A preview of the month's events:
The Multicultural Center makes attempts to draw non-minority students in on the celebration.

Reflecting on the 1968 Olympics:
HBO film 'Fists of Freedom' documents protests of black athletes.
Black history events appeal to many

By Stephen Curran

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In many ways, Black History Month is like many unofficial designations. Taken seriously by some, it often goes unnoticed by the majority of Americans.

The Cal Poly Multicultural Center is working to change that perception. At a university where minorities make up a tiny percentage of the student body, raising awareness for such events can present unique challenges, since many non-minority students feel uncomfortable taking part.

For this reason, coordinators for this year's Black History Month events have made a special effort to draw non-minority students. This year's keynote speaker, Olympic gold medal winner Tommie Smith, should appeal to a wide variety of campus and community members, said animal science junior Tiffani Hamilton, student coordinator of Black History Month events.

Smith is perhaps best known for his commercial "Black Power" salute at the 1968 Olympics. He will be recounting his experiences and speaking on the influence of athletes and students as activists. He is scheduled to speak Thursday at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

"Tommie Smith should reach out to a variety of people," Hamilton said. "He really reaches out to the athletes, community and transcends monoculture.

Today's front cover was designed by Jeff McKeown from various news services. The people are, clockwise from top left, Fredrick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, Jesse Owens, Martin Luther King Jr. and Jackie Robinson.

Film shows Olympic 'Fists of Freedom'

By Dawn Rapp

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With the help of the Multicultural Center, Cal Poly is celebrating a different kind of Black History Month. The Multicultural Center is using February to celebrate different aspects of human rights alongside black history.

Events were kicked off Monday night with the showing of "Fists of Freedom," an HBO documentary about the civil rights protests of black athletes during the 1968 Olympics. Students who viewed the film were able to participate in an open discussion afterward.

"Fists of Freedom" documents the lives of black track athletes Tommie Smith, John Carlos and Lee Evans. All three men were the center of civil rights controversies after they made symbolic gestures for black equality at the 1968 Olympics award ceremonies.

Tiffani Hamilton, who's been planning the event since last year, said the documentary is intended to inform and prepare students for Thursday night, when Smith will be speaking in Chumash Auditorium. Smith is the keynote speaker for Cal Poly's celebration of Black History Month.

"Everybody can benefit from this... I think he has a lot of wisdom to share," Hamilton said.

Smith will discuss the black community's fight for equal rights and his experience as a black athlete at the 1968 Olympics. Smith won the gold medal. Carlos won the bronze medal and both won for the 100 meter dash.

Smith and Carlos were both stripped of their medals after raising their fists as a statement for human rights in America. Both athletes wore one black glove and raised their fists in the air while bowing their heads to the National Anthem.

This gesture made black athletes the center of controversy in the U.S., because many felt they brought the problems of civil rights into the open for the world to see.

"Black, white, athlete or plain student, I think we all have a lot to learn from (Smith)," Hamilton said during the discussion.

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New explosive silicon discov­
dered by researchers
SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Scientists at the University of California, San Diego, have accidentally discovered an explosive type of silicon. The sci­
cents were attempting to develop highly sensitive magnetic sensors by coating silicon wafers with gadolinium nitrate. When one scientist tried to cut the chip with a diamond-tipped cutter, the chip blew up in his face with a violent reaction equal to that of the bang from a toy cap gun.

Chemists have known for a while that an explosive reaction could be caused with potassium nitrate and silicon, but this was the first time another salt compound produced the same results. In hind­
sight, the scientists said they should have looked at potassium nitrate at the results, since gadolinium nitrate is relatively close to potassium nitrate — the saltwater used to make gun­
powder.

The scientists said that the process of adding gadolinium nitrate to silicon isn't hard to do, and it could easily be incorporated into current computer chip fabrication techniques. And it could lead to a bunch of new possibilities and appli­
cations — including the self­destructive chip.

If the force of the explosion could be contained, the compound could be used to make tiny rockets to power microscopic machines that would, among other tasks, detect chemical warfare agents or be used to create small portable spectrome­
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Churches call for social, technological activism to empower during Black History Month

By Bill Broadway

WASHINGTON POST

(CWBE) WASHINGTON — As if the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks didn't have enough downsides, the Rev. Ronald E. Braxton believes the country's focus on terrorism has suppressed the voices addressing the needs of the African American community.

"Those issues which were so widespread in our community (before the attacks on the Pentagon and World Trade Center) are now silenced," said Braxton, pastor of Metropolitan AME Church in the District of Columbia. "I don't hear anyone talking about the issues of homelessness, drugs, crime and hunger. Those issues are not on the homeland security agenda. And that frightens me to death.

Braxton, 53, said public attention can — and should — be focused simultaneously on security and social issues. It's time for the black church to recommit to its historic leadership role in "calling on the government, the community and society to be aware of the issues in our neighborhoods," he said.

Braxton calls for black churches to re-establish their voice for change as they celebrate Black History Month — and assert the voice of African Americans in an increasingly diverse society.

Some other activities, church members at Metropolitan, which since its founding in 1822 has been a national leader in civil rights, participated in a conference on how to "empower others through the spirit, the pure and the community," he said.

The Rev. Walter E. Fautnoot, pastor of Bethesda's New Bethel Baptist Church, which is celebrating its 100th year, said the basic message in the religious community during Black History Month has not changed in his half-century as a civil rights activist. "We need to be more involved" in the present age, he said.

A present-age challenge in the African American community is to ensure that as many people as possible are registered to vote and that elections are monitored so minorities are not discouraged from voting — as Fautnoot and others say happened in Florida and other states during the 2000 presidential election.

"We must be seriously involved in politics, because politics defined is the process of determining who gets how much of what, when and where," he said.

Dan Clayborn, 44, president of the single-adult ministry at Metropolitan Baptist Church in the District, said one way for African Americans to ensure that their voice is heard is to improve their proficiency in technology.

Metropolitan will host a "technology weekend" on Feb. 16, open to the public, to teach such strategies as finding online assistance on health matters and developing internal security for home computers.

"Knowledge is power. So many times we have not been able to share knowledge among the people," said Clayborn, a computer specialist with a health care insurer. As leader of a singles ministry of 35 to 50 people, Clayborn said he wants to help the group learn how to better blend technology and communities.

"Crossing the digital divide," he said, means improving proficiency to set up online Bible study and prayer groups, and strategy sessions to support or fight new legislation.

Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ will use videos, recordings, photographs and discussion classes to depict the contributions of jazz musician and composer Duke Ellington, novelist Zora Neale Hurston and abolitionist Frederick Douglass.

"We want people to see how the Rev. Barbara Walker, director of religious education for the District church, said.

"Most people know Ellington's contribution to jazz, but the spirituality of his life and music is often underplayed," Walker said. Participants will hear selections from three "sacred concerts" held in collaboration with Mahalia Jackson and other performers.

Hurston, part of the artistic movement called the Harlem Renaissance, was criticized by Richard Wright and other black authors for her 1937 novel, "Their Eyes Were Watching God." What critics saw as stereotyped characters of Southern blacks are being seen in a new way — as Hurston's attempt "to show how African Americans dealt with life and were able to find joy despite the troubles they had," Walker said.

"It's important for any people to relearn their own history, whether you are Jewish, African American or Hispanic," Walker said. "That's what keeps it fresh. We have to go to the next day, not only in the past, and to look forward with a vision."

Read-in commemorates black literature, culture

By Sarah Rothman

PARK, Pa. — Members of the Penn State University and State College, Pa., communities came together last night to recognize African American literature during Black History Month.

Poetry readings, dance performances and an awards presentation were part of the African American Read-In Celebration in Heritage Hall at the HUB-Robeson Center.

The African-American Read-in is a month-long celebration of black culture that place each year on the first Sunday and Monday of Black History Month. The program, which began in 1989, is meant to promote the inclusion of African American literature in elementary, secondary and higher education curriculum.

A major component of Sunday night's event was the presentation of the poetry Slam, which featured students from Park Forest Middle School and State College Area High School submitting poems by authors such as Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes.

Miss Black Penn State Kaamilah Gilyard read a poem of her own. Commenting on what she viewed as society's negative reaction to the inclusion of African-Americans, a line of Gilyard's poem asked, "Is that my lips are too big or that you fear what I say?" She concluded the performance with "love yourself — unconditionally."

Choir and dance performances were included in the event to illustrate the various forms the African-American literature takes. Jump rope and hand rhymes, such as "Miss Mary Mac" were performed as examples of these alternate forms of literature from the black culture.

Guest speaker Signithia Fordham, professor of cultural anthropology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, spoke about the contrast between what she called the African-American dialect and standard English. She said that black students often feel they are being asked to abandon their black culture when they are taught standard English in school. "We must break the thought that school is over here and being black is over there. We must bring the two together," Fordham said.

Master of ceremonies Howard Rambay gave a special thank you to the audience for attending the event. "African-American literature always has to struggle for an audience, but I think today on Super Bowl Sunday it has to struggle extra hard," Rambay said.

Black History Month celebrations begin at Colorado State

By Shanda Jordan

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — The sound of the Voices of Unity Gospel Choir rang through the Main Level of the Lory Student Center at noon Monday, beginning the month-long celebration of Black History.

The ceremony, which officially opened Black History Month at Colorado State University, opened with the choir, which is directed by the "minister of music," James Butler, a junior majoring in management.

Norman Wallace, a graduate student working toward a degree in student affairs in higher education, then gave a brief history of Black History Month.

"I always thought it was a conspiracy that Black History Month is the shortest month of the year," Wallace said. "Fortunately, I was wrong."

During the ceremony, Jennifer Williams Molock, director of CSU's Black Student Services, read an African-American sermon by James Weldon Johnson, Chicago Aldah Rahman, of CSU's Ebony Players Drama Troupe, accompanied William Molock with a dramatic rendition of the sermon. Following the sermon, cameo Nichols, a volunteer at BSS and a senior majoring in political science, read "Black and Proud" by Catreres Johnson, a former CSU student. Williams Molock read a poem on being the mother of a black child, again accompanied by members of the Ebony Players.

"Being the mother of a black child, it ain't no easy thing. You've got to call on Jesus and listen to the angels sing," Williams Molock said.

To conclude, the choir and the audience stood together to "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and Williams Molock previewed some of the upcoming events which include Michael Hancock, the president/CEO of the Urban League and Trudi Morrison from the chief employee relations office of the U.S. courts.

"I'm really looking forward to hearing Trudi Morrison speak," said Carol Reed, a member of the choir and a senior majoring in political science. "She's one of the only people who arrest the president and she graduated from CSU."
Ephedrine use continues amid growing health concerns

By Scott Bair
DAILY BRITON

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Joe Kim's heart rate was out of control. He felt strange during his workout. His heart started pumping really fast, and his body started to shake as a nutritional supplement he used. Kim has lost 80 pounds.

"You can really feel it," said the second-year economics and biology student. "You're on something like a speed high."

And the popular supplement that caused such a reaction in Kim's body can be bought over-the-counter. The speed-like supplement was ephedrine, a popular performance-enhancing supplement often used by workout enthusiasts and others to lose weight quickly.

But not everyone is as enthused with the drug as the weight room crowd.

The Canadian government issued a voluntary recall of retail products containing ephedrine on Jan. 9. Evidence shows that products that contain ephedrine combined with other stimulants pose a risk to those who use them, said Ryan Baker, a reporter for Health Canada.

"They can put those peoples' lives in danger, and the purpose of this recall is to protect people from these products," he said.

While ephedrine products are being yanked off shelves in Canada, they are flying off the shelves in the United States.

Quoc Ngo, a third-year psychology student, said ephedrine is one of the top-selling products at the Vending Co. in his body started to shake as a nutritional supplement he used. Kim has lost 80 pounds.

"They sell the products, he uses them in his own workout. The No. 1 selling product at the store is Xenadrine. When I do use ephedrine, I use that because it has ma huang, ephedra (an herbal form of caffeine) and pseudoephedrine to suppress your appetite," Ngo said.

Ephedrine, or its Chinese incarnation ma huang, has been around for centuries. Ephedrine is an extract of the plant Ephedra equisetina. It has been used as a stimulant and as a way to increase respiratory flow. A synthetic form of the drug, called pseudoephedrine, is a common ingredient in cold and allergy products approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

The side effects of ephedrine are currently sold as benefits, and it is now a main ingredient in many popular over-the-counter nutritional supplements.

According to the FDA, ephedrine causes stimulant effects that create a higher level of oxygen and energy supply to the muscles by increasing heart rate, blood pressure and metabolic rate. Ephedrine has been used to enhance weight loss because of the increase it causes in metabolic rate.

When ephedrine is taken in combination with a dose of caffeine, the metabolic increase is doubled, said Arthur Ashe dietician Sheri Barke. This doubling effect spawned a rash of nutritional supplements called "ECA Stacks" which combine ephedrine, high doses of caffeine and pseudoephedrine to form potent energy stimulants.

The Ashe Center strongly discourages ephedrine use, but it one installment on consuming the legal drug, it recommends a product containing no more than 22 mg per serving and no more than 90 mg per day for less than 12 weeks.

These stacks and other ephedrine-based products with names like Xenadrine, Speed Stack, Thermo Pro, Ripped Force, Stack 2 and Yellow Jackets, which range anywhere from $22.99 to $39.99, are designed to dominate shelf space in most nutrition stores.

Numerous ephedrine-producing companies did not return repeated phone calls and could not be reached for comment.

With so many products on the market, it's hard for consumers to choose between products, and advertisers have been an effective means of helping ephedrine users choose.

"It's interesting to see how they are marketing the product," said Dr. Gary Green, an associate professor of sports medicine at UCLA. "In men's magazines they are promoting it as to increase muscle mass. In women's magazines, it is being marketed to lose weight."

Kim has used four different products. He has switched products often because a friend will recommend something or he will read an article about a new product, but at the same time, Kim cannot discount the effect of advertising on his choice.

"Advertisements play a big role," he said. "You hear that a certain product has a new technology, so it's better. Then I read an article saying that a product I had heard about was better than the one I had. I was doing fine with the one I was using, but I wanted to try something new, so I switched."

Nutrition stores are not the only place where one can find such products. Ephedrine-based products can also be found in convenience stores and fitness clubs, where they are sold in vending machines.

Since he started his diet 10 months ago, Kim has lost 80 pounds. He uses ephedrine to supplement his seven-day-a-week workout regimen, but has been questioning whether the ephedrine is causing him to lose weight.

"The products won't be effective if you don't work out," Kim said. "You have to work out, and you have to diet. If you're not eating right, it's going to be a waste of money. I can't say if the products were effective or not because I took on the whole regimen of working out and dieting, so that might have been it too."

Barke holds the same doubts about ephedrine's effectiveness as a weight loss drug.

"Keep in mind that the research that showed weight loss from ephedrine products was done on obese people, who were on a low-calorie diet already," Barke said. "There is no research that shows this has any effect on people of healthy weight who are looking to shed a couple of pounds."

Though the information pertaining to the negative side effects of ephedrine has been available for years, many young athletes fail to take the warnings seriously.

In a 1996 statement on the substance, the FDA cited increased blood pressure, nervousness, tremors, weight loss, insomnia to acne and vomiting. The products normally contain caffeine, 1  use that because it has the same effect to aid them in late-night studying.

In the case of NVE Pharmaceuticals' Yellow Jackets, the warning label is hidden in a mass of text and lists the amount of ephedra alkaloids and caffeine in the product, which amounts to the upper limits of the recommended 20mg per serving.

Upon close inspection, Yellow Jackets cram more ephedrine into the caplet under the pseudonym of Sida Cordifolia, another ephedrine extract. This extra ephedrine pushes the caplet over the recommended dosage, increasing the chance for harmful side effects. NVE could not be reached for comment after repeated attempts.

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Recipe of the Week

Savory three-cheese quiche

1 (9-inch) prepared pie shell (unbaked)
1 cup grated Swiss
1/2 cup grated marbled jack
3 tablespoons grated Romano, plus 1 tablespoon
1/2 cup chopped medium onion
1 cup fresh broccoli florets
1/2 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1/4 teaspoons dried marjoram
1/2 teaspoon dried basil
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
3 eggs
1 cup milk
1/2 cup half-and-half
7 or 8 cherry tomatoes

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F.

Sprinkle the cheese over the bottom of the pie shell, then evenly distribute the onion, broccoli, and mushroom over the cheese layer. Mix the eggs and the spices together in a bowl. Add the milk and half-and-half and mix well. Pour over contents of the pie shell.

Cut the cherry tomatoes in halves and place, cut side up, in a ring on top of the mixture. Sprinkle the 1 tablespoon of Romano over top. Bake for 15 minutes. Turn oven down to 300 degrees F and bake an additional 45 to 55 minutes or until cake tester inserted in middle comes out clean.
Lessons learned from the darker side

(U-WIRE) MISSOULA, Mont. — "You have heard the one about the blonde and the row boat?"

"That's a funny story.

"How bout the one with the blonde and the Nike?"

"No, I say regretfully.

"This is how you start all your family gatherings have begun for the last 21 years of my life.

But now, it's all changed. I'm no longer fielding blonde jokes — not anymore.

I've put my foot down for good because, well, I'm no longer blond.

I've always been blond. I've been the brunt of most of the jokes and for good reason, being the only blond in the family, my brother had me convinced I was adopted.

But then, in December, I had an accident with a bottle of Fever. It was supposed to be an evening, I found a kit for highlighting. My hair is naturally blond, but in the winter, it gets quite dark. So, to avoid giving away my eastern Montana roots, both literally and figuratively, I tried to make my hair as blond as I could.

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My presence would still speak for itself. Now I see, sometimes it's people who react to me like I was a puppy. Giggles. Little girl.

People believed blondes do have more fun, but Pm here to tell you it's not true. Women are not millions of people, and I don't have to matter to you deeper.

One of the main things I wanted to be an idealist and I used to think didn't matter what I looked like — people would perceive me on a deep-

level. My mere presence would speak for itself. Now I see, sometimes appearances are very important.

For instance, one night I was renting a movie, and I said something to the effect of "sweet" when I got a good deal on my rental.

"Wow," he said, "I haven't heard another girl say that ever before.

"Oh, older," I thought. "How old is this kid?"

"Twenty, maybe.

"How old do you think you am," I asked.

"Oh, 25 or so.

Now, if I wasn't almost a bloon with scars with wrinkles and why, I would've brushed the comment off. Two years ago, I would've been flattered to have someone think I was 25. But then I realized it was the dramatic hair. I was older, sepantified, I thought.

The next time I saw my aunt, the one with all the blonde jokes, I was ready. No longer, I would say, can I be treated like a little, cute girl. Why do they make blonde jokes to begin with?" she asked.

"So brunettes can understand it, too,"

"Sometimes, you just cannot ever reinvent yourself.

Courtney Lowery, Montana Kaimin (U Montana)

Opinion

Mustang Daily

The car: home away from home

Cal Poly students are a bunch of brats. All this nonsense about lack of housing is outrageous! Sure, there is a shortage of affordable living accommodations around San Luis Obispo, but the solution is not found in massive building schemes.

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My presence would still speak for itself. Now I see, sometimes it's people who react to me like I was a puppy. Giggles. Little girl.

People believed blondes do have more fun, but Pm here to tell you it's not true. Women are not millions of people, and I don't have to matter to you deeper.

One of the main things I wanted to be an idealist and I used to think didn't matter what I looked like — people would perceive me on a deep-

level. My mere presence would speak for itself. Now I see, sometimes appearances are very important.

For instance, one night I was renting a movie, and I said something to the effect of "sweet" when I got a good deal on my rental.

"Wow," he said, "I haven't heard another girl say that ever before.

"Oh, older," I thought. "How old is this kid?"

"Twenty, maybe.

"How old do you think you am," I asked.

"Oh, 25 or so.

Now, if I wasn't almost a bloon with scars with wrinkles and why, I would've brushed the comment off. Two years ago, I would've been flattered to have someone think I was 25. But then I realized it was the dramatic hair. I was older, sepantified, I thought.

The next time I saw my aunt, the one with all the blonde jokes, I was ready. No longer, I would say, can I be treated like a little, cute girl. Why do they make blonde jokes to begin with?" she asked.

"So brunettes can understand it, too,"

"Sometimes, you just cannot ever reinvent yourself.

Courtney Lowery, Montana Kaimin (U Montana)
Editor's note:

Instead of the normal Letters to the Editor, today we are only running the above letter. The author requested it be published exactly as is, so due to the unusual circumstances regarding this situation here it is.

For the readers' information, the "Jason Mason" referred to in the above letter should actually say "Justin Mason," the name of the author of a controversial Jan. 30 letter. Recently we have discovered that there is no Justin Mason, so please disregard anything previously written with that name. Additionally, no more letters on the topic of cattle grazing, agricultural students' intelligence or any related matters that recently have been written about will be published.

Gore resurfaces in political circus

(U-WIRE) HOUSTON — On Saturday, Al Gore (the guy who lost the presidential election, then set his political party whining about it for a month) announced he is going to rejoin the "national debate" after his long absence.

The man came back to speak, of all places, at a political rally in his "home state" of Tennessee. Days earlier, he had established a political action committee (read: slush fund for money from gullible voters) so he can go out, work fund-raisers and send the cash on to campaign Democrats this semester.

Setting aside the obvious jokes and comments about what the guy did the last time someone set him loose to raise funds (Chinese money, anyone?), the American response to Gore's speech was overwhelming. We grabbed the remote and went right back to the Super Bowl.

Maybe it was the fact that Gore had alienated himself from America. First he whooped and complained and did everything he could to throw the election into doubt. Then he just vanished. No word, no comment since. Now, all of a sudden, he just wants back in.

Maybe it was the Democratic Party's usual broken record of comments, accusing the administration of causing the current economic slowdown. That particular bit of bad news analysts saw coming during Clinton's last days.

Maybe it was Gore's accusing the president and his administration of being involved in the Enron collapse. Since we've already seen more of the same dirty tricks from the Democrats, when they ran ads attempting to link Senate candidate Elizabeth Dole with Enron merely because she attended a fund-raiser run by Enron's chief executive officer, its apparent such claims are just a lot of the usual hot air.

Maybe it's the fact that we can all anticipate Gore's political points. It's not too hard: Just take whatever the real leaders of his party are saying, wait a week and watch the parrot named Gore squawk it back out. Tom Daschle and Dick Gephardt are the speakers for the party now — not Gore.

Or maybe, just maybe, it's that we all had enough of Gore the first time around. With the president's approval ratings higher than any in recent memory, the Democrats have been hard-pressed to find items to attack him on, and to do it in ways that don't cause a political backlash for being unpatriotic.

If Gore thinks he has something to say, he can try saying it. But he'd better make sense, and it'd better be a little more rational than the usual Democratic ramblings. Meaning, of course, that the politics of the 2000 elections won't even work as well as they did in 2000, when Gore lost.

Then again, there's always the remote control.

Michael AHF, The Daily Cougar (U. Houston)
“The whole thing is about raising awareness,” he said. “These issues do occur and we’re trying to address that.”

The whole idea behind the events is inclusion, Hamilton said, hopefully making even non-minority students sensitive to these issues. While small, she said that Cal Poly has a “tight-knit” black community that has made it relatively easy to spread the word among black students. The challenge, she said, is to make the events relevant to non-minority students.

“None of these programs are about blaming anyone,” Hamilton said. “We want (non-minority students) to consider their own ethnicity and heritage.”

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

2/7 UU “GROOVE HOUR” open mic and scheduled performances, UU PLAZA, 11 a.m.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
TOMMIE SMITH: Olympian recounts his experience during the 1968 Olympics and speaks on the influence of athletes and students as activists, CHUMASH AUDITORIUM, 7 p.m.

2/11 “BAMBOOZLED” movie viewing followed by dialogue, MULTICULTURAL CENTER LOUNGE, 7 p.m.

2/21 A TASTE OF AFRICA: Samplings of various African dishes, THE NEWMAN CENTER, 7 p.m.

2/22 SOULISTIC GROOVE: Open mic and scheduled performances, BACKSTAGE PIZZA, 7 p.m.

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competitive with both teams. “I thought that we played them pretty even,” she said. “We had matches where we didn’t shoot well or we didn’t rebound the ball well. Being able to sustain a concentrated effort for 40 minutes is going to win some ball games.”

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effort for 40 minutes is winning to win the game,” Taylor said.

The Rams will have plenty to lament as they ponder the long road back, particularly the three turnovers that they blamed for the loss even as they praised the Patriots. Since 1990, teams with a minus-3 turnover differential have lost 89 percent of the time; add the Rams to the list.

“Our team hasn’t really been known for having a player that if you stop them, you stop our whole team. Each person helps individually, whether it be 20 points or one rebound,” While Cal Poly’s, whose goal is to win the Big West Conference tournament, is focused on the second half of the season to make itself known, two of the other teams in the conference are in a tight battle for first place. Both Riverside and UCSC have held the spot this season.

Being ranked ninth in the preseason poll, Riverside ended the first half in first place but now finds itself in second place after its first game of the second half to Irvine.

“I think we are doing really well,” Young said. “Our goal was to play our best game every night.”

Santa Barbara, last year’s Big West Conference champions, currently holds the No. 1 seed in the Big West with a 7-0 record. Though the team has seven freshmen, head coach Mark French said he knew his team was capable of being the conference’s best game every night.

“They have a talented young group,” he said. “We know about how good we would be, and we always strive to do our best. The most important game is always the one coming up.”

While USC may be first, it’s not overlooking any opponent, French said. After Cal Poly broke a 41-game losing streak against Santa Barbara last year, it cannot count on the USC’s confidence.

“I had respect for them before, but now I have a tremendous fear of them,” French said. “They are doing a great job.”

So, while Cal Poly has the respect and reverence of other teams, along with skill and leadership, the players are now just hoping the Rams to back up their talent.

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While no team has had a tougher schedule than the Rams, the results have been encouraging.

“Running the visits is not a good thing for future Olympic Games and Athens. He reiterated Monday that conflicts of interest with the ethics commission — a panel created after conflicts of interest must be reported — sparked by the scandal and the IOC’s response, a 50-point reform plan enacted in December 1999 that bans members from私自 receiving gifts.

U.S. officials have long denied any conflict of interest rules would be violated for more study and submitted to a special session scheduled for Mexico City in November at which the full 50-point reform plan is due to be revisited. In other action Monday.

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The Rams led the league in goveaways in the regular season with 44, a persistent flaw. “You can play pretty much flawless and sometimes the mistakes you make don’t turn out not to be anything,” said Warner, who was 296-44-365 yards, two interceptions and one touchdown. “They turned out to be 17 points and a world championship for them.”

Warner played with a sore right thumb for most of the second half but still made some big plays down the stretch. Last season’s league MVP though, got the ball fewer times than anyone believed he should have. Marshall Faulk had 130 yards from scrimmage on a modest 21 touches. “I wasn’t really paying attention to the game,” said Faulk, who did complain he had been held and hit unnecessarily away from the ball all night. “We run the play that is called.”

The Rams outgained the Patriots 427 yards to 267, the biggest advantage ever for a Super Bowl loser. Their 243 yards in the second half nearly matched New England’s total for the game.

“We moved the ball all day long,” Warner said. “We just kept stopping ourselves.”

Although they blamed themselves for the loss as much as they credited the Pats, the Rams were annoyed by suggestions they might have taken the Patriots lightly. Old-schoolers favored the Rams by 14 points, but the players insisted until the second quarter that the Rams were a worthy opponent. Then New England turned itself into a worthy champi—

It ended on Adam Vinatieri’s 48-yard field goal as time expired, although it appeared a second or two should have remained on the clock. Before the Rams knew what hit them, confetti cannons were shooting over their heads, and it was over. The Rams will have as good a chance as any NFC team to make it to Super Bowl XXXVII in San Diego in January, but that seemed far away as they left town for a bitter offseason. “I’m sure it’s a feeling we will remember for the rest of our lives,” cornerstone Aeneas Williams said.

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BY NEIL BEST

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Mustangs not satisfied at mid-way mark

Women's basketball in fifth place with Big West tournament one month away

By Andrea Coberly

The Cal Poly women's basketball team has a lot of things that makes it a great program. It has a roster full of contributors, a team of leaders, a coach that inspires, and an intense work ethic.

There is just one thing the team doesn't have — a winning record.

Ending the first half of the season with a 4-5 record and losing the first game of the second half to Idaho, the women's team has not been able to show the true talent that they believe they possess.

"I think that there is still more we can accomplish," junior guard Carmen Taylor said. "Our record, so far, is not representative of the players we are. There is a lot more as a team we can do in this half of the season. There are eight games for us to get better." Though the team is currently ranked fifth in the Big West Conference standings, the players still see the rest of the season as a time to establish themselves, said senior guard Ushesha Jenkins.

"We are still improving," she said. "I think we have a great opportunity to get more wins. We are right in the midst of things and we are at a point where we can take it or give it away. I think our opportunities are still there for us."

In the first half of the season, Cal Poly took wins from UC Irvine, Cal State Northridge, Cal State Fullerton and Idaho. Though the team did suffer losses from both UC Santa Barbara and UC Riverside, the first and second place teams in the Big West, head coach Faith Minnich said that Cal Poly was only eight credits away from its degree, one University of Utah student will put all of the credits toward to put on a U.S. Olympic platform and compete in the Winter Olympics.

This was actually their year, and it was all of the training, all of the work that was put in to make this a successful year. Utah senior Kristina Joder took only five credit hours fall semester to concentrate on training. She spent Winter break preparing for the preliminaries and in hopes that she would qualify for the Olympic Team. On Dec. 29, she competed in the Gold Cup and the first week of January, she competed in the U.S. Nationals. And then all of the training paid off.

On Jan. 19, Joder was told she made the 2002 U.S. Cross Country Ski Team. One month to the day after making the team, Joder will compete in the cross-country sprint race, which is 1.5 kilometers long.

"When I called home to tell my parents, my mom couldn't hardly talk, she was kind of crying. My dad kept his cool, but he was really excited," Joder said. She said her parents are really supportive of her skiing.

As one of eight women on the cross-country team, Joder will ski the same course she has skied for the past four years.

"I think it is a big advantage to know the course and know everything about the area," Joder said. As a senior, Joder ended without All-American status, running in a 25th place in the women's 5K Classical and an 11th place in the women's 15K Free Technique.