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. 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 roommates 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.

"Where 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 seen Berkeley, page 2

UC Berkeley students hit by latest recording industry suits

Ada Tso

BERKELEY, Calif. — Three unidentified University of California-Berkeley students are among 64 college students nationwide who have been sued for illegal downloading.

According to Engbergen, 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 15,600 files, according to an association news release.

"These lawsuits have helped to arrest the enormous growth of peer-to-peer networks," Engbergen 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 see Berkeley, page 2

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UC Poly President Warren Baker stands with Lindsay Johnson, who received the William R. Hearst-CSU Trustees' Award for Outstanding Achievement

Going once, going twice...

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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The architecture profession.

"It's related to architecture," she said.

Johnston 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.

Johnston 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 some of my energy on the positive," she said.

One of the most important messages Johnston 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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dence halls have a bandwidth limit of free 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 Fiera, a residential computing consultant at the Unit 2 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 Geans.
**U. Iowa males wash hands less frequently than females**

Danny Valentine & Annie Hamn
THE IOWA DAILY IOWAN (IOWA) 10/15/2005

**ROVA CITY, IOWA — You pee. You flush. You zip. You wash your hands.**

Well, maybe not the last part.

A nationwide study found that men are significantly less hygienic than women, which comes to washing up after relieving themselves. And a Daily Iowan investigation discovered that Hawkeye fans were no exception.

During the Oct. I Homecoming football game, reporters talked the fans who littered with soap and water and those who didn't. Situated in the newly built classrooms on the southwest end of the stadium, reporters discovered that 62 percent of males failed to wash their hands, while only 8 percent of females fell into the same category.

Nationally, the numbers mirror the Kirrin study. A study by the American Society of Microbiology found that 92 percent of women make a sink stop, but only 64 percent of men do.

The reasons among men for not washing ranged from their distance from the sink to believing their hands didn't get dirty.

And maybe because they downed a few too many beers during tailgating.

"I'm drunk. I don't wash em 'cause I'm drunk," said Kyle Bogler, a 2005 University of Iowa graduate.

"I wasn't washing," said Kurt Nieder, a 1998 graduate. "And drunk." And maybe because they downed a few too many beers during tailgating.

"I just didn't wash up," said Matt Childers, a 1999 graduate.

"I didn't think it was necessary," said Doug Haste, a 1998 graduate.

"I didn't see soap," said Tim Leslie, a 1999 graduate.

"My hands were too sweaty," said Jeff Thiel, a 1998 graduate.

"I don't know. Maybe I'm drunk," said Tracy Houtz, a 1998 graduate.

"I know I washed my hands," said Dave Clauson, a 1999 graduate. "But I don't know if I washed them properly." And maybe because they downed a few too many beers during tailgating.

"I'm drunk, I don't wash...." "Cause I'm drunk. I don't wash....""
Bush nominates Miers for Supreme Court

David E. Sencer, 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, said he would consider it a "long shot." "There needs to be, obviously, a very 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.

In conference calls and interviews, the White House worked aggressively during the day to tamp down concern among conservatives, who have pledged to research his background as a lawyer and her 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 trailblazer 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.

Frist greeted Miers 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." Republicans hold a 55-44 majority in the Senate, with one independent, Barrack Obama, who can confirm Miers on the strength of their votes alone.

Miers has served as an adviser for Bush more than a decade, in positions as varied as private attorney, chairman 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 he turned to Miers to research his own background for information that his opponents might try to use against him.

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 longstanding 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.

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U.S. offensive continues in Iraq; oil minister survives assassination attempt

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Mohammed Barakat

ASSOCIATED PRESS

QAIM, Iraq — With snipers on rooftops and helicopters hovering overhead, U.S. forces clashed with insurgent fighters Monday while searching homes in a town near the Syrian border.

In Baghdad, oil minister narrowly avoided an assassination attempt as his motorcade was hit with a bomb.

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Despite criticism, initial reaction suggested Bush had managed to satisfy many of the conservatives who helped confirm Roberts without inflaming Democrats who repeatedly warned against the selection of an extreme conservative to succeed O'Connor, who has voted with the Republicans most of the time.

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Orfalea to visit campus

Kinky'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 Kinky'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's new book, "Copy This!" tells the story of how the entrepreneur triumphed in establishing the first Kinky's, a small copy-shop in isla Vista, to a successful business chain. "He has a different way of going about things, and having his book promotion here shows a lot on his part," management information system senior Chelsey Drennan said.

Some students already plan to attend. "He's a wonderful person to hear speak," Drennan said. "I'm going to take some inspiration out of it."

"He brings in a nontraditional view," Cal Poly alum Jim Erickson said. "I'm hoping to hear about his life and the challenges he faced."

The book "Copy This!" was released Sept. 12 by Workman Publishing. Orfalea has already begun promoting the book on the East Coast and began a month-long book tour.

The 57-year-old entrepreneur retired from his management position at Kinky's in 2000. He sold his remaining shares of the company two years later and chose to dedicate his time and money to institutions and charitable donations.

"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," Smiley and Nod co-manager Ben Piper said. "(With live comedy,) you get much more of a sense of the 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 Smiley 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 no-brainer. 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 Smiley 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. "Smiley 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 Smiley 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 Smiley and Nod's Web site www.smileandnod.org.

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Legalizing Mary Jane

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ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT (TUCSON, ARIZONA)

TUCSON, Ariz. — The mere fact that there is no reason to keep the drug illegal is reason enough to legal- ize it. Just look at the most common arguments put forth by the "marijuana is the devil's harvest" enthusiasts.

First, it is contended that marijuana is a "gateway drug" that often leads to heroin, cocaine or other harder drugs. Anti-drug advocates use the fact that most users of heavier drugs have tried marijuana as proof. Ridiculous. By this logic, the same argument could be made to make alcohol illegal, because a vast majority of heavier-drug users consumed alcohol before moving on to harder drugs.

Second, physical damage done to users that abuse the drug and other dangers would be increased.

Hypocritical. According to the editors of the prestigious British medical journal, The Lancet, "it would be reasonable to judge cannabis as less of a threat...than alcohol or tobacco.

Furthermore, a federally commis- sioned report by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine states, "Except for the harms associated with smoking, the adverse effects of marijuana use are within the range tolerated for other medica- tions."

Cigarettes are legal in this country, so clearly the effects of the smoke are not enough to justify prohibition.

The strongest case for marijuana legalization, however, is that were corporate America or the NORML Report on Sixty Years of Marijuana Prohibition in the U.S., the arrest and prosecution of more than 700,000 people on marijuana charges (close to 90 percent of which for possession alone) cost taxpayers between $7.5 billion and $10 billion annually.

If marijuana were legalized, not only would taxpayers no longer have to pay for such needless processes, but private firms would also sprout up to sell marijuana, turn a profit and return tax revenues to the government. Just as cigarettes and alcohol generate enormous tax revenues, marijuana would do the same.

And for those concerned profits are going back to drug lords in Colombia, don't be. As it stands, marijuana bought today already drives demand that supports Latin American terrorist organizations such as FARC, but legalized marijuana will curtail this demand.

Think of legalizing marijuana in terms of the oil trade. Currently, the United States is heavily dependent on Middle Eastern oil, which is widely seen as a huge problem. But had the Middle East been seen, say, Canada, no such problem would exist, and instead of constantly seeking to diversify, America would have been satisfied with dealing in its local back yard neighbor.

The same goes for marijuana. As new companies emerge, of course they will look first to Latin America, but the political consequences of such an action will soon catch up to them.

The result is a massive move to diversify, which, unlike oil, is accom- plished much easier in the field of marijuana. Then, over time, marijuana will be produced domestically, and the power of the Latin American drug cartels will diminish.

Andrew Heaton
OKLAHOMA DAILY (Oklahoma)

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

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If I started blurring our "Buddha" or "Mahammad" in place of "damn" or "hell" I would be in poor taste. I would be using another person's spiritual fig- ure as a curse word and would likely offend. If you bark out the name of my God because you're fright- ened 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 con- texts: 1) In reference to a specific

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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...

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Volleyball
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Gillum tacked onto her confer‐
ence lead with another 22" kills. Melder and Atherton were in the mix as well with 14 and 12 kills, respectively. Jackson again led the way with 12 kills in the match and 26 out of 24 hitting. Nettles added with 14 digs and Gillum had 12.
Cal Poly’s setter Chelsea Hayes compiled 12 digs to go along with her 20 assists.
Hayes grew up in Atascadero and played under current Cal Poly head coach Jon Stevenson at Saint Mary’s before transferring to Cal Poly this year.
Amenda Vasquez led the Anteaters with 20 kills. Keegan Featherston had a team high 19 kills and 12 kills, respectively.

Fullerton the next day.

Right, Becky Glasson sets the ball during the Mustangs’ match against Long Beach St. Saturday.

Football ranked No. 9

It will be No. 9 Cal Poly against No. 12 North Dakota State in a Great West Conference game at Mustang Stadium on Saturday.

Cal Poly clinched one more posi‐
tion in No. 9 in the two NCAA Division I-AA polls following its 31-14 victory at Northern Colorado on Saturday. North Dakota State fell one spot in the ESPNU Today poll and climbed one position in The Sports Network poll after defeating Nicholls State 26-13.

The Mustangs were ranked 17th in both pre-season polls. After a 38-10 win over then-No. 11 Montana State on Sept. 17, Cal Poly climbed to No. 12. The Mustangs posted defense of their Great West Football Conference title with a 22-13 victory at North Dakota State on Sept. 24 and jumped to No. 10 in the polls.

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, other Cal Poly opponents 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, published weekly in number-one place votes, record in parentheses, total points and last week’s ranking (records through Oct. 1, 2005):

TEAM
1. NEW HAMPSHIRE (34) (4-0)
2. SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (73) (3-1)
3. WESTERN KENTUCKY (53) (3-1)
4. MONTANA (6) (3-1)
5. JAMES MADISON (3-1)
6. NORTHERN IOWA (3-1)
7. FORUM (4-1)
8. HAMPTON (1) (3-0)
9. CAL POLY (1) (4-0)
10. MONTANA STATE (3-2)
11. LEHIGH (3-1)
12. NORTH DAKOTA STATE (4-1)
13. DELAWARE (3-1)
14. TEXAS (3-1)
15. EASTERN WASHINGTON (2-2)
16. APPALACHIAN STATE (3-1)
17. WILLIAM & MARY (2-2)
18. MASSACHUSETTS (3-1)
19. COASTAL CAROLINA (4-1)
20. HARVARD (2-1)
21. NORTHWESTERN STATE (1-2)
22. YOUNGSTOWN STATE (4-1)
23. GEORGIA SOUTHERN (3-2)
24. SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (3-1)
25. IDAHO STATE (3-2)

Dropped Out: No. 19 WESTERN CAROLINA, No. 24 HOFSTRA.


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Cal Poly dropped a tightly contested match against No. 25 Long Beach State on Saturday 3-2. Though 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. The 49ers got a quick start on the Mustang in the fourth game. Long Beach led 16-7 before the Mustangs rallied to within two, 19-17. But the 49ers proved their No. 25 national ranking and won the game 30-24.

Despite the setback in game two, Gilliam led all players with 22 kills. Kyley Atherstone and Kayla Mudder each had 12 for the Mustangs. Libero Kristin Jackson had a team-high 26 digs. Rosi Lewis led Long Beach with 20 kills. Ali Daley and Alexis Crimes chipped in with 14 aces. Heather Landato led all players with 28 digs. Cal Poly fell to 9-4 overall, 1-1 in conference. Long Beach traveled to UC Santa Barbara for its first Big West match this season and got dominated. The Gauchos, coming off their upset loss to the Mustangs, disposed of the 49ers in three games.

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.

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.

**Mustangs doused by Cal State Northridge**

The Cal Poly men’s soccer team lost 3-1 to host Cal State Northridge on Saturday. The Mustangs extended their slide 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 Ekeleb 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 yard out. Paladini scored again near the end of the game off a Mustang turnover, connecting from 30 yard deep. Matador forward Willie Sims accounted for Northridge’s other goal.

McDowall also received a pair of yellow cards during the match.

Northridge improved to 6-2-1 on the season.

The Mustangs are now 0-2 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.

**Player spotlight: Vanessa Gilliam, outside hitter, volleyball**

**James Mellow, Mustang Daily**

Sensor 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. Defensewise, 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 scorecard, 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 time. We’ve been letting down lately and it’s frustrating when you know you can do a good team.”