New Year’s rain dampens ‘Enchanted Reverie’ float

Jennifer Hall
MUSTANG DAILY

Just after ushering in the new year, the Cal Poly Rose Float took to the streets of Pasadena on Jan. 2.

The fairy wonderland with a giant dragon, waterfall and tree house castle marked the 88th consecutive Tournament of Roses Parade entry by Cal Poly students.

The annual float is a yearlong joint project between Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly Pomona. This year’s float was entitled “Enchanted Reverie” to follow the parade’s theme, “It’s Magical.”

This year marked the first time in 51 years that it rained on parade day, making float decorations and mechanics difficult to maintain.

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Prime Processing. A real-time data processing engine that will aid in the management and transmission of the exponentially growing data in the financial sector. It can transmit and process 50 million messages per second.

Other theories for the uses of prime numbers are thought to have an integral part, such as the Chaos to Order and Order to Chaos Theory.

Cal Poly and the professors are still an important part of Boone’s life. Christina Bailey, chemistry department head, said Boone was a very good student when he was in her classes. They now work together on the National Exam Committee.

California’s oldest condemned inmate executed Tuesday

Don Thompson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — In the end, California’s oldest condemned inmate wasn’t as feeble and frail as his attorneys portrayed in their futile efforts to spare his life, describing a man who would have to be carried into the death chamber.

With the help of four large correctional officers, Clarence Ray Allen shuffled from his wheelchair to a gurney in San Quentin Prison early Tuesday morning, a day after his 76th birthday.

Though legally blind, Allen raised his head to search among execution witnesses for relatives he had invited, mouthing, “I love you.”

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The next step for the committee is to disassemble the float. The float is removed and the flowers are torn out and recycled, but the steel is reused.

"Forget building it, it's all about tearing it apart," said Nick Hellewell, a junior mechanical engineering and rose parade club member.

The 2007 parade theme will be announced Jan. 21, and preparation for the new float will begin immediately. The committee doesn't get much help from authorities time to treat an inmate's ailments, then kill the prisoner without having to seek another order. Allen suffered cardiac arrest four months ago, but was revived and returned to death row. Yet his heart stopped setting enough Tuesday, forcing prison officials to administer a second shot of potassium chloride to stop it. "It's not unusual, this guy's heart had been going for 76 years," said Warden Stephen Ornoski.

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WHO SAID THAT?

Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think it's important.

— Eugene McCarthy

Sometimes being a friend means mastering the art of timing. There is a time for silence. A time to let go... And a time to prepare to pick up the pieces when it's all over.

— Gloria Naylor

Wordly Wise

Comity: A state of mutual harmony, friendship, and respect.

THIS WEEK IN ASI EVENTS

UU HOUR

Featuring NAPOLI Indie Rock
Thursday, Jan. 19
11 - noon in the UU Plaza - FREE

NEW GENERATION COMEDY TOUR

Thursday, Jan. 19
8 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium - FREE

The tour showcases three of the best young comedians in the nation. The trio has performed on Comedy Central, "The Late Late Show with Craig Kilborn" and MTV. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Seating is limited and admittance is first come, first served.

UU GALLERY

Featuring "ART - OFFICIALLY URBAN"

The show is on an artistic journey exploring the world of hip-hop. The free exhibit, on display through Jan. 30, is open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the UU Epicenter.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

AVENUED BEYONDFOLD, live in concert
Wednesday, Feb. 15
Show at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m. - in the Rec Center

The current radio and MTV darlings will bring their infectious melodic metal core to Cal Poly. Advance tickets are on sale at all Valley Coldamatheat and the Mustard "Ticket Office and velectcs.com for $20 plus handling.

STUDENT FEE REFERENDUM

February 22nd & 23rd

A proposal to increase the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) Fee has been approved for a student advisory referendum on February 22nd and 23rd, 2006.

The following Open forums have been scheduled where students can ask questions and learn more about this important proposal:

Thursday, January 26, 11:10 a.m. UU Room 220
Thursday, February 9, 11:10 a.m. Business Bldg Rotunda
Monday, February 13, 6:00 p.m. UU Room 220

Additional information including an Objective Statement and Financial Analysis, Pro and Con Statements, sample ballot, and polling times and locations is now available on the web at the following location:

http://studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/feeref

Voter pamphlets are also available at the University Union Information Desk and the Kennedy Library Main Desk.
California school district agrees to stop teaching ‘intelligent design’ course

Juliana Barbassa
FRESNO — Under legal pressure, a rural school district Tuesday canceled an elective philosophy course on “intelligent design.”

A group of parents had sued the El Tejon school system last week, accusing it of violating the constitutional separation of church and state with “Philosophy of Design,” a high school course taught by a minister’s wife that advanced the notion that life is so complex it must have been created by some kind of higher intelligence.

The district agreed to halt the course at Frazier Mountain High next week and said it would never again offer a “course that promotes or endorses creationism, creation science or intelligent design.”

“This sends a strong signal to school districts across the country that they cannot promote creationism or intelligent design as an alternative to evolution, whether they do so in a science class or a humanities class,” said Ayasha N. Khan, legal director for Americans United for Separation of Church and State, which represents the parents.

In a landmark lawsuit, Americans United successfully blocked the Dover, Pa., school system last month from teaching intelligent design alongside evolution in high school biology classes.

U.S. District Judge John E. Jones III ruled that intelligent design is religion masquerading as science. However, some activists contend that Jones’ ruling opened the door to teaching intelligent design in philosophy or religion classes.

The settlement in the El Tejon case was announced just before a federal judge was scheduled to hold a hearing on whether to halt the class midway through the monthlong winter term.

All five of the cash-strapped districts where the school is located announced the news just days after a federal judge was scheduled to hold a hearing on whether to halt the class midway through the monthlong winter term. The high school in the Tehachapi Mountains about 75 miles north of Los Angeles draws about 500 students from a dozen small communities.

Sharon Lemburg, a social studies teacher and soccer coach who taught “Philosophy of Design,” defended the course in a letter to the weekly Mountain Enterprise. “I believe this is the class that the Lord wanted me to teach,” she wrote.

Similar battles over intelligent design are being fought in Georgia and Kansas.

State briefs

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Officials hope to make San Francisco friendlier to filmmakers with a proposal to offer financial incentives and rebates for shooting productions in the city.

Supervisor Michela Alito-Pier planned to introduce legislation Tuesday that would rebate city-imposed fees and expenses on big budget filmmakers who film at least 65 percent of their principal photography in San Francisco.

MONTEREY (AP) — Warming ocean currents are bringing sardines back to Monterey Bay after decades of decline.

Some scientists think global warming could be partly responsible for the burgeoning sardine population, although no one can say for sure whether warmer water is part of a natural cycle.

LONG BEACH (AP) — An Australian energy firm said it has a safer, environmentally agreeable way to ship liquefied natural gas to California that doesn’t use terminals proposed by three other companies.

The plan by Woodside Natural Gas Inc., a subsidiary of Woodside Energy Ltd., would convert natural gas from a liquefied state on tankers and bring it ashore through a pipeline rather than making the conversion at an onshore facility.

Homeowner shoots mountain lion in back yard

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA — A homeowner shot a mountain lion in the back yard of a Trabuco Canyon home Tuesday and authorities then tracked down the wounded cougar and killed it.

The mountain lion fled from the residence into a ravine near an elementary school where by sheriff’s deputies and state Department of Fish and Game wardens had no choice but to shoot it, said Orange County Sheriff’s Department spokesman Jim Amormino.

“A wounded cat is an extremely dangerous cat,” Amormino said.

The incident will be investigated to determine whether the initial shooting was justified, he said.

President Laura Hill said she saw the 90-pound mountain lion in the back yard of her Cimarron Lane home at about 7 a.m. and her husband went to investigate. The residential area is next to Cleveland National Forest, about 30 miles southeast of Santa Ana.

Bill Hill, a former Stanton police officer and now a private investigator, told TV reporters he shot twice with his 9 mm pistol.

The mountain lion then fled through a wrought iron fence, he said.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Tuesday blocked the Bush administration's attempt to punish doctors who help terminally ill patients die, protecting Oregon's one-of-a-kind assisted-suicide law.

It was the first loss for Chief Justice John Roberts, who joined the court's most conservative members — Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas — in a long but restrained dissent.

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Officials say Augustine Volcano has erupted, sending ash plumes 8 to 12 miles into the air.

PASCAGOULA, Miss. (AP) — Ending months of speculation, Sen. Trent Lott announced Tuesday that he will run for a fourth term this year, saying Mississippi "is hurting and needs help.

The 64-year-old Republican told a hometown crowd he wants to continue working on federal issues related to the state's recovery from Hurricane Katrina, saying now is not the time to consider leaving the Senate.

"I want you to know that as long as Mississippi is hurting and needs help, I'll be there for this state if the people will allow me to," said Lott, who lost his beachside house to Katrina on Aug. 29.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mayor Ray Nagin apologized Tuesday for a Martin Luther King Day speech in which he predicted that New Orleans would be a "chocolate" city once more and assented that "God was mad at America.

NY federal courts seek to block domestic eavesdropping program

Larry Neumeister ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Federal lawsuits were filed Tuesday seeking to halt President Bush's domestic eavesdropping program, calling it an "illegal and unconstitutional program" of electronic eavesdropping on American citizens.

The lawsuits accusing Bush of exceeding his constitutional powers were filed in federal court in New York by the Center for Constitutional Rights and in Detroit by the American Civil Liberties Union.

The New York suit, filed on behalf of the center and individuals, names Bush, the head of the National Security Agency, and the heads of the other major security agencies, challenging the NSA's surveillance of persons within the United States without judicial approval or statutory authorization.

It asked a judge to stop Bush and government agencies from conducting warrantless surveillance of communications in the United States.

The Detroit suit, which also names the NSA, was filed by the ACLU, the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Greenpeace and several individuals.

Messages seeking comment were left Tuesday morning with the National Security Agency and the Justice Department.

Bush has pointed to a congressional resolution passed after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, that authorized him to use force in the fight against terrorism as allowing him to order the program.

The program authorized eavesdropping of international phone calls and e-mails of people deemed a terror risk.

The New York lawsuit noted that federal law already allows the president to conduct warrantless surveillance "during the first 15 days of a war and allows court authorization of surveillance for agents of foreign powers or terrorist groups."

Instead of following the law, Bush "unilaterally and secretly authorized electronic surveillance without judicial approval or congressional authorization," the lawsuit said.

At a news conference, Center for Constitutional Rights Legal Director Bill Goodman portrayed the president as a man on an unprecedented power grab at the expense of basic democratic principles.

He said the public was starting to understand the assertion that the eavesdropping of international phone calls is a slippery slope that lets the government "brand anyone a terrorist with no right to counsel, no right to be brought before a judge and no right to privacy in communications."

The Detroit lawsuit said the plaintiffs have a "well-founded belief" that their communications are being intercepted by the government.

"The government is seriously compromising the free speech and privacy rights of the plaintiffs and others, the program violates the First and Fourth Amendments of the United States Constitution," the lawsuit states.

In its suit, New York, the Center for Constitutional Rights maintained its work was directly affected by the surveillance because its lawyers represent a potential class of hundreds of Muslim foreign nationals detained after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

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Mike Schneider ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Get ready to paint the town indigo

The Indigo Girls perform at the Christopher Cohan Center Thursday with opening act Three SHuman.

Nick Coury

CAL Poly's Christopher Cohan Center will be colored indigo on Thursday with Amy Ray and Emily Saliers, known in the music industry as the Indigo Girls.

I recently talked with Ray, guitarist and singer of the duo, about their music and playing in San Luis Obispo.

Mustang Daily (MD): Hey, how's it going?

Amy Ray (AR): Good, thanks.

MD: Where are you two based?

AR: Atlanta, Ga.

MD: How long have you two been playing together?

AR: For nearly 25 years. We met in high school in 1980, in chorus. We just decided to get together and play music.

MD: Why music?

AR: I really enjoyed it when I was young. It was a way to escape. It's fun.

MD: Who are your influences as a musician?

AR: Back when we started, it was Neil Young. Now it's artists like Patti Smith, The Clash, politically influenced music and a lot of "indie" bands. I probably listen to more unsigned stuff.

MD: Where do you get inspiration to continue playing and writing?

AR: I gather stories from books, movies, mostly other music, stories from neighbors. Just things that are going on.

MD: How long do you two continue to play music?

AR: We've been doing it for so long. As long as we can keep it fresh and have new ambitions.

MD: How has the industry changed for the Indigo Girls over your time as musicians?

AR: Things are radically different (now). (Back then) the internet wasn't a tool, and there was a lot of indie-underground, post-punk era music to get out there. Now most of the airplay is corporate, and it's harder to get played. But with things like MySpace, the Internet is taking over.

Everything stays the same, but the tools change to achieve what we want.

MD: Where does the name (Indigo Girls) come from?

AR: (We) were trying to think of something to call ourselves. We looked at the dictionary trying to find a name that popped out.

MD: What have you been listening to lately?


MD: What do you want students coming to the show (on Thursday) to get out of it?

AR: We just want people to have fun in a communal situation. We want people to feel empowered, and ready to face the day.

The Indigo Girls' performance begins at 8 p.m. Thursday in the Christopher Cohan Center, with opening act, rock 'n' roll band ThreeSHuman, which has been described as "Tina Turner meets the Black Crows" by music critics.

All tickets for the Indigo Girls' performance are $38, with student discounts available, and may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office.

Submit your stories to THE VELVET ROPE in 700 words or less to mustangdailydiversions@gmail.com.

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Researchers find that winter months may trigger depression

Shañett Lowe
OSU ADVISOR (OSU)

LOS ANGELES — The cold weather and holiday-filled winter months may make people more vulnerable to depression, according to some researchers, and students have many warning signs to look out for to ensure the well-being of family and friends.

The link between seasons and mood is drawn through Seasonal Affective Disorder.

"The belief behind the disorder is that getting fewer hours of day-light leads to a depressed mood," said Kathryn Lambeth, a psychology intern for Student Psychological Services at the University of California at Los Angeles. Lambeth said the main factor that distinguishes depression from a sad period in someone's life is impairment in a person's functioning. She said an inability to keep up with responsibilities and changes in sleep patterns, mood and eating habits are key signs that something may be wrong.

For a formal diagnosis of depression, the symptoms need to have persisted for at least two weeks, Lambeth said.

Instead of using alcohol or drug use are also symptoms of depression. "If people are trying to escape from feelings of sadness, that's an ominous sign," said Dr. Ian Cook, a professor in the department of psychiatry at the David Geffen School of Medicine. Cook said occasionally using alcohol to escape one's feelings is not the problem, but rather when use becomes regular and is more often than not relied on for relief. Another common cause of depression is genetics.

"For many years it has been known that depression often runs in families," Cook said.

People have focused on the role of neurotransmitters, particularly serotonin, norepinephrine and dopamine, in depression, he said. Cook explained that neurotransmitters modulate how the brain processes inputs from the outside world and how they translate into behaviors and feelings.

"The working model is that if we can improve neurotransmission by increasing neurotransmitters, people's symptoms tend to remit," he said.

Many of the common antidepressant medications, like Prozac and Zoloft, work by altering levels of serotonin.

But unlike other chemicals, such as caffeine and nicotine which affect the brain quickly, these types of medications can take weeks to have positive effects, which may cause people who are under too much stress to stop treatment prematurely, Cook said.

He added that in some cases, medication management is even more important if the depression and lead to suicidal thinking, but doctors aren’t sure why.

The stigma associated with depression shouldn’t stop people from getting treatment, said Tisa Oakland, director of the UCLA Center for Women and Men.

"Depression is not a character flaw. It’s not about being weak. It’s not about being vulnerable to depression, according to a recent study by Dr. James Sargent, a pediatrics professor at Dartmouth Medical School.

Sargent, along with a team of researchers, studied over 600 films and interviewed 3,000 students to explore the effects of early alcohol use among teens.

The study expanded upon previous research which showed that early initiation to alcohol abuse — before age 16 — was a significant risk factor associated with alcohol abuse later in life. Previous research also concluded that depiction of alcoholic use in movies has a disproportionate impact on young children, perhaps leading them to try the alcohol use of parents or peers.

In the course of his research, which began when Sargent interviewed over 5,000 Vermont and New Hampshire students between the ages of 11 and 14, a pediatrics professor by profession, he said his concerns for children encouraged him to study alcohol abuse.

"This study is aimed at the prevention of early alcohol use and our hope is that parents of young children become more aware that drinking in films is common and that seeing these depictions can lead to early experimentation with alcohol," he said.

The researchers studied 601 movies and found that the vast majority, 92 percent, of them depict alcohol use. Of the films included in the study, 52 percent of those rated G, 89 percent of those rated PG, 93 percent of those rated PG-13 and 95 percent of those rated R depicted alcohol use in some capacity. In the majority of these movies scenes, alcohol was portrayed in a positive light, usually included during a party or right before a romantic scene.

Sargent assessed the children's movie watching behavior and questioned each viewer as to whether he or she had tried alcohol before. He took note of each student's academic performance, gender and personality. Two years later, he followed up with the non-drinking students and concluded that those students who were exposed to more depictions of alcohol use in films were much more likely to have started drinking.

Sargent's findings — that the exposure of children to depictions of alcohol in movies is correlated to a greater likelihood for future alcohol use — was published in the January issue of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol.

Sargent hopes that through this research parents will become more aware of what their children are watching and more willing to have a conversation of the effect it may have on their children's future.
International Briefs

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Cambodia on Tuesday released four imprisoned government critics in a gesture to the United States, which had condemned the arrests.

Prime Minister Hun Sen met with Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Christopher Hill before the four prominent activists were released and promised to ask a Cambodian court to free them on bail. The government said the four will still face defamation charges.

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The chief judge who resigned from Saddam Hussein's trial amid claims of government interference appeared to be replaced by his deputy, the top Iraqi investigator in the case said Tuesday.

Judge Raid Joli, who investigated Saddam before his trial, started his job not as chief judge but as deputy to the top, the judge said. Joli said he was appointed under a law stipulating that the chief judge's deputy would take over for him if needed. Saad al-Hamash is the second-ranking member of the five-judge tribunal headed by Rizgar Mohammed Amin.

MOSCOW, Russia (AP) — A Russian foreign minister indicated Tuesday that Moscow was not ready to support moves by the U.S. and its European allies to refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council over its nuclear program, while the West stepped up pressure on Tehran.

LONDON (AP) — Anti-terror police arrested a 27-year-old man in connection with the attempted July 21 bombings on London's transit network, officials said Tuesday.

Police say 170,000 people were evacuated from two homes in western London after the man was detained at 11:40 a.m., according to London's Metropolitan police.

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Bartender airs tape of American hostage, statement gives U.S. 72 hours to free prisoners

CARIO, Egypt — An Arabic television channel aired a silent 20-second videotape Tuesday night of hostage American reporter Jill Carroll and said an accompanying message gave the United States 72 hours to free female prisoners in Iraq or the journalist would be killed.

The tape showed the 28-year-old reporter sitting in front of a white background and speaking, but her voice could not be heard. On the tape, Carroll is pale and appears tired, and her long straight brown hair is parted in the middle and pulled back from her face.

Al-Jazeera TV would not tell The Associated Press how it received the tape, but it issued its own statement calling for Carroll's release. An Al Jazeera producer said no militant group's name was attached to the message that it was sent to the station with the tape on Tuesday.

Carroll was a freelance reporter for The Christian Science Monitor, and the newspaper released a statement from her family pleading with her captors to set her free.

"Jill is an innocent journalist and we respectfully ask that you please show her mercy and allow her to return home to her mother, sister and family," the statement said. "Jill is a friend and sister to many Iraqis and has been dedicated to bringing the truth of the Iraq war to the world. We appeal for the speedy and safe return of our beloved daughter and sister."

The State Department responded to the videotape on Al-Jazeera with a statement saying U.S. officials were doing everything possible to win Carroll's freedom.

"We continue to make every effort we can, working with Iraqis and others, to see Miss Carroll is returned safe and sound," spokesman Sean McCormack said.

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There have been conflicting accounts from Pakistani officials and witnesses over who reclaimed bodies from the scene of the missile strike.

Damadola residents claim all the victims were locals and they buried them all. One Pakistani official told The Associated Press Saturday that the bodies had been taken away for DNA tests, although it wasn't clear how.

The statement, citing the chief official in the Bajur region where the Damadola airstrike was located, said in findings were from a report compiled by a "joint investigation team" but gave no specifics on which bodies were included in the team.

Four or five foreign terrorists have been killed in this missile attack whose dead bodies have been taken away by their companions to hide the real reason of the attack," the statement said.

"It is regrettable that 18 local people lost their lives in the attack, but this fact also cannot be denied, that 10-12 foreign extremists had been invited on a dinner," it said.

In Washington, a U.S. counterterrorism official said Monday it was "too soon to confirm" that Al-Zawahri was killed.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue, said a compound had been hit in the past by significant terrorist fighters.

Angry Pakistan protesters shout slogans against the United States, Tuesday, Peshawar, Pakistan during a rally to condemn the purported CIA airstrike that killed 17 people in Pakistani tribal areas, in Afghanistan border.

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Gocong was also invited to play in
a pair of All-Star games. He too elected
to play in the Las Vegas All-American
Classic, but turned down the invita
tion.

However, Gocong will participate
in this weekend's East-West Shrine
Game. The East-West Shrine Game is in
its 81st year and features
some of the best col-
lege senior linemen
across the nation.

"Not even up to a year
and a half ago, I
dreamed about it," Gocong
said. "It's nice to say
that maybe it could come true."

During the combine, Gocong
hoped to run a 4.6-second 40-yard
dash and hit 40 repetitions at 225
pounds on the bench press. Two goals
he hopes to reach by following a strict
regimen with Chris Holder, that he is no stranger to pressure.

"It is exciting, but at the same
time it is nerve racking," Gocong
said. After landing the
Muhs in a record, a second
great West Football Conference championship and a
first ever NCAA Division 1-AA
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**SPORTS**

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

**M. BASKETBALL**

**AGGIES CORRAL MUSTANG MEN**

UC Davis opened up a 16-point second-half lead en route to a 65-52 victory over Cal Poly in a non-conference men's basketball game Friday night before 1,530 in The Pavilion. Rommel Marentez scored 16 points, Kyle Brazziller added 12 and Thomas Haller had 11 as the Aggies improved to 5-10 on the year.

Cal Poly, led by Derek Stockalper with 14 points and Gabe Stephenson with 12, fell to 4-11, suffering its third straight loss after opening Big West play with a pair of wins at Cal State Fullerton and UC Riverside.

Ayers-Stamper made just 31.1 percent of its floor shots, including only two of 13 three-pointers. UC Davis connected on 43.1 percent of its field goal attempts -- six of 20 from long range.

Cal Poly connected on 22 of 28 free throws, but was held to just 14 field goals, eight fewer than UC Davis. Cal Poly has lost its first four games of the season.

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**W. BASKETBALL**

**... AND THE WOMEN TOO**

A 2-0 run by UC Davis midway through the second half extended the Aggies' lead to 15 points and UC Davis coasted to a 73-59 victory over Cal Poly in a non-conference women's basketball game Friday night in Mont Gym.

Cal Poly, led by Jessica Eggleston's 22 points, fell to 6-6. Cal Poly's only lead of the second half was at 35-33 with 19:18 to go on a layup by Eggleston. Lara Gray hit a three-pointer with 18:10 to go, giving the Aggies the lead for good at 39-35. The 2-0 Aggie run gave UC Davis a 63-48 advantage with 7:28 to go and Cal Poly got no closer than 10 points the rest of the way.

Eggleston made nine-of-14 floor shots and three-of-four free throws en route to her third 20-point effort in the last four games. Megan Harrison was Cal Poly's only other double-digit scorer with 10 points.

Cal Poly visit UC Santa Barbara next Saturday (Jan. 21) for a Big West weekend. They will head to Loyola Marymount on Friday for a 2 p.m. meet the next day.

**INDOOR TRACK & FIELD**

**AYERS-STAMPER WINS IN FRESNO**

The Cal Poly women's indoor track team opened its season at the "Run for the Dream," meet held in Fresno, where Mustang Danielle Ayers-Stamper recorded the meet's best time in preliminaries in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.23, as well as competing in the shot put event. She would go on to win the 55m hurdle event in the finals.

Ayers-Stamper, along with Julie Dufresne competed in the shot put event with Dufresne finishing in seventh with a mark of 45-03.50. Ayers-Stamper finished in 10th with a throw of 38-06.00.

Ayers-Stamper is a transfer from Seattle Pacific University.

The Mustang return to action Jan. 26-27, visiting Seattle to participate in the University of Washington Invitational.

**SPECIAL REPORT**

Christopher Gunn

With four seasons of absolute havoc under his belt, Cal Poly defensive-end Chris Gocong is looking to take his game to the next level of competition after being invited to the 2006 NFL scouting combine. Gocong, ranked No. 19 in the pre-draft defensive-end rankings according to Scott Wright's NFL Draft Countdown, will attend the NFL combine as an invitee.

"It is a great honor, but still football is a team sport and I could not have done it without everyone behind me," Gocong said.

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**MUSTANG WOMEN**

The men's and women's swim teams lost dual meets to Cal State Northridge on Friday and the women's team lost dual meet to the University of Nevada-Reno and San Diego State the next day.

First-place finishes in men's competition came from Nate Williams in the 100-backstroke (54.03), Patricia Laverty in the 100-breaststroke (59.33) and 200-breaststroke (2:04.59) and Matt Howell in the 100-free (46.84). The women's dual meet saw first-place finishes in the 100-backstroke (1:01.02) and 200-backstroke (1:54.09) and Kira Linsmeier swimming the 1,000-yard freestyle at the dual meet on Friday.

**SPECIAL REPORT**

Chris Gocong rushes Idaho State's Luke Sniewski, during Cal Poly's 35-10 romp over the Bengals. Gocong had 2.5 sacks and two forced fumbles in the game.

**SPECIAL REPORT**

Kira Linsmeier swimming the 1,000-yard freestyle at the dual meet on Friday.

**WRESTLING WINS WEEKEND DUALS**

Cal Poly held off Boise State in the second match of the evening for the Mustangs, 24-14, behind a pin fall victory by David Roberts (141), as well as victories by Chad Mendes (135), Jeff Owens (149) and Darrell Vasquez (133).

Cal Poly won its earlier match against Purdue, defeating the Boilermakers 29-10 behind an inspiring pin fall victory by David Roberts (141) and a major decision victory by Artum Basulto (285).

Rogers began the dual meet with the Boilermakers scoring the pin at the 6:19 mark. Roberts trailed in the match 13-11 before scoring a takedown that led to the junior's second pin of the season, improving his overall record to 9-1.

Bausilte (285) defeated Aaron Keough by major decision, 8-0, improving the juniors overall record to 15-6.

In the featured match of the evening, No. 6 Ryan Haisley took on No. 5 Ben Wisel. Haisley led for much of the match, but a last second takedown at the end of the second period gave Wisel a lead he would not relinquish, as he held on for the 3-1 lead.

Cal Poly returns to action Jan. 20, visiting defending national champi­ on, Oklahoma State followed by Oklahoma on Jan. 21.