point where the working class is being held hostage," said Naomi Willis of Oakland, who started burning candles to cut down on using lights. "What can you do without electricity? Nothing."

California's power production fell more than 15,000 megawatts - enough to power 15 million homes - as the storm arrived with wind, rain and hail and plants were struck by unrelated mechanical problems.

At least five plants shut down Wednesday night or early Thursday because of mechanical problems or maintenance concerns, the ISO said, refusing to identify them. Other plants were forced to reduce power because of the storm, including the Diablo Canyon nuclear station in San Luis Obispo.

The plant cut back output to 20 per­cent of normal after high surf blew sea level into intake valves. The station normally provides enough electricity to serve about 2 million people.

Some plants were down for sched­uled maintenance, Dorian said.

The storm also knocked out power to more than 22,000 customers in Los Angeles, and scattered outages were reported in Marin County, north of San Francisco.

On Thursday afternoon, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson extended an emergency order requiring out-of-state power suppliers to direct excess power to California and to keep selling to PG&E and Southern California Edison despite their poor credit.

The order took effect immediately but ISO officials said it wouldn't help Thursday's needs because they have to power generators known a day ahead of when California invoked the federal order. ISO officials said the nation's power supply was tight that they were combing the country for megawatts.

California's order expired at midnight Wednesday but was extended after Gov. Gray Davis provided required electricity conservation plans. The order is in effect until midnight this week.

Davis' conservation plan had to show the state government would be ready by Tuesday to cut power 5 percent needed during times of peak demand. Davis planned to release details of the plan Friday.

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Lorie O'Donley  spokesperson for California Independent System Operator

PG&E and SoCal Edison - but high wholesale prices and bannings on Wall Street - say they face bankruptcy if they don't get more cash soon. The two utilities - which serve some 25 million people - estimate their losses at more than $10 billion.

Energy regulators have approved rate increases of 7 percent to 15 percent for PG&E and SoCal Edison customers, but Wall Street and the utilities said it will not be enough.

PG&E, already denied credit to buy electricity, warned Davis this week that it is running low on credit to buy natural gas.

An Assembly committee approved two power bills in special session Thursday. A full Assembly vote could come Friday.

The first would change the ISO's board to eliminate officials of power generating companies, which consumer groups say set up a conflict of interest.

The second would require utilities to get approval from the PUC to sell off any of their remaining generating facili­ties. California's deregulation law cur­rently requires them to sell those power stations.

Davis and Clinton administration energy officials planned to release talks over the weekend on possible solutions to the energy crisis.

Club members receive a hand out to set up an on-campus activity.

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By Candice Conti

Imagine having the best of two worlds together, within a 30-minute drive. Pristine blue ocean water crashes on one side and rolling mountains dense with trees and packed with wildlife surround the other. Beaches with cliffs and dunes line the Central Coast while secluded lakes are hidden deep within the chaparral.

Depending on the part of the country, there are many parks from which to choose. Some of the parks are on the coast, some are in the mountains and some are right down the road from Cal Poly.

To the south of San Luis Obispo, there are parks on the beach and the lake. Camping is available on the beach, as are surfing and horseback riding. North Beach campgrounds in Pismo Beach provide these opportunities.

Aside from ocean activities, South County is home to Lopez Lake, where visitors can go canoeing, water skiing or can just kick back and enjoy a picnic.

Lopez Lake park ranger Laine Foster said her favorite thing about Lopez is the wildlife.

"The animals are very tame," she said. "They come right up to you, so you can get a real good look at them."

There are also plenty of parks to choose from in the north end of San Luis Obispo. Some of the parks are on the ocean, while others are inland and on the lake.

Montaña de Oro State Park lies off Highway 1 in Los Osos. The forested areas sit next to the bluffs of the Pacific Ocean, making for an experience to satisfy any interest.

Travel business hot while students plan spring break

By Nate Clark

Planning for spring break.

Montaña de Oro is a park in Los Osos worth checking out, with beautiful trees, great hiking and excellent surfing. There are paths that run throughout the state facility that allow hikers to explore the total area without needing a guided tour. Various species of flowers and plants grow along the routes, so the park often learns as well as fun.

Biology senior Michael Moore said he enjoys going to Montaña de Oro because of the wonderful view and the diversity of animals.

"It's a great park because of its scenic hiking trails and its abundant wildlife," he said.

For people who love to fish, Santa Margarita Lake is a perfect place. It is noted for its great fishing and is located about 20 minutes north of San Luis Obispo.

Santa Margarita Lake park ranger John Reed said tons of trout get dumped into the lake a couple times a year.

"On Jan. 9, we put 1,000 pounds of trout in the lake and we will continue to add more over the next three months," Reed said.

If none of the above sounds good, a leisurely walk through a botanical garden or a relaxing game of golf may be more appealing. It's the case, then El Chorro Regional Park in San Luis Obispo might be interesting.

For more information on any of San Luis Obispo's parks in your area, call 1-800-444-PARK or get online and go to www.sldo Countyparks.com.
Today's issue: FOX TV's sexy new reality series
No harm in 'temptation'/'Island' exploits people

The first time I saw the promo for Fox's new reality series "Temptation Island," my jaw dropped open. Not much on television shocks me anymore, but when the concept of a show centers around the producers attempt to rip couples apart with maximum pain and drama, I had to take notice. The proposed series certainly seemed a bit on the extreme end of the reality TV phenomenon, even for Fox, the network that aired "When Animals Attack." I knew that it would only be a matter of time until criticism began surfacing concerning "Island's" morally questionable subject matter, despite the fact that the show hadn't even aired yet. Indeed, there has been some upset from those who feel "Island" represents the kind of harmful, sexual decadence that television consistently feeds the youth of America - the perpetuating idea that sex is fun, cool, essential. Others have accused the show of representing the degrading morality of American society.

I had my own opinions and expectations of the show, which aired its first episode on Wednesday, and they were largely confirmed by the end of the hour-long segment. Quite simply, "Temptation Island" is mindless trash, a ridiculously sad and manipulative hit of television that contributes neither harm nor benefit to its viewers. Both the idea of the show and its participants are so cheese-ball that no one should take anything but mild amusement away from it.

To summarize the "plot" of the show, it basically consists of four couples who are sent to an island paradise near Bora Bora where they are subsequently split up and sent to different resorts - guys' camp and girls' camp. The supposed idea of the show is to test the fidelity of the participants by tempting them with an endless string of gorgeous and extremely available single people. The couples all claim that their intention is to test the strength of their relationship by resisting temptation, but viewers will smell the B.S. That's kind of like testing one's immunity to STDs by having a go in a Singapore brothel.

The show is so absurd that it is hard to imagine that anyone can reasonably claim it will have any ill effects on society. "Island" is completely over-the-top and extreme, and people who claim to be offended or harmed by it are missing the point.

Unlike "Real World" and "Road Rules," two self-important reality series that treat their almost equally ridiculous subject matter as if it had some positive social benefit beyond entertainment, "Island" harbors no such illusions. "Island" revels in its silliness, trotting out a string of gimmicks (like allowing each participant to prohibit one of the others from dating their significant other) that inspire laughter more than anything else.

Some will say that "Island" represents a scary trend concerning the sanctity of relationships, but not with these people. The participants aren't married, are casually committed at best, and are clearly looking to have fun themselves. Like losing weight or quitting smoking, watching "Island" isn't going to make anyone a better person. It is no more immoral than watching a soapy soap opera.

We'll all watch the show for the short six weeks that it's on, then forget about it and wait for the next hyped TV show to be aired by a ratings-hungry network. What we forget to realize is that these are real people, not actors, and they have to go on with their lives after the show is over.

This new "Sexual Survivor" exploits people and should not be watched. Don't fall into the big network trap and watch this garbage. When they realize that scandalous sex doesn't sell, maybe they'll put something worth watching on television.

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Opinion

Americans desire interactive entertainment

The Consumer Electronics Show began January 7th. Over 2,000 companies were there to exhibit the latest technology, including MP3 players. Microsoft's unveiling of its new "Ultimate TV" is its first move to TV and Replay. The "Ultimate TV" is a hard disc television recorder that lets users pause and replay live television. It is a combination of satellite television, Wi-Fi TV and digital video recording.

Some people are questioning Microsoft's move to compete with TiVo and Replay in a market already saturated. Critics question the need for the TV consumer's right to pause and replay live television. The critics fail to see that "Ultimate TV" is just a stepping stone on technology's evolutionary ladder. While it is here, it is the future. For a large number of Americans, television is just background music. The television is on while they are eating dinner, cleaning, or surfing the Internet. It is certainly feasible that something on television might catch their attention, and they want to be able to replay. Also, just like they do now with videotapes, they'll be able to pause the show they are watching while they use the restroom, get the laundry out of the dryer and check on the dinner in the microwave. The television itself is an artistic tool. How would you like to see it if you really care about your gift.

As Ms. Belov suggested, I will make a strong, verbal statement of my views on sex. I freely recall nearly a decade ago when I was in middle school and the sexual embarrassment. All my buddies do, but no one has said something else, just like you do.

"Now, I am in a loving relationship because I am a traditional woman, and we both are committed to saving intercourse, along with most other intimate, personal pleasantries, for our respective wedding days. On that day, sex will be inexplicably wonderful, safe and romantic. How do I know? Dorky? Maybe. Like Ms. Belov, I'll take delight in a thrashing, un raped afterglow or whatsoever. We should take the responsibility for saving our women, and ourselves, from the bad things about sex. That's solid tool to the future of society, and an indirect tool to the future of mankind."

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Hogan left before sunrise to go to Montaño de Oro. Bolts said. Weiland picked her up at her house. Richardson said, and was the last person to see her alive, according to Bolts.

At 11:30 a.m., investigators found Hogan's body in the park, on a trail 30 yards to the west of Pecho Valley Road. Bolts said. She was fully clothed.

Bolts confirmed injuries to Hogan's body and a "cutting instrument" found next to it, but would not elaborate further. "On other instruments" that were found next to her body Bolts was unable to confirm whether the blood on the "cutting instrument" was Hogan's.

Sheriff's investigators on Tuesday searched for Weiland's vehicle to no avail. Weiland's vehicle, a Nissan Sentra, was found today at his home in Los Altos. This is the vehicle that sheriff's believe Hogan traveled in prior to her death, Bolts said.

Pending the autopsy of both bodies, Bolts was unable to comment on whether Weiland may have murdered Hogan and then committed suicide.

However, University Police Chief Tony Ariets said, "There's a lot of indication that it's a murder-suicide, but the sheriff's have to make the official decision." University Police have been aiding the county sheriff's investigators, as well as Los Altos police in the investigation into Hogan's death. Ariets also made the distinction between this case and that of Amanda Crawford and Rachel Newhouse, two students who were allegedly murdered last year by San Luis Obispo resident Rex Kubs.

"(This case) is distinctly different because, in previous instances, the suspects and victims had no knowledge of each other," Ariets said.

Richardson, who is one of Hogan's best friends, said she doesn't believe Hogan committed suicide.

"She had a lot of past things she was dealing with, but she had started going back to LSCU," Richardson said. Hogan was part of LSCU, a "little sister" group connected with the Christian Fraternity Alpha Gamma Omega.

Richardson added that Hogan had been thinking about breaking up with Weiland for some time and "prayed for strength to break up with him.

Richardson described Weiland as a "smart guy," but anti-social and manipulative.

"He was very controlling and she (Hogan) was really seeing the truth about him," Richardson said.

As investigations into both deaths continue, interim Vice President for Student Affairs Robert Tweiler announced that the university will be providing counseling services to anyone who needs it. Students interested can contact Else Axelroth at the University Counseling Center at 756-2711. Hogan's roommates, in conjunction with the university, are planning a memorial service for Hogan, which is scheduled to take place next Thursday at 11 a.m. The location is still being determined.

"We just want to focus on the good things and also be aware of these behaviors in guys and girls," Richardson said.

University of Colorado, Ov. (AP) — Pushing science to the brink of altering humans, researchers have created the world's first genetically modified primate -- a baby rhesus monkey with jellyfish DNA that glows green in the dark.

The Oregon Health Science University researchers who created ANDi, "the inserted DNA," spelled backward -- said their goal is not to tinker with the human blueprint but to use monkeys in the laboratory to advance medical research and wipe out diseases.

The researchers hope to introduce other genes in rhesus monkeys that could trigger diseases like Alzheimer's, diabetes, breast cancer or HIV. Then, those monkeys could be used in experiments aimed at blocking diseases at the genetic level.

"I think we're at an extraordinary moment in the history of humans," said Dr. Gerald Schatten, who is leading the research at the Oregon Regional Primate Center.

Mice have been genetically modified in labs and used for medical research for decades, but ANDi proves that scientists can now successfully tinker with the chromosomes of a close genetic cousin to man. "This is a step in the direction of working with an animal that is closer in biology to humans," said Dr. Phyllis Leppert, National Institutes of Health regional director.

"We have been doing mice for 20 to 50 years what scientists try to apply experimental results to humans. Rhesus monkeys, however, share roughly 95 percent of their genes with humans, she noted.

ANDi's creation, detailed in Friday's issue of the journal Science, drew caution and critical responses from scientists around the world.

"Although medical benefits may result from producing genetically modified monkeys, this sort of work must be subject to stringent monitoring," said Patrick Bateson, chairman of a Royal Society committee on genetics.

"This is a step in the direction of working with an animal that is closer in biology to humans."

Dr. Phyllis Leppert
National Institutes of Health

ANDi was created the same way, but he received an extra gene while he was still an unfertilized egg. The gene is a harmless protein taken from jellyfish that gives off a fluorescent green light that can be seen only under a microscope.

Schatten and other researchers modified and then fertilized more than 200 rhesus monkey eggs. Forty embryos were produced and resulted in five pregnancies and three live births. Of the three baby monkeys, only ANDi proved to have the modified jellyfish gene. He was born in October.

Except for the telltale genetic marker, the monkey is normal and healthy.

Greekm warned that monkeys are different enough from humans that comparisons can be difficult -- or even impossible -- as comparisons with mice.

Schatten countered that modifying monkey DNA eliminates the need to breed a large pool of test animals to find desired characteristics.

The research also raises questions about the ethics of making animals diseased so that they can be used in medical experiments. But Schatten said: "I don't think any of us would want to make primates sick unless it would truly accelerate the day that diseases can be eradicated."

Terri Lomax, an Oregon State University plant geneticist, said the ethics and safety of genetically modifying organisms are going to get more and more attention.

"But I think people will be a little more cautious because monkeys are a little closer to humans," she said.
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Sports

Ravens' defense ready for Raiders

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Baltimore had just six first downs and 134 yards of offense last week in beating Tennessee to reach the AFC championship games. No wonder the Oakland Raiders have done little this week but talk about the Ravens' defense. Baltimore set an NFL record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game season: 165, or just over 10 a game. "We think we're a very good offensive team, but they're a very, very good defense," Raiders quarterback Rich Gannon said. "How can you argue with that? They set that record, that's the reason they're the best defense ever." If the road to the Super Bowl for the Ravens goes through Oakland, the road for the Raiders goes through the Baltimore defense — and Ray Lewis, the NFL's defensive player of the year. Last week in Nashville, Lewis had 12 tackles and a 50-yard interception return for a touchdown as the Ravens (14-4) beat the Tennessee Titans, and moved on to play the Raiders (13-4-1) for the right to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl.

Hard to believe, but "it was Lewis'" first TD in five NFL seasons. But Lewis has plenty of help. While he's one reason the Ravens have gone 35 games without allowing a back to run for 100 yards, there are others — Tony Stражess and Sam Adams, 630-pound tackles, and Bob Burnett and Michael McCray at end. Burnett is one of the best all-around ends in the game and McCray has been one of the game's best pass rushers for the last half-decade.

Peter Boward and Jamie Sharper join Lewis in the game's best linebacking trio and safety Rod Woodson, a member of the NFL's 75th anniversary team, anchors the second.

"Ray has played so well that he's obscured the accomplishments of the others," Baltimore coach Bryan Billick said. "Michael and Peter have lower sack totals so they didn't make the Pro Bowl, but they've played 10 times better to help the team. That's what football is all about — you sacrifice individual statistics for the good of the whole."

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My Pick Raiders

NFC Championship: Unlike Keyshawn Johnson, who just wants the damn ball, Randy Moss proves that he deserves the ball. He has four touchdowns in his last seven catches and a touchdown catch in 19 of 47 games this year. If we were Dennis Green, I would just have Culpepper throw the deep ball to Moss every down. I mean, you're telling me that Moss wouldn't catch one out of three deep balls? Moss is the best wide receiver in the game. Not only is he tall and fast, but arguably the most athletic player in the game. Nobody in the NFL can out jump or go get a touchdown catch in his last seven games. Moss is the best wide receiver in the game. Not only is he tall and fast, but arguably the most athletic player in the game.

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"Together, we can move mountains as a group." Bromley stressed building team harmony. "The team has a lot of character, and that will help them hopefully turn the season around," Bromley said.

The team's mood during Bromley's first practice as head coach, he said, was uplifting, and he credited his staff and the team's energy really shocked him.

Bromley will look to his seniors for leadership during the remainder of the season. "Bromley knows the style that we like to play and he's probably the most upbeat guy I know," senior center Chris Bjorklund said.

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Sports

Palmer fired by Browns

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Chris Palmer was the first-year coach of the Cleveland Browns after winning only five games in two seasons and losing the trust of his players and the confidence of club president and front office head Policy.

The Browns were 2-14 and 3-13 since returning to the NFL under Palmer, who didn't have any NFL head coaching experience when the Browns hired him to lead the expansion team to the AFC East.

"Team president Carmen Policy announced Palmer's firing at a news conference at Browns headquarters.

"It's not the way we wanted things to go," Policy said. "We had hoped, from the bottom of our hearts, that our first coach would carry us all the way to the final goal. It was my opinion that Chris and his program were not headed in the direction that was appropriate for our team, and Palmer's job had been in jeopardy since the final week of the season when Policy reiterated his guarantee that Palmer would be back for a third season.

Policy changed his mind after the Browns were beaten 44-7 by Baltimore and 48-0 a week later at Jacksonville. Instead, Policy said Palmer's return depended on a post-season evaluation.

Palmer's future became clouded when a meeting between Policy and Miami coach Butch Davis was reported by the club's front office. Speculation grew when the club was slow in denying the meeting and by the Browns' unusual silence in recent days.

Palmer met with Policy and team owner AI Lerner for three hours Dec. 21 at the club's facility and told them that he had been in contact with them Wednesday, but the results could not save his job.

The Browns started this season 2-1, but several key players, including starting quarterback Tim Couch, had season-ending injuries and the team lost nine straight. Cleveland finished with only one more win than during its expansion season.

"It's a tough business," Couch said. "You just get in bed, wake, and have eggs. I'm sorry for coach Palmer. He showed a lot of confidence, a lot of faith in me and I'll always appreciate it."
By Raul Vasquez
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The key word for the Cal Poly men's basketball program is adjustment.

After six seasons as associate head coach at Cal Poly, Kevin Bromley will have to adjust to his new role as interim head coach. Jeff Schmidt resigned as head coach on Wednesday after a 5-7 start.

Bromley joined Schmidt's staff prior to the start of the 1995 season after serving as assistant for three seasons at Southern Utah University.

"As an assistant coach you make a lot of suggestions, but now as head coach, the buck stops here," Bromley said.

The players will have to get accustomed to a different style of coaching, he said during his Wednesday afternoon news conference.

Bromley told his players that aside from a few minor changes, everything will basically stay the same.

Improving defensively will still be an ongoing priority.

"We will continue to work on our matchup zone defense," he said.

Aside from the X's and O's, the team will work on overcoming adversity.

"I can really help them with their frame of mind," Bromley said.

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Women's hoops opens Big West play

By Ryan Ballard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly women's basketball team hits the road this weekend to take on arch rival UC Santa Barbara.

The game will pit the Gauchos, who are trying to extend their 45-game home winning streak, against the Mustangs, who are looking to break out of a slump that has seen them lose seven of their last eight games.

A big part of that slump has been a result of Cal Poly losing two of their best all-around players. Forward Caroline Rowles, the team leader in scoring, rebounding and blocks, has been out for more than two weeks following surgery. Rowles looks to return to the lineup by Jan. 20.

The Mustangs will have their own injury woes to deal with.

Senior guard Stephanie Otero is out for eight games following arthroscopic surgery on her knee. Otero came off the bench against Air Force and will look to return to full speed against the Gauchos.

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