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 Phillips 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

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

The event kicks off today with an opening ceremony and a "WACS" 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 "emerging 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 Triathlon National Championship in Texas this April.

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."

The course changed slightly from last year, when people finished at the Health Center. Because of the construction on campus, the race began at O'Neil Green near the Education Building and took participants through the campus up California Boulevard and Highland Drive to Pinnacle Road, past the soccer fields and the swine unit. Racers then ran through the heart of campus and across the finish line at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

"I really liked the change in the course this year," Bigelow said. "Not that I didn't like last year, but I think the start and end places were more convenient."

The results haven't been released because there were a few timing issues due to incomplete registration forms.

Winners will receive mugs labeled "top finisher" and gift certificates to local restaurants such as Natural Café. Other prizes included running-oriented items like Power Bars, water bottles and duffle bags.

The proceeds will help fund the team's trip to the USA Triathlon Collegiate National Championship this spring in Lubbock, Texas. The championship tends to sell out each year and attracts around 120 teams from all over the country. That race is set for Olympic distances and categories of a 1.5 kilometer swim, a 40 kilometer bike ride and a 10 kilometer run.

Flaherty said that though they spent more money to host this year's race, there were also a lot more contestants. She estimated the team made about $2,000 and said she considered the race a definite success.

"I love that the race is completely student-run," Flaherty said. "I think 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."
Batb 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 predomi­nantly 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 damaging mistakes in key states where favored candidates decided not to run, and the up­set victory of a Republican last month in the race for the Mas­sachusetts Senate seat.

But the announcement, made at a news conference in Indiana­polis, did more than just de­press Democratic morale in an election year that was already ex­pected to whitewash the party's 59­-vote majority in the Senate. Bayh also gave voice to a frus­tration that crosses party lines over the poisonous political en­vironment surrounding Capitol Hill and the gridlock that is al­lowing big national problems to grow worse.

"It's a pervasice feeling that has taken hold," said former Indian­a Rep. Lee Hamilton, a Democratic associate of Bayh's. "The low ratings and criticism of Congress, the lack of progress on policy, the excessive partisan­ship that has gripped the place has made everyone much more aware of the disadvantage of remaining in office." Indeed, Bayh's retirement — traditionally an occasion for gra­cious bipartisan praise of a politi­cian's career — was greeted with a partisian broadside from the head of the Republican National Com­mittee.

"Senator Evan Bayh and mod­erate Democrats across the country are running for the hills because they sold out their constituents and don't want to face them at the ballot box," said RNC chairman Michael S. Steele. "Americans are making it clear that they're tired of the Democrats' binge-spending agenda, are doing being ignored, and are going to do something about it in November."


"He is a moderate Democrat at a time when the political center is a shrinking piece of real estate. That added to his difficulty in the Senate — and contributed to his failure to realize his higher po­litical ambitions," said a source close to Bayh.

Bayh briefly tried and failed to win his party's 2008 presiden­tial nomination. He supplied no­tice to his party's vice­presidential nominee — in 2004, when John Kerry was running for president in 2008 — and in 2004 in 2008 when Ba­track Obama was the nominee.

A source close to Bayh said he also was interested in serving in Obama's Cabinet, but the desired offer never materialized.

"Being a bipartisan couple of times and not being chosen had a big impact on him," said an associate, who asked not to be named in order to speak candidly about frustrations that Bayh has expressed only in private.

In the Senate, he was often at odds with his party leaders on fiscal issues. In the health care debate, he was among the deficit-conscious moderates whose support was in question. He became more sup­portive after Democratic leaders agreed to changes in the health care bill that helped medical device manufac­turers, which are very important in Indiana.

Bayh, who had griped about the bulky legislative machinery of the Senate from early in his ca­reer, voiced particular frustration at two recent incidents of Senate obstruction.

When a bipartisan group re­cently gave party leaders a $85 billion jobs bill, it came in for criticism from both the left and the right and was dramatically scaled back.

When the Senate voted on a Bayh-backed bill to create a com­mission to reduce the federal deficit, it was voted down — thanks, in part, to the defection of seven Republicans who had once spon­sored the idea.

"Even at a time of enormous challenge, the people's business is not being done," Bayh said Monday, citing those two issues. "Ex­amples are not legion." Bayh had been preparing to run for a third Senate term in 2010. The challenge looked tougher when former Sen. Dan Coats be­gan seeking the GOP nomination, but Democrats immediately began attacking him for links to special interests as a lobbyist in his post­Congressional career.

Bayh said the prospective re­election fight had no affect on his decision to run again, and in­dependent political handicappers agreed that he was favored to win if he had run.

The deadline for other Demo­cratic candidates to file petitions to get on the November ballot was not­until Monday, expected to make the deadline. Democratic Party leaders will instead choose a candidate by mid-June. Two Indi­ana House members — Democrats Brad Ellsworth and Baron Hill — are considered possible candidates to succeed Bayh.

Democrats are considered un­likely to retain control of the Senate, but a growing number of Demo­cratic seats have been put at risk in the wake of the party's bruising­ loss of the Massachusetts Sen­ate special election to Republican Scott Brown.

Since then, in Delaware, where the party's preferred candidate for an open seat — Vice-Presi­dent Joe Biden's son Beau — decided not to run. In North Dakota, Demo­cratic Sen. Byron Dorgan decided not to seek reelection, leaving the conservative state an almost cer­tain upset to Republican Rick Santorum.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., is facing a potentially bit­ter primary fight to win the seat she received by appointment after Hillary Clinton left the Senate. 


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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

"I Remember" by Deadmau5
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MARJAH, Afghanistan — A new day brought a new assault on an Afghan 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 foothold rife with narcotics trafficking and bomb factories — is considered pivotal to that effort.

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.

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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 pre-med.

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 often have 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?
Pay off my debts (student loans 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 buffet 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 (everyone says this! I imagine) — funk, R&B, rock & roll, hip hop, groove, jazz... I doubt I could choose a favorite artist, or even a top 10.

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What’s on your iPod?

“Mass in B minor” by Johann Sebastian Bach

Maggie Nielsen, education graduate student

“Truth” by Seether

Zahra Hudda, biomedical engineering junior

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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 f*ck 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. 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. 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.
Dance team welcomes members in all levels of competition

Jessica Barba

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 DanceSport 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...”

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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 catavento.com describes as “chill-wave.” His album, “Causers of This,” is kind of erotic, in a summer sort of way. Released on Carpark Records, Toro Y Moi is perfectly fuzzy and dreamy in every sense. It’s a doo-doo jam for the upcoming summer of 2010. The main itself comes in extraordinary waves of synth-laden. It’s the analog equivalent of making love in a computer-generated ocean. 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. I think that’s why I don’t really understand “dance music.” or why all you kids are so enthralled with it. I can’t even y o w in a y times. I’ve heard somebody justify a song because it had an awesome beat. It’s a sexual world of which I seemed 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 artist’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 uneccessarily foreign language.

It is just as Harold Little-Smith from John Updike’s “Gopples” 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.” “Toot et moot.” 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 seduce a friend — it’s fun and flirty. 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, accentuate a sensitive and discreet personality. For a better idea, check out the music video for “Blessa” and just see.

Ultimately, the album is sort of refreshing for me. It’s a more personal sort of dance — the dance we share with friends before we go downtown. Not so much to get pumped 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 “Porch-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.

Jack LaPorte is a KCSB DJ and “Hipster Bullshit” contributing 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 is established by Cal Poly Alumnus Christopher Ellwood in 2003 in an extension of the Balloon Dance Club. Hartt said that he wanted to create something that was more focused on competing and would offer more dance styles to students.

He attributes the DanceSport Team’s booth at Open House as well as the recent success of shows like “Dancing with the Stars” and “So You Think You Can Dance” with bringing more attention to the club as well as new members.

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 of the Rec Center construction, they lost one of their main tools to practice.

Ellwood said that the construction can sometimes make it difficult for people to find where to practice. However, the location is always changing and that, sadly, it has already begun to affect their competition schedule.

“We typically have the Cal Poly Music Department to practice, 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 the club had to pay 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.
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 your 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 me. I want people to think for themselves and come to their own conclusions. I always strive to get people to realize why an issue is important. I think politics is indeed very important and I'm always disappointed when political games wear people out and they lose interest. I find politics to be too important to lose interest.

I'd encourage people to bring this philosophy to the table anytime they discuss anything political: It isn't so much about winning the argument as it is about intellectually engaging people and sharing ideas. One of my friends mentioned to me a while back that he's really enjoying Poly, but he wishes our athletic department was a bit bigger, and he'd like to have the experience of going to games that say, Berkeley does when their football team plays USC. For me, that's like to see more political activism. I don't care what side of the issue people are on, I'd just 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 to become indifferent and disinterested 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 in a great deal — the only problem is they're so tired and disillusioned that they have dropped out of the political process. These are 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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In response to "The Tea Party movement does not reflect the values of the original Republican Party"

I love Bob Costas.

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 prints comments that are coherent and foster intelligent discussion on a given subject. No overspecialization, please.

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 explaining 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 its way in the last decade. The article portrays the movement as sort of "evil" without any explanation. In these 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.
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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," C'alero 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 consumed 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 shone 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.

The Mustangs were led by four players who tallied double figures. Hansen recorded four of six from downtown and bit seven of 14 from the floor. He received a bloody nose in the first quarter. Keeping Fisher pumped up,Odister didn't disappoint.

Cal Poly's wrestling team defeated UC Davis, 37-7.

In the opening dual match, Cal Poly proved that they are in championship form. Senior Mechat Ferguson took down the competition with a score of 9-4, putting the Mustangs in the lead from the start.

The Mustangs stumbled a bit in the 133 weight match. 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." - Raquel Redding

Cal Poly's wrestling team defeated UC Davis 34-7 in Friday night's meet in Mott Gym for the last dual meet of the season, bringing their overall record to 8-4.

The Mustangs have remained in the spotlight all season, in part due to three of their wrestlers being ranked in the top 10 nationally. The win against Davis completes the regular season and will take the Mustangs to the Pac-10 conference championships at the end of February. Coach John Azevedo said that the guys are excited because they have been training the whole season to be Pac-10 champs, and in two weeks, they will have that chance.

"We got two weeks to kind of really get our heads on and get ready to go," Azevedo said. "Now is the time to really be our best."

Starting with the first match, Cal Poly proved that they are in championship form. Senior Mechat Ferguson took down the competition with a score of 9-4, putting the Mustangs in the lead from the start.

The Mustangs stumbled a bit in the 133 weight match. 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."

Pam 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," Pam said. "We're going to get a good rest and be ready to go."
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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 because 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 UC Riverside this past Saturday.

"I thought we have played well and in double overtime, the team caught fire," Mimnaugh said.

Sophomore forward David Hanson scored a career-high 26 points against UC Riverside Saturday night. Junior forward Kristina Santiago tallied a double-double with 21 points and 13 rebounds.

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Most homecoming games are associated with large crowds, huge pep rallies and football. For UC Riverside, it's all the same except them is held on the court.

"The gym was packed with some 4,000 people," head coach Joe Cal- lero said. "It was just a great crowd."

Before the homecoming game against Cal Poly this past Saturday night, the Highlanders held a pep rally in which they burned a wood­ en horse tagged with the words "Cal Poly."

As the Mustangs (9-15, 6-6 Big West) drove away from the Student Recreation Center, after an 87-84 win again UC Riverside (9-15, 3-9) in double overtime, the team caught a glimpse of the charmed Mustang.

"We saw that at we were leaving the gym Saturday night and it added a little sweetness to the victory," Callero said.

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 dip 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 Dowyd 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 in the hands of the Highlanders, Anderson pulled up and converted another key shot.

"He brings confidence and maturity to the line-up," Callero said. "Ever since we put Anderson in the starting line-up 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 Brandon was fouled by Anderson tracking down an offensive rebound off a miss by guard Jonalyn Diggs. Brandon went to the line with four 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," Cal- lero 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. Dribbling 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 stopped the free-throw stripe looking to break a 77-77 tie with one second left in overtime.

Hanson missed on both attempts as the Mustangs were forced to answer Round-up, page 11