Student earns scholarship after traumatic event

Emily Logan

Lindsay Johnson fills every criterion for receiving an award or scholarship. An exemplary architecture student, she volunteers at a battered women’s shelter and helps build homes for families in Mexico. This year, she received the William R. Hearst-CSU Trustees’ Award for Outstanding Achievement — for all these reasons. But on top of her success, Johnson was given the award for her triumph over a terrifying experience.

In 1999, while attending Chico State University as an art student, Johnson was brutally attacked. She had just moved out of the dorms and was living in an off-campus apartment. During the night, someone entered her apartment through an unlocked door and assaulted her with a weapon, which the authorities presumed to be a hammer.

“They were coming to kill me,” she said, recounting the story carefully and calmly. Even with her roommate home, Johnson lay unconscious for nearly an hour until she was discovered. Her injuries were substantial, but what took much longer to heal were the psychological damages.

The January after the attack, Johnson tried to return to school at San Jose State University, but found herself not quite ready.

“I suffered really bad anxiety because I was with all these people and I didn’t know who they were,” she said.

Johnson soon became a flight attendant in order to make her whereabouts less obvious. This was the point when she began to recover.

“When I was a flight attendant, I fell in love with the architecture I saw,” she said. “It enabled me to direct my art interest into a certain area.”

After a little over a year and with counseling and help from her friends and family, Johnson came back to school, this time at Cal Poly.

“Returning to school was the best thing I did,” she said.

Among those who can attest to Johnson’s success is architecture professor Howard Weisenthal. He said Johnson demonstrates a maturity that is seen almost exclusively in those who have had some life experience.

“There’s something special about the_returning students who have been out as professionals,” he said. “They have a very serious approach, a good work ethic and basically have undergone a trauma that others have had.”

After graduating from Cal Poly in 2001, Johnson began her career as an architect.

In 2003, she was awarded the Eileen Leshner Student Scholarship from the California Chapter of Associated General Contractors, and in 2005, she received the AIA California Young Architects Prize. She is currently working as an architect in San Francisco.

UC Berkeley students hit by latest recording industry suits

Adi Tso

BERKELEY, Calif. — Three unidentified University of California-Berkeley students are among 64 college students nationwide hit with the latest round of copyright infringement lawsuits filed by the Recording Industry Association of America last Thursday.

Targeting 17 campuses nationwide — including University of California-Los Angeles and University of California-San Diego — the suit alleges the illegal exchange of copyrighted music via the Internet, a popular high-speed university computer network.

“Those sued in this round, as in previous rounds, are those engaged in egregious levels of file-sharing,” said association spokesperson Jenni Engebretsen.

The latest round of lawsuits marks the third time this year that the recording industry has taken action against more than 30 UC-Berkeley students for downloading illegally through 2Hub, a file-sharing application.

According to Engebretsen, 38 UC-Berkeley students have been sued since the recording industry began filing lawsuits in 2003 against individuals for illegal downloads. Of the suits, 21 of those cases have been settled.

College students sued in April shared on average more than 2,300 mp3 files each, with some sharing as many as 13,600 files, according to an association news release.

“These lawsuits have helped to arrest the enormous growth of peer-to-peer networks,” Engebretsen said.

UC-Berkeley is scheduled to receive subpoenas requesting the names of the students, who are currently identified by their unique Internet protocol addresses.

After the university reviews the subpoenas and determines whether any of them are its students, the school will then issue subpoenas to the students, requiring them to provide the names of their Internet protocol addresses to the recording industry.

“UC Berkeley is committed to preventing downloading and sharing without permission,” said University of California chancellor Robert Birgeneau.

“In the face of these lawsuits, we are strengthening our ability to monitor and shut down illegal downloading,” Birgeneau added.

In the 49th annual Cal Poly Bull Test Sale, 157 bulls were sold with an average price of $3,190. For the first time at Cal Poly and nationwide, all of the bulls for sale wore electronic identification tags in their ears. When each bull passed into the stall, its performance and identification data would be scanned into the computer and then automatically sent to the screens to be projected to the audience. On Saturday, over 100 local cattlemen came to Cal Poly to listen to speakers from the cattle industry at the educational field day. Overall, Cal Poly beef specialist Mike Hall said this was the best sale Cal Poly has ever had.

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direction and focus. They bring all of their worldly experience to the class and their projects.”

For Johnson, her experience really is worldly, having traveled as a flight attendant.

With her knowledge of architecture from different places, Wesenthal said he thinks she will find her place and be comfortable in the architecture profession.

“The profession is so broad, there’s no telling at the moment where she might fit in,” he said. “But she’s very dynamic and intelligent so I think she’ll find her place and be comfortable in architecture.”

Johnson’s passion for architecture drove her to become active in building houses for families in Mexico.

“I always wanted to do it because it’s related to architecture,” she said. “I’m from San Diego so it was easy for me to get involved. I could just drive across the border and help out.”

Johnson also helps with fundraising for La Casa de Los Madres, a battered women’s shelter in San Francisco. As a survivor of an attack, she wanted the opportunity to help women who had gone through similar experiences.

All of her hard work and bravery paid off this year when she received the Heart-Trustees award at the Sept. 20 board meeting.

“Just even being selected by Cal Poly was a great achievement in itself and when I got the award I was elated,” she said.

The $3,000 scholarship was given to students for outstanding academic achievement, community service and financial need. Each student who received the award had overcome a personal challenge.

Johnson took winning the award as a chance to tell her fellow students about her experience and to offer her advice as a survivor. Her main message for those who were victims of violent crimes was to talk about it.

“One of my difficulties was I didn’t want to talk to (family and friends) because I knew they couldn’t relate,” she said.

Johnson said support groups along with counselors at her universities were a great help. She also read a lot about her condition, which helped her continue to make progress.

“When you suffer from post traumatic stress disorder there are stages you go through and it’s difficult to go through every one but if you read about it, you can see that you are getting somewhere,” she said.

“You’re going to cry and you’re going to be upset. I know I’ve lost my independence. I don’t think I can ever live alone, but I’ve learned to focus my energy on the positive,” she said.

One of the most important messages Johnson wanted to get across was for students to take precautions such as locking their doors and windows.

“You should never feel safe,” she said. “Always take precautions.”

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they are cold, it will release the identities of the students to the association, which can then directly use those individuals, said residential computing manager Dodra Chamberlin.

Under federal law, first-time offenders caught violating music copyrights face up to $250,000 in fines and a possible five years in prison. Most settlements, however, are generally far less than those penalties, Englebren said.

She declined to disclose the figures of actual settlements.

Residents of UC-Berkeley residence halls have a bandwidth limit of five gigabytes for downloads and uploads. Though residential computing monitors the amount of bandwidth used, it does not control the what files are being shared.

“We provide a limited amount of bandwidth to each resident and what they choose to do with it is not our business. We cannot control the actions of each resident,” said Serena Hira, a residential computing consultant at the Unit II residence hall.

Throughout Welcome Week, all incoming students living in residence halls were warned against illegal file sharing and were encouraged to turn to legal music downloading alternatives like iTunes and RealRhapsody, Chamberlin said.

“We’re doing as much as we possibly can to educate students about what they could face. We don’t want them to face a subpoena,” she said.

Some students felt the increasing number of suits were an effective tool to curb illegal file sharing.

“Even if I wasn’t morally opposed to downloading, I think I’d be nervous to do it. Still, it wouldn’t stop me. Think about all the people who are downloading music. What are the chances that I’ll be the one targeted?” said freshman Megan Gens.
La Jolla, Calif. — A committee of University of California regents met last month and decided to delay a proposal to use private funding for salaries.

The regents approved a portion of the proposal, which included plans to raise all UC employee salaries to competitive market levels within the next 10 years.

In November, the regents will consider using private donations to supplement the salaries of UC administrators who have been receiving below-market pay, which the university attributes to economic downturn and four years of less-than-sufficient state funding.

"We are facing a multiple challenge to maintain quality and pay competitiveness throughout the university, from service employees to faculty to senior leadership," Regent Judith Hopkinson stated on the university's Web site. "We need to find all available sources of funding to bring salaries up to market.

Using donated funds is relatively common among other universities, and "there's real power in helping to boost pay and entice top administrators to the UC system, according to N. Charles Sque Mirer, UC Office of the President spokesperson.

"The main initiative is to ensure that we can fully recuperate retirement compensation in the next 10 years," Van Nyhus said. "[But] we don't know where it's going to go yet.

According to research by the Mercer Human Resource Consulting, the university is below the market median for health and retirement benefits. The research also shows that the university is 15 percent below comparable market salaries.

"It's an outrageous proposition," said Simmons, who also is a professor at the UC Davis School of Law. "There are higher priorities than higher executive salaries. Raising money for graduate students (should be) much higher on the agenda than extreme funding for executives.

"In the UC pay system, employees will continue to compete for higher salaries, according to Simmons.

"Mainly, I can't feel sorry for someone earning $350,000," Simmons said.

High gas prices force some to find other transportation

With the rise in gas prices resulting from damage created by the hurricanes in Louisiana and Texas, fears of future supply shortages have started to rise.

"I think that's gross," said UI sophomore Kristen Kenner after washing. "I wash my hands every time I use a public restroom.

Most women saw no excuse for not being clean. Amid the sounds of flushing toilets and stall doors being opened, there was the flow of water running on off from the five faucets in the women's restroom, a sound foreign in the men's bathroom.

Proper technique includes washing for 20 seconds using soap and warm water, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website. And don't neglect the fingernails.

"Would you not wash your hands? There are plenty of sinks," said UI junior Ashley Nation, who was one of 76 women to wash her hands with soap and water.

"I caused me drunk. I don't wash

Tim Scordato

DEKALB, Ill. — In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, 95 percent of gas production and about 85 percent of gas production in the Gulf of Mexico was halted. Damages from Hurricane Rita are still being assessed as well.

High prices leave consumers looking for other ways to get around.

Economics professor Stephen Karlson said he has seen a change in the DeKalb community.

"Drivers have already been making substitutions. I've seen a lot more bikes on campus this fall, and a lot of parents are asking their kids to use the school buses rather than haul them around in minivans," Karlson said.

Karlson gave testimony Wednesday to the House Republican Task Force on Motor Fuel Prices. He stated the reasons for higher prices and what substitutions can be made.

He said the recent hurricanes are only a temporary problem. The damage will be repaired, and companies will compete once more for customers.

An Exxon Mobile press release reflected that Tuesday.

"Within two weeks, all major import facilities and product pipelines were operating at full or only slightly reduced rates. All but about 5 percent of U.S. refining capacity had returned, and all but 15 percent of U.S. gas production, had been restored," said R e e x T i l l e r s o n , president of Exxon Mobile Corporation.

Karlson's main concern centered around India's and China's growing need for more oil. As the countries demand more, prices rise.

"The real permanent reason is the economic growth elsewhere, with India and China, in particular, increasing their fuel use of all kinds, as well as replacing coal and wood with petroleum products," Karlson said.

Although the price at the pumps returned to pre-storm levels, consumers worry about larger, more permanent effects.

"The hurricane was just icing on the cake," junior economics major Terrance White said.

Due to rapid demands in China and India, oil supply has diminished. Prices have increased, except for the recent drop in price after the U.S. government released part of the nation's oil reserves.

The prices should stay stable for the time being, but the nation needs to find alternative energy sources, and people need to change their driving habits and

Gas price's got you down? Fight Back!

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Bush nominates Miers for Supreme Court

David Espo

WASHINGTON — President Bush named White House counsel Harriet Miers to a Supreme Court justice seat on Monday for a ceremony marking John Roberts' confirmation and independent branches has determined as Bush has pledged to satisfy many of the conservatives who had been a multie trip to Florida. While her loyalty to Bush is political ally without a judicial background as a lawyer and her activities, people who will know her on the issues of character and integrity, which we will find out," he said.

In conference calls and interviews, the White House worked aggressively during the day to tamp down concerns among conservatives who are already worried against the selection of an "unqualified" woman to sit on the court.

Despite criticism, initial reaction was positive. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the second-ranking Republican in the Senate, issued a statement saying he looked "forward to Ms. Miers' confirmation.

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Miers has served as an adviser for bush for more than a decade, in positions as varied as private attorney, chairwoman of the Texas Lottery Commission and in the White House. When Bush decided to run for governor of Texas in the early 1990s, he turned to Miers to research his own background for information that his opponents might try to use against him. When terrorists struck the United States in 2001, she was with him as staff secretary on what had been a routine trip to Florida.

While her loyalty to Bush is unquestioned, Democrats publicly and Republicans privately wondered about her qualifications for the high court.

"The president has selected a loyal political ally without a judicial record to sit on the highest court in the land," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

At the same time, several senators, Reid and Specter among them, said they would be pleased to have a justice with no prior judicial experience, and the White House moved to fend off any charge that Bush was merely picking a longtime associate. The administration released material showing that 10 of the 34 justices appointed since 1933 had worked for the president who picked them. The list included the late Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, first tapped for the court by Richard M. Nixon, and Byron White, named by John F. Kennedy.

Ten., said through his spokesman he wanted a confirmation vote by Thanksgiving, a compressed, seven-week timetable by recent historical standards. Sen. Arlen Specter, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, has said he would prefer a longer confirmation process.

"There needs to be, obviously, a thorough inquiry into her background as a lawyer and her activities, people who will know her on the issues of character and integrity, which we will find out," he said.

Several officials familiar with Bush's consultations with Congress said that Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the Democratic leader, had recommended that he consider Miers for the vacancy. In a written statement, Reid praised the Dallas native as a "trial lawyer for women as managing partner of a major Dallas law firm" and said he would be glad to have a former practicing attorney on the court.

Frit tried to be modest by telling her, "We're so proud of you." Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the second-ranking Republican in the Senate, issued a statement saying he looked "forward to Ms. Miers' confirmation.

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Orfalea to visit campus

Kinko's founder and Cal Poly supporter is slated to speak at Spanos Theatre Wednesday in light of recent book release

Thao Tran
MUSTANG DAILY

He founded Kinko's and he donated more than $16.2 million to the university. He's even coming out with a new book and his first book signing event will be right here on campus.

Paul Orfalea will give a free presentation to the public at 4:30 p.m. in the Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre on Wednesday.

"It's not often students get to meet someone of his stature," said Director of College and Alumni Relations, Leslie McKinley. "He thinks outside the box."

Orfalea recognized Cal Poly as a prestigious place to learn and experience when he favored the university motto, "Learn by doing."

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Group to make Poly smile, nod and laugh out loud

Smile and Nod, an improv comedy group on campus, will perform Wednesday at the Chumash Auditorium as part of ASI's ImprovFest. Comedy troupes Mission IMPROVable and The Wild Bunch will share the stage.

Nick Coury
MUSTANG DAILY

Instead of the watery eyes normally associated with sleepless nights and the monotonous school week, the students of Cal Poly will have a chance to shed tears of laughter as the comedy group Smile and Nod offers an escape Wednesday night.

Smile and Nod was formed in 1998 by a group of Cal Poly students interested in improv comedy. Originally, there was only one show per quarter, but with combined student interest and the sheer entertainment factor, the group expanded and now performs two shows every Saturday night.

"Around this area you don't get to see a lot of live comedy, and there is something about live comedy that is completely different from comedy you see on television," Smile and Nod co-manager Ben Piper said. "(With live comedy), you get much more of a sense of that intimate atmosphere."

Piper is a fifth-year aerospace engineering student who has been on the team since he was a freshman year at Cal Poly.

Students and performers alike enjoy the warm and friendly feeling of interacting at shows.

"If you go to a movie, you're just sitting there being very static, whereas here (with Smile and Nod), you get to be a dynamic part of the show by yelling suggestions," Piper said. "I think people enjoy the change of pace."

The change of pace is what helps the team bring together their comedic talents and wit. It also helps that their care and personal enjoyment for improvisational comedy exists.

"We are entirely student-run, so it's a good opportunity to assert your own responsibilities in the group," said Scott Neiman, a third-year double major in landscape architecture and horticulture. "We have perfect attendance just because we enjoy being here, and everybody works hard to collaborate to make it happen."

But why improv? Well, for Smile and Nod cast members, it's a no-brainer.

"There is just something about improv, things being made up on the spot, that you can see the reality and characters and situations (related to life), and see them come out in performance," Neiman said.

"There's something exciting in that."

For co-manager Tanner Argon, her interest with improv is more personal.

"(Improv) is the best outlet of expression and creativity. It's a good emotional workout," theater junior Argon said. "Smile and Nod is a student outlook. It's not scripted, it's live, it's of-the-moment and it's pop culture, of our area and our opinions. We represent the student body, and we're here to tell them about it, and give them something to laugh about."

The Smile and Nod improv team will be one of three acts performing at ImprovFest, a free comedy show at Cal Poly on Wednesday.

Along with the Cal Poly team, Mission IMPROVable and The Wild Bunch are scheduled for the laugh fest. The performance begins at 8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium located in the University Union. They perform every Saturday at 8 and 10 p.m. in building 45, room 212.

For more about the group, visit Smile and Nod's Web site www.smileandnod.org.

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NORMAN, Okla. — Where exactly did the name of my God become a socially acceptable alternative to the "F-word"?

We all know people who enjoy getting righteously indignant on a regular basis via curse words, politically incorrect phrases or art museums. They go out of their way to get offended and tend to write me very eloquent letters.

I am not such a person. I endeavor to take contrary opinions with stride, but I am not out of order in asserting that the use of a religious figure as an explicative is impolite. If I started blurring our "Buddha" or "Muhammad" in place of "damn" or "hell" I would be in poor taste. I would be using another person's spiritual figure as a curse word and would likely offend. If you back out the name of my God because you're frightened of dropping the f-bomb in polite company, you aren't doing me any favors.

I believe it is acceptable to say "Jesus" within the following contexts: 1) In reference to a specific historic and/or religious figure; 2) In appeal for divine mercy, such as when you get attacked by wolves or are slipping into bankruptcy; 3) In reference to your Mexican friend with the same name if you refuse to pronounce anything in Spanish.

There are others, but I think I'm getting my idea across. Conversely, any scenario you can imagine where "Christ" or "God" takes on the attributes of profanity is offensive, simply because they're being used as profanity. (Of course, the word "God" isn't specific to any particular religion, but in the interest of brevity this column will be.)

A good parallel here is that I'm very good about not hitting cows in the presence of Hindus; I don't think I've ever been chatting with a Hindu on the South Oval, seen a cow wander by and just kicked it in the groin...
Volleyball
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Gilmore tucked onto her con-
fidence lead with another 22
kills. Mulder and Athanasou both
had 19 and 12 kills, respectively.
Jackson again led the way in digs
with 25. Vanier led with 14 digs
and Gilmore had 12.
Cal Poly's setter Chelsea
Hayes compiled 12 digs to go
along with her 50 assists.
Hayes grew up in Atascadero
and played under current Cal
Poly head coach Jon Stevenson
at Saint Mary's before transfer-
ing to Cal Poly this year.
Amanda Vasquez led the Anteaters
with 20 kills. Keppin
Heatherton had a team-high
19 digs.
Cal Poly plays its next two
games on the road. The Mustangs
play at UC Riverside on Friday
and at Cal State Fullerton the
next day.

Football ranked No. 9

It will be No. 9 Cal Poly against
No. 12 North Dakota State in a
Great West Conference contest at
Mustang Stadium on Saturday.
Cal Poly clinched one more posi-
tion in the two NCAA
Division I-AA polls following
its 31-14 victory over Northern
Colorado on Saturday. North
Dakota State fell one spot in the
ESPNU Today poll and clinched
one position in the Sports Network
poll after defeating Nicholls State
26-13.
The Mustangs were ranked 17th
in both preseason polls. After a
38-10 win over then-No. 11 Montana
State on Sept. 17, Cal Poly climbed
to No. 12. The Mustangs
possess the second defense of their Great West
Football Conference team with 22 tackles for
loss against North Dakota State on Sept. 24
and jumped to No. 10 in the polls.
With Cal Poly was ranked as high as
No. 5 in the 2004 polls, winning its
first seven games before suffering
back-to-back losses to UC Davis
and Eastern Washington.
Besides No. 12 North Dakota State,
another Cal Poly opponent in
the rankings this week include No. 4
Montana, No. 11 Montana State,
No. 15 Eastern Washington and No. 25 Idaho State.

ESPNU/USA Today Division I-AA Top 25 Poll

The ESPNU/USA Today Division I-AA Top 25 college football
polls are ranked on the basis of number of first-place votes, record in
parentheses, total points and last week's ranking (records through Oct. 1, 2005):
No. 25 Long Beach too much for Mustangs

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly dropped a tightly contested match against No. 25 Long Beach State on Saturday 3-2.

The 49ers finished the Mustangs off in four games, the final score didn’t tell the complete story. The Mustangs lost the first game 30-27 followed by a 30-28 defeat in game two. The Mustangs had the serve down 29-28 after Vanessa Gilliam connected for a clutch kill. Gilliam then served the ball into the net, giving the 49ers the game two win.

Cal Poly led the entire way during the third game. Gilliam had seven kills during the game.

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Mustangs doused by Cal State Northridge

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men’s soccer team lost 3-1 to host Cal State Northridge on Saturday. The Mustangs extended their stay down south because Saturday’s match against the Matadors was postponed, a result of the wildfires burning in the Topanga and Chatsworth areas, according to the Big West Conference Web site.

Cal Poly falls to 4-6-0 on the season with the loss.

Cal Poly’s lone goal was scored in the first half on a give-and-go exchange from Jason Hadley to Nikhil Erelbach and back to Hadley, who made good on a shot from 12 yards out. It was the freshman’s first-collegiate goal.

Northridge’s Daniel Paladini scored the first and third goals for the Matadors with an assist from Sean Franklin.

Paladini’s first goal came early in the first half from 25 yards out. Paladini scored again near the end of the game off a Mustang turnover, connecting from 30 yards deep.

Matador forward Willie Sims was named conference player of the week for his play in both tournaments, and her杀死了江苏 penetration off Texas Christian, Maryland-Baltimore County, Seton Hall and George Mason on their way to the championships at the Patriot Invitational in Fairfax, VA. Cal Poly again claimed the championship the following weekend at home during the Best Western Royal Oak Invitational with wins over Portland, Loyola (Maryland) and San Jose State.

The Mustangs are now 1-2 in Big West play. The Mustangs dropped their conference opener at Mustang Stadium against UC Santa Barbara last Wednesday, 3-1.

The Mustangs return to action Wednesday at Mustang Stadium.

Quick Recap

Cal Poly defeated UC Irvine (30-18, 30-19, 28-30, 28-30, 15-13)

Leaders:
Kills: Gilliam 22, Mulder 19, Atherstone 12
Digs: Jackson 26, Gilliam 12, Mulder 12
Cal Poly lost to No. 25 Long Beach State (27-30, 28-30, 29-24, 24-30)
Leaders:
Kills: Gilliam 22, Atherstone 12, Mulder 12
Digs: Jackson 26, Mulder 14, Hayes 12, Gilliam 12

Record: 9-4
Next Home Game: Oct. 14 at Mott Gym, 7 p.m vs. Pacific.

Cal Poly tops UC Irvine

Cal Poly defeated the UC Irvine Anteaters at Mott Gym Friday in five games. Though the Mustangs dominated the first two games, winning 30-18 and 30-19, the Anteaters refused to quit.

Irvine battled to 30-28 wins in games three and four to force a final game.

The Mustangs bounced back to win 15-13 in the final game.

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Cal Poly’s libero Kristin Jackson records another dig in Cal Poly’s loss against No. 25 Long Beach State on Saturday. Jackson had 20 in the game.

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Player spotlight: Vanessa Gilliam, outside hitter, volleyball

James Mellor

Vanessa Gilliam, senior outside hitter, volleyball

Sensing outside hitter Vanessa Gilliam has been killing it, literally.

Gilliam leads the Cal Poly women’s volleyball team in kills with 242, which is second in the Big West Conference. Her kill count of nearly five per game coupled with her hitting percentage of .274 has been leaving opponents driving to stop her offensive onslaught.

From behind the baseline, Gilliam leads the team with 23 serving aces. Defensively, she is second on the team in both digs (113) and total blocks (45).

"It's very clear she's a productive player," coach Jon Stevenson said. "As far as her ability to attack, it's very impressive Vanessa is near the top of the conference in some impressive categories. There's no question her offensive production has been very successful."

The volleyball team is off to a 9-4 start with Gilliam, which is a drastic change from last season's results.

In early September, the Mustangs knocked off Texas Christian, Maryland-Baltimore County, Seton Hall and George Mason on their way to the championships at the Patriot Invitational in Fairfax, VA. Cal Poly again claimed the championship the following weekend at home during the Best Western Royal Oak Invitational with wins over Portland, Loyola (Maryland) and San Jose State.

Gilliam received Most Valuable Player honors for her play in both tournaments, and her performance at the Patriot Invitational earned her the accolade of Big West women's volleyball player of the weekend.

Despite her high achievements on the scoreboard, coach Stevenson sees more room for her total development.

"She's never been in the situation to be a go-to player," Stevenson said. "I hope she's a big part of the technical issues that go beyond the scope of a stat sheet... She really has the opportunity to challenge what's under the surface."

After leaving the team last season due to conflicts with the former coach, Gilliam has been given the opportunity to revitalize her career this season.

"I didn't realize how important volleyball was to me until I left," Gilliam said. "It's always been a part of my life."

"I want to see us play our best every single game. We've been letting down lately and it's frustrating when you know you can be a good team."