WASC team reports on Poly accreditation visit

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The Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation team presented a preliminary report of its findings from a two-day visit at Cal Poly Friday morning. Administrators, faculty and staff filled the first several rows of Philips Hall to hear what team leader Sam Smith, president emeritus from Washington University, had to say about the recommendations the team will make to the WASC commission for universities.

Smith said the team found the university is achieving its objectives overall, but had room for improvement in several areas. He said the school needs to better define the "polytechnic identity" it holds, learn more from its students and look toward modern technology to see WASC, page 2

Students to host events for National Engineers Week

Leticia Rodriguez  
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The Cal Poly Engineering Student Council is celebrating National Engineers Week with several activities open to the public.

The event kicks off today with an opening ceremony with Cal Poly's improv troupe, Smile & nod, and a WiN tournament with free hot dogs tonight. Other events during the week include a presentation by Lockheed Martin, a boat race challenge and a Miss Engineer contest.

Lockheed Martin, a Maryland-based advanced technology firm, will host "Engineering Issues," a forum about the technology used to train the next generation of pilots. The presentation will include a look at the challenges faced by the burgeoning virtual reality such as flight simulators.

The Society of Women Engineers members said they want to show that women in engineering can be fun by showcasing their Miss Engineer contest, a fashion show open to all women in engineering. Contestants will be split up into teams; the first, second and third place winners will win a trophy and a Firestone gift card. The first place winners also win a tiara and a sash. Three faculty members will see Engineers, page 2

350 race in Chains of Love on Valentine's Day

Mikaela Akama  
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The Cal Poly triathlon team hosted the ninth annual "Chains of Love" race Sunday, which featured 350 runners and facilitators dressed as cupids. The proceeds help fund the team's trip to the USA Triathalon Collegiate National Championship in Texas this April.

The Cal Poly triathlon team held its ninth annual "Chains of Love" run through the hills of San Luis Obispo on Valentine's Day to raise money for their trip to a national meet in April. The race consisted of five kilometers, 10 kilometers and 15 kilometers runs as well as a half-mile run for kids. More than 300 participants ran this year in three separate categories: student, non-student and a couples' category, in which people were asked to finish holding hands with their partner.

"Most of the work happened this quarter," she said. "As the race got closer, there's more we could do." The triathlon team donned cupid costumes and love-themed attire; many of the couples chose to dress up, too.

"I think my favorite was this one older couple wearing matching red shirts that said 'I married my Valentine,'" Flaherty said.

Statistics senior Libby Bigelow competed for the second year in a row.

"I love the fact that it's always Valentine's Day-themed and seeing everyone get into it," she said. "Plus, the weather was great this year. I think we all forget how pretty our campus is.

"I love that the race is completely student-run," Flaherty said. "It needs a lot more time than any of us really have. I mean, I'm taking 20 units and have another job. But somehow, we make it happen anyway and every year it seems to get better and better."
Bayh says he won't seek re-election to Senate

Janet Hook
WASHINGTON — In a sign of the increasing frustration among some politicians over the paralysis in Congress, Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., on Monday unexpectedly announced he would not run for re-election this year, blasting the Senate for its recent failure to address major issues like reducing unemployment and the federal deficit.

”After all these years, my passion for service to my fellow citizens is undiminished, but my desire to do so in Congress has waned,” said Bayh, whose decision to step down was all the more surprising since he appeared almost certain to be re-elected to a third term in November even though he represents a predominately Republican state.

”I love helping our citizens make the most of their lives,” Bayh said, “but I do not love Congress.”

Bayh's decision to quit, despite a well-stocked campaign coffers, is the latest in a series of blows to Democrats' efforts to cut potential Senate losses in November's midterm election. His retirement brings to around eight the number of seriously contested seats now held by Democrats.

It also comes in the wake of major political milestones in key states where favored candidates decided not to run, and the up- set victory of a Republican last month in the race for the Massachusetts Senate seat.

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Music Monday
What's on your iPod?

"Diablo Rojo" by Rodrigo y Gabriela
Eric Blanco, food science and nutrition senior

"Ohio" by Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young
Eric Smith, architecture junior

"Remember" by Deadmau
Jordan Fredin, civil engineering sophomore

"Two Step" by Dave Matthews Band
Kelly Trantafilo, economics senior

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Slow going for Marines in assault on Afghan Taliban stronghold

MARJAH, Afghanistan — An embattled outpost and a labyrinth of buried bombs again slowed a drive by U.S. Marines and Afghan troops Monday to rid a former Taliban stronghold of insurgents.

The arduous pace of progress on the offensive's third day appeared to bear out commanders' predictions that clearing the town of Marjah, in troubled Helmand province, could take weeks, rather than days as initially hoped.

The assault on Marjah, one of the war's largest battles to date, is aimed at re-establishing government authority in a swath of southern Afghanistan where insurgents have long held sway.

Securing Marjah — a farming town of about 85,000 people, which had devolved in recent years into a Taliban fiefdom rife with narcotics trafficking and bomb factories — is considered pivotal to that effort.

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The operation is going on successfully, he said.

A number of Taliban fighters are believed to have fled in advance of the offensive, and even as the fighting continued, some cars carrying fighting-age men could be seen among civilian vehicles leaving the town.

About 3,000 residents have left their homes, taking refuge either in Lashkar Gah or with relatives elsewhere in Helmand.

The danger to civilians in the combat zone was underscored Sunday when NATO announced the deaths of 12 people in what it characterized as an errant rocket strike that hit a family compound. Afghan officials said on Monday they were saddened by the incident but that it should not deter the mission's larger aim of freeing the area from Taliban rule.

Interior Minister Mohammad Habib Atmar told reporters that he and other senior government officials had met with tribal elders from Marjah to discuss the deaths.

It will help, a part of what they said. We are sad about civilian casualties, but tens of thousands of people will get their freedom from this operation, and we want our freedom from these cruel people, he said.

Atmar also said a preliminary investigation suggested that several of those killed, as many as three, might have been insurgents who forced the family living there to let them into the compound. The NATO force reiterated, however, that the compound that was hit was not the intended target.

On Monday, NATO's International Security Assistance Force said in a statement that the misdirected rockets had missed their mark by about 600 yards, rather than the 300 yards reported a day earlier.

U.S. Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, the commander of Western forces in Afghanistan, expressed regret for the "tragic loss of life" and suspended use of the rocket system used in the strike, pending the outcome of the investigation.

Katie Chandler is finding balance as the legal guardian of her teenage sister, her busy life and her promising career.

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Teacher Feature

Professor Dave Mitchell

Where are you originally from?
I grew up in Lynnwood, Washington, north of Seattle. I lived there my entire life until I went away to college.

What do you teach?
I teach astronomy, physics, and physical science. My Ph.D. is in physics, but I am an astronomer. All of my research is in astronomy, and that is my favorite subject to teach.

How long have you been at Cal Poly? What did you do before becoming a professor?
This is my 6th year at Cal Poly. I came straight to Cal Poly from graduate school.

What is the greatest satisfaction you get from teaching?
My favorite part about teaching is when I get students that think they don't like science, or think that they aren't good at science, and I can show them that not only are they capable of understanding science as well as anyone, but they can enjoy it and can be excited about coming to class and learning about astronomy or physics. I tend to have a lot of students from Liberal Arts and the Business School in my astronomy classes, and many of them have avoided science, and I like convincing them that science is actually pretty cool.

What is your favorite thing about Cal Poly?
Location, but I was also attracted by the scientific and technological orientation—similar to Purdue, and as philosophy of science has been a methodological theme in my published research. A fine former student of mine, a CE major, recently went to Purdue for grad school. I thought that was quite cool. Many of my best philosophy students for years here have been either ME, CS or physics majors.

What would you like your students to learn from you?
My greatest hope is that my students not only gain an understanding of the subject, but that they stay interested after the class is over. It would be great if some of my students read the news and see an article about astronomy and take the time to read it and are interested in learning more. I know this happens— I'm often hearing old students emailing me articles or stopping by to ask me about something they saw. That's the best!

If you could meet anyone alive or dead who would it be?
Rosa Parks

If you had a million dollars how would you spend it?
Pays off my debts (student loan and home mortgage), fix up my house, start a college fund for my daughter, maybe buy an X-box, then give some of it away to charity.

Where is your favorite place in SLO?
It's not in SLO, but I like Montana de Oro State Park in Los Osos quite a bit. In the actual town of SLO I have to admit being fond of the lunch buffer at the Shalimar Indian restaurant on Broad St.

What kind of music do you listen to?
I listen to a lot of different kinds of music—funk, R&B, rock & roll, hip hop, groove, jazz... I doubt I could choose a favorite artist, or even a top 10.
Dear ____________ 

Thank you for last night. I had a great time. I guess you weren't too confident that I enjoyed it, since you just asked me how it was. Well, let me ease your fears. Instead of saying “good” or “horrible” or something, I’ll draft up a few paragraphs that fully express my feelings.

 Unless I was just laying there like a blow-up doll, you probably know that I was enjoying myself. Communicating my pleasure could almost be called a responsibility of mine — although mostly it consists of simply expressing all the good feelings that I’m having. One of the best parts of sex is letting go. Also, since sex is so intrinsically enjoyable, you’d have to work pretty hard to fuck it up. Assume you’d know if you had. Blood and screams of pain are usually a pretty bad sign, as is a glazed, bored expression.

On the other hand, an orgasm isn’t the only indicator that the love was actually made. Although it’s usually the goal. I’ve had really good sex when it just never happened. I know that it’s natural to feel a bit guilty or selfish when you came and I didn’t, but really, the race isn’t all about the finish line. And damn if it wasn’t hot watching you.

It’s very nice of you to offer continued stimulation and not immediately fall asleep, but sometimes I’d just like to skip straight to cuddling just relax and don’t beat yourself up, unless this sort of thing happens every time, in which case I might have a bone to pick.

Confidence is the important thing here. Confidence is hot, and insecurity is much less so. The question can be sexy, but only when you already know that the answer is an unequivocal “Yes.” Maybe you’re trying to tease me by being understated. I get that. That’s definitely allowed, because you were paying attention during the act, and therefore are confident that it actually was good for me.

It’s definitely off-putting if you ask and really have no idea how I’m feeling. You were there, for Christ’s sake. If you’re really that nervous about how it was, then we might have bigger problems than how good the sex is.

And if you are going to ask, please don’t ask more than once. You think I’m lying to protect your feelings? Well, if I am, then there’s no doubt a good reason.

OK, so if something minor had gone wrong, maybe I wouldn’t say anything. And maybe that’s for the best. I mean, I wouldn’t want you obsessing over some little thing that didn’t make much difference, like the fact that you pinched my nipple a bit too hard.

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Dance team welcomes members in all levels of competition

Jessica Barba
MUSTANG DAILY

Art and design junior Jade Blessinger had never danced competitively before she got to college. As a freshman, she had always wanted to be a part of something, and not until she joined the Cal Poly Dance Sport Team did she feel that she was in the right place.

Now vice president of the club, Blessinger is proud to see the team more than double in size this year and watch club members come out of their shells and onto the floor.

"One of the most rewarding things as an officer is being able to watch people improve," she said. "It goes from people tripping and not being able to understand a dance to being completely transformed, and it helps their confidence."

Many of those in the club started with just an interest but now compete because over time, they have developed the confidence, Blessinger said. While she admitted to not being nervous during her first competition because she had a lot of practice, she can sympathize with those now making their first moves.

"It's nerve-wracking that you are competing, but you are also with all your teammates having a lot of fun, so that really takes the edge off of it, and we always try to make it not so crazy-intimidating to people," Blessinger said.

Mechanical engineering sophomore and club coordinator Brett Hartt also said that while it may be intimidating to beginners to compete, there is no need to be because officers and instructors do a great job at really preparing students.

"I would like to think that I'll dance for a long time," said Hartt, who is also Blessinger's partner. "I learned from a guy who was 70 and taught his son for fun because..."
Toro Y Moi employs unique language in “Causers of This” album

Toro Y Moi, meaning “Bull and Me” in Spanish and French, respectively, is what catwiredcouture.com describes as “chill-wave.” His album, “Causers of This,” is kind of eerie, in a summery sort of way. Released on Carpark Records, Toro Y Moi is perfectly fuzzy and dreamy in every sense. It’s like doing jazz for the upcoming summer of 2010. The artist’s name, Toro Y Moi, is itself comes in extraordinary waves of synth-ness. It’s the aural equivalent of making love in a computer-generated scene. That is, at least what I think it is, but it’s hard to say. Growing up, I learned about sex from Adam Sandler films. I suppose we all did. More recently, however, I’ve been learning about sex from literature and music, and how bad I am at it. It’s just that why I don’t really understand “dance music” or why all you kids are so enthralled with beats. I can’t tell you why or when I’ve heard somebody justify a song because it had an awesome beat. It’s a sensual world of which I seem doomed to be on the outside, looking in and analyzing with the fear and discomfort of a seven-year-old kid watching “Eye Wide Shut.” The album’s name, Toro Y Moi, is itself a sensuality that implies an attraction to something more dangerous than just a sexual creature, but a friend, somebody with the power to destroy you. It is a dangerous and exotic territory that is defined and denigrated by unnecessarily foreign language.

It is just as Harold Little-Smith from John Updike’s “Gospels” accounts for the mutual adulterous attraction between friends. It’s natural enough considering how much we see each other. For that matter, there’s an attraction between you and me. I too eat moss. Similarly, the language of the album is strangely comprehensible yet obscure. As I’ve said, the sound comes in waves and is fuzzy in the way summer is. He sings in the way one would sing a friend — it’s fun and flirtations. You couldn’t seduce a stranger to this album, but you might manage the forbidden fruits of a friend.

The music swells and fades, it is a rhythm that makes sense to me. The synthetic beat plays more of a supporting role instead of the driving force. But the lyrics, the faded words, accommodate a sensitive and discreet personality. For a better idea, check out the music video for “Blues” and just see.

Ultimately, the album is sort of refreshing for me. It’s more personal sort of dance — the dance we share with friends before we go downtown, not so much to get amped up as it is to inspire a sense of nostalgia. It invigorates the soul more than the body. It’s less “Billy Madison” and more “Pench Drunk Love.” Check it out for yourselves on April 13 at the San Luis Obispo Arts Center where Toro Y Moi comes to town with the Ruby Suns.

by Jack LaPorte

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Do I want to risk you taking that to heart? Do I want to send the next few months measuring you that you aren’t hurting me with your feathery touches? Of course not! Trust me. It’s better for both of us to not sweat the small stuff. And if there actually is a big problem, right after sex is the best time to bring it up.

Finally, the whole question, “Was it good for you?” is an example of some pretty loaded language. What am I supposed to say, exactly? Anyone who asks only wants a positive answer anyway, so it would come totally out of the blue if I were to respond that I’ve had better, or that I’m glad it’s finally over. It’s hot for both of us to not worry, but I’d be worried if I weren’t. And if you don’t have any helpful advice that can be phrased more gently than that, then I guess it’s not really likely that you’ll be asked this question by this person again. Just be forewarned: it’s a lot easier to break up when everyone’s wearing clothes.

Anthony Ruiz is a biological sciences junior and Mustang Daily sex columnist.

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he wanted to meet girls.”

Hartt admitted that it is common for male members to join the club to meet women.

“Yeah, a lot of guys do join for that, but it’s good because usually there is a two-to-one ratio for girls,” Hartt said. “Men are interested in dancing, and there are fewer guys so it works out, and after coming to a class, many of them stick around and actually learn something.”

The club has received several awards and the University was established by Cal Poly alumnus Christopher Ellwood in 2003 as an extension of the Balloon Dance Club. He said that he wanted to create something that was more focused on competing and would offer more dance styles to students.

However, this year the team has been facing difficulties getting practice time because of limited space on campus. They have to practice on wood floor, and because the Rec West Center construction, they lost one of their main places to train.

Ellwood said that the construction sometimes makes it difficult for people to find where the classes are. “The location is always changing and that, sadly, it has already begun to affect their competition schedule.

“We typically have the Cal Poly Mustangs performing at the reg­ulation, but this year because of construction, we will not be able to hold it,” he said. “It’s unfortunate, because it’s always nice to have the people in the area get to see what we do.”

After watching the club grow to about 50 members this year, Ellwood said that he hopes to see both the team and their skill level grow.

Many of the team members started with little or no experience in dance and have gone on to compete in competitions throughout the country. Tango, waltz and foxtrot are just some of the dances the Cal Poly DanceSport Team practices and offers instructional classes on. The club offers beginner, intermediate and advanced classes meant to prepare students for competition at $4 a class and $10 for three classes. The club pays for the majority of the competition and accommodation fees for participants. The team is currently focusing on two competitions limited only to people who have been dancing for less than a year. They said that even newcomers have a chance and transportation and accommodation will be arranged for the University of California, Berke­ley competition at the end of February and the University of California, San Diego competition in March.

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Individuals must become engaged in the political process

A few days ago, I had a perfect storm of sorts for getting me to write this particular column: Three people commented online about my column, all in a unique form. It made me think about why learning that people read my column excites me. None of them said I had convinced them of anything, but that didn’t matter to me. That begs the question of why I enjoy writing this column and hearing that people read it, even if I haven’t convinced them of anything.

Undoubtedly, one possible answer is that I’m an attention-getter, and any attention is good attention for my ego. That might be the first thought to pop into my head, but I’m pretty sure all of my friends and anybody who’s ever had class with me would tell you that I’m not that type of person. I don’t want, need, or even seek attention just for attention’s sake. You’re free to believe otherwise, though.

I write this column because I want to make a difference, but making a difference isn’t necessarily getting people to agree with my positions or even have a personal opinion. I’d like to see them standing up for what they believe in. Sure, people have their own political discussions here and there from time to time, but there doesn’t seem to be a whole lot of group political events on campus.

We’re certainly all busy with our lives, but I think it’s important to take some time every now and then to focus on something that we may not see immediate results from — whether it be taking a stance or getting information out on a local, state or federal issue. It’s easy to get lost in politics and wonder what difference your vote could possibly make. It’s that type of attitude that leads people large and small to become indifferent and discouraged on so many political issues, and then things get left up to the few who are passionate enough to get involved. Sometimes I think that this is okay, and that somehow the people who are involved are the people who care enough to get involved, and therefore the people who aren’t involved don’t really care and we’re better off with them not participating. The problem with that logic is that more and more I find people who aren’t involved but who really do care, have excellent ideas, and could help society achieve a great deal — the only problem is they’re so tired and disillusioned that they have dropped out of the political process. These are the people I hope to reengage.

It seems that lately, people who give opinions tend to be more popular than people who try to convey the news without bias. I think getting unbiased news is important, but it’s extremely difficult to convey news without bias. Whether it be Wolf Blitzer or Charlie Gibson, I’m certain it’s difficult for the objective news reporters to try to stay objective in the coverage of the issues. I doubt it’s something I could do well, and so I don’t ever try to pretend to be unbiased, because I believe that would be dishonest on my part. I think that commentators who express their opinions as opinions are easier for people to relate to or not relate to; you know where they’re coming from and see their perspective.

Hopefully now you understand a little bit more where I’m coming from, and I especially hope you’ll get involved in something important to you in whatever way you see fit.

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comments

Great! Let’s start with those calculus books that never add any new material — just change the values of the problems. Calculus hasn’t changed in over 80 years. Why are there still new editions popping out every 2 years? Instead of selling book problem sets, sell problem set workbooks for a fraction of the cost. Until publishers do this, renting will be cheaper.

— Jacob

"Cal Poly to rent textbooks"

This article spends a lot of time talking about the Republican Party but never exploring the motivations of the Tea Party Movement. Generalized, the Tea Party movement is libertarian-oriented with a focus on limited government and fiscal responsibility. These beliefs have historically been associated with Republican views, although the Republican party badly lost in way in the last decade. The article portrays the movement as sort of “evil” without any explanation. In those times of runaway deficits, with China starting to control our economic policy the Tea Party movement looks like a pretty good direction for the Republican party to emulate.

— Lance

In response to "The Tea Party movement does not reflect the values of the original Republican Party"

NOTE: The Mustang Daily features select comments that are written in response to articles posted online. Though not all the responses are printed, the Mustang Daily print comments that are coherent and foster intelligent discussion on a given subject. No oversimplification, please.
**Round-up**

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into another overtime period.

"The thing that we try to teach our guys is that we don't really care what happens to you when you make a mistake," Callero said. "We are not concerned about the mistake you made; what we are concerned about is how you bounce back emotionally. You can't hang your head!"

In the second overtime, Keeler consummated his fifth foul and saw an early exit. On a team struggling to grasp a hold of senior leadership, freshman guard Kyle Odister was asked to fill in for the second-leading scorer in the Big West.

"He has already earned his stripes," Callero said. "Although he is a freshman, he shows the ball with great confidence."

Odister didn't disappoint.

In the final minute of the game, Odister converted a three-point shot and two clutch free throws to put the game out of reach for UC Riverside.

UC Davis was led by four players who tallied double figures. Hanson recorded four of six from downtown and hit seven of 13 from the floor. He recorded four of six from downtown and hit seven of 13 from the floor. He recorded four of six from downtown and hit seven of 13 from the floor. He recorded four of six from downtown and hit seven of 13 from the floor. He recorded four of six from downtown and hit seven of 13 from the floor.

Junior Shawn Lewis added 18 points off the bench along with Odister who added 11.

Anderson tied a career-high in scoring with his 13-point effort.

"I thought it was our best effort — our best team effort — that we have had all year," Callero said. "Everyone did their job. We just played well together."

**Cal Poly's wrestling team defeated UC Davis 34-7 in Friday night's match at Mott Gym.**

Cal Poly's worsting team defeated UC Davis 34-7 in Friday night's match. The Mustangs have remained in the spotlight all season, bringing their overall record to 8-4. The Mustangs have remained in the spotlight all season, bringing their overall record to 8-4.

The Mustangs stumbled a bit in the 133 weight match. Boris Novachkov, ranked number 8 in the nation, lost 6-3 against Brandon Fisher, squaring off against number 15 Barrett Abel, had a brutal match. Fisher received a bloody nose in the first quarter. Keeping Fisher pumped up, as blood on the matt was cleaned up, the crowd yelled, "Long drive home Davis," and "Let's go fish," before the match started again. With 20 seconds left in the second quarter, Abel received a blow to the head and lost consciousness. As Abel was no longer able to compete, Fisher won by injury default bringing the Mustangs score in 15-3.

After Fisher's physical match, Chase Pami, ranked 11th nationally, won his final dual match as a Mustang against Trevor Machado with a score of 13-2. Five of the points were accumulated from near falls. Pami said he looks forward to the Pac-10 championships now that his injuries are mending. Pami hurt his rib three weeks ago in practice.

"It's been hurting me and bugging me. But I feel like the last couple days I've let it heal up," he said. "Two weeks from now, it will be healed up, and my body is going to feel great." The Mustangs kept their momentum rolling after halftime. Seven Vasquez competed against Joey Wilson, winning 3-1 by a two-point take down and escape. No. ranked 19 in 174 weight Ryan DeLoches came out strong, racking up nine points in the first quarter alone. With a 19-8 DeLoches win, Cal Poly rose to a 26-3 advantage.

The Mustangs continued to win with Kelan Bragg getting 9-5 against Rory McBryde in the 184 weight, while the crowd yelled, "Let's Bragg about it." Ryan Smith, in the 197 weight earned a technical fall at 5 minutes and 27 seconds beating Abe Orambo 23-8.

The last match of the night was Jim Powers against Davis' heavyweight Ricky Akuda, ranked 16 in the nation. Powers lost 14-5, making the final score 34-7.

Pami said that they are almost ready to peak as a team.

"Pac-10's are two weeks away. We have a break and were going to put in a hard cycle," Pami said. "We're going to get a good rest and be ready to go!"

Cal Poly's will participate in the Pac-10 Conference Championships February 26-27, held at UC Davis.
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WEWEND ROUNDUP

women's basketball
CAL POLY 58, UC RIVERSIDE 51
Tim Miller
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's second-lowest point total of the season proved to be enough to earn them sole possession of the number one spot in the Big West as the Mustangs (16-8, 9-3 Big West) defeated UC Riverside (11-14, 8-4) 58-51 Saturday night in Mott Gym.

"While it was kind of ugly basketball, it proved to be effective today," Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimnaugh said.

After the Mustangs became top dog in the conference with a win against UC Davis earlier this month, a loss at Long Beach State forced them into a tie for the top spot in the Big West with only four games remaining in the regular season.

Mimnaugh said after reviewing game tape of the first meeting between the two teams, the Mustangs would look to exploit UC Riverside's aggressiveness. Trying to get some of the Highlanders' effective scorers into foul trouble became the Mustangs' game plan.

The Mustangs' strategy resulted in a slow start. It took six minutes for either team to score double figures.

"I'm a really fast-paced person. I love running and the fast break," said Big West leading scorer Kristina Santiago who put up 21 points against the Highlanders. "So when the game is slowed down, I'm like 'Let's go, pump it up, let's run.' It affects the momentum more than anything."

UC Riverside committed six fouls in the first four minutes of the game, giving the Mustangs more opportunities to get points from the foul stripe.

The Mustangs took a seven-point lead into the last two and a half minutes to play and were able to keep the ball away from the Highlanders with two important offensive rebounds, which ate up more than a minute at the end of regulation.

Even after the first offensive rebound, UC Riverside chose not to intentionally foul to give themselves a chance to win and keep the first place spot away from the Mustangs.

Mimnaugh said the last four games, including three road games, will be difficult ones for the Mustangs, but next week, they will be able to slow down a little.

"Next week will be good for us, we only have the one game. It will be good for us to get a little bit more of us in, because this time of season you are preparing for the opponent all the time, and sometimes you lose a little bit about your crispness about what you're doing," she said.

UC Riverside will have three home games to try and regain the top spot in the conference.

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Sophomore forward David Hanson scored a career-high, 26 points against UC Riverside Saturday night to help fuel an 87-84 win in double overtime.

Brandon was fouled by Anderson tracking down an offensive rebound off a misfire by Julien Dagni. Brandon went to the line with 14 seconds left in the game, but converted only one of two free throws to tie the game.

"We wanted to make sure at the end of regulation, we had the ball in Keeler's hands," Calierno said. "We wanted to make sure we got the last shot."

With the game deadlocked at 66-66, senior guard Lorenzo Keeler took control of the ball. Drilling near half court while the clock ticked toward zero, Keeler drove down court to unleash a jumper. Keeler couldn't finish as the Mustangs were forced into their first overtime period of the season.

In the first overtime, both teams exchanged blow for blow. Sophomore forward David Hanson held a chance to win the game as he stepped to the free-throw stripe looking to break a 77-77 tie with one second left in overtime.

Hanson misfired on both attempts as the Mustangs were forced to intentionally foul to give themselves a chance to win and keep the first place spot away from the Mustangs.

The Mustangs came out of the gates with an early advantage against the Highlanders. Racing out to as big as a 12-point lead in the first half, the Mustangs let their advantage slip to 30-25 heading into halftime.

In the second half, the Mustangs added pieces to their lead, but struggled to hold onto their slim advantage down the stretch. With just under eight minutes left in the game, guard Dowy Brandon put the Highlanders ahead of the Mustangs, 52-51, with a three-point shot.

The script seemed too familiar to the Mustangs. Another game was slowly tipping toward another second-half collapse. With their fate heading towards another possible loss, senior guard Charles Anderson was not ready to let his team's five-game losing streak slip to six.

Anderson shot a total of four shots from the field. All of them came from behind the arc and none of them found the net. Everyone UC Riverside tried to embark on a game-ending run, Anderson pulled up and converted another key shot.

"He brings confidence and maturity to the lineup," Calierno said.

"Ever since we put Anderson in the starting lineup against Pacific, I thought we have played well and more aggressive."

UC Riverside had an opportunity to put the Mustangs away with 14 seconds left in the second half when