Large turnouts are expected among Shiite Muslims and Kurds, but it is unclear whether Sunni Arabs will participate.

Robert H. Reid
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. ambassador to Iraq acknowledged serious problems ahead of next week's election, but gave assurance Sunday that "great efforts" were being made to ensure every Iraqi can vote. In an auditorium posted on the Web, a speaker claiming to be Iraq's most feared terrorist declared "fierce war" on democracy, raising the stakes in the vote.

Rebels who have vowed to disrupt the balloting blew up a designated polling station near Hillah south of Baghdad and announced a police station in Ramirez west of the capital, authorizing Saturday on a security patrol in Mosul, northwest of Baghdad.

Derrick Honors had a dream. He will participate in the Cardboard Boat Regatta, but like all the students, he will need to build his boat from scratch. This is his dream: "I have a dream that we can create a boat that is not only functional, but also aesthetic and environmentally friendly."

On its second trip across Sinshemir Pool, the inevitable effect of water on cardboard inflicted the craft as it took on water. Honors did not win Saturday's Cardboard Boat Regatta, but he noted the architecture sophomores in the race for the coveted Cardboard Cup, here he learned the dangers of poor design.

"You are standing behind your design," architecture sophomore Jon Mayfield said. "If it doesn't work you get wet.

The students laid the three sections of an architecture design class were all but four 6-foot sheets of cardboard, a roll of brown paper tape and a can of polyurethane for waterproofing. Other universities host similar races but let the students use as much cardboard as they want or even other materials like fiberglass.

"It's all about economy of means," said architecture professor Howard Weisenthal, whose class participated in the tournament. The 54 students in the week long project designed and tested models before building their vessels.

Architecture sophomore Andrew Humaydun spent 100 hours on his Cardboard-like boat including a couple of nights spent on the floor under the lab table. "If I put as much time into robbing a bank as I put into this boat, I'd be rich," he said.

All the hard work was put to the test as the boats entered the water and students began the delicate process of positioning themselves inside with the help of friends. Several boats promptly swamped or rolled the rowers into the water. Many students were prepared for a dunking in bikinis, board shorts and flip-flops.

Greg Magley's bold vertical tube craft flipped as soon as he was low inside it.

"I wasn't heavy enough," he said, "I thought I'd go farther in." Architecture professors, regata veterans and upperclassmen discussed the various poor design choices from the sidelines amid cries of "I'm going under" and "the boat's breaking, for the love of God get in your boat."

Others bannedterm a b o u t a misapplication of Archmedes' b uoy a n c y principle.

"A lot of them messed up and made the front too low so they sunk," architecture senior Lindsey Evans said.

Of course, padding speed was an important factor as well. As the qualifying heats progressed, several fine and ping pong paddles littered the pool alongside bins of cardboard floating credits.

By the final race, all but one of the non-traditional boat designs had fallen prey to the water. "Simple is the best," said Matt Wishter.

Cardboard vessels risk a watery grave

TROOP MEMORIAL said.

The group that made the memorial is planning a trip to Washington, D.C. They hope to speak to President Bush about how to prevent war.

"We want to create a piece that was nonpartisan," Forbes said. "It is a political statement because we are in opposition to war but people on both sides of this issue have responded positively because it is an honoring and quiet piece, it shows the loss and sadness in every face there is a mother, a father and communities that miss these young people, making it so personal.

The group is planning to go to Washington D.C. on Mother's Day and have written a proclamation in hope of speaking with President George W. Bush to let him know their ideas about how war can be prevented.

With them, they will be bringing a more portable version of the original art piece.

"This experience has been really great," Salisa Lara, a 17-year-old home-schooled high school student said. see Memorial, page 2
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and member of YOUTEW who helped to create the piece said. "It helps to be doing something for good, getting such a great response from people who are so supportive and grateful for it."

Forbes was inspired to work with children after she saw her 17-year-old son almost enlist in the Marines after being approached by a recruiter in high school.

"(The U.S. Marines) were very persuasive with my son," Forbes said. "It was really scary so I thought I need to start working with young people to stop war and to also keep our children out of harm's way."

After a town meeting at the San Luis Obispo library, Forbes offered to work with children through the arts because she is an artist.

"I think that part of the power of the piece is that everyone comes and gets their own message," Forbes said. "That is why we chose to work through the arts because we're not trying to preach anything, we're just trying to show the loss and then people can decide for themselves how they feel about war and how they feel about the art." The piece will only be on display in this evil principle of democracy and those who follow this wrong ideology," the speaker said in an address posted Sunday on an Islamic Web site. "Anyone who tries to help set up this enemy's plan to implement so-called democracy in your country" He said the Americans have engineered the election to install Shiite Muslims in power, Al-Zarqawi has in the past branded Shiites as heretics.

"The United States has offered a $25 million reward for al-Zarqawi's capture or death, the same amount as for a dead Iraqi leader Osama bin Laden.

Most of the insurgents are believed to be Sunni Arabs, who lost influence and privilege with the fall of their patron Saddam. Their ranks have been reinforced by non-Iraqi Arab extremists who have come to Iraq to wage holy war against the Americans.

In order to encourage as big a turnout of Sunnis as possible, U.S. and Iraqi troops have stepped up security operations in Baghdad, Mosul and other tense areas, rounding up hundreds of suspected insurgents. The U.S. command announced Sunday that it had arrested an undisclosed "top insurgent suspect" in Baghdad after hunting him for nearly a year.

"It's not right to have that feeling ever again. They don't want to have that feeling even for bigger things than cardboard boats,” Forbes said. "For Weisenthal and the other two professors though, the exercise is most of all a way to reinforce consequences of design. "They're going to be responsible for bigger things than cardboard boats in their life, but if it fails they get wet. They don't want to have that feeling ever again. They want to be successful.”

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STATE NEWS

LOS ANGELES — Johnny Carson, the "Tonight Show" TV host who served America a smooth nightly cap of celebrity banter and heartland charm for 30 years, has died. He was 79. Carson's nephew, Jeff Sennett, told The Associated Press Carson died early Sunday morning. Sennett would not give further details, including the time of death.

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — Nearly three decades before the Sept. 11 attacks, a high-level government panel developed plans to protect the nation against terrorist acts ranging from radiological "dirty bombs" to affine missile attacks, according to declassified documents obtained by The Associated Press.

"Unless governments take basic precautions, we will continue to stand at the edge of an awful abyss," Robert Koopman, chief scientist for the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, wrote in a 1977 report that summarized nearly five years of work by the Cabinet Committee to Combat Terrorism.

BOSTON — A bowling blizzard攒arded the Northeast on Sunday with more than 2 feet of snow and hurricane-strength winds, halting air travel for thousands of people, keeping others off slippery highways and burying parked cars under deep drifts. Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri both declared states of emergency.

NEW YORK — Middle school nationwide will participate in a "No Name-Calling Week" initiative starting Monday. The program, now in its second year, has the backing of groups from the Girl Scouts to Amnesty International but has also drawn complaints that it overemphasizes hate among gay youths.

The initiative was developed by the New York-based Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

KIEV, Ukraine — Before a vast crowd of supporters celebrating with a burst of orange balloons, doves and chants, newly inaugurated President Viktor Yushchenko promised Sunday to steer a new course for Ukraine — away from corruption and political corruption and into the European Union.

"Ukraine will stand against all evil," Yushchenko told the crowd on Kiev's Independence Square, where weeks earlier demonstrators cried out that he'd been robbed of the presidency by fraud in a campaign laced with intrigue that even saw the pro-Western reformer poisoned by a huge dose of dioxin.

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Mediators on Sunday persuaded the Indonesian government and Aceh rebels to meet for negotiations on a cease-fire, trying to forge peace out of the human tragedy. Indonesia raised its death toll from the disaster by as many as 7,600 people.

An American admiral dismissed fears that the U.S. military is ending its relief effort for tsunami victims in Indonesia too soon as a U.N. agency delivered aid on its own for the first time in a week.

"We are not going to fire scared," Yushchenko told the crowd of 100,000 people, most of whom were gathered to support him. "We will continue to fight until the last man is on the winning side."

The Associated Press.

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IN OTHER NEWS

WINTER PARK, Fla. — Dave Plotkin rocked around the clock — several times over. The disc jockey at Rollins College's WPRL-FM unofficially set a record Friday for the world's longest continuous broadcast by a single DJ.

Plotkin, 25, took to the airwaves at 9 a.m. Monday and signed off at 11:03 p.m. Friday, a 110-hour span. A DJ in Switzerland lasted 108 hours in July 2002.

"Everything I did, every facet of my life for the past five days, I was broadcasting on the radio with a microphone or here in the studio," Plotkin said Friday evening in the seconds before reaching Hour 106.

The event, planned for more than a year, raised $16,150 for the 52-year-old radio station. Under Guinness' rules, Plotkin had to speak at least once every 59 seconds. And songs could not be longer than six minutes.

Between spinning CDs from indie rockers, Plotkin hosted local bands, interviewed artists and civic leaders, gave interviews himself and took cold showers in a stall built down the hall from the studio.

— Associated Press

The Party Is Over.

It's simple: Mardi Gras weekend in SLO will be different this year. Violence and property damage will not be tolerated. Out-of-town visitors are not welcome. Gatherings on streets, sidewalks and parking lots near campus and downtown will not be allowed.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
Body of abducted college student found on Texas roadside

A surveillance camera caught the kidnapping of a 19-year-old Wal-Mart employee as she left the store after an evening shift.

Jamie Stengle

TYLER, Texas — The surveillance camera captured the crime in chilling detail. A college student punches out after her night shift as a clerk at a Texas Wal-Mart and walks toward her truck in the parking lot. Suddenly she is attacked by a shadowy figure in a long, dark coat and kidnapped.

On Friday, 19-year-old Megan Leann Holden was found shot to death in a ditch near Stanton in West Texas, about 380 miles west of Tyler, where she had been abducted.

Evidence at the scene indicated she was killed where her body was dumped, and The Dallas Morning News quoted an investigator as saying she was partially clothed.

Police said she was killed by a former California Marine who went on a multistate crime spree before he dumped, and The Dallas Morning News quoted an investigator as saying he could leave in about two weeks.

 Authorities said Williams kept heading west as he continued his crime spree, attempting a robbery at an Arizona RV park, but was foiled by a store worker who fired the shot that landed Williams in the Arizona hospital where he was treated and then taken into custody.

"He said, 'This is robbery, I want all the money in the cash register,'" retired New York City firefighter Richie Chapman said. "And he is said that, he drew a weapon from underneath his shirt, and I drew and fired."

Williams joined the Marines on Jan. 13, 2001, according to a press statement from the Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base in California. He was a logistics clerk but assigned to the 3rd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, at the Twenty-nine Palms base in California.

Williams, a preacher's son, served in Iraq in 2003 but was given a bad-conduct discharge on Feb. 26 for using marijuana. He was on voluntary leave without pay pending an appellate review of the case. Police said Williams, a preacher's son, was arrested last month in Tyler on a cocaine possession charge. He was released the same day on $2,000 bond. Police said Williams also was involved in an armed robbery at a convenience store in Texas on Thursday.
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The road trip comedy "Are We There Yet?" earned $18.5 million quickly arrive at first place in the weekend box office. The family picture starring rap- per-actor Ice Cube in its opening weekend sent "Coach Carter" back to the bench when the basketball drama brought in $11 million for second place, according to studio estimates released Sunday.

"Assault on Precinct 13," a remake of the 1976 "cult classic" about cops and criminals joining forces against a jail siege by gang members, took in $7 million in its first weekend and finished sixth in the box office tally.

Final figures will be released today.

"Are We There Yet?" follows Cube as he embarks on a road trip with two manipulative children, who he tolerates only because he is trying to woo their attractive divorced mother.

Showing in wide release at 2,709 theaters, "Are We There Yet?" averaged $6,829 a cinema.

"It's a total family picture," said Rory Bruer, president of distribution for Sony Pictures. "It's very funny and Ice Cube did a terrific job. He's just hysterical in it."

Cuba, 35, will be in "XXX: State of the Union," scheduled for release in April. The action film sequel also will feature Samuel L. Jackson, star of "Coach Carter."

The PG-13 rated comedy continued to do well and is marching toward becoming the highest grossing live-action comedy of all time. The in-low force collected $10.2 million over the weekend to push its five week total to $247.7 million.

The blockbuster comedy moved into second place in the live-action comedy category behind record-holder "Home Alone," which earned $285.8 million. The God-comedy "Bruce Almighty," dropped to third place at $242.7 million.

"Meet the Fockers," another PG-13 rated film, continued to do well and is now second in the live-action comedy category. The in-low force collected $10.2 million over the weekend, grossing an estimated $18.5 million.

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Global warming is quickly becoming a hot political topic. It is discussed in the news, on the college campus and even in the Oval Office. President Bush has kept a close eye on the major polluters in America, so you can bet he saw this news story.

Washington state just released its year-end report detailing its top polluters. This list contains all sorts of power plants and factories, but the biggest polluter in the state is the largest producer of harmful gases. It turns out that volcanoes emit nearly 1,000 times the CFC's that the human race has produced throughout its history. These harmful particles are thought to be one of the leading causes of global warming, but scientists have found that that eruption caused only minimal, temporary damage to the ozone layer.

There is evidence to say that the earth has warmed between 0.2 and 0.6 degrees over that past century, but the cause is undetermined. First of all, we have only recorded temperature for about 100 years, so the long-term climate is still a mystery. It would be like predicting where a freeway will go after only analyzing a yard of it. Second, the earth has undergone major climate cycles long before human brings, including multiple ice ages. Finally, we have seen an increase in volcanic activity and solar flares during this period so how do we know that the effects are entirely man-made?

Real perspective is important — especially with all the political talk surrounding global warming these days. Along with alternative fuels and population growth, global warming will be a major political issue for years to come. It is essential that we know all of the facts about global warming, not just the propaganda.

President Bush is exactly right in refusing to sign the Kyoto Protocol. This treaty is an agreement between industrialized nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2020. The problem with this legislation is that even proponents admit that it will have very little effect. Peter Hedges of the environmental group Friends of Earth International recently admitted that the Protocol will only have a "symbolic" effect on global warming.

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President Bush is exactly right in refusing to sign this worthless treaty. It would cost American business billions of dollars without producing any kind of positive results. I am also proud to report that no member of the Senate voted to ratify the treaty in March of 2001: the vote was 95-0. That means 45 Democrats, including John Kerry, voted against this pathetic attempt at stopping global warming.

The point is that global warming isn't caused solely by humans, so we can do very little to reverse its effects. While we do need to be good stewards of the environment, sacrificing major portions of our economy for no reason is not the answer. Ignoring this half-hearted, useless treaty was the best thing we could have done. It is obviously the will of the American people.

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Cal Poly regained the advantage with two in the ninth. Bergland finished with two hits and four RBIs for Cal Poly. Blumenfeld and Walker each added a pair of hits for the Mustangs. San Diego outmuscled the Mustangs 12-10.

On Friday, pinch hitter Sean Alexander's run-scoring single added two in the ninth inning lifted Cal Poly.

Kyle Blumenfeld and Berg Bergland both made out to open the top of the ninth, the score tied at 6-6, but Jimmy Van Ozand doubled into the right-field corner and Jon Marshall was hit by a pitch, setting the stage for Alexander.

The senior transfer from Texas Tech singled to right field to drive in Van Ozand.

Mike Bill retrieved the Toreros in the bottom of the ninth for a save. Frank McLaughlin pumped up the win with a scoreless, hits-less ninth inning.

Cal Poly won in fifth straight season opener. The last three wins were under coach Larry Lee, and all three against the Toreros.

Junior center fielder Brandon Roberts and sophomore designated hitter Scott Smith both went 3-of-5 at the plate as Cal Poly outslashed San Diego 15-10.

On Tuesday, the University of San Diego connected five errors and Cal Poly took advantage by scoring five unearned runs.

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The score 67-65. But Matador forward Ian Borland scored the next four points as the Matadors closed out strongly and scored second place in conference.

On Thursday, the Mustangs experienced similar difficulty in losing to Pacific. Although the Mustangs nailed 14-of-27 three-pointers, had their third-highest point total of the season and matched the Tigers' rebound total, the men were led after halftime and ultimately fell 96-78.

However, Cal Poly did not concede the game, batting back from a 16-point deficit midway through the second half to keep Pacific's lead around 10 during the final minutes. It wasn't enough to surmount the Big West-leading Tigers.

Free Mustangs had at least 10 points including freshman forward Haskins, who tied for the game-high in scoring with 20 points. His wasn't the only hot hand, however seven Mustangs made at least one three-pointer.

"They shot the crap out of the hall," Tiger coach Tyler Newton said.

The only problem for Cal Poly was that Pacific matched in effort every step of the way. Where the Mustangs shot 54 percent for the game, the Tigers had 58 percent accuracy and nailed an astonishing 17-of-25 shots in the second half. Bromley said, "For the first time, we made some adjustments."

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Mike Bill retrieved the Toreros in the bottom of the ninth for a save. Frank McLaughlin pumped up the win with a scoreless, hits-less ninth inning.

Cal Poly won in fifth straight season opener. The last three wins were under coach Larry Lee, and all three against the Toreros.

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The score 67-65. But Matador forward Ian Borland scored the next four points as the Matadors closed out strongly and scored second place in conference.

On Thursday, the Mustangs experienced similar difficulty in losing to Pacific. Although the Mustangs nailed 14-of-27 three-pointers, had their third-highest point total of the season and matched the Tigers' rebound total, the men were led after halftime and ultimately fell 96-78.

However, Cal Poly did not concede the game, batting back from a 16-point deficit midway through the second half to keep Pacific's lead around 10 during the final minutes. It wasn't enough to surmount the Big West-leading Tigers.

Free Mustangs had at least 10 points including freshman forward Haskins, who tied for the game-high in scoring with 20 points. His wasn't the only hot hand, however seven Mustangs made at least one three-pointer.

"They shot the crap out of the hall," Tiger coach Tyler Newton said.

The only problem for Cal Poly was that Pacific matched in effort every step of the way. Where the Mustangs shot 54 percent for the game, the Tigers had 58 percent accuracy and nailed an astonishing 17-of-25 shots in the second half. Bromley said, "For the first time, we made some adjustments."

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**COACH'S CORNER**

This week's spotlight on...

**Men's basketball assistant coach Bob Lowe**

Natasha Toto

**SEATING DAILY**

Beginning his fourth year as assistant coach for men's basketball, Bob Lowe is using his many years of experience to help this year's rookie team evolve and grow.

On the court, Lowe serves as the defensive coordinator for the team.

The Mustang Daily sat down Friday with coach Lowe to analyze his team's rocky season.

Q. — What needs to be done differently in terms of defense to turn things around?

A. — The first thing is we need to get back in transition. We have to do a better job of getting back and making teams play against our half-court defense. That is where we are working hard, especially against Northridge on Saturday.

Q. — What do you see as the biggest obstacle for the team?

A. — I think coming into it we have some inexperience. Last year's team was a pretty veteran team. Right now we basically have four starters off last year's team and a few freshmen.

Q. — Thursday's game against Pacific, was it a stepping stone despite the loss?

A. — Yes, it was. You know, I think we have played pretty well against some of the best teams in the conference. We played a really good road game against Utah State and then Pacific who is undeated and a good quality team. I think we hung in there, did a really good job and gave ourselves a chance to win.

Q. — Is Dwan Whiten the key to any future success for the team?

A. — Yes, definitely. Dwan and Andrew Haskins are both doing a great job for us. I think Dwan is going to be a great part of our future.

Q. —How do you deal with losses this early in the season?

A. — It is always tough but every game has been very positive. The guys are at practice everyday ready to learn and get better. It is a good group to work with. We try not to dwell on any of the losses. We just want to focus on the next game.

Q. — What do you think you can get from this season? What lessons can be learned?

A. — Well, I don't want to put things in perspective too early. We will probably look back and see what was and was not learned, but right now we are just concentrating on working through each day.

Q. — Who do you enjoy the most working with this year's team?

A. — I really enjoy the challenges of how to work with guys that have inexperience, but are working hard to improve. It is a good practice environment. Everybody is trying hard for each other. I think in terms of just practicing hard and working to get better that is what I enjoy the most.

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**Ninth-inning sweepstakes**

Cal Poly baseball is certainly off to a good start.

The Mustangs opened their season sweeping No. 48 University of San Diego, winning 8-6, 10-6, 10-6. Too good for words. A couple of dramatic fashions in the ninth-inning.

In Saturday's win, the Mustangs faced senior first baseman Brey Berglund's two-run home run in the ninth frame to snap a 6-6 tie at Cunningham Stadium.

The Mustangs had scored twice in the ninth inning in Friday's season opener to break a 6-6 deadlock.

Senior third baseman Kyle Blumenstock singled with two outs in the ninth and Brey Berglund led Cal Poly in home runs a year ago with nine, collected his first round-tripper of the 2005 season, a blast over the 395-foot sign in left-center field.

Cal Poly scored two more runs in the tenth on an error in the infield to break the game open.

Senior reliever Dennis LeDuc picked up the win despite giving up two runs to San Diego in the eighth inning on a hit batter and a wild pitch with the bases loaded, tying the game at 6-6.

Senior Mike Bille pitched a scoreless ninth for the second consecutive day.

Cal Poly scored four times in the first inning off San Diego starter Dustin Church. A bases-clearing triple by Berglund and a passed ball accounted for the runs.

San Diego answered with three runs in the third and another in the fifth to tie the game at 4-4.

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**Twice closed out and lost out**

Men's basketball weaknesses are exposed at the end of two closely contested games with the Big West Conferences' elite

Dan Watson

The Mustangs fell to 3-12 overall, 1-6 in the Big West Conference.

When the games were on the line, Cal Poly men's basketball still looked like a team gasping for any vital life signs.

Matching confidence with aggression, the Cal State Northridge Matadors steered off Cal Poly over the crunch-time minutes for a 81-73 win in Mont Gym and Pacific did the same winning 90-78 on Thursday.

Cal Poly men's basketball fans are still waiting for a full 40-minute effort on the hardwood — the Mustangs came close Saturday before a Fox Sports Net 2 audience and packed home gym, but they failed to execute down the stretch to end what is now a seven-game losing skid.

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**MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS REPORT**

Davin Whiten said. Whiten finished with 22 points on nine of 13 shooting. For the game, the Mustangs shot 53.1 percent from the floor, but surrendered the same to the Matadors, and, cognizant of the rebounding problems, gave up 40-26 points in the paint.

"That's the difference between a team that has won and a team that hasn't," Bromley said. "We've been playing 35-36 good minutes of basketball. But if you have those older players, then you're competing to win.You get to get stops at the end!" In the second half, the Matadors implemented a trap-zone defense that exploited the Mustangs weak games ended and perpetrator punishing Whiten finished with six turnovers having played the point guard position for much of the night. Mustang guard Nick Enzersdorl actually led the team with seven assists, but no guard on the team finished with a single dish.

Davin White's layup gave the Matadors their first second-half lead midway through the second half.

Before the four-minute mark, the Matadors opened up a 67-59 lead, their biggest of the game, before Mustang guard Glen Jones closed the gap with a long three-pointer, and Joe Henry's three-point play made the score 71-64 with eight minutes remaining.

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