Faculty outraged over CSU presidents' salary increases

Cal Poly President Warren Baker will receive a $33,000 salary increase as part of a CSU Board of Trustees decision.

Emily Rancer

The CSU Board of Trustees approved an average 13.7 percent salary increase for all CSU presidents, bumping Cal Poly President Warren Baker's salary up by more than $33,000 to $286,896 annually. Some Cal Poly faculty members were angered over the board's decision, especially in the wake of an 8 percent student fee increase.

Even before the salary raise, Baker made more than any other CSU president. With the salary increase, he keeps that position, making $9,000 more than any other president.

"As the president of the CFA (California Faculty Association) and a member of the faculty, I was outraged," said Manzar Foroohar, CFA Cal Poly chapter president and history professor. "We have been in negotiations for a contract for faculty since the last increase. And we were fighting for a few dollars just to increase the faculty salary. Most of us have not gotten any raises for the last three years."

Baker's housing allowance was also raised from $37,000 to $60,000 and he was given an extra $1,000 in car expenses. Most CSU presidents were given $50,000 to $60,000 in housing allowances.

Larry Kelley, Cal Poly's vice president for administration and finance, said that the CSU presidents have not had a pay increase since about 2000. He said that the presidential salaries were increased in an effort to elevate CSU salaries to the national averages of other universities.

"This is the first step in a five-year plan to help close the salary gaps for each of the employee groups," Kelley said. The "employee groups" include faculty and staff, which will see a 3.7 percent salary increase retroactive as of July 2005. "Look at this education system then, it's going down the drain because we are losing faculty and we cannot recruit new, high-quality faculty," Foroohar said. "...Then we went to this trustees meeting last Thursday and they voted to increase on average 13.7 percent for campus president salaries. In just one minute they decided to do that."

"...The average CSU presidential salary of $217,751 lags behind the average $325,502 CPEC (California Postsecondary Education Commission) comparison group salary by 49.5 percent," wrote the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel on Oct. 27. "...We have that much money, why don't you raise faculty salaries so we can recruit new faculty and offer classes that the students need to graduate?"

Foroohar said. "On the one hand, you're raising student fees, and you're raising the president's salary — it's going down the drain.

Nominations being taken for exceptional teachers

Holly Burke

The Academic Senate began accepting nominations for the Distinguished Teaching Award Oct. 24 and will continue to accept nominations through Dec. 2. The award honors student-nominated professors for excellence in teaching and began at Cal Poly in 1964.

Some students, like kinesiology junior Vanessa Farrer, are eager to nominate their favorite teacher: "I would like to nominate Dr. Seth Bush, who teaches CHEM 127," she said. "He's just always approachable.

John Hampshe

He volunteers an hour and a half outside of the lecture time to go over chemistry problems. He has a young mind and is very well educated.

Suicide rate at UC Davis increases

Michael Steinwand

DAVIS — Students who are doing poorly in school, have trouble transitioning to college life or who lack parental support may find themselves sinking to a negative state in which they do not see much hope for themselves in the future.

These feelings of hopelessness and helplessness are precipitated by depression, causing frustration and self-anger due to an individual's inability to remove him or herself from that mindset, according to Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) officials. These symptoms contribute to contemplation of suicide — an issue that is growing at the University of California at Davis.

In the 2004-05 school year, four UC Davis students committed suicide, up from the previous year's total of two suicides. In 2002-03, there were no reported cases, according to Emil Rudolia, director of CAPS.

Students who committed suicide in recent years were predominantly male upper/lower and graduate students. Although one was a female undergraduate, he noted.

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fees and on the other hand you’re cutting classes so they cannot even graduate on time.”
Social Science Department Chairman Harold Kerbo was critical of the presidential salary increase, noting that it perpetuates a gap between those at the top and bottom of America’s social hierarchy. “My expertise in this area is that I’m a specialist in social stratification and inequality,” Kerbo said. “This is a trend that’s been going on since 1960...every year since 1980, we have had more income inequality - a gap between the top and bottom. It has gone up every year.”

Baker’s 13.2 percent salary raise was not the largest among the CSU presidents. The CSU Northridge president received a 22.9 percent hike followed by Fullerton at 22.7 percent.

“I want them to appraise me one case of a president who left a CSU U because of low salary,” Forooshar said, referring to administrators at Cal Poly who faculty who have left for another job because they didn’t get $60,000 in housing and loans?”

— MANZAR FOROOHAR
Cal Poly CPA president and history professor

Do you think President Baker would leave for another job because he didn’t get $60,000 in housing and loans?”

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Dan Tedrow, a mechanical engineering junior, knows he will not be nominating anyone.

“I can’t think of any teachers I’ve liked so far,” he said. “Most teachers that I’ve had wouldn’t nominate. I’m sure there’s some good teachers here though.”

Former award-winners visit and evaluate the nominated teachers. Winners are chosen by their course material, enthusiasm, professional development, concern for student success and other criteria.

Cal Poly English professor John Hampsey was one of three to win the award last year. He has been teaching at Cal Poly since 1989.

“To me the award is an honor intrinsically,” he said. “I’ve been teaching for 28 years. The Distinguished Teaching award is an important award because it came from the students. Then it was scrutinized by my colleagues and peers. I’m really honored by it. I was humbled and touched.”

Last year, Hampsey published a book called Perarnos and Contentment, A Personal Essay on Western Thought.”

Horticultural and crop science professor David Headrick and electrical engineering professor Fred DelPrete were also given the award last year. The professors were presented with the award during last year’s spring commencement ceremonies. The award is paid for by the Cal Poly Alumni Association.

For more information about the Distinguished Teaching Award, visit www.calpoly.edu/acadex/dta.html.

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Despite what the action may imply, the majority of students contemplating suicide do not want to die, Rodolfa said. “I think that we [peer counselors] can relate entirely to other students because we’re in exactly the same position,” Traina said. “We’re able to empathize with the pressures of college life, and hopefully students can relate to us better and more openly express things going on in their life.”

The real key for students is to seek help when they need it. “I think rather than the tendency to withdraw and go into a hole, [students] should reach out to their friends, family and professionals that can help them out,” Rodolfa said.

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Halloween evolves from religious ritual to consumer bonanza

Iris Sela
THE ORANGE (SOUTH FLORIDA)

Tampa, Fla. — Although Halloween in America today is celebrated as a secular holiday, its folklore and traditions are rooted in a number of religious customs from the Celts, the Catholic Church and northern European folklore that date back centuries. Here's a brief description of its religious roots, how today's tradition of trick-or-treating came to be and a look into the future of Halloween.

Halloween originated primarily from the Celtic holiday of Samhain, pronounced “Sa-hv-in,” before the common era in much of Europe. It was celebrated on Nov. 1 of the Celtic calendar, which was the first day of the new year. In addition to celebrating the new year and the end of the harvest season, Samhain was thought to bring out the souls of those who died in the previous year.

These driffling souls would come out in order to travel and find their dwelling place in the land of the dead. People would offer the souls fruits and vegetables to appease them, to aid in their journeys and to honor them. Bonfires were lit to make sure that these souls-in-transit would not stay in the earthly realm.

The supernatural elements of the holiday didn't sit well with the Roman Catholic Church. The church believed that any supernatural presence that was felt by the Celts was a manifestation of the devil and that these wandering souls were evil and there to do deliberate harm. From these ideas the Catholic holiday of All Saints' Day, which later became All Hallows' Eve, was implemented Nov. 2, 601, by church officials to counteract and replace the driffling souls. The driffling souls were to have a holiday to pray for the souls of the dead. The idea wasn't very popular, so the traditional Celtic holiday overruled and generally gave birth to what we today know as Halloween.

The rituals of Halloween also have a diverse origin. Trick-or-treating can be traced back to an act called mumming, which consists of dressing up in costumes and masks while parading around town entertaining the neighborhood and asking for food and drink in return. It is similar to Christmas caroling, which consists of singing songs outside people's houses and later receiving food and drink from them as a thank you. Mumming still occurs in Newfoundland during Christmas and has a history in many holidays from all over the world.

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Vaccine focus expected as Bush unveils super-flu strategy

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WASHINGTON — Vaccine improvement is expected to take center stage in the Bush administration's strategy for a worldwide flu outbreak, with a potential travel ban and restrictions on global commerce part of the contingency plan.

President Bush on Tuesday will announce his strategy on how to prepare for the next flu pandemic — preparations expected to cost at least $6.3 billion — whether it is caused by the virulence Asian bird flu or some other super-strain of influenza.

A key element: States and cities will get their first specific instructions from federal health officials on what to do — and what not to do — to get ready. There will be a strong emphasis on early containment measures to control a flu outbreak. "It's the president's goal to make sure we do not lose control of a pandemic," White House spokesman Dana Perino said.

That's one reason, Duffy said, that the administration plans to unveil a plan that will force restrictions of international travel and commerce, which is expected to cost $1.5 billion.

"We have pockets of people who aren't going to recognize, that we need to manufacture the vaccine here in America," Duffy said. "Today, most of the world's vaccine against regular winter flu, including much of that used by Americans each flu season, is manufactured in factories in Britain and Europe. The government already has ordered $126.5 million worth of vaccine to be made and stocked worldwide for flu outbreaks that might half be made in a U.S. factory."

But the administration plan calls for more than stockpiling shot. It will stress a new method of manufacturing flu vaccines — growing the virus in the lungs of chickens, and then making the vaccine in easy-to-handle cell cultures instead of today's cumbersome process that uses millions of chickens as an alternative to tricking in order to seek candy. There is even a core committee to go around within six months of a pandemic's start.

While that's a significant step forward, Duffy said, "we can't just be satisfied with the status quo." He said he is concerned that the pandemic would disrupt the system in which many older children choose to toilet-paper or egg houses by appearing in the window while parents are not home. This is one of the reasons why many younger children have chosen to trick-or-treat in order to seek candy. There is even a core committee to go around within six months of a pandemic's start.

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This phenomenon became widespread in the United States in the 1930s, but there are accounts of such traditions as early as the 1900s. Prior to trick-or-treating, some children would dress in homemade costumes, prance around the neighborhood carrying candles that they would stop at each house to attempt to scare them by appearing in the window or ringing the doorbell.

This eventually turned into demanding candy, "trick-or-treating," or getting threatened, or "tricked." This ritual has become so widely accepted that the tricking and treating has become a harmless and encouraged exchange between adults and kids.

The more popular ways, "trick-or-treating" has evolved and become its own phenomenon. Many older children choose to trick-or-treat by handing out trinkets as an alternative to tricking in order to seek candy. There is even a core committee to go around within six months of a pandemic's start.
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New bill could mean the end of television recording

Steve Shinney
THE UTAH STATESMAN (UTAH STATE U.)

LOGAN, Utah — A bill currently being discussed in Senate and House committees could prevent people from recording their favorite shows ever again.

The bill, sponsored by both the Motion Picture Association of America and the Recording Industry of America Association, is aimed at giving the Federal Communications Committee the power to add a broadcast flag to all television signals.

Jerry James, an assistant professor of computer science at Utah State University, is one of many people across the nation worried about this new flag.

According to James, the broadcast flags are a group of bits in the TV signal that would regulate what the program could be used for on the receiving end.

“You will no longer be able to pop a tape into your VCR and use it to be able to start sending these flags with all signals to prevent people from recording their favorite shows again,” James said.

Using the broadcast flag, those broadcasting the signal would be able to decide if those receiving it would be able to save the program onto any format or be able to use a service like TiVo to pause or skip commercials.

If enacted, the bill would also give power to the FCC to regulate the kinds of technology that TV and VCR companies can use in making their products.

“This will put a huge cap on innovation,” James said. “No one knows that you will necessarily be able to record what you want.”

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In May of this year, the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, ruled that the FCC didn’t have authority from Congress to make such “sweeping changes.”

James says that the bill currently being discussed is aimed at giving the FCC this power.

James has already written to Robert Bishop, the area’s representative of the House, about the issue. Bishop is not on the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet which is currently discussing the bill, but he says he is planning to vote against it should it come up for a vote.

James recommends the best way for those concerned to help out is to start howling.”
Recently the NFL changed its policy for ordering customized jerseys. A man named Barry Gay ordered a customized jersey from the NFL Web site, requesting that his last name—Gay—he printed on the back of the jersey. The NFL promptly informed Mr. Gay that his request to have his last name printed was not allowed because the word “gay” is one of 15 “naughty” words the NFL does not want its products to be associated with (the words “tan,” “nazi,” “terrorist,” and “Bin Laden” or “Binladen,” whichever spelling you prefer, are completely acceptable however). The word “lesbian” is also too “naughty” for the NFL.

The NFL’s policy is confusing. In a statement, the NFL claimed its reason for the naughty words list is to prevent the association of the NFL’s licensed product(s) with “political, social or other types of statements,” and that the “idea behind personalized jerseys is for a fan to put his or her name on the back or possibly a nickname.”

So let me get this “straight.” It’s okay to be a “Nazi” but not “Gay”! A “Terrorist” but not a “Lesbian”?

If all things considered, I can understand the NFL’s error. After all, we do live in a hypercorrective homophbic society. Any weak-minded spineless non-Jewish bigot might make that mistake. It is the NFL’s logic (or lack thereof) that I find so queer. The NFL stated that the purpose of personalized jerseys is to allow actual names. It is astonishing that the word “gay” was considered “naughty” despite the fact that there is an actual “gay” NFL player—Randy Geall, of the New England Patriots.

I can have no problem finding men who have his last name on the back or possibly a nickname.

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Female engineers can find men too—

Please tell me you’re joking. You really think that career-driven women contribute any more to “divorce rates and non-traditional lifestyles” than career-driven men? Any adult who puts his or her career before family contributes to this problem.

While many women are more predisposed to be the primary caretaker than their male counterparts, women who have chosen a career over (or in conjunction with) motherhood contribute vastly to society. There are many professions that greatly benefit from the female workforce. Can you see why it might be good to have both male and female social workers, therapists, doctors and yes, even scientists and engineers? I am a firm believer that diversity contributes to technological advancement. The more viewpoints present, the better the chance of coming up with new and better ideas. And you would be hard-pressed to convince me that four white protestant males will have four completely different views of looking at the world.

I have no intent to down-play the value of the stay-at-home mom. If a woman (or man) is content to spend her life raising children, more power to them. But many of us crave mental stimulation that goes beyond changing diapers and reading stories.

Oh, and let me clarify one more thing. We female engineers have NO problem finding men who appreciate our intelligence, confidence AND earning capabilities. And because most of us are women contributing women who have NO problem finding men who appreciate our intelligence, confidence AND earning capabilities. And because most of us are women contributing to society, we all do not believe that women need to be held back by the archaic view that marriage is a woman’s place in life. I have a passion for science and I will never find a husband unless they would do their thing that is all I have taken away personally (and I know I speak for most of the women on this campus) do not believe that women need to be held back by the archaic view that marriage is a woman’s place in life. I have a passion for science and I am going to go to graduate school to pursue my quest for more knowledge.

Also to your comment about the normalization between broken homes and women working—I highly disagree. My mother has worked an entire life and my parents have been married for 31 years now. I also shared this article with my sister who is a liberal studies major at another school and she could not believe what you wrote. She is in the major because she loves working with children and has a passion for teaching.

Michelle Parker

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A woman’s place in society does not have to be at home

Ms. Potter, I am not the type to criticize what others want to do with their lives or to tell you what you are appalled by what you have said in your letter. Go ahead and earn your MRS degree if that is what you want to do, but do not undervalue yourself and the principles she set down in that last article. What are they doing with all of us women that will never find a husband or if they do that they will have a broken home. Women have made so many advances in the past century and it seems as if you want them all taken away (personally and I know I speak for most of the women on this campus) do not believe that women need to be held back by the archaic view that marriage is a woman’s place in life. I have a passion for science and I am going to go to graduate school to pursue my quest for more knowledge.

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Michelle Parker

Biological science senior

A letter for Jessica Potter

In case you’re living in a time warp, this is not the 1950s anymore. This may surprise you, but women can actually play a role in society besides being stuck in the house all day, which seems to be your biggest concern. Really now, in order to be this house mom that you idolize, is it necessary to take a course in story telling? Isn’t that also known as common sense? Do you need to spend $15,000 a year in order to find your husband...Match.com is probably cheaper.

You aren’t even looking for the right thing because I know you are financially secure just in case something happens. As a professional engineer, we can actually play a role in society besides being stuck in the house all day, which seems to be your biggest concern. Really now, in order to be this house mom that you idolize, is it necessary to take a course in story telling? Isn’t that also known as common sense? Do you need to spend $15,000 a year in order to find your husband...Match.com is probably cheaper.

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season, Gartner decided to return to the United States and joined Cal Poly's soccer program in 1979. Gartner worked as a part-time coach for one year and then became a full-time head coach in 1983. During his 25-year tenure as Cal Poly's head soccer coach, Gartner and his teams have enjoyed 11 consecutive winning seasons from 1985 through 1995, posted a 332-3-2 mark for fourth place last fall and his 1995 team earned a spot in the NCAA Division II playoffs.

In his lengthy career, Gartner has amassed a career record of 216-204-51.

Gartner and his wife, Suzanne, have known each other for 20 years. They have no biological children, but adopted his niece, Carolina, now 25, after losing his sister to breast cancer 10 years ago.

Gartner enjoys the outdoors and, like most people, he wants the "simple things" in life. "I like to eat well, drink well and live." When Gartner isn't coaching or spending time with his family, he indulges in his favorite pastime, playing board games. "I like any kind of board games. On the road I play Scrabble with my players and I'm pretty good... — I like to win," he chuckled.

Some players are not the biggest fans of Gartner's game playing style. Journalism sophomore and midfielder Nikhil Erlebach explains why he abstains from playing board games with Gartner.

"He cheets too much. He makes up words when he plays Scrabble," Erlebach said.

When questioned about retire­ment plans, Gartner expalned, "You'd really retire from coaching, because I don't consider this a job. This is what I love. I may do this until my 30th year. That's a good, round number."

Computer science junior Abdul Sewy agrees that some coaches are overly concerned with players' skills on the field. He said Gartner "always tells his players about their first priority: go to class, study hard and get good grades, and we try to practice that."

Indeed, Gartner has left quite an impression on his players. Without trying to direct their actions, "It's just coaching me like I have a 'Wolfgang's words of wisdom pamphlet,'" he quips, Gartner does attempt to foster respect for their position on the team and for their abilities.

Regardless of what adverse things happen, they should know that we really are fortunate and life will never really be as care­free or as good as it is during your college time," Gartner said.

Adversity and life lessons aside, Gartner's competitive nature shined when he was asked how he felt about sharing a moment with a famous chef.

"He may be more famous—but I cook better. Me and my mother could cook him into the ground."

Wolfgang's file

Originally from Stuttgart, Germany

Was a placekeeper for San Luis Obispo High School

Played soccer for the University of the Pacific

Currenting nine seasons of pro­fessional soccer, including stints in Germany, Asia, Los Angeles and Sacramento

Currently coaching his 20th season of Cal Poly soccer

Has a degree in English lit­erature from UOP

Had his best season in 1995 when the team finished 11-6-1 and made the NCAA tournament

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All the way from Stuttgart, Germany

Tiffany Dias

Wolfgang Gartner was a man torn between two worlds. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts in English literature, the idea of playing professional soccer continued, his desire to become a teacher. His decision led him to nine seasons of professional soccer and later to a coaching job teaching men's soccer.

Gartner came to San Luis Obispo as a high school exchange student from Germany. He loved sports and played football as a place kicker while attending San Luis Obispo High School and later for the University of the Pacific, where he also played soccer.

Gartner did not receive a lot of field time for his football career. "I'm not sure you could have called it playing," Gartner chuckled while adjusting his pullover fleece.

However, the University of the Pacific alumni did not study to become a coach. He once studied to be a teacher.

"I had always intended to teach," Gartner recalled. "I like to read and study languages. I knew I always wanted to play professional soccer, but teaching was always in the back of my mind.

Stuttgart, Germany is a small town close to Gartner's heart. It's where he grew up, pursued a year­long exchange program as an English teacher, played soccer and made a home for his wife and himself. Gartner's three sisters and mother also currently reside there. After living away from his family for nearly 20 years, Gartner still feels close to his roots.

"I never have seen myself as being away," he said. "I stayed there until I was 17 and became an exchange student for San Luis Obispo student. I came here always expecting to go home."

After graduating from college in 1973, Gartner, a tall man with a muscular build and wavy hair, traveled back to his hometown to play soccer and teach. "I played in Stuttgart until they fired the coach at the time," he said. "He recruited me and I was, I think, one of the other (coaches) that was recruited and I was just filling in."

With the Cal Poly men's soccer team's loss to rival UC Santa Barbara Friday, the team also lost its bid to enter the Big West championship tournament. Kinesiology senior Sierra Simmons spoke to the Mustang Daily about her experiences with the team and at Cal Poly.

Mustang Daily: I know it was a hard loss to Santa Barbara last Friday, but how did you feel about the team's performance during the game?

Sierra Simmons: That game was pretty bad, but it was basically our entire season in a nutshell. The other team would get lucky and we just were not able to score or make the goal.

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Summarize the Mustang's defense.

SS: I try to block out anything embarrassing, but I am sure I have hit some own goals.

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Summarize the Mustang's defense.

SS: That's when the ball bounces off of you or something into your own goal, and then gives the other team a goal.

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SS: There's Fullerton. They're the toughest team we've played.

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Summarize the Mustang's defense.

SS: I'm looking to go to Europe: since there is no women's pro team here. I'm not sure what country, but I am thinking about Spain or Holland.

MUSTANG DAILY

Player Spotlight: Sierra Simmons, women's soccer, defender

Jonathan Drake

Mustang Daily

With the Cal Poly women's soccer team's loss to rival UC Santa Barbara Friday, the team also lost its bid to enter the Big West championship tournament. Kinesiology senior Sierra Simmons spoke to the Mustang Daily about her experiences with the team and at Cal Poly.

SS: What is the position responsible for defense in the center back of the field? I am mainly concerned with defense in the center back of the field. Since we see the whole field while in the back, we can direct everyone on where they should go.

MD: Did you ever play soccer back in high school as well?

SS: I went to Analy High School in Sebastopol. It's a small 8,000-person city about an hour north of San Francisco. I got a partial scholarship at Poly my first three years and a full scholarship this year.

MD: Why were you boosted to a full scholarship this year?

SS: Usually the more you play the more the school gives you for your scholarships.

MD: So why did you decide to come to Cal Poly?

SS: I like the coaches a lot here. They're not too intense to scare you but still good at coaching. This city is also in such a beautiful area, but my teammates are by far my favorite part of being here.

MD: Any really embarrassing things that ever happen to you during soccer games?

SS: I try to block out anything embarrassing, but I am sure I have hit some own goals.

MD: Own goals?

SS: That's when the ball bounces off of you or something into your own goal, and then gives the other team a goal.

MD: Are there any other teams besides Santa Barbara that the soccer team has a rivalry with?

SS: There's Fullerton. They're the toughest team we've played.

MD: What are your future plans with soccer?

SS: I'm looking to go to Europe: since there is no women's pro team here. I'm not sure what country, but I am thinking about Spain or Holland.

Men's soccer falls to 0-8 in Big West play

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The Cal Poly men's soccer team bounced back after a scoreless first quarter and took three shots in the second half, but eventually lost 4-2 to the UC Irvine Saturday at Irvine.

Cal Poly's defense was insufficient as they allowed 20 shots by the Anteaters, 10 of which were on goal.

"Saturday night we were scoreless, but showed how we can be by closing the gap to 2-3," coach Wolfgang Gartner said.

The Mustangs fell to 0-8 in the Big West Conference and 4-13 overall. The team has failed to win a game since Sept. 25 at San Jose State.

"We have an extremely young lineup on the field," Gartner said. "They are a promising group.

With the exception of two players, the entire starting lineup is made up of underclassmen.

The Mustangs scored two goals against the Anteater's defense. Defender/mid-fielder Justin Woodward scored Cal Poly's first goal after defender Marcas Griffin rebounded a ball for an assist. Then Woodward assisted mid-fielder/forward Mike Marchione for his first goal of the season.

Mustang goalie Jeremy Coupe recorded four saves against the Anteaters' defense. UC Irvine's goalie Ryan Mathy recorded one save.

The Mustangs return to action at home on Nov. 4, taking on UC Riverside at 7 p.m. Cal Poly lost to UC Riverside 1-2 earlier this season.

"We have a good chance to win the next two home games," Gartner said. "We will take it from there."

Men's Basketball

Cal Poly vs. Maritime Academy

7 p.m. at Mott Gym

Gartner has seen his share of ups and downs through 26 years of coaching Cal Poly men's soccer. Gartner sees brighter days ahead for his young team.

Gartner explains the differences of playing soccer in the U.S. versus overseas. "It was more scrutinized (overseas). The real following isn't there because the American media isn't behind it. So that makes it a strange soccer environment by all accounts," he said.

At the end of his ninth profession, see Gartner, page 7.