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The number of Cal Poly students studying abroad went up from 549 during the 2002-03 school year to 585 last year. Students were spread over more than 20 countries.

Caitlin Donnell

Cal Poly ranks fourth in the nation for the number of students who study abroad among universities that offer master's degrees, according to a survey conducted by the Institute of International Education.

According to the 2004 Report on International Education Exchange, 549 Cal Poly students studied abroad during the 2002-03 school year. The number increased when Cal Poly sent a total of 865 students abroad to more than 20 countries last year.

"I refer to it as the best kept secret," said John Battenberg, interim director for Cal Poly's International Education and Programs and English professor. "I think that it surprises many individuals that Cal Poly is so involved in international education."

The report also found that Cal Poly was the only California State University in its category to be ranked in the top 20. "Outside of the classroom, assisting students in studying abroad is one of the most significant things that we do at Cal Poly because it is life-altering, it changes how they view themselves and the world around them," Battenberg said.

Cal Poly offers study abroad opportunities through the California State University International Programs, which has yearlong programs at

Baker receives prestigious award

Natasha Toto

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker received the 2004 Chief Executive Leadership Award given by the Far West Region of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Baker was presented with the award at a luncheon during the CASE District VII conference on Dec. 6 in San Francisco.

Baker was praised for raising nearly $250 million for Cal Poly's Centennial Campaign. The money raised exceeded the $225 million goal almost one year ahead of schedule.

Warren J. Baker

Baker said that he was surprised to discover he had won the award, but feels that it is a good affirmation of efforts at Cal Poly.

"This is reflective of a team effort and a focus on the uniqueness of the institution," Baker said. "I think it reflects primarily the way we have been able to organize our campaign and how we have tied that to ongoing things in the university."

President Baker said that much of the money was made because of the quality plan the university put together.

"We were persistent and told a good story so the students would benefit," Baker said.

"Whether it is computer science, agriculture or engineering, Baker said the institution can demonstrate how the money benefits the students by increasing the number of quality faculty members in the programs."

Alumni are some of the key donors to the university, and Baker insists that most of the major gifts come from individuals.

"We have always had a very strong corporate relations program with a lot of annual gifts," Baker said. "But individual donors who have acquired some wealth and want to give back are what we see the most."

Christina Ladd, a recent horticultural graduate, said that she is surprised to discover how much money was raised throughout the campaign.

"It is comforting to know that Cal Poly is focusing on bringing in more school funding, especially since we have seen so many budget cuts from the state this last year," Ladd said.

"We strongly feel we could achieve it and were confident that we could raise the money," Baker said.

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The decisive victory of Mahmoud Abbas gives him the opportunity to renew peace talks with Israel and put an end to violence in the Middle East.

Abbas elected new Palestinian president

Ravi Nissman

RAMALLAH, West Bank— Mahmoud Abbas was elected Palestinian Authority president by a wide margin Sunday, exit polls showed, giving him a decisive mandate to renew peace talks with Israel, rein in militants and try to end more than four years of Middle East bloodshed.

The victory of the moderate and pragmatic Abbas, who has spoken out against violence and has the backing of the international community, was expected to usher in a new era, after four decades of chaotic and corrupt Palestinian rule by Yasser Arafat. Abbas, who died Nov. 11, was promised to reform the Palestinian Authority, overhaul the unwieldy Palestinian security services and quickly resume negotiations with Israel, stalled for four years.

President Bush, who has said a resumption of peace talks must be accompanied by sweeping Palestinian reforms, called Abbas' election "a historic day for the Palestinian people."

"Palestinians throughout the West Bank and Gaza took a key step toward building a democratic future by choosing a new president in elections that observers describe as largely free and fair," Bush said in a statement issued two hours after polls closed.

Abbas' political objectives are the same as Arafat's: a Palestinian state in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and east Jerusalem, and a solution for Palestinian refugees and their descendents.

There is a difficult mission ahead to build our state, to achieve security for our people ... to give our prisoners freedom, our fugitives a life in dignity, and the freedom to reach our goal of an independent state," he said in an acceptance speech in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

After results of three exit polls were announced, giving Abbas between 66 percent and 69.5 percent of the vote, his supporters celebrated in the streets.

In the West Bank city of Hebron, motorists honked horns and waved Abbas posters. In Ramallah, gunfire filled the air.

Abbas said he was dedicating his victory to the memory of Arafat, to the Palestinian people, to those killing in fighting with Israel and to thousands of Palestinians in Israeli prisons.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon expects to meet with Abbas soon, his aides said. Israeli officials said that in a gesture to Abbas, Israel plans to release some of the more than 7,000 Palestinian prisoners, provided Abbas stops militants from firing rockets at Israeli towns.

"I think this vote shows a change in the Palestinian street," moving away from support of violence, said Sharon aide Ranan Grot.

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One of the two buildings being
constructed on the former library
parking lot was entirely donated by
alumni who felt strongly about the
quality of education he received at Cal
Baker said it will be a "projects
place on campus to work on projects
outside assignments they formerly had

"We certainly welcome this and

from Fatah, which was concerns a
low turnout could weaken Abbas.
At least 66 percent of 1.1 million
registered voters cast ballots, election
officials said, adding the figure was
expected to rise, since unregistered
voters also participated in the election.
Final results were to be announced
Monday morning.
The election, the first presidential
vote in nine years, proceeded largely
without interruption. In one incident,
gunmen fired in the air in an election
office in and Jerusalem, voters com­
plain of confusing arrangements.
According to three exit polls, Abbas'
main challenger, independent
Maftua Barghouti, won 20 percent,
while the remaining five scored in the
low single digits.
Barghouti complained that the
Central Election Commission had
changed rules in mid-game, by
extending voting by two hours and
allowing voters to cast ballots at any
location, rather than where they lived
or registered.
Analysts have said Abbas needs at
least 66 percent support to resume
negotiations with Israel. "He (Abbas)
has a mandate from the voters," poll­
star Khalil Shekaki said of the exit polls.
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Bush also said the United States will
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Polls were in full swing until 9 p.m., citing logistical problems. One election official said the
decision came amid heavy pressure

and Australia are some of the most
popular study abroad destinations for
Cal Poly students.
Nutrition senior Molly Wharton,
studied in Seville, Spain during spring
2003 with Cultural Experiences Abroad. While studying abroad, Wharton lived with a host
family who she keeps in regular con­
tact with.
"I gained an open mind about
what's out there," Wharton said.
Mechanical engineering senior
Adam Franklin said that although
parking has become an issue, he is
excited for the new buildings.
"It will be more convenient to have

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STATE NEWS

SAN DIEGO — Attorneys who want to unseat Mayor Dick Murphy are bound for court, arguing that he wrongly began a second term last month.

Two recent lawsuits contend the county registrar unfairly ignored voter intent by disqualifying ballot lines for marijuana write-in candidates.

NATIONAL NEWS

INDUSTRY, Pa. — A tugboat and three barges sank Sunday after being swept over a dam spillway on the Ohio River by currents stronger than expected, killing three crew members.

One person was missing and believed to be aboard the sunken boat.

Three people were rescued by an Ohio River towboat.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.S. troops opened fire on a check-point south of Baghdad after their convoy was hit by a roadside bomb, while a Marine was killed in action in the volatile Anbar province.

JUBA, Sudan — After years of war and death, residents of this predominantly Christian southern city danced in the streets Sunday after rebel and government leaders signed a treaty to end Sudan’s 21-year civil war.

But caution mixed with joy among many war-scared residents who worry about the future after the conflict that killed more than 2 million, mainly through war-induced famine and disease, and displaced 4 million more from their homes.

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — A U.S. helicopter on a relief operation crashed in a rice paddy near Banda Aceh’s airport, injuring at least two U.S. servicemen and causing the military to briefly suspend flights on Sunday to cap a railroad tank car leaking toxic chlorine gas as investigators searched for the cause of the crash that derailed the train.

Nine people were killed and more than 250 were sickened by the toxic gas. The tank car was damaged when a Norfolk Southern train hit parked railroad cars early Thursday.

The woman’s lawsuit seeks unspecified financial damages for pain and ridicule she says she has suffered since her encounter with Bryan.

GRANITEVILLE, S.C. — L. Lin Wood said his client decided against filing a second suit in California state court because of fears that legal maneuverers there would delay a trial in the Denver suit.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A prisoner who escaped last June was recaptured this weekend and accused of robbery after surviving for months by hiding out in a vacant electronics store and eating stolen baby food, police said.

IN OTHER NEWS

BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES — About 180 people, some of whom spent more than 12 hours stuck in deep snow in the San Bernardino Mountains, were rescued Saturday as the second of three storms pounded California. Snows up to 4 feet deep left motorists stranded along a 5-mile stretch of Highway 18 and power to thousands of residents was knocked out.

—Associated Press

CHALLENGING THE UNDERARRIAGE OF A TRUCK

Manchester, 33, is now accused of snatching the Toys "R" Us at gunpoint Dec. 26, then setting fire to a dentist’s office.

Police believe he had dental records.

—Associated Press

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U.S. urges China to crack down on piracy

Martin Crumlish
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration wants China to impose tougher prison sentences for rampant copyright crackdown on the rampant piracy of U.S. music and computer programs and will not be satisfied until copyright violators get stiffer prison sentences, Commerce Secretary Donald Evans said.

Evans, who on Monday was leaving on his fourth and final trip to China as a member of President Bush's cabinet, said in an Associated Press interview that he wanted to learn firsthand what China was doing to fulfill promises to better enforce its intellectual property laws.

Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi led a 70-person delegation to Washington last April for economic talks that resulted in a number of pledges by the Chinese on trade, including protections for U.S. copyrights.

Chinese Vice President Hu Jintao said the administration wants Sen.iette approval to take additional steps needed, such as selling off state-owned enterprises, so China can be classified as a market economy under U.S. trade laws and they are not there yet.

The administration wants China to impose prison sentences of up to three years on first-time violators and up to five years for repeat offenders.

Evans said even though the Chinese government had committed to specific steps to combat piracy, the United States was concerned about the lack of significant criminal prosecutions.

He said the administration was seeing "jail time and tough criminal actions as the best tools available for the fight. We haven't seen enough evidence that this is happening yet."

Evans said he would emphasize this point during meetings with Chinese leaders and in a speech Thursday at an intellectual property conference in Beijing.

During Bush's second term, the United States will keep the pressure on China to abide by the market-opening commitments it made upon joining the World Trade Organization, Evans said.

That effort, he said, will continue under Carlos Gutierrez, the president's nominee for commerce secretary. The head of cereal giant Kellogg is awaiting Senate approval to take over for Evans.

Evans, a close friend of Bush, said in November he was leaving the administration up to $3.5 billion last year from movie pirates. China is considered the second worst offender behind Russia.

The Motion Picture Association of America estimates that its members lost up to $3.5 billion last year from movie pirates. China is considered the second worst offender behind Russia.

"The Chinese want this designation because it will make it harder for American companies to win claims that Chinese competitors are selling unfairly low prices on goods sold in the U.S. market."

"It is very important to them to be classified as a market economy under our trade laws and they are not there yet," Evans said.

Evans said all of these efforts to boost U.S. export sales to China would continue in Bush's second term.

"I will make it clear that even though we have had a presidential election nothing has changed," he said. "We still want to continue working to integrate China into the global economy."

Video captures tsunami ravaging Indonesian town

Beth Gardin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A videotape shot by a tsunami survivor showed a horrific, record-setting scene: waves of up to 10 feet towering over cars, houses and even helicopters ashore.

The tsunami, broadcasted by Metro TV, was filmed by a cameraman named Hayim who normally shoots weddings. He captured a horrific tide, estimated to be the world's biggest in four decades — the magnitude-9.0 quake — the world's biggest in four decades — and climbing onto piles of rubble unaware that a massive sea surge was heading toward them.

Shattered buildings crumbled, flooding streets and no emergency sirens." Everybody was screaming. "Water! Everybody scattered, running toward the grand mosque," said Hayim, who unlike many Indonesians uses only one name. He said a friend named Munawar shot some of the footage.

The water knocked vehicles sideways before sweeping them up, an older man sat in the driver's seat of a blue minivan but managed to climb onto a balcony when the waves pushed him toward the side of the road and wedged his vehicle against a building.

As he videotaped from atop a building in a mosque complex, the water burst him nose to 10 feet deep, almost touching his feet, Hayim said. His camera remained steady throughout.

People standing around or examining the remains of wrecked houses and cracked concrete slabs appeared relatively calmly. Motorcycle faiths continued moving through the streets and no emergency sirens were audible.

Then, suddenly — Hayim said it was between 15 and 20 minutes after the quake — the videotape showed a swelled, powerful wall of water engulfing a busy street, picking up cars and motorcycles and sending people scrambling up the sides of buildings.

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California weathers another day of powerful storm

Michael R. Blood

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LOS ANGELES — A powerful, flooding storm drenched Southern California with another consecutive day of heavy rain Sunday, turning roadways into rivers, knocking out power to thousands of homes and setting off mudslides and flooding that shut down highways.

The latest round of bad weather increased the number of storm-related weekend deaths to at least seven and forecasters predicted more rain on the way Monday and Tuesday.

On the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, a man was killed and four people were injured early Sunday after their vehicle skidded on water or mud, hit a telephone pole and ended up in the surf. In the Elvyan Park area, a 43-year-old homeless man died after the high tide on which he had pitched his tent gave way, hitting him under a concrete-like mound of mud and rock. Another man was injured in the landslide.

A two-story home collapsed in the Studio City area above the San Fernando Valley, and a 33-year-old man and his two children were pulled from the rubble with minor injuries.

While only scattered showers were forecast for San Francisco, Los Angeles and its surrounding counties were socked again, and the rain was not expected to retreat until midweek. Some minor tidal flooding was reported along San Francisco Bay and coastal towns, but police said the water receded by late Sunday morning.

The National Weather Service said the heavy rainfill is being attributed to a sluggish, low-pressure system that collided with a stream of moisture from the southern Pacific known as a "Pineapple Express."

"Annual rainfall for the city, measured from July 1 to June 30, averages about 15 inches a year. But the tally since July has already exceeded 38 inches — with more rain on the way. Since the wet weather arrived Tuesday, it has been blamed for at least five deaths earlier in the week-end."

Four-year-old Ingrid Paredes was killed Friday in Chula Vista when the car her father drove slid off the rain-slicked Interstate 805. The body of an unidentified man was pulled out of the swollen Tijuana River on Saturday; he is believed to have been traveling with a group of illegal border crossers.

On Saturday, two people died in a car accident along a slippery freeway in Los Angeles County; and a man was washed away by a swollen river near Ventura County's Ojai area.

The same storm was dumping heavy snow across the Sierra Nevada, which stranded an Amtrak train, shut down the Reno, Nev., airport for the second time in a week and halted motorists over the mountains. Winter storm warnings were in effect as far south as El Centro, 5 feet of new snow possible by Tuesday morning on top of Saturday's accumulations of up to 4.5 feet.

As many as 12,000 customers of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power were without power Sunday morning. Pacific Gas & Electric spokesman David Eisenhauer said 11,000 customers remained without power; scattered through its service area.

Southern California Edison, which has 4.6 million customers in a 50,000-square-mile service area in five counties, reported only minor power outages.

In Southern California, authorities reported scores of traffic crashes and ordered scattered road closings, including the southbound side of Interstate 5, where it intersects with the Pasedena Freeway, because of a mudslide.

A mobile home park was evacuated in Santa Clara after a nearby creek flooded its banks and overwhelmed an 8-foot-tall earthen wall. Flash flood warnings were issued throughout the region, and authorities kept close eye on flood-prone neighborhoods below the San Bernardino Mountains where slopes charred bare by wildfires were especially prone to mudslides.

Several Los Angeles-area radio stations were knocked off the air for hours Sunday after trouble with transmitters on Mount Wilson, which was assumed to be related to the storm.

In Nevada, Santa Anita race track canceled eight of nine scheduled horse races due to heavy rain — the first time the track has done so in 10 years, managers said.

A relatively dry Sunday was forecast for the San Francisco Bay area, but another major front was expected to push through the area late Monday, bringing more heavy rain and snow to higher elevations.

San Francisco already has received 369 percent of its normal rainfall since July 1, with 15.52 inches as of Saturday, compared with a 30-year average of 9.18 inches.
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Los dos ‘Taco de Mexico’

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From the looks of it, Taco de Mexico looks like a cheap Mexican diner secluded and overshadowed by neighboring fast food giants Taco Bell and Jack in the Box. Across Santa Rosa Street lies Taco Roco, its biggest competitor. But when it comes down to it, Taco de Mexico’s got it right where it counts: the best burrito.

Located at 374 Santa Rosa St., the restaurant looks a lot like a converted burger joint. On the wall next to the register are pictures of modest examples of mouth-watering entrees and combination plates.

Items on the menu include a full load of breakfast plates, enchiladas, tacos, tortas and an assortment of beverages, including ever-popular horchata.

The burritos at Taco de Mexico are some of the finest on the Central Coast. With several meat choices (beef, chicken and pork), and cilantro, onions and sour cream optional, they taste fresh and juicy. Customers are also asked whether they’d like hot or mild sauce added to the burrito.

Sauces can usually make or break a burrito and no two restaurants are quite the same. In Taco de Mexico, the burritos, the sauce is a perfect complement and adds a nice kick.

Not interested in burritos? Order the taco plate, which is served with a side of beans, rice and a side salad. For $7, it’s worth every penny.

Computer science junior Gabe Li, ordered a nacho plate on a recent visit and decided to make the switch. “It’s better than Taco Roco,” he said. “Though they don’t give you as much.”

Taco de Mexico’s sister store in Morro Bay, located at Main St., serves similar items but there are subtle differences.

The Morro Bay location faces the coast and offers a picture-perfect view when the sun sets. The light is a stark contrast to the San Luis Obispo location and livens up the atmosphere. Instead of inhabiting an old burger joint, the Taco de Mexico in Morro Bay calls an old Kentucky Fried Chicken building home.

The Morro Bay restaurant also charges for its refills and the taste is slightly different, but the price makes up for everything. A regular burrito at the Morro Bay location will cost $3.75, tax included, but the the San Luis Obispo location charges $4.99. The price difference won’t make up for the gas that’s spent driving there, but it’s a nice incentive if anyone’s looking for another excuse to see the ocean.

Download of the day
Jem
“Flying High”

This track, lifted from her debut album “Finally Woken,” was also featured on “The O.C.” Her beautiful, unpretentious voice is disarmingly charming. Oh, and it brought Ryan and Marissa together in season one.

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Hollywood off to a strong start

Horror film, 'White Noise,' starring Michael Keaton opened in the No. 2 position with $24 million. Holiday blockbuster comedy 'Meet the Fockers' remained at the top of the country's film tally for the third straight weekend.

David Germain

LOS ANGELES — The horror of meeting the in-laws beat out the fright flick at theaters this weekend.

"Meet the Fockers" took in $28.5 million to remain the top movie for the third straight weekend, holding off horror newcomer "White Noise," which debuted a strong No. 2 with $24 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The two movies paced Hollywood to a healthy start for the year, with the top 12 films grossing $106.2 million total of its predecessor, which released "Meet the Fockers" and "White Noise."

Critics hated "White Noise," which stars Michael Keaton as a man convinced his dead wife is trying to communicate with him through his television. Yet, scary movies tend to have a built-in audience of horror fans, who turn out in huge numbers over opening weekend.

The box office often plagues for fright flicks in their second weekend, though some manage stronger staying power, such as last year's $100 million hit "The Grudge," which most critics also panned.

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Terminating K-12 money not an option

On Wednesday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger made a strong plea to reform California's budget and politics, perhaps at the expense of the state's future.

Education spending currently accounts for the largest portion of the state budget, and measures like Proposition 98 mandate certain minimums spending levels for K-12 classrooms.

But the state's revenue streams is not large enough to cover its expenses, and faces a $5.1 billion deficit. Schwarzenegger has vowed not to raise taxes, and states cannot legally run a deficit, so the only other way to close the gap is to cut the scope of many programs.

Cutting education would mean going back on another promise Schwarzenegger made during his campaign. He said he would find enough "waste" in the system to allow education to be spared from any significant cuts.

Already, this promise has not been kept. The University of California, Los Angeles has announced plans for a $2 billion deficit. The University of California at San Diego has already seen reductions in private donations for critical parts of its budgets. This pathway would leave the University of California at Los Angeles looking at a $10 billion deficit due to a private school revenue stream from a small number of wealthy students and donors would support the majority of the school's operations.

Further cuts would only increase that dependence and likely lead to ever increasing student fees.

Unfortunately, this promise has not been kept. The University of California system, the California State System and K-12 education all have seen reductions in their budgets since Schwarzenegger came to power.

Additional cuts are expected when Schwarzenegger releases his proposed budget Monday. But education must be seen as an investment. As one economist would say, education has "positive externalities" or good impacts on everything around it. With a global market, cutting education will only ensure a weak economy for years to come.

And without strong state funding, the UC system may have to turn toward privatization if it wants to remain a world-class university. UCLA and other state universities are continuing to increase their reliance on private donations for critical parts of their budgets.

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COMMENTARY

Removing God from our history

America has always struggled with the separation of church and state, but the battle took center stage this Christmas. Schools across the country canceled annual holiday plays because they included Christmas carols. Major retailers also refused to display the phrase "Merry Christmas," even though it is the official name of the federal holiday. Why did we get so politically correct that we can't even say the name of a holiday that 96 percent of Americans celebrate?

The answer is simpler than the question. The idea of God in our culture has been under an ever-expanding attack, not a single-season job. It continues to grow into even more restrictions and blatant attempts to amend history.

Recently, a San Jose area history teacher was prohibited from giving students documents that referred to God, including the Declaration of Independence. Fifth grade teacher Steven Williams was told by his principal that any reference to God or Christianity is a violation of the separation of church and state. She forbade a history teacher from teaching history.

American history and God are deeply intertwined and any separation of the two is outrageous. We would have to leave out the Pilgrims, the Declaration of Independence, the Spanish Missions of the Southwest and the Mormon settlement of Utah.

Interestingly, students in the seventh grade are required to learn the pillars of Islam and the journeys of Jesus Christ — he was teaching them about the life of Jesus Christ — he was teaching the kids about the forefathers of our great country.

There is also a movement in California to take crosses off of official city seals spearheaded by the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU argues that people feel unwelcome and offended by the overtly religious government seals depicting historic landmarks of California cities. In fact, the city of San Luis Obispo is at the center of this ferocious debate. The city seal depicts the downtown mission which was built in its present spot in 1770 and spawned the town around it. We would not be a city if that mission was not here, so it is proper to honor the history of San Luis Obispo. We should embrace our history, not censor it.

There is something else about the case though that is particularly ironic: the ACLU wants to remove a small cross but they will leave a bannister-sized name of the Catholic saint, San Luis Obispo. Yes, our city was named after Catholic saints by the missionaries who settled here. Should we force kids to learn about other religions but insist on ignoring the influence of a Christian God in American history? It's not like William was teaching them about the life of Jesus Christ — he was teaching the kids about the forefathers of our great country.

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Basketball

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play. He was five-of-seven from the field and made two 3-pointers.

Vladimir Lisinac also came off the bench scoring 14 points, mak-
ing five-of-13 floor shots. Andrew Haskins added 13 points in the loss.

Idaho controlled the game shooting 58.3 percent from the field while making 57.9 percent of its three-pointers (11-19). The Mustangs forced 20 Idaho turnovers while committing only nine of their own. Haskins led the team with four steals. But the Vandals outscored the Mustangs 41-33.

Lisinac had a team-high seven boards with Trichel adding five. Idaho was led by Dandrick Jones with 25 points.

Cal Poly struggled from the field shooting 32.9 percent (23-72) and

making only seven-of-23 three-pointers.

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Boxed out of a victory

Guard Kyla Howell drives past a Utah State defender en route to the basket in the Mustangs loss.

"A poor job of boxing out cost us in the game," Mustang coach Faith Mimnaugh said.

The Mustangs were often undersized. Case in point, at a time in the first half Cal Poly played with Katy Pateron as the lone player above six feet, while Utah State countered with three.

But Utah State coach Raegan Pelsley didn't find fault with the Mustangs. "I wasn't that Cal Poly missed the rebounds, they just tended to fall in our hands," she said.

Whether it was luck or a failure of fundamentals, the Mustangs struggled to grab defensive rebounds following a 72-69 win over Idaho in which they outrebounded the Vandals 33-29.

The Mustangs again played a tenacious defense forcing 25 turnovers.

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Michelmore is the man at UC Irvine

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It was Cal Poly swimmer John Michelmore's day at the UC Irvine Sprint, Distance and Relay Festival on Saturday.

Michelmore won the men's 200 breaststroke with a time of two minutes, 8.33 seconds at the UC Irvine Sprint, Distance and Relay Festival held Saturday and finished second in both the men's 100 breaststroke (57.64) and 50 breaststroke (27.56) and was sixth in the 200 individual medley (2:02.23).

In other sprint events, Cal Poly's Nate Williams placed second in the 100 backstroke (53.51), fifth in the 100 freestyle (48.77) and seventh in both the 200 individual medley (2:02.37) and 200 backstroke (2:04.22).

Nate Hall was fourth in the 50 backstroke (27.45) and ninth in the 100 backstroke event (58.04) while Adam Westgate was sixth in the men's 200 freestyle (1:46.49).

Ross Long placed ninth in the 200 butterfly (2:04.69) while Andre Harmse was seventh in the 50 backstroke (28.48). Kenji Yoshino finished fifth in the 50 butterfly (55.04) and 50 butterfly (24.80) while Long was eighth in the same event (55.82).

Jack Guinan was sixth in the 200 breaststroke (2:21.55) and Ben Hardisty was seventh in the same event (2:23.42).

In women's sprint events, Stacy Sorrenson was fifth in the 50 freestyle (24.89).

In men's distance events, Michelmore was eighth in the 400 individual medley (4:27.96) and fifth in the 500 freestyle (4:57.34).

In the 1,650 freestyle, Hall was seventh (17:10.63) while Sean Divine placed 10th (17:23.44).

In women's distance events, Kira Linsmeier was seventh in the 1,000 freestyle (10:56.39).

Jesse Rond placed seventh in men's one-meter diving with 270.60 points. Relay events will be held Sunday at UC Irvine.

SWIMMING

Michelmore in the man at UC Irvine

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Three players came off the Utah State bench to score 14 points apiece and three others scored in double figures as Utah State defeated the Cal Poly men's basketball team 76-65 on Saturday.

Max Harris and Jayce Carroll each scored 16 points to pace the Aggies and Harris Carroll, Cass Matheus and Chris Huber each came off the bench to add 14 points.

Cal Poly also dropped its game with Idaho on Thursday losing 84-67.

The Mustangs are now 3-9 overall and 1-4 in the Big West Conference.

Utah State is 14-1 all-time against the Mustangs and has won seven in a row in the series.

Cal Poly was led by 19 points by Whitten, who scored a game-high 18 points.

The Aggies struggled in the first half, shooting just 37 percent from the field, but limited Cal Poly to 33.3 percent.

Utah State took a 34-28 lead with 2:45 to go in the first half.

In the second half, Utah State hit 14 of 20 shots for 70 percent in running out to the 11-point victory. On the game Utah State shot 51.1 percent while Cal Poly made just 43.4 percent.

The Aggies scored 20 of their points at the free throw line, making 20 of 31, while Cal Poly was a perfect 10 of 10 on its limited free throw attempts.

Utah State jumped out to a quick 41-28 advantage to start the second half, but a 12-0 run by Cal Poly pulled the visitors within 41-40 at the 15:52 mark. However, Utah State used free throws and inside baskets to push the margin to 54-44 with 12:50 left. Cal Poly got no closer than seven points the rest of the way.

On Thursday, Mike Tichvala came off the bench to lead a trio of Cal Poly players in double figures.

Tichvala tied his career-high with 16 points in 24 minutes of action.

SPRING 2005

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Four Mustangs scored in double figures as the women's basketball team beat Idaho 72-69 on Thursday night.

Cal Poly moved to 7-4 overall. The Mustangs split a pair of conference games over the weekend and this season posted their first 6-2 start to a season.

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The Mustangs' tallest player is junior Sarah Cirieve and moved to 7-4 overall. The Mustangs tallest player is junior Sarah Cirieve and moved to 7-4 overall.

Even with a lack of height, the women's basketball team has risen to the challenge.

Before Saturday, the Mustangs won 16 of their last 19 home games and this season posted their first 6-2 start to a season.

The Mustangs split a pair of conference games over the weekend and moved to 7-4 overall. The weekend showcased the trials and triumphs of basketball played with a small team. The Mustangs tallest players are junior Sarah Grieve and redshirt freshman Nicolearyans, both just over 6 feet tall.

On Thursday, the Mustangs squeaked out a win against a talented Idaho team using their speed to advantage. But on Saturday, the Mustangs struggled to rebound against a taller team.

Coach Faith Mimnaugh talked about the recent performances and an upcoming game against national powerhouse UC Santa Barbara.

Q. Against Utah State, you had a lot of good looks at the basket and were able to penetrate to the hoop. Why weren't those conversions?

A. — We took it strong to the basket and stuck to our game plan, but the shot just didn't fall. There was a lot of in-and-out shots and constantly a 6'2" player in rotation to sweat at the ball.

Q. — What cost you Saturday's game?

A. — A poor job of boxing out cost us the game. Idaho was a great win, our second in conference this year.

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Q. — 14-1 Utah State's all-time record against Cal Poly

A. — 33.3% Cal Poly's field goal percentage in the first half

Q. — Utah State's field goal percentage in the second half

A. — 70% Utah State's field goal percentage in the second half

Men's Basketball

Can't stop Utah State's bench mob

Tractional tic his career-high with 16 points in 24 minutes of action.