Poly sophomore who lost battle with cancer this summer remembered as inspiration to others

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After a vigorous three-year battle with bone cancer, mechanical engineering sophomore Chris Champion died Aug. 5 before he could enter his third year at Cal Poly. While he was fighting cancer, Champion started a blog and began posting stories about his experience of fighting cancer said his girlfriend.

The blog reached thousands of people from across the nation and the world with posts about his cancer relapses and his faith in God. Emily Barber, Champion's high school sweetheart and girlfriend at the time of Champion's passing, said that he would receive words of encouragement from people across the nation and world.

"This blog was one more way to let his story inspire people, and to show them how much he was trusting in God for his safekeeping," Barber said.

After being diagnosed with cancer in his left femur in 2007, Champion had a hip and femur replacement at Stockdale High School. The summer before he came to Cal Poly, he went through chemotherapy and finished his treatment right before WOW.

Biological sciences junior Mike Safina met Champion in the Yosemite dorms their freshman year. When he first met a bald-headed, post-chemotherapy Champion, Safina thought he was a skidhead.

"I was wrong. He was a man of faith that could not be rocked by any circumstance. When he was told by doctors he wouldn't live much longer, he didn't cash in his chips," Safina said. "I remember a couple months before he died, my friend and I went to visit him in the hospital. When we first saw him, I expected him to be depressed and dealing, but he greeted us with a giant smile and shouting. He was so excited we were there, not just because he missed us, but he truly wanted an In-and-Out burger and was trying to convince us to bust him out of the hospital by tying his bed to my friend's truck. That was who Chris was."

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Michael Pollan packs PAC

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Students and San Luis Obispo community members lined up on Thursday morning to see the panel discussion with Michael Pollan at the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

David Weinert, Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Resources, said 1,400 people attended the event and the PAC was filled to capacity. A reservation with a 200-person capacity had been set up out of overflow and that was filled as well. Nearly 400 viewers also watched a live stream of the event on the Mustang Daily Web site.

"I wanted to see where he comes from," Weinert said.

Weinert spoke before the panel discussion and asked all the farmers in the audience to stand, about a quarter of the people in the audience stood.

The discussion started out with questions generated by the moderator Scott J. Vernon, a professor of agriculture education at Cal Poly, then moved on to a couple of audience-generated questions written on index cards.

Weinert said he has heard mostly positive feedback, except people's dismay regarding the event's format change.

There were official looking programs that highlighted the controversy between Harris Ranch and President Warren Baker. The programs said they were made by a coalition of concerned students, alumni, faculty, and community members.

Weinert said Baker's office is forming a response to the flyer, which accused him of censoring the event and violating Cal Poly's standards of academic freedom. The pamphlet sites parts of the Resolution on Academic Freedom, which Baker signed in June 2009.

Senior projects go online

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The Robert E. Kennedy Library implemented a new policy this September that senior projects may now only be submitted to the library electronically through DigitalCommons, a new software that serves as a digital catalog for student projects. After having their work published through DigitalCommons, students will be able to search and find their projects through any online search engine. The library will no longer be creating a microfiche catalog of senior projects. They were stored on a small card with micro images and text.

Before DigitalCommons was implemented, the old procedure began with students filling out a senior project requirement form and paying a $12 senior project fee to the cashier's office. Each department collected the senior projects and sent them to the library to be cataloged. The senior projects were then sent to get microfiched. Two to four weeks later, the senior project returned to the library in its original form with two copies of the microfiche in the library's senior project collection, they sent the original project along with the second copy of the microfiche back to the department. The department
Karzai balking at proposal to end election dispute

Hal Bernton and Jonathan S. Landay

KABUL, Afghanistan — The United States and other powers struggled Saturday to persuade Afghanistan’s President Hamid Karzai to accept a deal to resolve the dispute over the country’s tainted presidential election and avert a political crisis that could ignite a potentially violent backslide in the Anti-Taliban-led insurgency.

The Afghan leader’s closest challenger, former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, told U.S. officials earlier this week that he’d agree to a deal under certain conditions, said three U.S. officials, who all requested anonymity because they weren’t authorized to speak publicly.

Under the plan, Karzai would accept the fact that if fraudulant votes are thrown out, he failed to win more than half the vote in the Aug. 20 election. In return, Abdullah, the second-place finisher, would forgo a runoff by withdrawing and endorsing a Karzai-led unity government that included some of his allies, the officials said. Karzai also would have to pursue key political reforms to root out official corruption and improve public services.

“If you can mediate a settlement which leads to a stronger and more unified government, our sense is that would be a means of gaining the most significant support by the Afghan people and enhancing the perceived legitimacy of that government,” said a senior Obama administration official in Washington.

The war in Afghanistan entered its ninth month this month, with U.S. commanders acknowledging that the 100,000-strong U.S.-led international contingent and Afghan forces are at risk of losing. A recent U.S. intelligence assessment estimated that there now are at least 25,000 full-time Islamist guerrillas in Afghanistan, 20 percent more than there were a year ago.

A stable Kabul government is crucial to President Barack Obama’s efforts to reinvigorate his Afghan war strategy. Officials led by Vice President Joe Biden favor shifting the focus to decapitating al-Qaida in neighboring Pakistan, but top U.S. military commanders are seeking as many as 80,000 additional U.S. troops to help stabilize Afghanistan and double the size of the Afghan National Army.

Karzai, however, appeared to be digging in his heels Saturday, giving no indication that he’s willing to accept a deal expected Sunday from the United Nations Election Complaints Commission that could too out as many as 1.5 million questionable votes for him. That would drive his preliminary tally of 46.4 percent below the 50 percent mark and require a runoff.

Karzai’s refusal to accept the EEC’s decision, perhaps by turning to the country’s Independent Election Commission, whose members he appointed, or to its Supreme Court, which he dominates, could ignite a potentially violent backlash by Abdullah’s supporters, the bulk of whom are Tajiks and other ethnic minorities who dominate Kabul and northern provinces.

“The best possible outcome at this point is for Karzai to accept a runoff and let Abdullah concede with a deal,” an official in the U.S. defense official said Saturday.

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Sliding dollar may be something to cheer about

Don Lee

WASHINGTON — The falling dollar is stoking fears of inflation and worries about the country's eroding power in the world. But for now it may just be the tonic that's needed to help the U.S. economy get back on its feet.

By making American products cheaper for most foreign buyers, the weakening dollar also gives domestic businesses a competitive edge at home, making their products cheaper than rival imports.

The greenback's value slipped for a fourth straight day Thursday, to its lowest level in more than a year against other major currencies. It now takes $1.49 to buy one euro, compared with $1.26 seven months ago. Many experts expect the dollar to help the U.S. economy get back on its feet.

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Iraqis say they want U.S. investment, strategic support
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and mentors.
Iraqi military and civilian officials talk about the United States as a strategic partner in a dangerous neighborhood, the facilitator of future business investments, even the solver of problems in the provinces and the dysfunctional central government.

Ehsan Abdul Jabbar, the head of a local government investment council in Basra, told the crowd of 500 aboard the ‘Peace’ the Americans are staying ‘to lead Iraq to the place where they can develop to teach with Iraq the edge of safety.’

Hill agreed with a businessman who asked for help constructing the United Nations to revoke 1991 sanctions that still thwart Iraq's air and sea transportation. 'It's definitely on my radar screen.' Hill said just what the audience wanted to hear.

'We are sure that if the Americans are convinced of something they will do it,' someone cried out. The 50 or so businessmen nodded agreement as the mood morphed into that of a revival meeting.

It was the first trip to Iraq's second-largest city for Hill, a veteran diplomat with experience in Eastern Europe and Korea, since he assumed his post in late April. Hill came to Basra to deliver the ‘tough love’ message that Iraqis must start taking on the management of their own affairs, as his own takeaway was the country's enormous problems could be solved if Iraqis learn to manage their affairs.

He was to meet the following day on the eve of a U.S-sponsored conference in Washington that's expected to attract hundreds of U.S. and foreign investors, as well as some 200 Iraqi businessmen in a delegation led by Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

The top-ranking military officer in Basra, Maj. Gen. Mohammed Jibril Hwaidi, in a separate meeting expressed gratitude for the hearts-and-minds projects that U.S. forces and civilian experts are undertaking and asked the U.S. to help defend Shiite Muslim-ruled Iraq in the face of hostile Sunni-rulled countries.

'Neighboring countries in the area will not like to see a strong and secure Iraq,' he told Hill, singling out Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Syria by name. Hill responded diplomatically that some of Iraq's neighbors 'dislike us even more than they dislike you,' a reference to Iran, but added: 'Others have respect for us, and I think we can do something to help you,' a reference to the Sunni neighbors.

As for the U.S. military presence, ‘as long as your people want us here, we will be here,’ Hill said.

Hwaidi, who spent years in prison under the Saddam Hussein regime and in March 2008 was in charge of the operations room when al-Maliki led the military operation that freed Basra of Shiite militias, was supposed to be in Lebanon to receive medical treatment, but he delayed his departure to welcome Hill, an aide said.

When British troops were in southern Iraq, children ‘threw rocks at convoys,’ the general told him. ‘Now they wave and say ‘hi.’’ He added: ‘Iraqis realize the Americans are here to help change the country. With your continued support, we will find benefits both in the economy and in our security.’

WORD ON THE STREET

“Have you read senior projects on microfiche at the library?”

“No, I'm just a freshman. Maybe eventually I will read them.”

-Tony Kilbo, business freshman

“No, I don't know where or what that is.”

-Brett Armstrong, computer engineering junior

“No, because I don't know where they are and they are probably boring.”

-Brittany Franz, recreation parks and tourism administration senior

“Yes, I used it yesterday for the first time. I'd use it more if it was converted; it would be a lot easier.”

-Kerstin Claunch, kinesiology sophomore

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If there's one thing Colombians want people around the world to know, it's that there is more to their country than the current drug problem. In a panel discussion Thursday night at Lambda Theta Alpha's "A Night in Colombia" event, mechanical engineering grad student Oscar Daza reminisced about the passion for life and food the people of Colombia have in his home country. A native of Palmira, Colombia, Daza has been in America for five years and said he is still struggling to adapt to the differences of the people.

"I miss the warmth of the people, seeing more smiles in the streets, the food, the natural juices that we make over there," he said. "All (Americans) see and hear about is drugs and that hurts me (because) Colombia's not just about drugs."

In the event hosted by the Multicultural Center (MCC), Lambda Theta Alpha sorority and the Interested Ladies of Lambda Theta Alpha, the ASI San Luis Lounge looked more like the Colombian flag than a university study room. Decorated with balloons, streamers and posters in yellow, blue and red, approximately 40 students piled in to learn about the country's culture, religion and history. Posterboard displays highlighting famous Colombian natives (such as Shakira and NASCAR driver Juan Pablo Montoya) and the country's culture (such as the patron saint of the Republic of Colombia, La Virgen de Chiquinquira, and Colombian-style see Colombia, page 7
Over the past couple of years, I have made countless irrelevant analogies, pretentious statements, contentious contradictions and flat out dick-moves. Not only that, but I’ve spent some years as a music director, columnist, on-air personality, public speaker and all-around attention whore. The reason is that I have always believed that I am an interesting and poignant individual who is worth spending some time with. Spending countless hours reading romantic poetry and being super introspective, I thought I was discovering universal truths that would somehow deviate away from the banal cliches crammed down our throats by everybody else. But it was really just a bunch of bullshit.

Just because I feel any sort of way about anything doesn’t mean that’s the way it is. Oh my god, look at me teaching you people things you didn’t already know. My personal experiences do not and cannot match yours, and that’s why wherever I have to say about experience doesn’t help anybody.

What I’m trying to say here is that introspection is mantrum. That’s why, I’ve just decided, I didn’t like “Let the Blind Lead Those Who Can See but Cannot Feel,” the debut LP by Atlas Sound, but really enjoyed “Logos,” the second LP by Atlas Sound and the solo project of Deerhunter frontman, Bradford Cox.

“Logos,” as Cox himself explains, is a more collaborative effort that deviates away from his “Last album [which was a] bedroom laptop type of thing. Very introverted.” Recorded in studios and homes around the world, “Logos” moves away from the auto-biographical nature of “Let the Blind Lead Those Who Can See but Cannot Feel,” and seems to be acknowledging the world outside of himself. Songs like “Walkabout,” which features Noah Lennox, more popularly known as Panda Bear of Animal Collective, are way more upbeat and positive while still holding on to the haunting and depressing things about life.

“Logos,” on a purely sonic level, is an absolutely beautiful and sprawling masterpiece that starts off with “The Light That Failed,” a repetitive track that expands, shuffles, blooms, blossoms, etc. from plain laptop-pop to panoramic instrumentation, whatever the hell that means. The vocals are frail to give it a dreamy effect, but still clear enough to follow the lyrics and pretty enjoyable.

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Pollan saga highlights shortcomings in Poly's commitment to free speech

Michael Pollan should have been the first to jump on the bandwagon when he came to speak at Cal Poly regarding farming sustainability last Thursday. After all, that is the very topic of his book "The Omnivore's Dilemma," which was published by the Sustainable Agriculture Research Consortium decided to bring him to campus.

But as a respected agricultural school, Cal Poly shouldn't equate a well-known and highly-respected voice for agricultural reform with two people who represent the old system one that already has a huge voice on this campus. With something as important as food production and money allocated toward specific programs is beneficial for university maintenance. But it should be expected that donors will sometimes disagree with what happens on campus. Furthermore, money that comes at the expense of transparency should never be welcomed.

When this happens, the people with the money are the winners, while everyone else is left in the dark as to what's really going on. Just because Baker's letter correspondence was a big donor doesn't mean similar conversations haven't occurred over other contentious issues. Now that(this community members, from freshmen to the (not-so-famous) alumni should be suspicious about what's being concealed.

Michael Pollan is often criticized for not being an ideological-progressive enough and for hiding behind terms like "diversity" while doing little to progress ideas across the campus. Not only does this event add to that harmful image, but it beg the question of how much further along Cal Poly would be in terms of goals like diversity and sustainability. However, it is a cause for concern.

Baker released a statement last week to offset some of the controversies in which he defended his decision of forming the panel, saying "I believe the panel discussion served our students well and cannot do no other reasonably be considered a disservice to academic freedom, a core value that I have dedicated my life to as a professor and as a citizen." Baker's letter correspondence with a big donor however, is something that I find troubling. How can Cal Poly's principle of balance going to appear to be missing in the middle of the issue?

Instead of bowing to the power of money, Baker should have stood up to the big agribusiness bullies and refused to let their strongholds on agriulture translate into strongholds on ideas on campus instead of hiding behind the notions of "free speech" and "diversity." Cal Poly would be in trouble if it even if it comes with a half-million dollar gift.

Michael Pollan put it best this weekend at an L.A. Times article. "The issue is about whether the school is really free to explore diverse ideas about farming," he said. "Is the principle of balance going to apply across the board? The next Monsanto (a multinational agricultural corporation) is supposed to speak at Cal Poly about why we need (genetically modified organisms) to feed the world, with the aim of getting money and the idea. Will I be invited back for that show? I doubt it.

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the Mustangs.
Southern Utah quarterback
Cade Cooper, who was ranked
19th in the FCS for passing yard
age coming into Saturday, found
his rhythm — finishing the con­
test 27-40 and three touchdowns.
The Mustangs have been the only
team to hold Cooper under 250
yards passing this season.

While receiver Jared Utas held
on to a jaw-dropping, 14-yard
touchdown catch in the corner of
the end zone, surving over one
defender in the first quarter.
The Thunderbirds out passed
the Mustangs by 241 yards, but
the Mustangs were able to gain
106 more yards than the Thun­
derbirds on the ground.

Cal Poly held the Southern
Utah on two of four fourth-
down conversion attempts and
talled three turnovers, including
an interception in the end zone.
The Mustang defense has forced
at least three takeaways in their
past three games.

Linebacker Marty Mohamed
accumulated a game-high 12
 tackles.
Cal Poly looks to carry m o­
tum into next week when
they host Dixie State at Alex G.
Spanos Stadium. Kickoff is set for
6:05.

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minute when Camacho settled a
ball off a pass from Nadia Link, and
fired a shot from 10 yards out with
Hoover making a diving save.
The Mustangs took just three
shots in the scoreless first half, two
on goal compared to six by the
49ers with two on goal.
The Mustangs best scoring
opportunity came in the 30th
minute when Kristina Condon-
Sherwood was awarded a free kick
from 30 yards out. She bent it
around the wall, but LBU goalie
Emily Kingsborough was there for
the stop.
The 49ers had an opportunity
in the 38th minute on a cross from
the left side by Karina Camacho,
but Hoover was able to punch the
ball out of the box.
Overall Long Beach State was
able outshoot Cal Poly 15-8 with
six shots on goal compared to the
Mustang's four.
Hoover earned her eighth
shutout of the season making six
saves in the game. Kingsborough
took the loss for the 49ers, making
tree saves.
The Mustangs honored the
team's seven seniors prior to the
game. Coral Hoover, Kaleena
Andrus, Ally Kellogg, Carissa
Voegle, Kristina Condon-Sher-
wood, Jessica Rodriguez and Juli-
anne Grimstead.
The Mustangs return to the
field on the road when they travel
to Pacific for a conference game
on Oct. 23.

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lead changes at 24-23 following
a McConnell kill.
Cal Poly, however, commit­
ted 11 hitting miscues during a
third set in which the Mustangs
led just once and never by more
than two points. Pacific forced
the deciding set by hitting .440
during game No. 4.
In the fifth set, kills by fresh­
man Jennifer Keddy and sopho­
more Catie Smith allowed the
Mustangs to build an early 4-2
advantage. Pacific, however,
failed to commit a hitting error
down the stretch and utilized an
8-2 run to post its first victory in
Friday night Cal Poly fell in
five-sets to UC Davis. Against
the Aggies, it was more of a
back-and-forth affair. The Mus­
tangs took the first set, the Aggies
the second and the Mustangs the
third. From there the Aggies con­
ned the next two sets for the
victory.
In both games the Mustangs
won two of the first three match­
es.

Despite a youthful team head
coach Jon Stevenson is not con­
vincing his recent teams struggles
are due to a lack of experience.
He's satisfied his rotation of
young players and feels comfort­
able with their experience.

“I don't think it's that they're
that young or youthful,” he said.
“The freshman are 21 matches old.
In volleyball life that's a substantial
number of matches.”

Cal Poly resumes play at UC
Riverside on Friday, Oct. 23.
Match time inside the Student
Recreation Center, as well as for
Cal Poly's Oct. 24 match at No. 21
UC Irvine, is scheduled for 7 p.m.
Mustangs hold off fourth-quarter rally, defeat Thunderbirds in homecoming game, 24-23

Brian De Los Santos

In a game highlighted with injuries, it was the story of come-backs that headlined Saturday's contest.

"In my five years at Cal Poly, I've been on the other end of [missed field goal] a couple times to many," defensive end Ryan Shortwell said.

The Mustangs edged a win against Southern Utah 24-23 after the Thunderbirds missed an extra-point that should have tied the game with nine seconds left Saturday night in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

With the Thunderbirds trailing 17-24 and 1:47 left in the game, Southern Utah embarked on a 65-yard, 10-play drive that ended with Tyson Streets catching a 15-yard pass in between two defenders for a touchdown.

The Thunderbirds originally lined up to try for a two-point conversion, but following a time-out, a decision led Southern Utah to line up for two. The extra-point was then missed wide-left by Ryan Griffith, sending the Thunderbirds home (2-4).

"I know exactly how those guys feel, it's going to be a long bus ride home, they're a good team and I wish them the best of luck," Shortwell said.

Cal Poly gains their first Great West win and advances to 3-3, with an undefeated record at home.

The come-from-behind touchdown was not the only comeback that found its way onto the gridiron Saturday, many Mustangs made appearances after being recently sidelined with injuries.

Jon Hall, Xavier Gadour, Dominique Johnson and Tony Smith all saw playing time against Southern Utah. Hall and Smith both finished the game with touchdowns, Johnson caught two passes and Gadour tackled five tackles.

All were effective, but the most impressive performance Saturday fell on the shoulders of sophomore fullback Jake Romanelli, who made a start due to an injury to starting fullback Jordan Vucans.

Romanelli was able to rumble for 112 yards and a touchdown, in his first extensive playing time since San Jose State. His totals mark his first career 100-yard rushing game and his first career rushing touchdown.

"It was an awesome feeling to say the least," Romanelli said. "All the credit goes to my (offensive) line especially (Scott Winnewiser) and (Maurice McClare) on the left side."

Along with Romanelli Cal Poly was able gain success on the ground. He was just one of five Mustangs who rushed for 228 total yards combined.

The Mustangs didn't choose to throw the ball much, but when called upon, Tony Smith struggled to revive what has proven to be a stagnant passing offense.

Smith looked impressive early when he connected with Dominique Johnson for two receptions on Cal Poly's first drive, but didn't complete another pass until well into the fourth quarter. He finished the game 3-7 for 22 yards. Smith's total number of completions matched the total number of rushing touchdowns the Mustangs scored Saturday.

As the Mustang passing game struggled to find its stride, the Thunderbird passing offense was able to establish consistency. Poole put on a monster performance for the Thunderbirds as he caught 12 catches for 170 yards and a touchdown. Poole may be all too familiar with multiple catchers against Cal Poly; he caught 16 passes for 246 yards last year against Long Beach State.

Cal Poly's offensive line has helped the Mustangs rush for more than 150 yards in every contest this season.

Men's soccer pulls past Long Beach State 1-0

A goal by sophomore Tiffany Gummow in the 47th minute of play gave Cal Poly a 1-0 win over Long Beach State in a hotly contest Big West Conference game between the two men's soccer programs at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Sunday. With the win, Cal Poly improves to 11-5-0 overall and 5-1-0 in Big West play while the 49ers fall to 5-8-2 overall and 1-3-0 in BWC.

Gummow's game winner, her fourth goal of the season, came when she dribbled the ball down the left side of the field, beating two LBSU defenders. The shot squeezed between the far post and deflected off the goalie and into the net.

The goal by Gummow may have been the deciding factor in the 73rd minute created the drama. Off a Long Beach State corner kick by Karma Camacho, 49er Lindsay Bullock headed the ball toward the Cal Poly goal while Cora Houser the Mustang goalie deflected the ball toward the post and off of a Cal Poly defender for an apparent save.

Long Beach State claimed a goal while Cal Poly claimed the save. A discussion of over four minutes by the officials resulted in a no goal call and the officials put the ball back in play with a dropped ball 10 yards in front of the Cal Poly goal. The resulting dropped ball saw the ball played out of bounds. Just as that discussion was ending, the Mustangs were able to establish another opportunity for a goal in the 50th.

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Volleyball falls in five sets to Pacific

Freshman outside hitter Megan McConnell led a trio of Mustangs in double-digit kill figures with 16 Saturday evening, but the Cal Poly volleyball team suffered a 23-25, 25-22, 25-19, 15-11 loss against Pacific in Mont Gym - the program's third-straight, five-set defeat and second in as many nights after leading.

"We were just ready to win in three," freshman outside hitter Megan McConnell said. "We wanted revenge for our previous losses."

Junior middle blocker Dominique Glowolofe added a season-best 15 kills and hit .469 while freshman opposite Holly Franks added 13 kills for Cal Poly (6-15, 2-6), which fell to 2-4 in five-set matches this year and 0-3 when leading during a five-set match. Freshman setter Anabela Kanzu totaled a career-best 56 assists for the Mustangs, who were outblocks by the Tigers, 33-30-200, and out-dueled, 23-10.

Despite being limited to a .422 hitting mark during set No. 1, the Mustangs snatched nine of the initial 11 points and led the opening game wire-to-wire. Cal Poly solidified its lead by battering Pacific (15-4, 5-3) with a 448 hitting percentage during the second set and claiming the last of three sets.

The Mustangs fell in back-to-back five game sets this weekend.