New CSU initiative to raise graduation rates

CSU campuses to raise six-year graduation rate 6 percent by 2016

Aimee Vasquez
MUSTANG DAILY

California State University (CSU) announced a graduation initiative last week that will attempt to raise the six-year graduation rate by at least 6 percent. The initiative strives to cut the CSU’s existing gap in degree attainment in half for underrepresented students across all 23 CSU campuses by the year 2016. The average CSU six-year graduation rate is currently at 46 percent. The board wants to bring it up by 8 percent systemswide, which would put it in the top quartile of national averages for similar institutions. CSU campuses already in the top quartile will attempt to raise their averages by 6 percent.

Erik Fallis, spokesperson for the CSU Chancellor’s Office said the initiative would also attempt to determine why the gaps exist.

"Graduation is important, and the fact is that too many students do not graduate," Fallis said. "There are several reasons for this, and the initiative is going to look into those reasons."

Fallis said one of the primary reasons students don’t finish college is they do not have a clear roadmap to their degree.

"The longer it takes to graduate, the more likely something in a student’s life will get in the way," he said.

The goal is nothing new for Cal Poly. Provost Robert Koob said Cal Poly responded to CSU pressure to raise graduation and retention rates a year ago.

"The CSU system is a bit behind," Koob said. "But we can always get better."

Cal Poly currently has the highest CSU graduation rate, with 73.8 percent of its students graduating within six years.

The six-year rate is the most traditional standard to base graduation success, according to Cal Poly Director of Institutional Planning and Assessment Brent Goodman.

Cal Poly, however, has agreed to improve its six-year graduation rate by 8 percent by 2016, and to raise underrepresented students’ graduation rates by 13 percent.

Each CSU will have the opportunity to develop its own method of raising graduation and retention rates, based on size, demographics, academic programs and available resources. Graduation data for all 23 campuses is posted on the Cal Poly Website.

CSU methods for increasing graduation and retention rates include summer bridge programs, guides to graduation, degree audits and earlier advising. Some of Cal Poly’s methods have included block-scheduling, early registration and prioritizing seniors in registration.

Ian Mait, a biological sciences and material engineering senior, said the initiative has been a double-edged sword.

"Cal Poly is a business; it’s very much about a turn-over," Mait said. "They are all about making you successful and getting you out of here as quickly as possible."

Mait said as a double major, it was particularly difficult.

"You’re sort of pushed out the door," he said.

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Students win big on game show

Leticia Rodriguez

Vanna White and Pat Sajak won't be the only people worth watching on Wheel of Fortune soon.

Recent Cal Poly graduate Jason Neubauer and microbiology senior Mike Toole were invited to compete on the game show after auditioning during spring break last year when the Wheel Mobile came to the Golden Hills Auto Center in Paso Robles. The two said they got the idea to compete on the show after seeing a commercial on television that said the show was looking for new contestants in the area.

"We were like 'Dude, we have to at least try,'" Toole said. "And just the fact that they were giving money away for free, that was pretty motivational right there."

But simply attending the audition in Paso Robles didn't mean they would get their chance to compete. The two were randomly selected to compete in a mock game of Wheel of Fortune with life-sized cut-outs of Sajak and White and answer questions about themselves. After a successful first round, the casting directors invited Neubauer and Toole back for a second round audition held at The Cliff Restaurant a week later. The second round was the last chance for competitors to show off their personalities and knowledge to a group of casting directors and producers. In addition to more questioning, the competitors also had to complete a free-question written test. Neubauer said the two men had no real strategy going into the second round of auditions except to be themselves.

"Basically, we were just hoping to get picked," Neubauer said. "We heard them ask a couple questions like where you're from, so we just kind of thought of witty and funny answers so that we could stand out but something to set you apart from the rest of the field; it's like a job interview."

The crew of casting directors must have liked what they saw in Neubauer and Toole, because a week and a half later, both men received phone calls inviting them to compete in the actual show. Before going on the show though, both men wanted to tell their parents. It was just getting their parents to believe that was the difficult part.

"I've told them so many ridiculous things in my life they were like 'Yeah, yeah, yeah,'" Toole said. "Then when I brought home the letter and they were like, 'That's sweet.'"

In the months that followed until their taping in November, they studied by playing a Wheel of Fortune cell phone application, a book of practice puzzles titled "Winning on the Wheel" and working the show every single night. But practicing for the show had nothing on the excitement of actually competing.

"It's the most incredible feeling in the world," Neubauer said. "When you actually go on the show there's nothing that describes the feeling of nervousness and excitement. You can't believe that you're actually doing this and you're actually playing for real money, which is even funnier."

The two weren't the only ones experiencing butterflies in their stomach that day. Neubauer's roommates, Danie and her husband were "very nervous" for their son prior to the show. Their biggest piece of advice to their son "Don't choke!"

"He kind of does choke (during the show) so when he does, we looked at each other like 'Oh no this is not going to happen.' But he did fine," she said. "We thought he was doing really well and then one of the opponents, she was doing better and we thought we was going to beat her but the girl hit the bankruptcy!"

Before going into the second round of auditions, both men wanted to meet Sajak and White. Toole said that Sajak was good at making the contestants feel comfortable and that White was "timeless" and "beautiful."

It was Sajak's wit that had Neubauer so anxious to meet him.

"When I talked to (White), she was talking about how she knit backgrounds during puzzles," Neubauer said. "I was more excited to meet Pat than I was to meet Vanna because I think Pat's more witty and I wanted to be witty with him. I was actually in the first position so I was next to Pat the whole time."

Both men said they were nervous going into the round but still walked away with a considerable amount of winnings totaling $47,000 between them in cash and prizes. Free money or not, participating on the game show was an adventure worthwhile for Toole.

"It's pretty surreal you know? The whole experience of being there thinking 'Wow, this is Pat Sajak. I just shook hands with Vanna White.' It was very cool to be actually on the set. It was such an experience I'm going to remember for the rest of my life," Toole said.

The episode of the show that aired with Neubauer aired on Jan. 27 and the episode with Toole airs on Feb. 4 on KSBY.

"We are going to push for the institution and see if we can get changed," Montenegro said. The students also said they realize that their efforts will need to continue following the day of action.

Fernandez said he wants to see a shift in priorities toward emphasizing a quality education over funding for prisons.

The efforts from recent demands around the state seem to be paying dividends as the governor proposed to place a two-year freeze on all cost increases for higher education earlier this month. In a recent New York Times article, Susan Kennedy, chief of staff to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, said the tipping point for choosing to fund higher education over the prison system was the protests on the University of California campuses.

Students who attended the teach-in said they thought it was beneficial. Jose Sanchez, an aerospace engineering graduate student, said he was concerned about how access to higher education was becoming more difficult.

"I really wanted to see what other people thought and if they were as concerned as I was about the quality of education," Sanchez said. Throughout the past couple months, the students have encouraged individuals to think about their own benefits from making higher education available or through abolishing the cut. Fernandez said their own individual views were that with increased tuition restrictions, through fewer classes and furloughs, are completely non-sustainable.

"We never thought about us," Fernandez said. "Instead, we thought about how we can go to gain back our education."
Pedal-defect theory comes under fire from manufacturer

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Toyota Motor Corp.'s decision to blame a widening sudden acceleration problem on a gas pedal defect came under attack Friday by the pedal manufacturer flatly denying that its products were at fault.

Federal vehicle safety records reviewed by the Los Angeles Times also cast doubt on Toyota's claim that sticky gas pedals were a significant factor in the growing reports of runaway vehicles. Of more than 2,000 motorist complaints of sudden acceleration in Toyota and Lexus vehicles over the last decade, just 5 percent blamed a sticking gas pedal, the analysis found.

What's more, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has conducted eight investigations into sudden acceleration problems in Toyota vehicles over the past seven years, none of which identified a sticking pedal as a potential cause.

"The way the sudden acceleration problems are occurring in reported incidents doesn't comport with how this sticky pedal is described," said Sean Kane, president of Safety Research & Strategies, a Rehoboth, Mass., auto safety consulting company. "We know this recall is a red herring." 

Sudden acceleration events in Toyota and Lexus vehicles have been blamed for at least 19 fatalities and 815 injuries caused by the issue.

"This is a Jesse Jackson moment that it has "deep concern that there was widespread confusion and incorrect information about its products linked to the sudden acceleration issue," CTS Corp. of Elkhard, Ind., said in a statement.

Toyota began using CTS-made pedals in the 2005 model year.

On Jan. 21, Toyota told federal regulators that CTS pedals were susceptible to moisture and could stick, forcing the recall of 2.3 million cars and trucks. CTS acknowledged that a tiny number of pedals had a rare condition that could cause a slow return to idle position, but denied that this condition could cause unintended acceleration and knew of no accidents or injuries caused by the issue.

Toyota spokesman Brian Lyons said the company had no comment on CTS's statement.

Another Toyota spokesman, Mike Michels, said in an e-mail that the company had identified the pedal problem as "abnormal friction in the Camry recall."

Faulty pedals

Toyota has stopped sales or recalled these vehicles/model years over problem gas pedals.


Source: Toyota Motor Corp., Automotive News Graphic: Los Angeles Times

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Obama budget expects deficits for a decade

Steven Thomma
MCDONALD NEWS

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Monday will propose a 2011 federal budget that would spend $1.3 trillion more than the government takes in — then continue with deficits of more than $700 billion a year for at least a decade. He promised an independent commission would step in later.

His plan would spend $3.8 trillion in the federal fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, a 3 percent increase over the current year. The budget foresees the government taking in $2.6 trillion in taxes and other revenue, an 18 percent jump as the deep recession ends and a growing economy presumably boosts income.

The budget also would extend temporary Bush-era tax cuts for those making less than $250,000, now scheduled to expire on Dec. 31, and the Making America Work tax cut enacted last year as a recession fighter.

Tax cuts for those making more than $250,000 would be allowed to expire, however.

Obama's other proposals include tax cuts for small business, including a cut to encourage small businesses to hire new employees and pay existing employees more, and the elimination of the capital gains tax for new investments in small business.

On the spending side, the proposal includes:

$33 billion for the current year and $159 billion next year for the wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan; $43.6 billion for Homeland Security, a 2 percent increase, including money for 1,000 new Advanced Imaging Technology machines for airport passengers, new explosives detection equipment for baggage, and more federal marshals aboard international flights; a 20 percent increase for the Department of Veterans Affairs; $100 billion to cities and states for infrastructure work; $26 billion for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, a 12 percent increase; and $17 billion increase for Pell grants to college students.

The new budget for next year would be the third in a row with a deficit of more than $1 trillion, thanks to a flood of federal spending to stimulate the economy and rescue Wall Street as well as a drop in expected tax revenues.

Still, Obama's top budget officials said his plan would ease the flow of red ink that's been piling up since the onset of the recession.

His plan would shave $1.2 trillion off the administration's projected deficits of the next 10 years, aides said, by:

— raising taxes on those making more than $250,000;— slapping a fee on big banks;— ending subsidies for oil, gas and coal production;— freezing or eliminating $120 programs;

— freezing overall spending for three years for some federal departments and programs outside of national security, Medicare and Social Security.

Budget officials also predict the annual deficit as a share of the economy would shrink as the economy rebounded from 10.6 percent in the current federal fiscal year, to 8.3 percent next year, and to 3.9 percent by the fiscal year starting Oct. 1, 2013.

Peter Orszag, director of the White House Office of Management and Budget, said Sunday evening that Obama wanted to bring the deficit down gradually in rela-
Teacher Feature

Where did you attend school? My parents insisted I attend Cal Poly my first year. After that I went to school at San Jose State and then UC Berkeley. Of course, most of my education took place outside of school. Eventually I came back to get the degrees I wanted from Cal Poly.

What did you do before becoming a professor? I worked in child care, landscaping and gardening. I’ve taught yoga and painting. I’ve been a wife and mother and raised a beautiful daughter. I had a studio and made stained glass windows for a living. I managed art galleries, spent time as a pastry chef, bakery owner and made Barbara’s Famous Cheesecake for Cambria restaurants for years. I managed a bookstore and dabbled in many other things.

What do you hope your students learn from you? I hope they find some love of learning and having fun whatever they do. I also hope they find some passion in their lives; something they care about enough to express their opinions or go out on a limb.


Where are you when you aren’t teaching? I’m often at home reading, writing, cooking, gardening and beach walking.

If you could meet anyone alive or dead who would it be? I would want to meet Mary Magdalene and Albie Watts.

If you could be anywhere in the world where would you be? Right where I am and with people I love — or maybe Bali.

Where is your favorite place in SLO? Mission Plaza on Friday evenings in the summer, dancing and anywhere along the creek.

Do you have a funny, inspiring, crazy or interesting teacher you want to know more about? Send teacher suggestions to: mustangdailywire@gmail.com

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pedal pivot mechanism” and that the automaker hoped to announce a remedy soon.

Toyota has honored CTS three times since 2005 for the quality and efficiency of its work, citing the fact that the supplier “exceeded quality expectations” and achieved “99% percent on-time delivery and for shipping accelerator pedal modules with zero defects.”

The automaker also uses pedals supplied by Denso Corp., a Japanese company with North American headquarters in suburban Detroit, but has said those do not appear to be defective.

However, the Times review of federal safety records shows several instances of complaints of stuck pedals on vehicles built in Japan, which Toyota has said are not subject to the recall. For example, one complaint, filed two years ago, told of a 2007 Japanese-built Camry in Maryland with a pedal that “stuck to the floor.”

A wide group of national automobile experts say there is strong evidence that a hidden electronic problem has to account for at least some, if not most, of the large number of Toyota sudden acceleration events.

The 19 sudden acceleration deaths involving Toyotas is more than those that have occurred in vehicles from all other automakers combined, according to figures provided to the Times by NHTSA.

The Times has previously reported that consumer complaints of unintended acceleration surged in the years after the automaker introduced electronic throttles, by fivefold in some cases.

The electronic throttle system uses sensors, microprocessors and electric motors, rather than a traditional link such as a steel cable, to connect the driver’s floor to the engine.

Of the complaints about sticking pedals examined by The Times, only one resulted in a fatality. But that vehicle was a 2003 Camry, which contained a pedal assembly that was not manufactured by CTS. In fact, of the 11 injuries reported to NHTSA in complaints that alleged stuck pedals, only one — a 2008 Camry Hybrid that ran into a tree in Minnesota last October — was in a vehicle included in the current recall, The Times found.

So far, NHTSA officials, as well as officials at the U.S. Department of Transportation, have said they have exhaustively investigated Toyota’s problems and found no evidence that any electronic defect exists in the company’s electronic throttle system.

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cution to the total size of the economy. That would make a “smooth landing” more likely and avoid what he called the mistake of 1937, when, he said, the government moved back toward a balanced budget in the midst of the Great Depression and triggered a recession.

Obama’s budget also calls for an independent “Fiscal Commission” that would find ways to further reduce the deficit, with the goal of balancing the budget outside of interest costs by 2015.

Aides did not provide details of when Obama would name the commission, how it would work, or who might serve on it.
China upset over U.S. arms sale to Taiwan

Barbara Demick
Los Angeles Times

BEIJING — The Chinese government said Tuesday that it will impose a suspension of arms sales to Taiwan, which it described as "black bears." The United States has admonished Beijing over its reluctance to join in a fresh round of international sanctions against Iran for its nuclear program, and the Dalai Lama, Tibet's spiritual leader, plans to visit the United States next month and is expected to seek a meeting with President Obama — a move sure to infuriate Beijing.

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Cal Poly will be having several events on campus in observance of Black History Month this month ranging from a poetry slam to a discussion on the difference between dark skin and light skin.

The first event is a Soup and Substance presentation on the history of step dance tomorrow at 11 a.m., hosted by Student Community Services in University Union (UU) room 220. Step has been influential in the African American community as a way to create and tell a story through the music made by bodies instead of instruments. Student Community Services said there will be a step show in the Performing Arts Center in April.

Soup and Substance is a 50 minute presentation on a topic facing the world today discussed over soup.

The Cal Poly Performing Arts Center is hosting a tour group called “The Spirit of Uganda,” Wednesday, at the Cohan Center. According to “The Spirit of Uganda” Web site, called Empower African Children, the performance will be benefiting Uganda’s 2.4 million AIDS orphans. The performance includes music and dance from performers ranging from 8 to 18 years old who are all AIDS orphans themselves.

Also on Wednesday, the Multi-

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picture of the day

by Ryan Solaro

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New campus club celebrates the Chinese New Year

Katie Grady
MUSTANG DAILY

The Chinese Cultural Club (CCC) hosted its second meeting of the quarter Wednesday night with a calligraphy workshop on lucky phrases in preparation for the Chinese New Year.

The ASI-sponsored CCC club is new to Cal Poly with its initiation beginning this school year. They hold meetings every other Thursday. The club formerly existed and died out, and the new club keeps the same name with a different mission, Maggie Lau, club president and biochemistry junior, said.

"To promote diversity at Cal Poly and teach the Chinese language as well as Mandarin and Cantonese," Lau said, "We are trying to promote the Chinese culture, but anyone is welcome." The club is affiliated with the modern languages and literatures department at Cal Poly, as well as the Multicultural Center (MCC).

Lau grew up in Hong Kong and came to the United States in 2001 when she was 13 years old. When Lau first came to Cal Poly she felt out of place.

"I'm so used to speaking in Cantonese or Mandarin that I felt very lonely and shy," Lau said. "I decided to gather everyone and promote the culture." The theme of the quarter is the Chinese New Year Scroll. The club practiced writing calligraphy in the form of a Chinese New Year Scroll. Club leaders directed attendees to hold the brush as you would hold chopsticks. The idea is to write lucky phrases about topics like happiness or longevity on red paper to hang outside of
Bodies cuddle close to the warm glow, the freedom from triviality. Years later, Baltimore duo Beach House entered this inlet, filling it into a personal expanse of tenderness, intimacy and sexuality. Since beginning their voyage, the band has never altered its course, but instead found itself in an ever-deepening ocean, painting their intimate pop with increasing amounts of wonder and orchestration. If their 2006 debut was merely a lo-fi glimmer of sexual connection and 2008’s “Devotion” was a richer commitment to the religion of sexuality, this year’s “Teen Dream” is their most contemplative, memory-driven rendezvous through a mixture of warm shoes and delicate female vocals. A very specific musical inlet, breathing the embrace into reality from recycling bottles through My Coke Rewards, a lid and point system. They plan to be a part of the 31st PeaceJam. The Multicultural Center program assistant Melody Shirazi said two films will be shown from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The films were made especially for African-Americans, since they weren’t allowed in white movie theaters, Shirazi said. “The films feature all African-American casts.” The next movie screening will be later on in the month, showing Chris Rock’s film “Good Hair.” The movie will be presented by Myrtline Morris, founder of the Sister Soldier project, which sends black women in the armed services. The movie focuses on how hair affects African-American culture and at what lengths people go to get “good hair.” The Multicultural Center will also host a discussion of the difference between light skin and dark skin Feb 17 in University Union, room 229. The discussion will focus on whether or not there is a difference in perception of the media by people of lighter and darker skinned African-Americans. "We’re bringing to attention the way media has portrayed light skin and dark skin — showing if the issue is as prevalent in black culture," student coordinator for Black History Month Shanna Kimball said. The discussion, which takes place at 7 p.m., will be accompanied by media clips and documents that have been shown in various ethnic studies classes.
State of the Union was misguided, illogical

I made an effort to watch the State of the Union in its entirety this past week. To say the least, I was not impressed. The more I learned about what's going on, the harder it is for me to stomach what the President says. I find some of what he said to be full of flawed logic, some of it just wasn't true, and some of it seemed downright tyrannical to me.

As for flawed logic, the President said they're 'working to lift the values of homes unreasonably high.' This is a goal (nor should keep them low, but not quite. Ask someone who could come close to the word "fresh" that could be created on campus. It is a consumer good that you buy to eat: a house is simply something that never grows, but you really no more invest in than a lettuce salad bar come pre-packaged. Even a lobbyist for Goldman Sachs up North must say there was too much money and never return the TARP money while holding a position on the White House's staff. That's what the President means and it isn't wordplay; then it's a lie. Eric Holder, the Attorney General, was registered as a lobbyist until 2004. Mark Petersen, who is the chief of staff to Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner, was registered as a lobbyist for Goldman Sachs up until last year. The list goes on and on. While the President welcomed suggestions for healthcare reform, he has routinely disregarded valid petitions for health insurance. I'm baffled why this past week. To say the least, I think the current proposal, banks is not the way to get it back. For It to have any chance to be effective, as nobody would refuse to pass this problem on to the system by throwing more laws at the Supreme Court until they give up. Calling the Supreme Court out like that during the State of a Union was rather disrespectful and unprofessional too.

File this one under tyrannical: when the President said in regards to bipartisan fiscal commission: "the Senate blocked a bill that would have created this commission. So I'll issue an executive order that will allow us to go forward, because I refuse to pass this problem on to another generation of Americans." Hello there Mr. President, but you have no legal authority to force Congress to create a commission. There are after all, rules on the Presidency that make it an executive branch rather than a monarchy. But to hell with those silly rules I guess. I thought there was too much managing of and providing vision for our economy, which came across as dictatorial. I hate it when any President gets up in front of the country and essentially tells us how he wants to run it. This is not the President's job, nor do I want it to be. Aaron Berk is a computer engineer, junior and Mustang Daily political columnist.

I thought the valid bars on campus could come close to the word "fresh," but not quite. Ask around the staff where the vegetables come from. All I know is that most, if not all, of the ingredients on the Campus Market soda bar come pre-packaged. Even though it helps decrease the amount of risk of having Cal Poly staff handling food, it decreases the level of the environmental impact, and decreases the jobs that could be created on campus.

--- Anonymous

In response to: "The Green Spot: Cal Poly doesn’t offer enough in the order of food for...")

Nice! I learned a lot and your article made me want to get out there and indulge in my own ecoclesience!

--- Elizabeth

In response to: "Local heroes provide unique camping"

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"Get your ham radio licenses. The Cal Poly Amateur Radio Club will hold a testing session on February 6th from 9:30 AM in 20-129. RSVP's to calpolyradioclub@gmail.com are appreciated. See www.w6bhj.org for more info"

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CROSSWORD

Across
1. Washington who once played Malcolm X (8)
7. Cpg. for women on fire (8)
11. Karl Marx's capital (8)
14. Mountain climber's tool (7)
15. Out... (was 'cocked') (7)
16. Mentor master's "..." (7)
17. One word that precedes "..." (7)
19. Had a bite (6)
20. Antlered animal (5)
21. Groove (4)
22. Cereal advertised with a "lil fat" (5)
23. "Whipped"... (4)
24. ...part (5)
25. 26. Medium during medical checkup (8)
27. One word that precedes "hand" one that follows "face" (6)
33. By at (6)
36. Long-haired (5)
37. Scottish refund (5)
38. Infant body suit (5)
39. {{Country}} (4)
41. "Let's call..." (5)
42. WW II female (4)
44. Program moran builder (4)
45. One word that precedes "one" that follows "that" (7)
46. Suffe with pot (4)
47. Carboniot Chest (5)
50. With 13 Down: "super power" (4)
51. Dotsch or owl (4)
56. Buckaroo (4)
58. Plains tribe (5)
60. Insect with a backbone part (5)
61. One word that precedes "hand" one that follows "face" (6)
63. (in "There's a..."") (5)
64. Prepare cookies or chicken, e.g. (5)
65. Egyptian temple site (5)
66. "Love..." (4)
67. "..." (4)
68. Evaluated (4)

Down
1. Chopped into small cubes (5)
2. Food poisoning (5)
3. Prominent graphs parts (6)
4. Ring's drummer (5)
5. "..." (5)
6. NBC host Jay (5)
7. Issued for personal use (4)
8. A show for "..." (4)
9. Clipping as "shuh" (4)
10. "..." (4)
10. Make a hole in (4)
11. Start of a Christmas letter (5)
12. Spumante (5)
13. See 50-Across on Vermilion's prop. (5)
14. However (5)
15. Knobil (5)
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Sacramento Kings are on the cusp of becoming boring

Allen Voisin

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Jason Thompson is one of those people who laugh at the people who consume pans of coffee for energy.

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Men's basketball falls short to Bakersfield again

The Cal Poly men's basketball team is off to one of its best starts in conference and home play, but apparently the Mustangs didn't get the memo. Two of the Roadrunners' four wins have come against the Mustangs, including a 57-53 victory at Mott Gym Saturday night.

The Mustangs trailed for nearly the entire game, but rode a 21-6 run to capture a 43-42 lead with just under six minutes to go. Bakersfield hit 7-8 from the free-throw line from that point on to edge Cal Poly.

"We exerted so much energy to get that comeback, never seemed like we hit that big shot to put us ahead by three or five, to get that total momentum to get the crowd (in it)," head coach Joe Callero said.

Since a loss to Montana State Dec. 21, Cal Poly (6-12) has defied preseason expectations with a 5-2 conference road record. The Roadrunners' four wins have come in conference and home play, but only eight were scored behind the arc this season, indicative of effort but also poor shooting.

"We were 12-2 offensively — I think we can definitely improve from three-point shooting," Callero said. "But we weren't ready for it," forward David Hanson said.

Sophomore forward David Hanson finished with a team-high 17 points and 15 rebounds. Hanson was one of two Mustangs who recorded double-doubles — Will Taylor was the other. He finished with 12 points and 12 rebounds.

"We need to edge our way back into the game," Callero said. "We need to get the momentum back to our side."

Senior guard Rachel Clancy, who was one of two Mustangs who scored more than 20 points, finished with 20 and 22 points respectively. Allen added 10 assists as Cal Poly had its worst showcase in program history.

"It comes down to finishing," Lewis said. "We missed a lot of easy shots, some nights you just have a bad shooting night."

The crowd at Mott Gym was unsure, looking for some way to rally the Mustangs. A chant of "defence" persisted throughout the first half, but the Mustangs didn't give their fans much to cheer about.

"The crowd was on the edge of their seats, every time they were unfazed and make that shot and it just never got over the hump," Callero said.

Bakersfield kept the crowd quiet by converting 19-23 free throws and shooting 38.3 percent from the field.

A synonym backcourt didn't bolster the Mustang Maniacs' enthusiasm. The Big West's second leading scorer Lorenzo Keeler, who put up 20 against Santa Barbara, was limited to five points on two of 11 shooting. Keeler and Justin Brown were three of 18 from the field combined.

Big man Will Taylor put up career highs with 12 points and 15 rebounds. Hanson led the team with 17 points and 15 rebounds, but uncharacteristically missed 10 shots, as did forward Shawn Lewis.

Cal Poly faces a critical stretch, 11 of its next 20 games are on the road, with UC Davis and conference-leading Pacific next week.

"We've got to get it right," Lewis said. "Thankfully tonight wasn't a conference game ... we gotta compete more."