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The San Luis Obispo Democratic Club encourages students to register to vote in San Luis Obispo County, one of the issues that will be the primary focus of its upcoming meeting. Cal Poly Democrat President Erica Janoff agrees that new students should register in this county. “For the next four years, it’s their home, and the politics of this area directly affect them,” Janoff said.

To gear up for the 2008 election, the San Luis Obispo Democratic Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. on Jan. 21, the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday to discuss their two-part agenda for the evening. The meeting will discuss the upcoming primary election on Feb. 5.

The meeting will be held at Golden Gong Restaurant at 290 Madonna Road, where a family-style Chinese dinner will be available for $15. This includes a $2 club donation. Those interested in the conversation alone can show up at 7 p.m. to skip the dinner and attend the meeting.

“The most important goal of the club is to help and re-registering,” former club president John Ashbaugh said.

Ashbaugh said this election is unlike recent prior elections. “It’s probably the first time since 1928 that the situation is wide open,” he said.

Considering the 2008 election, Ashbaugh referred to the fact there are no incumbents, presidential or vice-presidential, who are running this year.

Cassandra Carlson

MUSTANG DAILY

Nudity, alcohol, beads and all that was a part of past Mardi Gras was the topic of discussion at the Student Community Liaison Committee Thursday afternoon at the San Luis Obispo City Hall.

Vice President for Student Affairs Cornel Morton said the community and the students have made headway from 2004 by “creating distance” from those events.

“Students collectively know how best to spend their time,” Morton said. “We want to send the message to first- and second-year students who are more subject to be caught up in this. We need to take care of the safety of fellow students.”

One of the messages is well-known to most students on the Cal Poly campus: “The Party is Still Over.”

Ashleigh Tregenza, San Luis Obispo Police Department Neighborhood Services Manager, reflected during the meeting that this year’s concern or approach is different than it was when the celebratory events of Mardi Gras peaked.

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LAUREN BABANO MUSTANG DAILY
Directors union reaches tentative contract deal with Hollywood studios

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LOS ANGELES — Hollywood directors reached a tentative contract agreement Thursday with studios, a development that could turn up the pressure on striking writers to settle their 2-month-old walkout that has idled production on dozens of TV shows.

The Directors Guild of America did not immediately respond to an e-mail request for comment on the deal.
Bin Laden's son wants to be peace ambassador between West, Muslims

Paul Schemm

Omar Osama bin Laden bears a striking resemblance to his notorious father — except for the dreadlocks that dangle halfway down his back. There’s the black leather biker jacket.

The 26-year-old does not renounce his father, al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, but in an interview with The Associated Press, he said there is a better way to defend Islam than militancy. Omar wants to be an “ambassador for peace” between Muslims and the West.

Omar — one of bin Laden’s 19 children — raised a tabloid storm last year when he married a 52-year-old British woman, Jane Felix-Browne, who took the name Zaina Alsabah. Now the couple says they want to be advocates, planning a 3,000-mile horse race across North Africa to draw attention to the cause of peace.

“Not about changing the idea of the Western mind. A lot of people think Arabs — especially the bin Ladens, especially the sons of Osama — are all terrorists. This is not the truth,” Omar said the AP last week at a cafe in a Cairo shopping mall. He described his father’s ideas as “awesome in breaking away, but neither George Bush, nor Muslim people anywhere in the world, they want to fight him? There is a contradiction,” he said.

Omar lived with the al-Qaida leader in Sudan, then moved with him to Afghanistan in 1996.

There, Omar says he trained at an al-Qaida camp but in 2000 he decided there must be another way and he left his father, returning to his homeland of Saudi Arabia.

“I don’t want to be in that situation to just fight. I like to find another way and this other way may be like we do now, talking,” he said in English.

He suggested his father did not oppose his leaving — and Alsabah interpreted that Omar was courageous in breaking away, but neither elaborated.

Although there is no way to confirm the details he describes of his childhood and upbringing, the strong family resemblance and Omar’s knowledge of Osama’s family life have convinced many that he is bin Laden’s son.

Omar is convinced a truce between the West and al-Qaida is possible.

“My father is asking for a truce but I don’t think there is any government (that) respects him. At the same time, they do not respect him, why everywhere in the world, they want to fight him? There is a contradiction,” he said.

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Since leaving his father’s side, Omar has lived in Saudi Arabia, where he runs a contracting company connected with the bin Laden Group, but he spends much of his time in Egypt. It was during a desert horseback ride at the Pyramids of Giza that he met his wife.

Their marriage in April made them tabloid fodder, particularly in Britain, where headlines titled the “grandy who married Osama bin Laden’s son.” Alsabah, who has married five times, has five grandchildren.

The couple has applied for a visa to Britain and they are planning their endurance horse race across North Africa, which they hope to start in March.
I'd be a toaster, because I like to be toasty.

— Tony Le, materials engineering junior

"A refrigerator, because I'm always chillin'."

— Matt Carrasco, business junior

"Probably a coffee grinder. (It's) the most widely used I guess. Could actually make a profit off a coffee grinder. I'm over-analyzing the question. So yeah, a coffee grinder."

— Carmen Maca, graphic communication freshman

"I'd be a mixer ... a pink one. I would. I've thought about this before."

— Candice Gomez, general engineering freshman

Israel pounded Gaza Thursday with air and ground fire as Palestinian rockets slammed into southern Israel, endangering recently restored peace negotiations.

The Israeli attacks killed a militant leader and one of his female relatives along with three others in Gaza.

Prime Minister Ehud Olmert vowed to strike Palestinian militants "without compromise, without concessions and without mercy." His forces carried out stepped-up attacks, but Olmert gave no hint that a large-scale offensive was near.

The widening violence has clouded Barak's peace vision. It is a message of confrontation and rift, a challenge to Barsaman's family gathered at his funeral.

Israel struck back at northern Gaza, targeting rocket squad and air defenses militants frequently use. A leader of the small Hamas-allied Popular Resistance Committees, Raad Abu al-Ful, and a woman relative were killed when a missile hit their vehicle, the faction said. Earlier, Palestinian officials said the relative was killed in one of two missile attacks in the Gaza Strip.

Police re-arrested 25-year-old Yalines Torres late Wednesday, a day after she was released after posting a $1 million bond on the new charge, and is set to be arraigned Thursday.

Nabil Abu Rdeineh told The Associated Press that the violence is calling for reckless driving while chasing�

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Israel's prime minister promised to "continue until the rocket fire stops, and if necessary, we will intensify operations."

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**Cassandra's Dream (R)**
- Directed by Mike Nichols.
- Cast: Michael Stahl-David, Mike Vogel, Odette Yustman, Lizzy Caplan, Jessica Lucas, T.J. Miller; directed by Matt Reeves.

**First Sunday (PG-13)**
- Directed by Tim Burton.
- Cast: Ice Cube, Tracy Morgan, Kttl Williams, Chi McBride, Melinda Williams, Regina Hall; directed by David E. Talbert.

**The Great Debaters (PG-13)**
- Directed by Mike Nichols.
- Cast: Denzel Washington, Forest Whitaker, Nate Parker, Jimmy Smoaklt, Denzel Whitaker, Jermaine Williams; directed by Denzel Washington.

**National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG-12)**
- Directed by JonTurtletaub.
- Cast: Nicolas Cage, Jon Voigt, Harvey Keitel, Ed Harris, Diane Kruger, Justin Bartha; directed by Jon Turtletaub.

**No Country for Old Men (R)**
- Directed by Ethan and Joel Coen.

**The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything (PG)**
- Directed by Mike Nawrocki.
- Cast: Cam Clarke, Yuri Lowenthal, Alan Lee, Cydney Trent, Megan Murphy; directed by Mike Nawrocki.

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Patrick Barbieri

It looked like the opening night of a "Harry Potter" film, with hundreds of fans lined up around the block, eager to escape the chilly night air. The cause: Tiger Army headlined a show at Downtown Brewing Co.

Tickets had sold out early Wednesday afternoon. Those with tickets were considered lucky; the unfortunate fan without a ticket had no alternative but to negotiate with scalpers outside.

After a long period of setting up and adjusting audio equipment, the opening band (Orange County's The Dear & Departed) warmed up the crowd with their blend of dark, poppy emo-punk. They were met with a positive reception during their brief set, but it didn't compare with a positive reception during the opening act, Groove Is the Drug. The heat was setting in, and it was time for something different.

Texas punk rock band Tiger Army stepped up, breaking a typical SLO scene. This show marked the return of this band, which has a reputation for top-notch stage presence and energizing sets.

This show marked the return of the band in the form of an ocean crashing upon a cliff, or in this case, a stage. It was hard for anybody not to get engulfed in the surge of bodies.

Many fans favorites were played, both from old and new albums. It seemed like everyone knew the words to every song. The show peaked, however, with the performance of the ultra-fast, anthemic punk track "F.T.W." that basically left the room decimated.

After a lengthy and generous encore, the crowd started chanting for "one more song!" Many fans were not satisfied, however, and began chanting for "one more song!" Minutes later, the band returned, to the obvious delight of the crowd. As a special treat, they performed a Misfits cover they had not played in years, according to the band. The crowd once again burst into a frenzy with circle dancing, windmill kicks, floor punches, flying elbows, and crowd surfs. The heat was setting in, and you could scoop the humidity from the air with your hands.

Finally, the band retired, and fans quickly headed for the bar or outside for a smoke or some fresh air.

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Beyond organic

I just returned from visiting my family in Sicily over the holidays. One of the highlights was a trip to a family farm to purchase some fresh ricotta cheese. We arrived early, said hello to the sheep in the field, and watched as friends made the ricotta in front of us. As we sampled, several neighbors showed up to purchase their ricotta.

The small farm was successful because Italians love food—catching, preparing, and eating good food. On the whole, the Italian culture appreciates and buys fresh, local produce and other food products from their local farmers and families. Besides the ricotta-making family, there was also a baker who made his rounds through the neighborhoods and sold fresh bread door to door to regular customers.

The lesson that needs to be imported from areas with thriving local food systems is not necessarily to start selling bread out of a trunk door to door, but rather to have a personal connection with our food sources. Farmers have an incentive to take good care of their land in order to produce optimal-tasting produce because their customers aren't going to be satisfied with produce that Americans expect from supermarkets—uniform, thick-skinned, waxy, nutrient-deficient ones that transport well, for not taste. They're living it up out there in the Mediterranean with plump, juicy, succulent tomatoes as well as weekly CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) programs.

There are plenty of Americans who appreciate and purchase good food from local farms. That's why I'm writing this right now. Self-sufficiency has become mainstream. Here in San Luis Obispo, where the biggest weekly event is a farmers' market, we too have the good fortune of plump, juicy, succulent tomatoes as well as weekly CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) programs.

The Cal Poly Organic Farm is a CSA program as well. But we need to keep pushing forward. We can support our local farms even more by insisting that their products are sold in our grocery stores, restaurants, and Campus Dining venues.

In order to demand better quality foods, we need to seek out not only organic, but also local and sustainably-farmed and guided foods. Organic certification is under the control of the USDA, which has its benefits and drawbacks. Organic foods cannot compete with synthetic fertilizers, chemicals or sewage sludge, cannot be genetically modified and cannot be irradiated in order to use the word "organic" in their labeling. It also means that to receive certification a farmer must fill out lots of paperwork and pay lots of money. Just because a small farm complies with organic standards doesn't mean that "organic" articles like that are nothing new to us. The difference is that the person writing that article is the same ethnic back­ground as the group he gener­alizes (white gay generalizing white people). Unfortunately, our "hateful" articles are all written by individuals of a different eth­nic group generalized (i.e. white male generalizing ANY under­represented groups)!

Adrian Herrera
Aerospace engineering senior

I hope you are proud of yourselves.

I really hope that you take the proper steps in taking care of this matter. "Why I hate white people" is racist beyond all measure. Yes, freedom of speech should be practiced here at Poly, but this is a little overboard.

Since he wrote this article, you are going to follow it up by why I hate Mexicans or blacks. No, because those are words that "shouldn't be spoken." It is only fair that if you publish racist articles about whites you should also publish them about Mexi­cans and blacks.

Today, I am ashamed to say that I am graduating from a racist university. You have disgraced all alumni and current students. I hope you are proud of yourselves.

Suzanne Forrest
Forestry and natural resources senior

Two ways of settling James Komai dispute

After over a week of angry letters about James Komai’s hu­mor column “Why I Hate White People,” we have still not found out who is right and who is wrong. I say we have two options:

We either appeal or Dr. Baker for a decision, or have Chuck Liddell officiate a UFC cage fighting Komai against that white person.

Zach Goldstein
Mechanical engineering senior

Sports column well played

Finally, sports opinion article that isn't just aimless rambling. Well played, Donovan... well played.

Jacob Howell
Graphic design senior

traffic on the road the day when they said that whether or not the environment was in exceptional bad shape, it wasn't funny, and therefore de­pressing parlor at its finest. Learn how to write James, and learn how to hate Mustang Daily.

— Daily

Response to “Why I hate white people”

Jimmy is a humor columnist. People need to calm down and understand his humor. If you have read his past articles you would realize this is all a joke, a satire of our society. I do have one complaint: Brock is a horrible name, how about Chad... no... Brad.

Reagan is a “Why I hate white people”

Pretty pathetic article. I think a few people hit the nail on the head when they said that whether or not the environment was in exceptional bad shape, it wasn’t funny, and therefore depressing parlor at its finest. Learn how to write James, and learn how to hate Mustang Daily.

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Response to “Why I hate white people”

I'm really am sad that you made this decision without considering the outcomes or the repercussions. You need to reconsider this decision.
Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

AN ALIEN COMES TO TOWN TO STUDY FEMALE EATING!
WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE?
I FLY A SPACE SHIP.

DO YOU HAVE A JOB?
WE DON'T WORK, WE ARE Grown UP.

SHE HAD THE LAST TIME YOU SAW YOUR FAMILY.
MY FAMILY, I HAVEN'T SEEN THEM IN LITE YEARS.

NO CARE, NO JOB, AND NOT CLOSE WITH YOUR FAMILY, I DON'T TALK TO LOSERS!

Last Ditch Effort by John Kroes

JUST A RECURRING DREAM YOU HAD EVERY TIME YOU WENT TO SLEEP.

YOU HAVE A LITTLE BRAT AND YOU ARE ANGRY ABOUT IT?

YOU ARE ABOUT TO GO OUT ON A DATE, WHAT KIND OF CAR DO YOU DRIVE?

DO YOU KNOW WHERE I COME FROM?

THE LADY WHO FEEDS YOU EVERY DAY ARRANGED AN ALIEN TO COME TO TOWN TO STUDY FEMALE EATING.

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz  No. 1207

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1. Confectioner's offering
2. Affecting the heart
3. Two-character Market play
4. Cause of two-character Market play
5. Item in a 1-2-3
6. Purpose
7. Noted English author who wrote "Wuthering Heights"
8. Beach shop
9. "I hate it when that happens!"
10. Palais Garnier
11. TV host who told viewers "Look that up in your Funk & Wagnalls!"
12. Longtime astronaut
13. Memorial stadium seat named for a narrative creature
14. Hostile finesses
15. "What's My Line?" name
16. "M*A*S*H" character
17. "What's My Line?" name
18. Footwear
19. "M*A*S*H" character
20. Palais Garnier
21. First-year men's college fraternity
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The puzzle is a standard 15x15 crossword grid with clues for both Across and Down. The clues are designed to test the solver's knowledge of history, sports, entertainment, and general knowledge.
Chargers
continued from page 12
rush defense, perhaps the perfect
keystone to a run-oriented of­
fensive plan of the Chargers.
It's not like we're celebrating free Super Bowl wins, but that we're
celebrating a 4-year drought of a
win in the playoffs, something
that everyone except for — apparently — Middelkaff believes is worthwhile of
celebration.
One defenders "lights-out"
dance every time they get a sack (let me emphasize: sack) because
they're nutty and they play with
energy.
And it's not like our defense is the
only one that has players who cel­
lbrate like this. Ray Lewis pounds
his chest incessantly, Roosevelt Cal­
gin gives a kick whenever he gets a
sack, the Buccaneers defense does
the ton, and so on and so forth.
The bottom line is the NFL is
a league that prides itself on the
uniqueness of its celebrations (see:
"Ohio Closer") — apparently Middelkaff has never seen one of
the NFL's commercials on NFL
Network.
Admittedly, Philip Rivers does
dom his mouth, but at least he's a
quarterback whose team isn't out
to "kill" the opposing team every
week, as another certain premia­
ment quarterback said on behalf of
his team that arguably has no class,
and is the base of every NFL fan's existence except for the fans of
that particular team — one that I
shouldn't need to mention.
But, as Middelkaff called them,
his two "bigger, older brothers," L handwritten Tomlinson and Antonio
Gates — quite possibly the two
closest guys in the entire NFL —
were noticeably absent in the Bolts' win over the Colts last week.
And what happened? Rivers did
his job, manned up and threw for
three touchdowns and more than
275 yards before he went down in
the third quarter.
The bottom line is that when
SEF's rushing attack is either inef­
fective or entirely absent, Rivers
has stepped up and made the play
he's needed to make. In short, he's
been able to back up his rhetoric with
reality.
Before I finish, I'd just like to
relish the fact that the Chargers
went into a very hostile environ­
ment, maybe the toughest place
to win in the NFL, and managed to
shut down the reigning Super
Bowl champs.
They did it with a combination of
lights-out defensive pressure on
the quarterback, shut-down cover­
age by the corners and unrelenting of­
tensive management by both the
backup running backs (and even­
ually backup quarterback) and the
head coach.
Everyone in the world gave that
game to the Colts, just as everyone
in the world is giving this week's
game to the Patriots, which, I will
concede, is going to make taking a com­
bination of a lot of things for
San Diego to win. The bottom line is
that my Chargers are in the AFC
West. With reality.
Lastly, as far as the Marty Schot­
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UCSB's height advantage will
force them to be resourceful.
"They're a lot bigger than us at a lot of positions," she said, "so we're going to basically have to out-scrap
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Saturdays, Jan. 19 and 26
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$30 non-members
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Basketball
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Suderman, though, could present problems for the Mustangs up front because of her 6-foot-4 frame.
"I don't think her size is necessarily going to be
an issue," Harrison said. "We're just going to have to
focus on boxing out, every single time, trying to get
(her) in the front position.
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The Cal Poly women trail the all-time series 10-
43, but the Mustangs, coming off of several close wins, Harrison
said, have a newfound and even
increasing confidence in their ability to hold on to leads.
"We're more comfortable in our team," she added. "Every­
one's talking about the game."
The top tip off at 4 p.m.
Cal Poly men try to duplicate last year's conference surge
Although a rivalry indeed, on the
side, Harrison said, the Mustangs need to " limit
the quarterback, shut-down cover­
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Bromley called Harris something of a "double-
edge sword" for UCSB.
Harris, Bromley said, will no doubt get to the
foul line, but has the tendency to break out of set plays.
"He has freedom to shoot the ball, and he's a ter­
rific offensive player," Bromley said.
While Bromley added that Harris has a "green
light" in terms of shot selection, other Gauchos to
look out for are forward Chris Devine and guard
James Powell, who chip in 13.7 and 11.2 points per
game, respectively.
UCSB head coach Bob Williams is not one to veer much from a set
rotation of players, as just eight play­
ers average more than 15 minutes per
game.
Meanwhile, even though no high-scoring star such as Harris has
risen for the Mustangs this season, they do have seven players averaging
at least 6.4 points per game.
Bromley said Cal Poly will have to
step up its pressure defensively
and get some big stops near the end
of the contest.
"This team has to keep getting
defensive toughness down the stretch," he said.
Despite the hot starts of con­
ference adversaries like Cal State Northridge and UCSB, among oth­
ers, Bromley said no team has estab­
lished itself yet as the one to beat in the Big West.
"We're as good as anybody in the conference right now," he said.
The Mustangs will get another chance to prove it
at 7 p.m.
UCSB vandalism cleaned up in a hurry
Vandalism of the UCSB campus late Tuesday night,
apparently carried out by Cal Poly fans, was cleaned
up early Wednesday morning, confirmed Thursday
Matt Bowman, the UCSB Police De­
partment's public
information officer.
"It sounded like it was probably done by people
from Cal Poly," Bowman said. "That was the consis­
tent message throughout all of the occurrences.
Bowman, who said the several instances of graffiti
tags left around the Thunderdome and the Univer­
sity Center either promoting Cal Poly or disparaging
UCSB were discovered "paint was still wet,"
couldn't recall any other such occurrences of seem­
ingly sports-related vandalism taking place at the
 campus in the 10 years he's worked there.
— Mustang Daily staff contributed to this report
You can go 2-25 but if you beat Santa Barbara
once, you're still feeling pretty good.
—Kevin Bromley
Cal Poly men's basketball head coach
Cal Poly's Chaz Thomas (10) looks for an open man while bringing the ball up the floor in the Mustangs' 83-
69 win over Utah State at Mont Gym on Nov. 15, 2007.
For us to get where we want to be in the spring, we’re going to have to get all we’ve got...we’ve got to be out there bleeding for the team.

—Robert Foyster, Cal Poly’s assistant coach

Cal Poly’s Day to compete for Team USA at indoor dual

The Cal Poly women’s track and field squad will see its first action over the holiday weekend, traveling to France for the 13th running of the Dream indoor meet Monday on The Mustangs will send 23 athletes to the event, all looking to help the team improve on last year’s showing.

The Cal Poly men’s track and field squad will also compete in a four-way college meet in New York City on Feb. 1.

The remaining schedule for the track and field squad includes the Mt. SAC Relays “USA vs. The World” later in the season. The Mustangs will also travel to Fresno for the Run for the Dream indoor meet on Jan. 13, finishing the season 11-0 for the dual-match season. Action will get underway at 1 p.m. at Pepperdine and continue through 11:55 a.m. for the 4x400 relay.

Women’s tennis takes on No. 18 Pepperdine and No. 3 UCLA

The Cal Poly women’s tennis team will travel to No. 18 Pepperdine, the 2007 California State champ in the high jump, will see her first action for the Mustangs. The Mustangs are 5-0 on the season and have won 14 of 15 matches for the season. The dual-match season is anyone’s guess.

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—Robert Foyster, Cal Poly’s assistant coach

McGrath thanks the fall prepared players well for the upcoming season.

“We played OK during the fall,” he said. “But it really gave the players a chance to bond. I expect we’ll do well this season, and I hope to see us take the Big West, so we’ll see where the card says.”

Along with Geert, Robert Zack, a junior from Oxnard, was added to the team this year, along with a promising lineup of accomplished freshmen, including Drew Jacobs from Moorpark, Nikki Shepchin from Walnut Creek, Blake Windman from San Clemente and Alexander Sonesson from Sweden. Also from Sweden is new assistant Joel Ahlgren, who boasts a record as a Swedish junior champion in doubles.

“I’ve got a young and talented team — the future is very bright,” McGrath said. “We’re looking to go out there and make some waves in college tennis this year.”

The Pepperdine Waves were announced No. 38 in the Jan. 8 ITA Division I team rankings. Their top doubles team of Anette Bandere and Arianna Bhurgaba are ranked No. 50 and their No. 1 player Samoscope is ranked a 5-2 record in the fall season.

In singles, Sylvia Kosokowski backed up her fall season by winning No. 99. Kosokowski finished the fall season with an 8-4 record. The dual match against Cal Poly will be Pepperdine’s first of the season.

The UCLA Bruins boast an impressive No. 3 team ranking behind Georgia Tech and Stanford. UCLA has four Bruins listed in the top 50 of the ITA rankings. No. 25 Ruta Zalameda, No. 27 Andrea Rentyn, No. 28 Yasmin Schnack, and No. 41 Tracy Lin. The doubles combination of Zalameda and Schnack are No. 16. The Bruins started their spring season this past weekend with a tournament at the Las Vegas Classic.

Cal Poly 2-0 (5) enters the matches undefeated after taking on Santa Clara University and UC Santa Cruz on Jan. 13, finishing the day 14-0.

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Mustangs host UC Santa Barbara in doubleheader for conference momentum and bragging rights

Rachel Gellman  MUSTANG DAILY

"We want our rivalry back. Cal Poly won't do anything, so we did. Cal Poly spirit is slipping down the drain," read an ominous sheet of paper anonymously posted at the Mustang Daily newsroom Wednesday morning, accompanied by a CD of photographs detailing UC Santa Barbara's briefly green-and-gold, graffiti-garnished campus earlier this week.

Cal Poly faithful and apathetic alike have a chance to prove the vandalism wrong Saturday as both the men's and women's UC Santa Barbara basketball teams travel to Mott Gym in a renewal of their Big West Conference rivalry.

Coming off their best Big West start ever, and their best conference start in 28 years, the Cal Poly women's (7-10, 4-0 Big West) will try to secure the top spot in the Big West as UCSB (9-6, 4-0 Big West) is riding a four-game win streak of its own.

"Certainly this game on Saturday is going to be a pretty big deal for us and I'm sure it'll be a big deal for Santa Barbara," Cal Poly women's head coach Faith Mimnaugh said. "I'm sure they've got their truckloads coming for the game."

Mimnaugh alluded to one of the most resounding, recent examples of the on-going athletic battle between the schools by saying she hopes the doubleheader could attract the same kind of record-breaking, standing-room-only crowd the Cal Poly men's soccer team did when it beat defending national champion UCSB 2-1 at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Oct. 17, 2007. That event shattered the program's attendance mark by thousands.

On the basketball court, though, the Mustangs have won two straight games at the Thunderdome but haven't defeated the Gauchos in Mott Gym since 2001. Mustangs junior forward Megan Harrison, the second-leading scorer in the Big West, has scored in double figures in 17 of 21 games dating back to the 2006-07 season and should be key to the Mustangs' chances.

Cal Poly poses another offensive threat in junior forward Lisa McBride, who currently ranks second amongst Big West players in field-goal percentage (49.2), fourth in free-throw percentage (78%) and eighth in 3-point percentage (33.3).

UCSB's leading scorer four games into the season, senior center Jenna Green, reshuffled because of back spasms. In her absence, the Gauchos have just two players averaging double figures in points, in senior guard Jessica Wilson (11.5 per game) and junior forward Kat Suderman (10.1).

Wilson is the reigning Big West Conference Player of the Week, as she averaged 15 points and eight rebounds in two home wins over UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton a week ago.

Mustangs open spring with back-to-back matches

Marlize van Rensburg  MUSTANG DAILY

With the bitter-sweet taste of almost grabbing the Big West Conference Tournament title still lingering in the mouth, the Cal Poly men's tennis team is hungry for another chance at the trophy.

The Mustangs made school history last spring as they rounded out the year holding the Big West Conference title after an undefeated regular season. They went into the conference tournament with the top seed, only to lose in the finals to UC Santa Barbara.

"Last year we were right there with the Big West and then we got second," Mustangs head coach Jostin McGrath said. "Now it's all up to us, it's definitely one of our goals to get the tournament title this year."

So with a fresh start and some new faces behind the net, Cal Poly begins in spring season this weekend facing Westmont at home at 1 p.m. Saturday before heading to Fresno State on Sunday.

"We're not the favored team, on paper this weekend," said junior Andrew Gert from Redondo Beach, "but we're looking at upsetting (Westmont and Fresno State). We're really excited to get the season started; it feels like it's been a long time since we've gone out there as a team."

McGrath said there are yet to be any clear-cut No. 1 players, but he does know who he expects to see playing toward the season's top spots.

Darryl Young, a junior originally from South Africa, earned Big West First Team honors as a sophomore. No. 2 singles player, and looks promising again this year.

Sophomore Robert Foy played last year at the