Controversial speaker tells MLK Jr.'s 'real' message

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Controversial black conservative Mason Weaver returned to Cal Poly on Wednesday night to speak to students about Black History Month.

In the audience, sitting front and center, was San Luis Obispo Mayor Dave Romero who listened intently as Weaver told students about the "real" message of Martin Luther King Jr.

"The civil rights movement was a movement of freedom," Weaver said. "All Dr. King wanted was to participate in the American dream. As we study Black History Month, I think we're losing sight of his message."

Weaver said that King dreamed of "indifference" when it comes to the color of a person's skin, which is not what is happening today.

As the president of the National United Freedom Alliance (NUFA), Weaver encourages independence and freedom through social and economic means. With a political science degree from UC Berkeley, he is infamous for sparking debate and dissension among his audience. He argues that government programs like welfare and affirmative action create too much dependence in the black community, and in turn creates another invisible "plantation."

Copromised by Associated Students Inc. and the Office of Student Affairs, the free event was hosted by the Cal Poly College Republicans.

"We are truly honored to host Mason Weaver in celebration of Black History Month," said Christina Weaver to Mustang Daily.

College giving up sharply—especially to wealthy schools

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Prosperous alumni helped make 2006 a record fundraising year for colleges and universities, which hauled in an all-time high of $28 billion — a 9.4 percent jump from the year before.

There were increases across the board, but as usual it was the already wealthy who fared best. Stanford's $911 million was the most ever collected by a single university, and raised the staggering possibility of a billion-dollar fundraising year in the not-too-distant future.

"There was a set of ideas and a set of initiatives that the university is undertaking that people wanted to invest in," said Martin Shell, Stanford's vice president for development. "This is an unbelievably generous response from an unbelievably philanthropic set of alumni, parents and friends."

Nationally, donations from alumni rose 18.3 percent from 2005, according to new figures being released Wednesday by the Council for Aid to Education. Alumni donations account for about 30 percent of giving to higher education. Giving from other groups, such as corporations and foundations, increased by much smaller amounts.

Survey director Ann Kaplan said the strong economy played a role, but universities also were asking more aggressively as part of formal fundraising campaigns.

"Colleges are making a good case for support," Kaplan said. "The level at

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Cyclists take tour through SLO

The second annual Amgen Tour of California swung through San Luis Obispo on Thursday afternoon to end Stage 4. Above: Paolo Bettini of Italy (in white) beat out second-place Gerald Ciolek of Germany (in pink) and third-place Juan Jose Huelo of Argentina (in red) at the end of the stage.

Shelia Kocik
MUSTANG DAILY

Students set out to Change the Status Quo

Janelle Eastridge
MUSTANG DAILY

In an effort to "educate, motivate, and then activate" students on campus, Student Community Services will host the fifth annual Change the Status Quo conference tonight and Saturday.

"(We're) hoping to get students involved now, motivating them to make a small difference in creating change in the world," said Megan Mastiche, an art and design senior and conference organizer. "There's a sort of complacency in our generation, but it's time to get up and do something."

Events will be held around campus, beginning tonight with an introduction and slam poetry session — featuring Jacon Bayuni, a Filipino poet from the Bay Area, as well as local poets — at 6:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. The cost of the event is $10 for students and $20 for other community members.

The first conference saw about 150 people in attendance.

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College women top egg donors

Claire St. Amant
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In America, quality is everything. From selecting electronics to purchasing a car, consumers want to know they are getting the best merchandise available.

While few people consider giving an ethical issue, questions arise when the product is DNA.

In several online listings such as classified ad Web site Craigslist and California-based www.eggdonors.com, infertile couples can browse a virtual human-shopping mall for their offspring. Donors are profiled by physical characteristics.

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dance; however, those numbers have been growing since then. This year, SCS expects about 250 people to attend.

Started in 2003 by Students for Social Change, a sort of subdivision of the community service group, Change the Status Quo seeks to raise awareness of current social issues and change them. The event will provide a forum in which passionate people can discuss their ideas for changing the world, and, in the process, motivate others to seek change as well.

To do this, a variety of campus clubs will present workshops, led by students and professionals alike, focusing on selected topics.

“We don’t focus on one issue; we like to let the student clubs choose the issues important to them,” Mastache explained. “At this year’s tagline shows, we are trying to motivate the students on our campus to group together and make sweeping social changes.”

And this can be done through a variety of means, she said.

Full quarter, Mastache and other SCS organizers e-mailed campus clubs, informing them of the event and its goals. Interested clubs are responsible for conducting their own workshops and, are given leeway to determine workshop topics and presenters.

This year’s 24 workshops will focus on a diversity of topics, including queer journalism, global warming, human sex trafficking and homelessness in San Luis Obispo, to name a few.

“The amazing thing about the conference is how inspired people feel when they leave the conference. I want people to feel inspired to know that they have the power to change (society),” said Angela Kramer, a political science sophomore and organizer for the Pride Center’s workshops.

Despite the differences in topics and issues discussed, Mastache said, everyone involved will be working toward the same overall goal at the conference.

Ultimately, SCS and the clubs involved hoped to get students involved locally, showing them that these issues are not merely theoretical. The idea is that students can do something, they just have to act locally, Mastache said.

More information, including a schedule and detailed workshop descriptions, can be found at www.studentlife.calpoly.edu/CSQ. To register, visit the SCS office in the University Union, room 217.

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which they can receive contributions will have something to do with the economy, but they have to be out there asking for it.”

Stanford had about 300 full-time fundraising employers asking for money in 2006, finishing up one formal campaign early in the year and starting another. It was a demonstration of how fundraising campaigns, like political ones, now run virtually full-time.

Still, the timing did give Stanford annual numbers an artificial boost, because more money tends to be collected at the beginning and end of such campaigns.

The CÆE survey contains good news for a number of schools with small endowments that saw large percentage jumps, such as Wagner College in New York and the University of La Verne in California — both of which raised about $10 million and more than doubled 2005’s collections.

But in absolute dollars, the wealthiest institutions still dominate — and are expanding their lead. Last year, the top 10 fundraising universities collected 16.3 percent of all gifts, or $4.6 billion, compared to 14.7 percent in 2005. The top 20 institutions accounted for more than a quarter of all fundraising.

Stanford was followed by Harvard, which raised $595 million, then Yale ($433 million) and the University of Pennsylvania ($409 million). All of the biggest fundraising schools are large research institutions with medical schools that typically attract private support for research from well beyond their alumni base.

Rounding out the top 10 were Cornell, Southern California, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, Duke and the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which was the top fundraiser among public universities, raising $326 million.

The elite fundraisers typically get money from a higher percentage of alumni, but the real difference comes from a small number of mega-gifts. About 40 percent of Stanford’s total came from just 10 donations. Shell said, the largest of which was $100 million from alumnus and real estate developer John Arrillaga.

The university’s latest campaign aims to raise $4.3 billion over five years. Stanford charges $43,361 this year for tuition plus room and board, but said it provides full financial aid for students who need it, and does not charge families with annual income under $45,000.
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Chapin, the University of the Cal Poly Republicans. "He is a powerful speaker who offers a truthful and unique perspective on political, economic and social issues that impact black Americans and affect us all."

Weaver sparked debate and a lawsuit in 2002 when Steven Hinkle, then a member of the Cal Poly College Republicans, was punished for posting a flyer of an event featuring Weaver on a public bulletin board on campus. The flyer contained Weaver’s name and the title of his infamous book, "It’s OK to Leave the Plantation: The New Underground Railroad," which was also the topic of the event. After some offended students called the University Police, Hinkle was told to apologize or face expulsion, Weaver said.

"When I first heard about it, I laughed. I thought it was a joke," Weaver said.

In 2003, attorneys filed a lawsuit on Hinkle’s behalf in federal district court in Los Angeles, on the basis of violating First Amendment rights. Cal Poly conceded to the demands of the lawsuit. Weaver asked to return every year since then, he said.

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interlike hair and eye color and intelligence among students, including SAT and IQ test scores.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, college-age women are meeting the demand for highly specific egg donations, which are not available through any other means.

The latest survey released by the center reported 10,000 donations.

The director of the Egg Donation Center of Dallas, who was requested to be identified only as Joan, said that a university newsletter described the donation process as a "trivial" issue.

"For the recipients, it's the only way they can expand their family," she said. "Many help students who are struggling with the rising cost of tuition and living expenses."

Despite the popularity and profitability of in vitro fertilization, ovarian policy prohibits advertisements for embryo donation or donor ovum, as well as any ad for contraceptives. Joan said the center has ongoing ad campaigns with many college and other state schools in Texas and Oklahoma.

The center, which offers thousands of dollars for donors with a specific grade point average, SAT and health standards, has been more successful at state schools than private institutions, she said.

"We've found that generally in private schools students have scholarships or other financial support and do not have to pay for their education, so the incentive to donate just isn't there," she said.

Wayne Roche, assistant director for advising at the University of Texas student newspaper The Daily Texan, said that the ad has been running for a number of years and don't violate newspaper policy. The only restriction on advertising for The Daily Texan is material that is directed to race, ethnicity or gender, specifically editorialized ads and anything that implies or explicitly states a gender should be under the control of another, Roche said.

The enthusiasm of professionals that aren't in those categories are judged on a case-by-case basis by students from the editorial and advertising departments.

"Egg donation advertisement is really a student decision," he said. "It's their call whether it runs or not."

Private institutions are split on how to deal with the issue. While Southern Methodist University policy prohibits advertising for these services, Joan said Texas Christian University allows the center to advertise through the campus newspaper.

"We do have TCU for a long time, but we stopped because the results were very poor," she said.

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Open Letter to the Cal Poly community:

During the fall 2006 term, a three-year review of Warren J. Baker, President of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly), was conducted. The review took the form of collecting and summarizing letters from a selection of the campus and external community members. The review concluded on January 23, 2007, with discussion of the review by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees and I appreciate the contributions of those who worked with us on this review.

Criteria established by the Board of Trustees in 1984, and updated in 1994 and 2001, were used to assess the performance of President Baker and the progress of the institution. These measures included the overall management of the institution, relations on campus and within the system, educational leadership and community relations, major achievements of the campus and the president, and personal characteristics of the president. Faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community representatives were invited to submit written comments responding to the trustees’ criteria.

The review confirmed that Dr. Baker continues to be an outstanding president for Cal Poly. He is trusted and well-regarded for his judgement. He leads the campus with energy, enthusiasm and dedication.

Dr. Baker is a constant advocate for innovation.

Realizing that State support does not fully fund the Cal Poly "learn by doing" model of small classes and laboratory experiences, Dr. Baker has sought industry support, aggressive fund raising and finally asked the students to accept a fee increase to sustain the Cal Poly mission. 92% to 96% of Cal Poly graduates over the past decade are either in jobs related to their degree studies or in graduate school within a year of graduation.

The graduation rate at Cal Poly makes it the leader in the CSU. Besides the curriculum driving students to take a full course load and graduate on time, students enter Cal Poly better prepared than those at most CSU campuses.

President Baker created advisory boards composed of industry leaders for each of the colleges. Advisory boards provide a constant flow of information of what employers want of graduates and provide a source of monetary and in-kind support.

In planning for the future of the university, Dr. Baker is leading a $500 million construction effort—some State funded, some donor assisted and one project—the Bonderson student projects building—was entirely donor funded.

Dr. Baker is committed to diversity in employment and in students. Increasingly, more women faculty have been hired, although the number of ethnic minority faculty has changed little. Passage of Proposition 209 caused a set back in the once increasing trend in student diversity. Until then, the admissions process included a component that gave recognition to ethnic minority students.

Currently, the campus is using an outreach program at schools serving low-income students in order to increase student diversity.

President Baker has an outstanding leadership team, despite turnover resulting from the then provost Paul Zingov moving to Chico as president, the vice president of advancement departing for UC Riverside and the vice president of administration retiring. Replacement administrators have been equally strong and effective.

Dr. Baker has a good rapport with faculty and the academic senate over the years of his presidency. He supports improvement of faculty teaching skills and faculty research. Dr. Baker is available for meetings with college deans, faculty leaders and student leaders. When meeting with groups or individuals, he is always well prepared. Despite a busy travel schedule, his very able office staff and vice presidents keep business flowing and communication open.

Dr. Warren Baker contributes to the CSU. He serves on the Information Technology Steering Committee, a collective bargaining advisory group, the Presidents’ Council on Industry, CSUPERB (a biotechnology initiative), CI-CORE (a marine science and coastal observing effort), and AR1 (our agriculture research initiative). Besides the president serving on system committees, his administrative team members frequently volunteer for system service.

In order to be a better neighbor in the small town of San Luis Obispo, President Baker oversaw construction of on-campus housing for 800 students. A large residential village for another 2,700 students is underway. In order to attract and retain new faculty, a 69-unit housing project was completed.

Fund raising has been highly successful at Cal Poly. A five-year capital campaign, called the Centennial Campaign, had a public target of $225 million. When the campaign ended, $264 million had been raised. These funds will result in 20 endowed faculty chairs and other benefits for Cal Poly’s learning enterprise.

Dr. Baker has an easy personality. He is calm, ethical and honest, thoughtful and intelligent, a planner, and an advocate for students. He puts students first.

The goals flowing from the 2002-03 review have been accomplished. These were: to be more visible on campus, to address the housing dilemma for new faculty and for students, to attain a more diverse student body, to increase Cal Poly’s reputation by leveraging the “learn by doing” model and try to assist the CSU system where Cal Poly has expertise.

President Warren Baker discussed this review and established the following goals:

1. Continue the effective model presidency.

2. Continue the concerted activities to attain greater diversity among faculty and students.

3. Refer CSU eligible applicants who are not admitted to other CSU campuses.

4. Explore whether there are simple architectural or landscape solutions to create a theme that unifies the campus.

5. Continue the aggressive fund raising efforts and successes.

6. Continue to assist the Chancellor’s Office and the CSU system in system affairs.

In conclusion, Dr. Warren Baker is a very effective president for Cal Poly. The results of this periodic review are notable and extremely positive. He has strong leadership skills that benefit Cal Poly and the California State University system. Dr. Baker has much credibility with his presidential colleagues in the CSU system. Cal Poly and the CSU system will benefit from Dr. Warren Baker’s connection as President of Cal Poly.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Charles B. Reed
Chancellor

CBR/wd
Chuck Norris to throw down at Throwfest

Amanda Retzer  
MUSTANG DAILY

Mix together some cheap Chuck Norris jokes, 2,000 pounds of clay, a couple of live bands and free ceramic madness and you’ve got Throwfest 2007, the pottery marathon hosted by the Craft Center beginning today at noon.

The Craft Center will be covered with clay for 24 hours as everyone from first-time throwers to pottery professionals will have a chance to try their hand at ceramics. It is free to learn and participate and there is a $5 glazing and firing fee for any one who would like to take their crafts home.

Besides having dozens of ceramic spinners and over 2,000 pounds of clay donated by Blue Rose Studios in Arroyo Grande, the Craft Center will also have many forms of entertainment to keep crafters amused; cue the Chuck Norris entrance.

“What with all the Chuck Norris jokes floating around everywhere, we wanted to play off of that and a whole ninja theme,” said Matthew Burch, a student manager and programs and special events coordinator at the Craft Center. “We will have two projectors and an open stage for anyone who wants to grab an instrument and play.

There will also be a variety of creativity contests going on throughout the 24 hours of throwing.

“There will be all different kinds of contests like who can throw the biggest pot and who can throw a pot without hands,” Burch said. There are also competitions for different skill levels of throwers as well as a competition where throwers are blindfolded. These contests will take place from midnight to 1 a.m. Anticipated peak hours are between 7 p.m. and 2 a.m., the general time period when the bands will be playing, Burch said. Then it will most likely pick up again around 9 a.m. when families start to come in.

Any clay or pots that don’t become fired will be mound ed back up and recycled for later use.

The money raised from the pots that do get fired and fired, along with any donations made, will go towards the Denise Waters Art Scholarship fund, an award that has been associated with the Throwfest ever since its start in 1998.

For more information, contact Matthew Burch at (805) 756-6379 or drop by the Craft Center in the University Union.

A schedule of entertainment and contests is also available at the Craft Center.
Student maestro to conduct at CP Town and Gown

Hayley Bramble

The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra and the San Luis Obispo Wind Orchestra will team up for the first time for the Town and Gown Musical Extravaganza Sunday at Arroyo Grande's Clark Center at 3 p.m.

The phrase "Town and Gown" represents the pairing of the community orchestra, the "town," with the university orchestra.

The annual winter concert will feature multiple guest conductors, including, music junior Amanda Yoshimizu. It is uncommon that students, especially undergraduates, possess the skill to conduct an orchestra, said William Johnson, who conducts the university wind orchestra and wind ensemble.

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Christopher J. Woodruff, Cal Poly's new associate director of bands, will also guest conduct two pieces for the wind orchestra. Woodruff, who plays trumpet, recently moved to the central coast from Pennsylvania, where he taught for six years. His pieces will open and close the performance.

Woodruff said all the pieces in the concert were very different, but they "still wanted to put together a program that is going to be entertaining for our audience."

Among the noteworthy pieces of the performance are "Ghost Train," inspired by an American legend, and "And Can It Be?" which was written in response to the Columbine High School shootings.

"It's very moving," Johnson said of the piece adding that it's full of tension and terror. "It's terrifying to listen to at times."

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Learning to say more than 'ciao'

They say that children are capable of retaining any language taught under the age of 5. Well, one morning in August 2006, I woke up in Florence, Italy, realizing that I knew nothing more than how to say "ciao." Alone at the age of 20 in a foreign country, briefly angry with my family for not forcing me to learn another language as a child, I decided to take advantage of my situation and live with Italians.

Little did I know that for a number of reasons, this would be the most challenging, but best decision I have ever made.

Although the idea was easy to come up with, the question was how to go about finding a place to live with the evident language barrier. I first turned to the Cal State Program, which provided a map of Florence to find posted advertisements for wanted roommates. Getting lost repeatedly, I managed to stumble upon a pizza in which students posted rooms and apartments for rent.

Over a course of three days, my vocabulary had already increased to about ten words, including "rent," "room," and "pizza.

With these words, I was also able to make an ad for myself: "a desperate, lost American girl, in search of Italian student to live with.

I even bought local magazines with listings of ads in incomprehensible Italian. My dictionary became my best friend that week.

After finally discovering the courage to call and practice my Italian, by day 6, a Florentine brother and sister, a boy from Sardinia, one other American girl and an Italian were to become my roommates for the next four months in Florence.

The beginning was challenging, not really having much to say simply because I understood nothing and could hardly formulate a sentence.

But, day by day, and especially after repeatedly listing to their political arguments, I was finding myself able to understand more.

My attendance at my non-English-speaking academy in Florence would definitely have been more of a problem if I were not able to ask my roommate the meaning of certain words my professor would say.

So if I have caught your attention, then let's all get our wallets out and start counting the dollars because it's time once again. Student tuition fees will increase 10 percent this year if Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's new state budget is passed (very likely). Sure, why not? Students are paying more and more each year, and an amount that has doubled since 2002.

And sure, the state gave us a break back last year, saying they wouldn't increase our fees because students came first. But that was an election year, and since the officials are now sitting pretty in their office chairs, they don't need to please the people anymore. And we're footing the bill for it.

Fine, fine. We'll pay it (if we had an actual say in the final decision).

We'll send our parents the e-mail that says: "Hey Mom and Dad, can we have the money to go to the doctor on one occasion, and have made me realize that communication between friends and family is key to the success of a foreign student. They can help me understand the language barrier and teach me the correct way to say things as to not embarrass myself out loud in the real world. Make sure you really pronounce that "L" in "cal-" and "Lat-" and you'll know what I mean if you come to Italy.

These little examples of my life here in Italy are not about saying "ciao," but about learning to communicate with anyone to live with Italians or any native to the country of choice! Having laughed for my attempt at a new language, my choice of music and wearing Rainbow sandals is the true love I get from my roommates to help me assimilate. Already I know it's going to be hard to say goodbye to them when I have to return home. Until then, however, pasta and more pasta. Buon Ciao ragazzi!

STAFF COMMENTARY

Hey Cal Poly students, you're getting ripped off again

We've all seen the boring headlines: "Student fees increase again!" or "Teachers on strike," and most recently: "Top execs get raise." Who in their right mind would want to read about budgets, increases and administration if we weren't a journalism major and a reporter on the Mustang Daily staff, I'd probably skip right over the kinds of articles to get to the Soudik or the juicy letters to the editor.

Believe it or not, these issues are actually important and relevant because they are affecting students, teachers and our back accounts, but it's not surprising that many students look past them. So what can we do to catch the attention of affected readers?

I propose that we use sensationalized, capitalized, bold, italicized, underlined, whatsoever-it-takes font to capture student eyes. The front page should read:

"HEY, CAL POLY STUDENTS, GETTING RIpped OFF AGAIN SO GET OUT YOUR DAMN CHECKBOOKS!

Or how about: "THE BIG WIG WITH THREE "

To say it really clear, to the point, to the people and to the people.

The recent adventure to Morocco, and though I still have four months left abroad, I know that living with Moroccans has become the best decision I have ever made. It is because I live with Moroccans that I am able to follow current political events of the European Union, able to understand what took place in the past, and, more importantly, how to make sense of it.

They care more about world events than the average American, and have made me realize that compared to them, I know nothing about my country. I was able to go to the doctor on one occasion, and had to learn what better expressions to use to explain my particular pain.

I have connections with their friends from school too, allowing me to have places to stay in London, Spain and Poland. They laugh at my attempts at learning a new language, my choice of music and wearing Rainbow sandals is the true love I get from my roommates to help me assimilate. Already I know it's going to be hard to say goodbye to them when I have to return home. Until then, however, pasta and more pasta. Buon Ciao ragazzi!
**Womens 800 relay team takes 4th at BWCC**

**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT**

LONG BEACH — The Cal Poly swimming and diving team competed on the first day of the Big West Conference Championships at Belmont Plaza Olympic Pool on Wednesday. At day's end, the women sat in fifth place with 62 points and the men were in last with 63.

In the men's 200 medley relay, Cal Poly's Adam Morales, Carter Richards, Kellen Ranahan and Mark Dues placed sixth in 1:33.94. On the women's side, the Mustangs' Erin Mungave, Alyssa Rogers, Amy Spero and Stacey Sorrenson also placed sixth in 1:49.61.

Julie Denos was 11th in the women's 1,000 freestyle final with a time of 10:40.84. Sorrenson, Erin Moody, Graciela Espinoza and Christina Shilling placed fourth in the women's 800 freestyle relay.

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Research Candidates

CMRG is actively looking for Research Candidates to participate in a clinical trial. If you are 18 years or older, diagnosed with a sinusitis infection and have had symptoms longer than 7 days and less than 28 days with two or more of the following: facial pain, purulent nasal discharge, frontal headache, maxillary dental pain, or fever, you may qualify for this clinical research study. Please call Coastal Medical Research Group at 805-549-7570.

Help improve the lives of patients with sinusitis. Time and travel may be reimbursed for qualified patients.

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Mustang softball team continues 25-game trip

Cal Poly (6-3) is coming off a 5-2 record at the UNLV tournament, at which it upset then-No. 6 Northwestern 8-2.

**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT**

The Cal Poly softball team's five-tournament, 25-game, 31-day road trip continues Feb 23 to 25 at the 25-team Palm Springs Classic, hosted by Oregon State at the Big League Dreams Sports Park in Cathedral City.
Bettini takes Stage 4 in tour; Leipheimer holds 3-second lead

Cyclists race to the finish line down Monterey Street in San Luis Obispo in the Amgen Tour of California on Thursday. The fourth stage of the race was won by Italy’s Paolo Bettini (white jersey, center). Levi Leipheimer (yellow jersey, front left) maintained his overall lead by three seconds.

Associated Press

Italy’s Paolo Bettini, the reigning world road title, claimed a tight sprint victory and Levi Leipheimer of Santa Rosa maintained his overall lead for the fifth day in a row Thursday in the fourth stage of the Amgen Tour of California in San Luis Obispo.

Bettini (Quick-Step-Innergetic), competing in the United States for the first time in his career, surged in the final 100 yards to complete the 132.6-mile road race in 5 hours, 15 minutes and 47 seconds.

Gerald Coleck (T-Mobile) of Germany was second in the stage and Juan Jose Haedo (CSC) of Argentina, the second stage winner, was third. Both had the same time.

Leipheimer (Discovery Channel), who assumed the race lead in San Francisco, finished 22nd in the fourth stage. The overall leaders are:

1. Leipheimer (Discovery Channel), Santa Rosa, Calif., 17 minutes, 52 seconds, 12 minutes, 2 seconds behind.
2. Voigt (CSC), Germany, 3 seconds behind.
3. Thor Hushovd (CSC), Norway, same time.
4. Greame Brown (Rabobank), Australia, same time.
5. Henk Vegels (Toyota-United), Australia, same time.
6. Stuart O’Grady (CSC), Australia, same time.
7. Ryder Hesjedal (Health Net), Canada, 13 seconds behind.
8. Robert Förster (GERB/GER), Germany, same time.
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8. Chris Horner ( Predictor-Lotto), Bend, Ore., 16 seconds behind.
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10. Mathew Hayman (Rabobank), Australia, same time.

The stage began under overcast skies, and the riders faced heavy, persistent rain for much of the first half of the stage. The cyclists also rode most of the day along the Pacific coastline in falling crosswinds that increased the riders’ pace. The winner’s average speed was 26.01 mph.

“I was just trying to stay near the front and avoid gaps that might happen,” Leipheimer said. “I feel very confident and I think I’m the strongest rider in the race.”

Rory Sutherland (Health Net) of Australia remains third overall, trailing by 15 minutes and 19 seconds.

Bettini, also the reigning Olympic mad race gold medalist, emerged near the front of the main pack as the cyclists approached the finish on a sharp left turn with about 300 yards left.

“I always like winning, but it didn’t really come here with a goal to win,” said Bettini, 22, a multiple Tour de France stage winner who’s claimed more than a dozen World Cup victories. “But yesterday on the climb, I knew I had good legs.”

A pack of seven cyclists rode at the front of the race for most of the day and built up more than a three-minute margin. But the main group steadily narrowed the lead, and the field approached the final few miles together.

The eighth stage, 63.92-mile race continues Friday with the 14.5-mile fifth stage individual time trial in Solvang.

The race concludes with the seventh stage circuit race Sunday in Long Beach. The winner earns $15,000, plus various daily stage bonuses and money, from a total purse of $165,000.

The stage 4 results were:
1. Bettini (Quick-Step-Innergetic), 5 hours, 5 minutes and 47 seconds, 26.01 mph.
2. Coleck (T-Mobile), Germany, same time.
3. Haedo (CSC), Argentina, same time.

Azevedo: ‘We expect to take first’ at Pac-10 wrestling tourney

Cal Poly has won only seven of its 16 dual meets this season, but it is 5-4 in the Pac-10 and finally has a healthy lineup.

Tristan Aird

Cal Poly wrestling coach John Azevedo pulls no punches when discussing his expectations for his team at this weekend’s Pac-10 Championships.

“We expect to take first,” Azevedo said. “We really have probably the most top-ranked wrestlers, but it takes some depth also to win the Pac­10. Teams like Oregon State and UC Davis, they’ll probably place eight wrestlers out of 10, so we need to have that depth also.”

The Pac-10 Championships run Saturday through Sunday in Bakersfield. Cal Poly enters with a dual meet record of 7-9 overall and 4-4 in conference.

Those records are somewhat deceiving, though, in that the Mustangs had several key wrestlers sidelined with respective injuries at different times in the season. They also suffered close losses multiple times, such as 21-19 at Oregon, 25-22 against Garden-Weld, 11-29 at Stanford and 26-18 at Arizona State.

Azevedo said Monday, though, that all but one of his wrestlers should be back this weekend. Among those returning from injuries is senior Matt Montesino (knee), who is 18-4 and ranked 17th nationally at 197 pounds. Also competing will be senior 141-pounder Dave Redhem (10-5), who saw time out of the line­up earlier this season after recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.

Azevedo said, however, that junior Chad Mendes (5-2), who began the season ranked No. 125, will still be sidelined with a severely hyperextended elbow.

Still, Cal Poly will bring a deep and experienced lineup that includes ninth-ranked 133-pound senior Darrel Vasquez (25-3), Montesino and 12th-ranked senior heavyweight Cody Parker (15-6).

“It’s definitely what we’ve been working for all the last four or five months,” Azevedo said of the Pac-10 Championships. “Our goal has been to win the Pac-10 this year and qualify as many wrestlers as possible for the Pac-10, except for Chad Mendes. Everybody else will be back in there.”

Cal Poly is coming off a 21-18 Pac-10 win at UC Davis on Feb. 18.

“It was a good win last Thursday,” Azevedo said. “That’s a big win for us. We come off of a win. It helps the morale and builds some momentum.”

Poly baseball team heads to Santa Clara for 3-game series

Cal Poly (8-6), which has bounced back from a season-opening, five-game losing streak by winning three-consecutive series against San Diego State, Nevada and Washington, visits Santa Clara (7-7) this weekend for a three­game nonconference series at Stephen Schott Stadium.

First pitch Friday is set for 6 p.m. and the games Saturday and Sunday will start at 1 p.m.

Santa Clara has been Cal Poly twice in three-game series each of the last three years to build a 35-29 advantage in the overall series, dating back to 1996. The Broncos posted 15-9 and 7-5 victories in the first two games of last year’s series in March, and the Mustangs salvaged a 3-2 win in the series finale.

Cal Poly beat visiting British Columbia 13-3 in an exhibition game Wednesday night and Santa Clara opened in record Monday with a 6-4 victory over Utah State.