Counseling program aims to prevent suicide

Allison Terry

Mark Reuling, who holds an academic and professional record that includes academic excellence and leadership, is a second-year law student at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law, and is working on his career development.

Reuling graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in construction management in 1989. He has been a successful career practitioner who has achieved notable success in the field. His achievements include being a key figure in the development of the construction industry, where he has worked for many years.

Reuling is currently a project manager for a major construction company, overseeing the construction of large commercial buildings. He has been responsible for the successful completion of several projects exceeding $100 million. His leadership and technical skills have been instrumental in the success of these projects.

Reuling's work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Construction Industry Award for Excellence in Project Management. He has also been a member of the Construction Industry Association, where he has served on various committees and has contributed to industry standards.

Reuling is a member of the California Bar Association and has been a volunteer for several non-profit organizations. He is passionate about giving back to the community and has volunteered for numerous charitable events.

Reuling's experience and knowledge in the construction industry make him an asset to any company. His contributions have been significant and have helped shape the industry.

Reuling has a strong work ethic and a commitment to excellence. He is dedicated to his work and is always looking for ways to improve his skills and knowledge. His leadership style is collaborative and he values the input of his team members. He is known for his ability to make tough decisions and his willingness to take responsibility.

Reuling is a role model for young people in the industry and continues to inspire many with his dedication and hard work.

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**Events Calendar**

**What:** Fund-raiser for romantic comedy

A team of Cal Poly students currently filming a feature-length romantic comedy as their senior project will hold a preview screening and fund-raiser to help finance final film production. The group is writing, producing, directing and promoting an independent feature-length film called "Leave it to Chance."

**When:** Friday, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Chaminah Auditorium

**More Info:** Call Ellen Chiao at (626) 278-8511.

**What:** Events Team Training, Join the ASI "Events Team" to help guide the decisions about what entertainment Asl Events brings to campus and to get hands-on experience at events. At the Events Team training you will learn about exciting opportunities for the upcoming year, important information every Events Team member needs to know and become eligible to work at events. Lunch will be provided and training ends at noon.

**When:** Today, 11 a.m.

**Where:** UC 229

**More Info:** Call ASI Events at 756-1112 or visit the Web site at www.asi.calpoly.edu/uni/events/getinvolved.php

**What:** Clubs to host cultural crafts fair. Cal Poly's Community Center will host a cultural craft fair designed to teach children six to 11 years old about different cultures. Members from 15 Cal Poly cultural clubs will lead activities intended to educate children about diversity around the world.

**When:** Saturday, 10 a.m.

**Where:** San Luis Obispo Senior Center, 1455 Santa Rosa St., adjacent to Mitchell Park

**More Info:** Call Joy Pederson at 756-6749.

**What:** Student piano recital. Cal Poly piano students will perform in a recital, and the performance is free and open to the public.

**When:** Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** Davidson Music Building, room 218

**More Info:** Call the music department at 756-2496.

If you have an event you would like posted in the weekly calendar, e-mail what, when, where and more information about your event to editor@mustangdaily.net. Please send events by Tuesday for possible inclusion for Thursday.
Suicide

Suicide is preventable, and mental health screening is often times the first step in getting help. Counseling services provides several programs for students to gain information and help with identifying depression and suicidal thoughts.

"We live in a society that is very stressful and I don't think all the students have the best skills in dealing with it," George said.

A new program sponsored by Counseling Services, Incapaces, focuses on helping students deal with their problems when they are small. The program starts today at 11 a.m. in the medical library, room 153. To register call Counseling Services at 756-2511.

Incapaces is a five-session program where students can learn how to deal with issues when they seem insignificant. Session topics include how to make friends, how to cope with stress, how to deal with confrontation, how to be assertive and driving along and what would happen if I turned the wheel and ran into the cliff.

George wants to see students when they have that thought, not when they have a knife to their throat. "If you come in when the problem is little, the chances of recovering and moving on and being successful are much higher," she said. "The more we can get students in when they are still in the blues kind of state, the better.

George said she believes this strategy would provide a more well-rounded experience for the students and minimize the impact of mental health concerns. "We all have them," she said. "It just depends on how we respond to them during how quickly we can move beyond them."

A study conducted by the American College Health Association found that 15.7 percent of college women and 8.5 percent of college men have been diagnosed with depression. Also, 15 percent of all student participants said depression and anxiety was the leading impediment to their academic performance.

The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 7.8 percent of men and 12.3 percent of women ages 18 to 24 report frequent mental disorders, a key indicator for depression and other mental disorders.

As head of Counseling Services, George administers the counseling department, supervises the clinical and support staff, runs the training program and is a psychologist. "The main focus of my job is seeing students," George said. "Our job is to help maximize academic success in students by providing mental health and wellness services for them."

Another part of George's job is to provide educational services for Cal Poly's faculty and staff. This year, George wrote and distributed a brochure for the faculty and staff, the focus of the pamphlet was students and suicide.

George said there is a tremendous benefit in providing faculty and staff this information. "I see a client for one hour a week," she said. "The faculty member may see them 10-plus hours a week, besides office hours. When I taught classes, it was very obvious to me who was having difficulties, poor academic attendance, poor performance on tests, poor performance on papers and projects. Students talk to their professors and to their advisors more than they talk to me. They have more contact with them. They're excellent eyes and ears for us."

The brochure includes information about the facts of suicide among college students, warning signs, major factors and how they can help a student in crisis. It also offers a guide for faculty and staff to help students in distress, but faculty and staff should not overcommit to the student. Help and assistance is always available from the professionals and counseling services.

In conjunction with National Depression Screening Day, Counseling Services sponsors the Mark Reuling Memorial Annual Volleyball Challenge. Proceeds from the event go to the Mark Reuling Endowment Fund.

If you have questions about Counseling Services or is seeking help should call 756-2511.

Science

Science coursework both in science itself and in science teaching methods.

Even at Cal Poly, where the teaching credential program requires more science courses than most colleges, some students feel ill prepared to teach science. "I will probably be teaching right out of a teacher's manual," said Amy Giles, a graduate student in the teaching credential program.

The program includes a course in teaching science, but Shirley Magnuson, who teaches it, said little research has been done to determine what the critical topics in science are for future teachers. "Cal Poly is pointed in the right direction," Magnuson said. "It is much further along than many institutions, but there is much more to learn."

Even if Cal Poly teachers get plenty of science courses, it is a waste of time if they do not get a chance to use what they have learned, Ross said. As Sinsheimer Elementary, which Ross said has more resources than any school she has seen so far, there are science materials available but no time to use them.

"Everybody has been crunching the standards," she said. Because funding is tied to achievement on state standardized tests, there is great pressure for educators to improve scores by "teaching to the test."

However, since elementary level testing emphasizes language and math skills far above science knowledge, it is likewise deemphasized in the classroom.

This also limits the kind of teaching that research has shown to be most effective: time-consuming, inquiry-based and hands-on science activities.

One solution may be using reading, writing and math activities that are based around science, Magnuson said.

"Students can read to learn even though they are learning to read," she said.

These kinds of changes are vital to create science literate citizens, Magnuson said.

"What we get with science education is a way of thinking that is privileged in our society," she said. The kind of reasoning you learn in science is useful in many fields."

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LAGUNA BEACH — Nearly three-dozen jumbo squid — the biggest 17 pounds — washed up on a large-scale Israeli invasion to curb deployment along the Gaza-Israel border, the top Palestinian security official has said.

Dr. Walter Twu, president of the American Public Health Association, said the chemical agent used by the Israeli troops was likely the same one used in a deadly gas attack on the Gaza Strip.

"It's dropping fast enough that..." said Detective David McBride said. "They are having problems with the..." he said.

NAPA — A Nagoya coffee shop is being sued after one of its customers claimed she suffered third degree burns from a cup of hot tea.

In a lawsuit filed this month in Napa Superior Court, Donna Gocobuchi claimed she was served a cup of hot coffee, which she had been hurt enough to go on disability and demanded the phone number of the café's insurance carrier.

"He wasn't following anything..." said Gocobuchi. "I was so hot, the cup disintegrated in her hand, and she was burned instantly, the heat of the tea melting her socks and ravaging a swath of skin.

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**REVIEW**

**Quaid, Grace work ‘In Good Company’**

Dennis Quaid, Scarlet Johansson and Topher Grace co-star in the dramedy, ‘In Good Company.’ The film focuses on life in the corporate world as Quaid’s character is replaced at work by a much younger hotshot.

Despite the upbeat beginning, the movie quickly descends into a continuous flow of depressing events. At times, it’s hard to decide who to pity: the lonely up-and-comer Quaid, but in general, her performance could have been better. Foreman is kept with the company due to Darcy’s complete lack of knowledge about advertising sales. Foreman accepts the position as his “wingman” because his wife (Marg Helgenberger) announced she’s having another child and his daughter, Alex (Scarlett Johansson), wants to attend tuition-intensive New York University. If that’s not enough, Carter begins to date Alex, daddy’s little girl.

From the trailers, one might think that “In Good Company” is a fluffy, romantic, feel-good comedy, yet the story runs much deeper. Despite the upbeat beginning, the movie quickly descends into a continuous flow of depressing events.

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David Bander

**TV viewers couldn’t wait for their “American Idol” fix, turning out 33.5 million strong for its season debut.**

No other show this season has attracted so large an audience, and it represented the third-highest ratings night of entertainment programming in the Fox network’s history.

“Keep an ear on this one,” Fox entertainment President Gail Berman said. “We thought we would do well, but nothing like this.”

Berman and the show’s producers were busy earlier this week trying to dampen expectations, saying they anticipated the talent contest to lose some of its popularity in its fourth season.

Last year’s season debut was seen by 29 million people, Nielsen said. The season opener even eclipsed last May’s finale: 31.4 million people saw Fantasia Barrino crowning the third champion.

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Anticipation may also play a part in its appeal, she said. Fox has touted the obvious temptation to hold more than one contest a year. That’s a costly decision because this season Fox has sunk to a distant fourth in the prime-time ratings among the young audience it craves.
Why Oprah Winfrey is the ‘Queen of the World’

Oprah Winfrey is one of the most successful and powerful women on the planet. What is the key to her success?

Nicole Stivers
MUSTANG FABLE

Some people plan their classes around sports or work, but I plan my schedule around “The Oprah Winfrey Show.” I can’t help it. There is nothing I would rather do at 4 p.m. than to pick up the remote and see what Oprah will do next. I’m sure there are a lot of you out there share the same habit and at this very moment are thinking ahead to what will be on her show this afternoon.

Of course there are some, mainly men, who do not understand why their female friends, girlfriend, and mothers leave them hanging when Oprah comes on the air. Perhaps by the end of this article, your confusion as to why they would rather do at 4 p.m. than watch your favorite sports would be alleviated.

The “Oprah Winfrey Show” has been the No. 1 talk show for the past 18 seasons, is seen by an estimated 36 million viewers in the United States each week and is broadcast to 110 other countries. She’s got to be doing something right.

There are two simple components to Oprah’s show that make her so popular. One, the subject matter of the shows is always different. Two, everyone feels like Oprah could be their friend.

The best thing about “The Oprah Winfrey Show” is that it’s never boring. She does something different every day and that’s why her show appeals to so many people. It’s one of the few shows a room full of women of varying ages can all watch together contentedly.

One day Oprah could be interviewing a celebrity and the next day discussing racial tensions in the South. Typical Oprah topics can vary from books, makeovers, life lessons and raising children, to healthcare, social commentary, employment, celebrity and fashion.

Oprah’s show appeals to the different aspects of everyone’s life. Some days, people want to see serious stories they can learn from and other days, they just want to laugh at something light-hearted.

One thing that makes Oprah stand out from other talk show hosts is the format. In Deborah Rannen’s feature on Oprah Winfrey in Time Magazine, she says that Donahue was the pioneer of the format Oprah uses. His style can be classified as “report-talk” with the emphasis on information. This style is typical of conversations between Oprah and her guests.

Tannen labels Oprah’s style as “support-talk,” the back-and-forth conversation typical of female friendships.

It is format that places emphasis on self-reveal and appeals to women who are looking to build their relationships with other women by trading secrets.

Oprah mainly features ordinary people talking about personal issues. Oprah also shares intimate information about her self, making a connection with her audience.

So, not only does Oprah Winfrey love the show, they love the host. Her success as a minor celebrity easily lends her to being a role model for many. Her story is inspirational and she has become one of the most influential people in society today.

If you doubt the fact that she is a dynamic player on the public scene, consider the following facts. When she chooses a book for her book club, it immediately shoots to the top of the bestseller list. When she said on her show that she was too scared to eat a hamburger during the mad-cow disease scare, the beef industry felt so threatened they sued her.

In 1997, she started the Angel Network and encouraged viewers to donate their spare change to charity. To date, more than $12 million has been raised.

People are in awe of Oprah, but at the same time we feel like she is a part of our lives. Simply put, Oprah makes people feel good and that’s why so many people can’t help but watch her show.

Wanted: Music with substance

Mike Blank
THE ELIZABETHAN

On Tuesday, Jan. 4, 72,000 people at the National Championship Orange Bowl in Miami, joined together. No, not to root for or against the Oklahoma Sooners or the USC Trojans but rather to boo a corporate-produced pop star.

“Supposed” singer Ashlee Simpson faced the heat and jeers of fixitball as she performed during her headlining performance at halftime. The taunts were so intense and audible that the camera quickly cut away from her face and went to commercials to save Simpson the embarrassment.

The negative vocal reaction came months after Simpson’s performance on NBC’s “Saturday Night Live,” which revealed she pulled a “Miley Cyrus” lip-syncing her own song. The mishap was later attributed to acid reflux.

This incident brings into question the notion that maybe people do not look favorably upon “world famous singers” who are unable to lack the sufficient talent to sing.

Perhaps the public realizes that one should not be bestowed a certain title if they are unable to perform to the duties that the title requires. You are not a pizza deliverer if you do not deliver pizzas. You are not a teacher if you do not teach. You are not a plumber if you know not the slightest thing about pipes.

And without question, you are not a singer if you cannot sing. In Miss Simpson’s case, the offense is more egregious because of the amount of time the media spends telling us how great and fabulous she is.

Unfortunately, Ashlee Simpson is not alone in the music business to yield such criticism. Recently the success of Nickelback has been accused of plaguting, not another band, but themselves. The hit “Someday” from their most recent album, “The Long Road,” when played alongside their hit song from two years ago, “You Remind Me,” is (minus a few drum fills, the vocal line, and slightly different guitar solo) exactly the same song.

Thanks to a few Canadian college students, the combined tune, aptly titled, “You Remind Me of Someday” can be found on the Internet and through file-sharing programs.

So how does Nickelback respond to being called out? Bass player Mike Kroeger was asked about the plagiarism in an interview with the Cleveland Free Times. He said, “I think that it’s remarkable for someone who is so famous to not notice that there is a hit quality in all hits sound the same, the wrong tune. When you are a band that has a distinct style, such as AC/DC, that happens. When you have a distinct style, you run the risk of sounding similar to others.”

Although you can justify almost anything by yourself, some fans feel that this is grounds for fraud. It is not just these two Nickelback songs, either. Another of their hits, “Do This Anyways,” also digi is perfectly to “How You Remind Me.”

To make matters worse, Pop singer Avril Lavigne’s hit, “My Happy Ending,” matches “How You Remind Me” about 90 percent.
Companies stir up new recipes without trans fat

In an effort to stay ahead of federal labeling rules, snack food makers have eliminated trans fat from many products.

Joe Milicia
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOODMERE, Ohio — The nation's food companies are stirring up new recipes for removing trans fat from their snacks. They are joining Oreos to Spaghettios to Gxris to get rid of transfat, the interchanging ingredients that will be listed on food labels next year.

The companies say they're promoting good health, but they're also looking toward the new federal rule and new dietary guidelines urging consumers away from transfat.

Trans fat have been in the nation's food supply for decades, giving products a long shelf life and making goods like chips and cookies oh so yummy. They are formed when liquid oils turn into solid fats and they are generally listed on foods as partially hydrogenated oils. Grab a bag of cookies from the snack food aisle and chances are transfat are there.

But makers are on the lookout for the Food and Drug Administration is ordering transfat to be listed on food labels. By January 2006, the FDA says transfat like saturated fat, increases the risk of heart disease.

A few years ago, Sandy Zamir was like many consumers — clueless about the subject.

"I used to eat junk food a few years ago. We just didn't know," said the 32-year-old mother of three.

"Now, Zamir goes out of her way to shop at a store that promises 100 percent trans fat-free products." she said.

"I don't touch transfat at all," she said. Her cart filled with soy milk, cage-free eggs and near-fat-free bread. It took several years for the Wild Oats Natural Marketplace, where Zamir shops to remove all transfat from its shelves, said Mandi Kelley, marketing coordinator of the store in Woodmere Village outside of Cleveland.

"There were a lot of companies we had to coax into changing their ingredients," she said.

Eliminating transfat isn't as simple as removing partially hydrogenated oil and substituting another oil — not if you want to keep the flavor. "It takes smart engineering, smart chemistry," said James Chung, president of Reach Advisors Inc., a Boston-based marketing-strategy and research firm.

"There's a reason why consumers like partially hydrogenated oil. Let's face it — fat tastes good," said Chung's expects to see mainstream companies gain market share because we have products that people have been enjoying for years and scars," said the spokesperson for city of SLO only. Outside cities will be charged extra. (832-4) 782.TECX (8324)

Company wants to make sure that when eliminating transfat, the new product's combined total of transfat or saturated fats is lower than the original.

Campbell Soup has revised some products and is working on a few more, including some varieties of Chunky soup and SpaghettiOs with meatballs.

"Our goal is to reduce the transfat without impacting the taste," said the spokesperson for city of SLO only. Outside cities will be charged extra. (832-4) 782.TECX (8324)

The worst fat

Trans fat is similar to saturated fat by raising low-density (LDL) cholesterol that increases the risk of coronary heart disease.

Replacing transfat with these:

- Olive and canola oils
- plain margarine
- soft margarine
- Trans-fat free chips

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When: January 20th
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** News of the Week **

** Homeless man poses as high school student **

A 21-year-old man hid out at his alma mater, using his old student identification card to dodge authorities.

Steve Kornowski
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MINNEAPOLIS — A homeless man with nowhere else to go says he went back to his old high school and posed as a student for three weeks, sitting in on classes, showering in the locker room and sleeping in the theater.

“Anywhere I could hide,” Francisco Serrano said from jail Wednesday after he was arrested twice at Apple Valley High.

Serrano had attended the school as a 19-year-old sophomore during the 2002-03 school year and was a very good student, Principal Stephen Degenaar said.

He is 21 but looks 16 or 17 and would have easily blended in with the student body of 2,300, the principal said.

“It’s a sad story,” Degenaar said. “I hope the young man gets his life in order.”

The principal said there were no adults who could verify that Serrano was in the building during classroom hours.

He said it would have been easy for Serrano to slip in during events over the Christmas break such as sports practices or games, when lots of people were coming and going and there was just a skeleton staff.

A physical education teacher saw Serrano taking a shower at one point but did not realize he did not belong there, Degenaar said.

Serrano denied eating in the cafeteria, as some students claimed.

He said he would slip out for meals to a nearby buffet restaurant where he knew the manager.

He also said he and his family moved to Connecticut after his sophomore year in Minneapolis. He said he returned to Minnesota on Christmas Eve with only $200 in his pocket.

According to police, a janitor found Serrano sleeping in a classroom Jan. 7 but let him go after Serrano provided his old student ID card and said he was a student.

During the day, though, school officials determined that Serrano was not a student.

Serrano was found back at the school that night, and he was thrown in jail on trespassing charges, then released three days later.

He was arrested again on Friday night, this time claiming that he had returned to get his things.

The principal said Serrano was not a danger to students or staff.

But he also said: “Obviously this raises the issue of security in the school. We’re reviewing all of our systems to ensure it doesn’t happen again.”

Serrano faces a court appearance Friday. If he is allowed to go free, he said, he can stay with a friend in the apartment building where he used to live, in the suburb of Eagan, and find a job.
COMMENTARY

Grading ethics in higher education

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ach student at Cal Poly has endured a bad professor, but the fol-

owing store takes the cake as far as pretentious educators go-

be an advanced mathematics class for engineers, a professor de-

kets that required the ability to achieve higher than a nine out of 10 on

their weekly quizzes.

A mechanical engineering senior recalled this professor advising, "If you get a nine, you're on the right track. If you get a ten, then you have a

good grasp on the material. But only I can get a ten." No matter how much time, effort and understanding the student invested in the class, he felt he was
denied his right to achieve a grade that

reflected his knowledge.

Numerous engineering and science

students continue to express grievances about professors who practice what they feel are unfair grading policies.

"In general, school is really all a

game," said aerospace engineering

major, Tassie Olivas. Students in my class, which impacts a student's

ability to get financial aid and apply for graduate school.

So what rights do students have in challenging their grades? And what

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"..."
Sports: Loss still a stepping stone for wrestling

Ralph Garcia decisioned Oklahoma's Austin David to pick up one of two wins for the Mustangs in a 26-6 loss to Oklahoma at home.

Allison Terry
MUSTANG DAILY

Despite losing to No. 30 ranked Oklahoma University, the Cal Poly wrestling team proved it can deal with some of the top athletes in the nation.

The Mustangs lost 26-6 in the non-conference meet Saturday at front of a crowd of 400 people at Mort Gym. With seven nationally ranked wrestlers, the Sooners dominated eight of the 10 dual matches. But each match had a close score, and there were no pins or technical falls during the meet.

"I expected all the guys to be in their matches, and they all wrestled really well," coach John Azevedo said. "We would have liked to win a few more but they were all close scores. This is a top-ranked team and today's meet made us believe we can win."

Seniors Brody Barrios and Ralph Garcia picked up two wins for Cal Poly.

Barrios decisioned Oklahoma's Randy Salver 7-3 in the 165-pound match. Barrios scored two points with a takedown to go in the first period, and he scored three nearfall points to close the first period. Barron scored another point in the second period when Salver used an illegal hold. In the third period, Barron scored one point for an escape and Salver scored three points for an escape and a takedown.

"This match is a stepping stone for the team to see that we can wrestle at the national level," Barron said. "We wrestled really tough and you can see the team's confidence raise after a day like today."

Wrestling at 197, Garcia decisioned Oklahoma's Austin David 3-2. After a scoreless first period, David scored the first point of the match with an escape early in the second period.

Garcia scored early in the third period also and a takedown.

Barrios said. "I learned to be in a better mindset," Barron said. "I never let national ranking effect my mental preparation again."

After a scoreless first period, Owens scored two points with a takedown, and Storliono scored one point with an escape. Storliono then scored two points with a reversal in the third period and controlled Owens for most of the match. Owens nearly earned a reversal of his own, but he was not able to free his foot from Storliono's grab. Storliono earned one point for riding time at the end of the match.

"Everyone was battling tough, going hard until the buzzer," Owens said. "It would have been nice if we had been able to earn a couple more points."

Coach Azevedo said wrestling some of the best athletes in the nation will help the team be better prepared for the competition that lies ahead.

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Kristen Osto
MUSTANG DAILY

Coming home to Mort Gym after four games on the road did not help the Cal Poly men's basketball team.

The Mustangs started out strong in Monday's non-conference game against UC Davis, plowing out to a 9-0 lead, but the Aggies tied the score midway through the first half and broke free to win 79-56. The Mustangs lost their fifth straight game and dropped to 3-11 overall.

Leading the Mustangs was Mike Tinchella with 10 points. Tinchella also had 10 points in the Mustangs 76-56 loss to UC Santa Barbara on Thursday.

"We played hard, but I think they just shot way better than we did," center Phil Johnson said.

Leading Davis was guard Fowzi Abdulrahman with 28 points and forward Ryan Moore finishing with 21 points.

"I've got to give Davis a lot of credit. They were disciplined," coach Kevin Bremsley said. "I thought they really executed their stuff and they made shots. Part of that is good execution in offense and part of that is poor defense."

The win on Davis' part ended a three-game skid.

"It's embarrassing we lost by so much," Johnson said.

The Mustangs have two more games at home this week and both could prove to be a challenge.

"We're looking down the barrel of a shot gun right now," Bremsley said. "We've got the No. 1 team in the conference on Thursday, and we lose two on Saturday. This game scheduled this day was unfair by the conference office, period."

Dawson Whiten keeps his eye on the defender in the Mustangs 79-56 loss to UC Davis.

They put us behind the barrel. We're the only team in the conference that played four straight road games, and then turn around and have two days off and then play three games in one week. And you know, this team's too young to do that."

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