Women in engineering by the numbers

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When Jessica Gregory began pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering in 2004, freshmen women only accounted for 11.8 percent of the entering class. She was often the only woman in her major courses. However, due to several programs focusing on increasing female enrollment in engineering, Gregory's experience may no longer be the norm.

For the past decade, the percentage of women studying engineering has seen a nationwide decline, a trend that holds true for Cal Poly. However, Cal Poly has seen a steady increase in the number of freshmen women enrolled, something that could be credited to outreach programs funded by the private sector and donations.

The increase was clearly apparent from 2005 to 2007, when the number of female enrolling into the College of Engineering increased by 22 percent, according to the Cal Poly Institutional Planning and Analysis fact book.

"It's significant because for the past eight years the percentage of women in engineering nationally has been on the decline," said College of Engineering Dean Mohammad Noori. "So we have essentially been able to reverse this trend."

Omar Sanchez

By the numbers

Engineering college reaches out to women

University budget crisis continues

Samantha MacConnell

California's deteriorating economy and budget crisis continues to affect Cal Poly faculty and students as administrators wait to receive the Chancellor's Office evaluation of the 2009-10 operating budget.

Next year, Cal Poly expects a budget cut of at least $500,000 if Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's budget proposal is approved by the legislature.

"We're still waiting for action from Sacramento," said Cal Poly Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Robert Kooi. "Some actions have been taken to preserve money."

Each academic college had a 2.5 percent budget reduction last year, which led to fewer teaching positions and course sections. In an attempt to save money, the administration is limiting travel, equipment and supply purchases as well as the hiring of some teaching positions.

Cal Poly has endured two budget cuts since the operating budget loss of $3 million at the start of this year. The first and one-time cut of the 2008-09 fiscal year was $1.6 million and the second was $3.5 million, a reduction to the base budget, which is a portion of the budget needed to keep the university prepared each year.

We started the year with a shortfall and the budget has been cut twice since then, so we are really in a very difficult

Afghan president: US forces killed 16 civilians

Jason Strazioso and Rahim Fazel

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — President Hamid Karzai condemned a U.S. operation he said killed 16 Afghan civilians, while hundreds of villagers denounced the American military during an angry demonstration Sunday.

Karzai said the killing of innocent Afghans during U.S. military operations "is strengthening the terrorists."

He also announced that his Ministry of Defense sent Washington a draft technical agreement that seeks to give Afghanistan more oversight over U.S. military operations. The same letter has also been sent to NATO headquarters.

Karzai in recent weeks has
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will benefit the most from having a diverse population of engineers in the engineering industry.

"All these programs I mentioned are funded through external funds," Noori said.

"There are no state budgets to support those activities. Our corporate partners in the industry, Stacey Brennenbach's operation (Society of Women Engineers) every year has an evening with industry and raises a lot of money for scholarships."

He stressed the importance of the programs, emphasizing the fact that women make up 50 percent of the population in this country but few are in the engineering industry.

"It's a deep-rooted problem, because of the image that is portrayed about engineering overall. It's changing a little bit, it's getting better. So we are trying to change that image through outreach activities," he said.

It's not just women Cal Poly wants to recruit. Noori said including women as well as minority students in engineering is essential at a time when other countries are heavily investing in engineering.

"The United States has been a leader in innovation because of engineering," he said. "If we lose that, we can become a third-world country."

The dwindling economy is not helping state schools like Cal Poly in its effort to recruit more women. Budget cuts have forced the college to reduce freshmen enrollment this academic year by 450, Noori said. As a result, admission is more competitive.

As fees continue to augment, Noori said the extra money can facilitate hiring more faculty resulting in more students and possibly more women and minorities.

"If you want to sustain the growth in engineering, you have to promote and recruit more students from those populations because that is the future," he said.

Protest

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increasingly laced out at his Western backers over the issue of civilian casualties, even as U.S. politicians and a top NATO official have publicly criticized Karzai for the slow pace of progress here.

The back-and-forth comes as the new administration of President Barack Obama must decide whether to support Karzai as he seeks re-election later this year as part of the United States' overall Afghan strategy.

Karzai's latest criticism follows a Saturday raid in Laghman province that the U.S. says killed 15 armed militants, including a woman with an RPG, but that Afghan officials say killed civilians.

Two women and three children were among the 16 dead civilians, Karzai said in a statement.

In Laghman's capital, hundreds of angry demonstrators denounced the U.S. military Sunday and demanded an end to overnight raids. U.S. military leaders, victims' relatives and Afghan officials — including two top Karzai advisers — met at the governor's compound to discuss the issue, Gov. Lalitullah Mashal said.

"The U.S. military said 'We are sorry for this incident and after this we are going to coordinate our operations with Afghan forces,'" Mashal said.

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situations," said Dave Christmas, dean of the Orfafa College of Business.

During times of budget cuts, lecturers are the first to go, which affects the number of students college advisers are able to meet with, Christy said.

Cal Poly is already planning to prepare for additional special budget cuts.

"There are so many variables that are outside of our control, but we've had to face these kinds of things before and we're doing the best we can," he said.

"It's not like we haven't thought about these problems. It's just that there are no great solutions that guarantee minimum disruption."

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The university should not be an obstacle for (student's) graduation.

—Dave Christy
Dean of the College of Business

Center for Science have already been impacted. Construction and planning is stopped for now, which costs the university since they will have to renew the projects.

The administration is working to make sure classes are available so students can progress towards graduation. To do so, the university is raising college-based fees.

"The university should not be an obstacle for their graduation, so we're going to make every effort to make certain that students can get out of here on time," Koob said.

No budget resolution could lead to fewer college graduates. Cal Poly would be able to serve more students if enrolled students graduated in four years.

"I think that the students we admit to Cal Poly are able to graduate in four years, as far as academic capability and we should urge them to do so and create incentives that promote that goal," Christy said.

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TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — Police in Torrance have non-fatally shot a shoplifting suspect after an officer was struck by her getaway car.

Sgt. Bernard Anderson says security guards at a Marshalls store called police around 8:30 p.m. Saturday to report two shoplifters.

Officers arriving at the scene saw two women trying to leave the store with merchandise.

One woman was arrested, but the other got into a waiting car driven by a third woman who struck the officer with the car while driving away.

Anderson says at least one officer opened fire, striking one of the suspects.

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National

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A gunman opened fire outside an under-21 nightclub in Portland, Ore., killing two girls and wounding several other people in an apparently random attack, police said.

Six victims were exchange students going to The Zone club to celebrate a birthday.

The man did not have any known relationship to the victims beforehand, and he didn't appear to have been in the club or a nearby bar before the shooting Saturday night, police Detective Mary Wheat said Sunday.

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Charles Schumer, senior Sen. Chuck Schumer and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, whose vacant Senate seat Gillibrand was appointed to fill Friday.

Marina Shorentist, a spokeswoman for Paterson, said the governor's office delivered paperwork in Washington on Sunday formalizing Gillibrand's appointment to the Senate.

Gillibrand, a second-term congresswoman who worked on the former first lady's 2004 Senate campaign, said Clinton "has always been a mentor of mine and someone I've always admired."

International

JERUSALEM (AP) — Special legal teams will defend Israel soldiers against potential war crimes charges emanating from civilian deaths in the Gaza Strip, the prime minister said Sunday, promising the country would fully back those who fought in the three-week offensive.

The move reflected growing concern by Israel that officers could be subject to international prosecution, despite the army's claims that Hamas militants caused the civilian casualties by staging attacks from residential areas.

"The state of Israel will fully back those who acted on its behalf," Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said. "The soldiers and commanders who were sent on missions in Gaza must know that they are safe from various threats."

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WORD ON THE STREET

"What could attract more women to the field of engineering?"

"Maybe change the image. There are stereotypes that you have to stay in a cubicle, work and throw your hours away. Make it more fun."

— Allan Park, computer science senior

"Better use of technology. I think initially women didn't get into engineering because it was physically laborious. Technology, like moving things that are heavy, would facilitate women in the industry."

— Danny Shaw, psychology senior

"Just have more programs in either high schools or middle schools that get more women interested in the engineering programs in colleges."

— David Roberts, electrical engineering sophomore

"Maybe if mathematics were more of a focus. If it is pushed more that (women) can do those things and that it's just an idea that field is for men. As women ... we can do anything that we want."

— Alicia Hunter, animal science freshman

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Some global enemies ready to give Obama a chance

Paul Haven

In his inaugural address, President Barack Obama signaled conciliation to America's foes by using the metaphor of an outstretched hand to an unclenched fist. Indeed, there are signs that some of those foes were listening, sensing an opening for improved relations after eight combative years under President George W. Bush. Fidel Castro is said to like the new American leader, and North Korea and Iran both sounded open to new ideas to defuse nuclear-tinged tensions.

Some global adversaries ready to America's foes by using the metaphor of an unclenched fist.

Dan Keane

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Obama ushered in a new era for the United States, making front-page headlines all over the world and capturing the attention America's global adversaries.

Bolivians back new constitution

Bolivia's President Evo Morales is showered with confetti as he arrives to vote in a referendum on the new constitution in the coca growing village of Villa 14 de Septiembre in central Bolivia, Sunday.

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The charter passed easily in a country where many can still recall when Indians were forbidden to vote. But it sometimes vague wording and resistance from Bolivia's mestizo and European-descended minorities foreshadows more political tensions in an Andean nation polarized by race and class.

Morales, Bolivia's first Indian president, says the charter will "decolonize" South America's poorest country by recovering indigenous lands lost under centuries of oppression dating back to the Spanish conquest.

With an eye to redistributing landholdings to nationalize Bolivia's natural gas industry. Morales has increased power for the long-suffering poor.

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Democrats: Stimulus plan no quick fix for economy

Stephen Ohlemacher  
Associated Press

The White House warned Sunday that the country could face a long and painful financial recovery even as major government intervention to stimulate the economy and save financial institutions.

"We're off and running, but it's going to get worse before it gets better," said Vice President Joe Biden, taking the lead on a theme echoed by other Democratic officials on the Sunday talk shows.

At the end of the Obama administration's first week, the party in power at both ends of Pennsylvania Avenue sought to lower expectations for a quick fix despite legislation expected to pass by next month that would pump billions of dollars into the economy.

Democrats also opened the door for even more government aid to struggling banks beyond the $700 billion bailout already in the pipeline.

Congress has given President Barack Obama permission to spend the second $500 billion of a Wall Street bailout package even though lawmakers have criticized the Bush administration for the way it spent the first half. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said she is open to additional government rescue money for banks and financial institutions. But she said taxpayers must get an ownership stake in return.

Biden said Obama's choice for Treasury secretary, Timothy Geithner, will recommend whether more money is needed for the banks. Geithner could be confirmed by the Senate as early as Monday.

Congress is working on an $825 billion economic recovery package that dedicates about two-thirds to new government spending and the rest to tax cuts. Separate proposals making their way through the House and Senate would combine tax cuts for individuals and businesses, help for cash-strapped state governments, aid for the poor and unemployed, and direct spending by the federal government.

The goal is to infuse money directly into the economy in the hope of bringing the nation out of recession, while creating 3 million to 4 million jobs. It would be largest economic recovery package ever enacted. The White House says the scope rivals the construction of the interstate highway system after World War II.

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Nowhere are the opportunities — and the risks — of diplomacy more stark than in the Middle East.

Iran still considers the U.S. the "Great Satan," but a day after Obama was sworn in, it said it was "ready for new approaches by the United States.," Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said his country would study the idea of allowing the U.S. to open a diplomatic office in Tehran, the first since the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

Still, the differences between the two nations are deep — U.S. suspicions about Iran's nuclear program, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's threats to annihilate Israel, and Tehran's support for militants in Iraq — and analysts say that baby steps are all that can be hoped for, at least in the short term.

Iran's parliament speaker, Ali Larijani, said the country had doubts that Obama's MidEast policy will be different from the Bush administration, as late television reported Sunday.

And diplomacy has its limits. Some experts feel the Islamic nation is committed to developing nuclear weapons, whatever the cost.

Obama may think "he can convince Iran to give up its nuclear program, but this is a red line for us," said Nasr political analyst Khaleel al-Dakhil.

Israel and the Palestinians present the new president with one of his greatest challenges, and he has been quick to demonstrate his interest.

With the latest Gaza fighting still reverberating around the world, Obama appointed George Mitchell, mediator of peace in Northern Ireland, as special envoy to the Middle East.

While the task is daunting, some see room for Obama to maneuver.

Syria, which has emerged between rival regimes and potential peace partner, has indicated that it seeks no further quarrel with Washington, even saying it would like the new administration to mediate stalled Syrian-Israeli peace talks.

If Obama helps Syria in from the cold, analysts say it could have far-reaching benefits. Syria has great influence over two of Israel's main enemies — Hezbollah in neighboring Lebanon, and Hamas, whose leaders live in Damascus. Assad could also help pressure Syrian ally Iran to take a more measured stance.

Another striking sign of change on Obama's first full day in office was an article in The New York Times written by Libyan President Mouammar Gadhafi.

In it, Gadhafi recognized the Jews' long history of persecution and said they "belonged to our homelands." He associated Zionism with his own Arab-Islamic state, insisting that a peace solution — a binational Arab-Jewish state — is an anathema to Arabs, but that his conciliatory language marked a turnaround from the terrorism-sponsoring Gadhafi of old.

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New eatery brings Arabic spice to SLO

Chris Jagger
SAN LUIS OBISPO

Getting tired of late-night trips to Pita Pit? If so, Petra, a new restaurant opened in San Luis Obispo that specializes in Mediterranean cuisine and pizza may be able to help you out.

Samir Aburashed and his father Todd opened Petra in early December. The restaurant is located on the corner of Higuera and Toro streets, ironically situated next to Jiffs — one of the few restaurants in town that serves a similar style of food. Aburashed invested $300,000 to get Petra up and running, which included demolishing a flower shop that stood on the property beforehand.

The interior is lined with cedar from floor to ceiling and the unique aroma of freshly baked pita bread runs throughout, as there is no wall separating the kitchen from the main dining area.

There is also a downstairs room available for large gatherings. A flat-screen TV is mounted to the wall for entertainment.

Aburashed describes Petra as "two restaurants in one," featuring traditional Arabic entrees and pizza. Jordan is the main influence behind the restaurant's cuisine and "Petra" is a reference to an archeological site in the country.

Petra serves three options of meat: lamb, chicken and gyro, a combination of beef and lamb. All meats are tender and boneless. The flavor and texture of the chicken is superb after soaking in a spicy marinate for hours.

Vegetarians too can enjoy items like falafel and hummus, a combination of beef and lamb. All meats are tender and boneless. The flavor and texture of the chicken is superb after soaking in a spicy marinate for hours.

Petra offers four signature pizzas, including the Greek feta, which Aburashed said is the most popular item. This pizza uses homemade pesto sauce as a base and is topped off with fresh spinach, onions, tomatoes, artichokes and feta cheese. The pita bread is thin yet sturdy, and is puffy on the outside like a traditional pizza.

The pricing is modest, considering one meal could sufficiently feed two people. Entrees run between $6 and $16, while pizzas are $9 to $20, depending on the size.

Petra is open every day from 11 a.m. until midnight. Delivery is an option, as long as the order is $25 or more. Aburashed has a license to deliver wine with orders.

Petra is the epitome of a local business. Aburashed, a Cal Poly communications graduate, and his family, which has lived in San Luis Obispo for 35 years, own and operate the restaurant all day, every day.
Retail therapy prayers are answered

I don’t have one particular religion. I can’t say I’m Christian, or Jewish, or Muslim. You could say I have experienced with the idea of belief. I’ve tried several ideologies from the ungodly religions. But I guess if I had to pick one, I would have been interested in getting into something that would ship the retail god of materialism.

He/she is a god that demands fear and respect and has several names. Some call him/her Fendi, some Isaac Mizrahi, some Betsey Johnson, but me, I call him Marc Jacobs.

Suffice to say, this Thanksgiving I expected the sales to top any preceding year. I thought that this would be my salvation. In such a poor economy, I had not set foot into a store in awhile. I imagined designer shi$h for $10, purses for pennies, iPhones for less than a 1995 SMS Walkman. I scoured the flooded Las Vegas strip for the perfect sale, and all of the incen­ sive items I had dreamed up. Sadly, Black Friday was more gray than black. I left with nothing to show for a full day of shopping in heels.

I prayed to Marc Jacobs every night in a set or two, I make up for this Thanksgiving’s pitiful excuse for Black Friday. Finally, this month he answered my prayers. I have never seen so many store windows lit up with red signs announcing not just a small sale, but in some cases, all of the store is on sale.

I perused Hipigata Street wide-eyed, jaw dropped, I felt like a kid in a candy store, like a shop-a-holic at a Bloomingdale’s end-of-season sale. Where would I go? First, I set it in euphoria. I saw signs with words as tall as me ushering in shoppers with the promise of “60 percent off all sale merchandise” and all I could think was “I will be downtown doing everything I can to help our struggling businesses.”

Everyone is entitled to their opinion, that’s just a speck of the beauty of America. America has always been beautiful, only many have taken that beauty for granted. I think President Obama well, but please keep in mind he is a man. A man of flesh, blood and human nature... not a god (I already have one). Don’t wait for the wealth, because you will just wait. Come with the “American Way,” and earn your dream, don’t expect others to provide it.

As historic as this may be, I seem to remember another bit of history: “And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country. My fellow citizens of the world: ask not what America will do for you, but what together we can do for the freedom of man.” (Inaugural Address by John F Kennedy — Jan. 20, 1961).

Response to “Today we inaugu­ rate a man, not a God”

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Mosley climbs back to the top

John Nadel
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — At age 37, Shane Mosley’s better days appeared to be behind him following a narrow loss to Miguel Cotto in November 2007 and an unimpressive victory over Ricardo Maruaga four months ago.

That all changed with his domination of Antonio Margarito.

"Well, I did it again, right here at the Staples Center — the king of Cali," a giddy Mosley said after taking Margarito’s WBA welterweight title via a technical knockout at 43 seconds of the ninth round Saturday night.

"Everything that we worked on came to pass," Mosley said. "I wasn’t really expecting a knockout. It happened." Did it ever. And in most convincing fashion.

The bout was Mosley’s second at Staples Center. He won a 12-round split decision over Oscar De La Hoya on June 17, 2000 in the first boxing match held at the downtown Los Angeles arena to win a version of the world welterweight title for the first time of three times. He’s also been a champion in the lightweight and junior middleweight divisions.

All things considered, this triumph might have been more impressive.

"It was an amazing performance by Shane," said Richard Schaefer, the CEO of Golden Boy Promotions, which promoted the bout along with Top Rank. "A lot of people counted him out. He turned back the clock.

Margarito was coming off an impressive victory over the previously unbeaten Cotto six months ago to win the WBA welterweight crown and leave the 30-year-old slugger being touted as one of the world’s top pound-for-pound fighters.

But Mosley dominated the man known as the "Tijuana Tornado" from start to finish, handing him the first knockout of his career.

"I think my speed was too much for him," Mosley said. "I was fast. I have a lot of power in my punches. He’s very strong and powerful, he comes at you. I’m also powerful. People underestimate my strength. (Ricardo) Maruaga, (Fernando) Vargas, these guys are big. I’m able to knock them out. Margarito didn’t feel nearly as big."

Mosley said he’d lose another shot at Cotto, but would take on all-comers.

He also mentioned the possibility of meeting the winner of the Manny Pacquiao-Ricky Hatton fight, scheduled for May 2 in Las Vegas.

A rematch with Margarito would also seem to be a possibility.

"Right now, I’m the man to beat," Mosley said.

Mosley brought in Nazim Richard to train him for this fight, replacing his father, Jack. That move couldn’t have worked out any better.

"I said before the fight I knew (Margarito) was something special, so we put a special game plan in," Rich­ardson said. "Shane Mosley’s an ex­cellent athlete. Shane Mosley’s an excel­lent student."

Shane Mosley, left, connects with Antonio Margarito during their welterweight title fight Saturday night.

Mosley continued to force the action in the ninth, and finally Margarito’s corner threw in the towel when the fighter was unable to defend himself. Mosley landed 18 power punches and 21 overall to none for Margarito in the final round.

Mosley, who weighed the maximum 147 pounds, raised his record to 37-6 with 27 knockouts. Margarito, who weighed 145.8 pounds, dropped to 35-4-2 with 27 knockouts.

"It was a great night for me," Mosley said. "Hopefully, there are many, many more."

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**SATURDAY JAN 31 6PM**

**GREEK NIGHT CHALLENGE**

*Note earlier start time - Game Televised on Fox Sports Net*
Cal Poly sophomore guard Desiray Johnston (13) defends against a UC Davis guard on Saturday night.

WEEKEND round-up

MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS

Lakers breeze to 99-85 victory over Spurs

John Nadel
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — After a month of playing short-handed, the Los Angeles Lakers are back to full strength. Los Angeles won its first dual of the season Saturday, dominating the Broncos (6-1) en route to losing just one singles match. Of the five singles matches the Mustangs won, no Santa Clara player won more than three games in a set. Mustangs' junior Suze Matzenauer beat Stephanie Galatina 6-2, 6-1 at the No. 1 singles position while No. 120 Maria Malesevic upset Ashley Pan 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3 singles.

The Mustangs' top doubles team of Brittany Blalock and Steffi Wong also won handily 8-2 over Galatina and Panenka.

The Mustangs return home for a single game this weekend, hosting Cal State Northridge at 6 p.m. Saturday in a Fox Sports Network-Prime Ticket televised matchup.

Los Angeles' Kobe Bryant, middle, shoots over San Antonio Spurs center Tim Duncan in the Lakers 99-85 win Sunday at the Staples Center.

football

CAL POLY 64, UC DAVIS 60

Sperduto by senior guard Lisa McBride's season-high 20 points and a defense that held the Aggies to just two field goals in the final 11 minutes. Cal Poly (11-7, 4-3 Big West Conference) defeated UC Davis on Saturday night at Mott Gym.

Trailing 50-40 with 11 minutes remaining, Cal Poly would outscore the Aggies (7-11, 1-4) 24-10 en route to the victory.

Mustangs' sophomore forward Kristina Santiago recorded her 15th consecutive double-digit scoring effort scoring 12 points and adding four rebounds and four assists. McBride also added eight rebounds.

The Aggies were led by a game-high 22 points, eight rebounds and three assists from sophomore forward Paige Munns.

Cal Poly returns to the court at 7 p.m. Tuesday when they take on non-conference foe Cal State Bakersfield in the Icardo Center.

no tennis

Cal Poly senior guard Chae Thomas hit two 3-point field goals in a 30 second span down the stretch to give the Mustangs their second-consecutive Big West road victory on Saturday night.

After making as many as 16 baskets with just nine minutes remaining in the game, Thomas' first 3-point shot gave Cal Poly (5-12, 2-5 Big West Conference) its first lead of the game at 73-72. After an Aggies' layup to retake the lead, Thomas hit another 3-pointer with 51 seconds remaining to Cal Poly the lead for good.

The Mustangs ended the game on a 23-5 run over the final nine minutes.

Cal Poly junior guard Lorenzo Keeler had a game-high 19 points on 6-12 shooting while senior forward Tima Shelbon added 17 points, six rebounds and four assists.

UC Davis (9-11, 3-3) was led by sophomore guard Joe Harden's 16 points and a game-high 11 rebounds.

Barden was also made a one-yard reception on a throw from Texas Tech quarterback Graham Harrell. "I definitely think I improved or helped myself, what-