During the time Cal Poly students spend in college, the campus can become a world within the larger world—a place of learning, business and social interaction. As in any society, some issues on campus become more politically sensitive than others. There are many politically charged issues permeating the Cal Poly campus, and understanding diversity is one that is part of the Cal Poly experience for every student, regardless of major or year.

However, in a poll of more than 200 Cal Poly students, staff and faculty, 58 percent said the university and the students are lacking in understanding the importance of ethnic diversity.

Dean of Students Jean DeCosta said she sees the Cal Poly student body as open, accepting and quick to support students who are singled out. She said she believes the best way for Cal Poly students to gain a better understanding of diversity is to increase the numbers.

“Right now students don’t get exposed to what it is to be a citizen of the world,” DeCosta said. “Only through exposure do we really understand cultural differences and the value of those differences.”

The Fall 2010 PolyView report published by Institutional Planning and Analysis said the Cal Poly student body is 64.9 percent Caucasian. Multicultural Center (MCC) Coordinator Renoda Campbell said while she doesn’t think minority students at Cal Poly are intentionally targeted, they often feel more noticed and treated like outliers.

“When it’s a personal situation it becomes important,” Campbell said. “Sometimes students have the courage to speak out and say ‘This is wrong,’ when others don’t have the voice.”

Campbell said from an ethnic perspective there are many clubs and organizations on campus to support minority students, but sometimes there is so much going on that those students don’t know what to choose. There are faculty and students on campus who do make an honest effort to reach out to other ethnic groups, Campbell said, but that consciousness is not woven into the campus culture.

Ryan Sanelli, a Cal Poly graduate and the MCC’s assistant coordinator, said the attendance at the MCC information sessions and activities is not high and the students who attend are mostly other MCC students helping friends out.

“Their are times when we have to take baby steps backward,” Campbell said. “We really do have to start over every quarter.”

Environmental engineering junior Kando Ogunrinola said she thinks Cal Poly students are interested in other ethnicities, but in the way they would be interested in a show. “I haven’t come across anything really insensitive, but people expect you to be a certain way,” Ogunrinola said. “Sports is the main stereotype for me — people ask me if I play basketball. I think it’s better to educate them than just get mad.”

Campbell said she believes more diversity in the curriculum would have the biggest impact on sensitivity toward other ethnicities.

“Changing the curriculum is a process, and students often say they want to see it happen now,” Campbell said. “Congruency between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs would be extremely helpful.”

Inclusive Excellence (IE) is an administrative group that also addresses the issue of diversity of all types in the Cal Poly community.

The council is made up of Cal Poly students, faculty and administrators who evaluate programs on campus that promote diversity and share the results with the campus community. The council advises the president on how to promote the goals of the Inclusive Excellence initiative, which was designed by the Association of American Colleges and Universities to promote diversity and equity.

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IE council co-chair Christian Millan said the IE council is interested in finding ways to combat this and incorporate diversity into the university.

“Diversity is a big issue on campus, and it’s a big issue in our society,” Millan said. “Cal Poly is the best place to learn how to deal with diversity, because you’re already doing it here.”

The Student Equity Initiatives Council (SEIC) was founded in 1997 as a way to promote diversity and equity on campus.

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State

MONTEREY (MCT) — A picturesque rail stretch through Elkhorn Slough turned deadly Saturday afternoon when an Amtrak train slammed into a small pickup truck at a crossing at the entrance to a popular bird park.

A male and female in the truck died instantly when the truck was hit by the southbound passenger train, which was going about 50 mph, California Highway Patrol officers said. The badly crumpled wreckage of the truck came to rest about 75 yards south of the Kirby Park entrance, below the elevated train track that straddles an arm of the huge estuary east of Moss Landing. The train, which was carrying 150 passengers, was delayed for about 90 minutes after the 11:15 a.m. collision.

A witness said it wasn't clear whether the driver of the truck was trying to beat the train at the crossing or didn't see it.

LOS ANGELES (MCT) — A Pennsylvania woman accused of plotting to kill a Swedish cartoonist who depicted the prophet Muhammad in a burka and wrote about her desire to become a martyr for Islam.

LaRose did not publicly profess her beliefs. But online, authorities say, she went under the name "Ju bad Jane" and "Fatima LaRose," had Jane" and "Fatima LaRose," and "Truly, this is a planning exercise," she said.

The conference drew about 300 attendees, including Yamileth Bolanos, a farmer to grow industrial hemp. Democracy, executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, which has played a major role in California's drug reform initiatives, warned that activists were going to have to balance their principles with what will be possible to pass. "All I can say is, God, this is complicated," he said. Dennis Peron, who led the campaign to pass the medical marijuana initiative in 1996 and has become an irritant to legalization activists, said that activists should focus on bringing medical marijuana to other states. Peron believes anyone who uses marijuana is doing it for medical reasons, so anyone who wants to get it legally in California already can. "We've got to do it for the other people, not just for ourselves. For the people all over America," he said.

Activists gather to push for marijuana initiative

National

WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) — The chairman of the House Judiciary Committee on Friday rejected a request from Democrats to hold hearings related to gun safety in the aftermath of the shootings in Tucson, Ariz., earlier this month.

All 16 Democrats on the committee, which has jurisdiction over firearms laws, sent a letter to Rep. Lamar Smith, the Texas Republican who recently took charge of the panel, asking him to convene hearings on the use of high-capacity magazines and improving background checks to prevent the mentally ill from obtaining guns.

In the letter, the Democrats noted that the assault weapons ban that expired that to kill six and injure 13, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, outside a Tucson supermarket Jan. 8.

The theatre went public in 50 illegal exotic reaches, covered as gourmet reptile food because of their toxic shells and high protein content, sent a Florida man to jail on felony charges and destroyed a popular event in Sarasota, county. Sen. Mark Zeno, a Democrat, noted that he introduced a bill last week to prevent employers from firing most medical marijuana patients who are not positive for the drug and pledged to reintroduce a bill to allow California students to use marijuana, and it would have authorized those that love them that can put this together. In Izumi, where chickens at a poultry farm were confirmed to have been infected with the bird flu virus Wednesday, the city government decided to cancel a marathon scheduled for mid-February.

SOUTH KOREA (MCT) — Five alleged Somali pirates arrived in South Korea on Sunday to face trial in the recent foiled hijacking of a cargo ship, charges that could bring them life in prison, officials here say.

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The drive to put another marijuana legalization initiative on the California ballot took a step forward Saturday when activists from across the state descended into a crowded conference center in Berkeley to launch the debate over writing the next ballot measure.

The campaign for Proposition 19, which lost 54 percent to 46 percent in November, wants to start drafting a new initiative in the spring and to complete by July, turning then to the expensive and time-consuming task of building support for it and selling it to the November 2012 ballot.

Saturday's conference, sponsored by the California chapter of the National Organization for Reform of Marijuana Laws, was aimed at reaching out to marijuana, legalization activists, medical marijuana growers and dispensary operators, many of whom opposed the last measure.

"We know there was a lot of dissatisfaction," said Dale Gieringer, the organization's California director who organized the conference, the first in more than a decade. "A lot of people felt excluded because the writing process of Proposition 19 was very closed."

The initiative was sponsored and financially backed by Richard Lee, a successful Oakland medical marijuana entrepreneur who wrote many of the key decisions on the legal language. It drew opposition from some prominent defense lawyers who said it did not go far enough to decriminalize marijuana and from some operators of medical marijuana dispensaries who worried that it would undercut their lucrative businesses and lead to more bans on stores.

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"This is a planning exercise," Dale Sky Jones, the spokeswoman for the Proposition 19 campaign, told the crowd at the David Brower Center near the University of California campus. "We're here to hear you. This is the building process."

The conference drew about 300 attendees, including Yamileth Bolanos, a dispensary operator from Los Angeles. Like others in the business who came to the event, she said the wants to be sure that medical marijuana is not undercut by a legalization initiative. "We shouldn't be stomped on or used as a stepping stone to get to where they want to go," she said.

John said medical marijuana patients are craving the security of any initiative because they can reach out to voters to dispel myths about marijuana. "It's largely going to be the message that's out there," he said. "We're surrounded by the medical community and those that love them that can put this together. It's not about him anymore. It's about the issue, which is what's important," he said.

John said the campaign has not yet named the committee because it is does not want to create an early target for critics. "When you start planting your flag in the ground, people find reasons not to stand under that flag," she said.

The state Legislature's two most marijuana-friendly lawmakers dropped in to tell activists they will continue to press for changes in Sacramento. State Sen. Mark Zeno, a Democrat, noted that he introduced a bill last week to prevent employers from firing most medical marijuana patients who are not positive for the drug and pledged to reintroduce a bill to allow California students to use marijuana, and it would have authorized cities and counties to pass ordinances to legalization. "Truly, this is a planning exercise," she said.

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International

JAPAN (MCT) — The spread of avian flu has triggered a series of cancellations of bird-related events at zoos and aquariums across Japan.

At least 28 institutions have canceled events to prevent bird flu from spreading among wild birds or to people. There are also questions about how to deal with Japanese centered cities, which have been designated a national natural treasure, and wild birds that attract tourists.

Nagoya Zoo in Yokohama, which more than 3,000 people visit on holidays, keeps chickens and cute birds in a pet in a public part of the zoo where young children can play with small animals.

Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan in Osaka canceled a popular event called Penguin Parade since Saturday. In Izumi, where chickens at a poultry farm were confirmed to have been infected with the bird flu virus Wednesday, the city government decided to cancel a marathon scheduled for mid-February.

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FBI admits violating national security hundreds of times in past seven years

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The FBI disclosed to a presidential o f post-9/11 FBI intelligence abuses privacy watchdog group. The violations were largely unintentional, Fine said, but were the result of "mistakes, carelessness, confusion, sloppiness, lack of training, lack of adequate guidance and lack of adequate oversight." The records obtained by the foundation go beyond national security letters. About one-third of the reports of violations involved rules governing internal oversight of intelligence investigations, and about one-fifth involved potential violations of the Constitution, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act or other laws governing criminal investigations or intelligence-gathering activities, the report says. Valerie Caproni, the FBI's general counsel, said in an interview Friday that most of the FBI's reports to the oversight board were about technical errors that did not add up to misconduct. "The number of substantive violations of someone's rights is very small and we take them very seriously," she said.

"These guidelines were put in place to prevent civil rights abuses," said Mark Ruddell, the foundation lawyer who sued to obtain the records. "And when the FBI is glibly treating the violations as technical mistakes, it's indicative of a broader problem — the FBI's attitude toward dedicated, effective oversight. Moreover, President Obama promised to have a more transparent government, but when it comes to national security and intelligence investigations, that just hasn't been the case." Caproni said details in the reports couldn't be disclosed for reasons of national security. "We've fixed the problems that have been identified" on national security letters, she said, "and have put into place processes that should identify any problems that were previously not identified." "Am I confident that, by and large, 99.9 percent of the time our agents are acting in compliance with the Constitution, the statutes, executive orders and FBI and DOJ policies on civil liberties? I am." A 2005 document obtained by the foundation says an agent used improper information, presumably intelligence-related, to obtain a grand jury subpoena, in violation of the law. Not every misstep was the fault of the FBI, the foundation found. Sometimes companies turned over more private information than the FBI was seeking, contributing to the FBI's unauthorized receipt of personal information.
Congressional leaders clash on addressing national debt

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Washington's four new power players — the speaker of the House and the White House chief of staff — differed in separate television interviews Sunday on how to best deal with the rising government debt and proposed federal spending cuts, reflecting a realignment in the nation's capital and sharp political differences over a looming battle of the budget.

Speaker John A. Boehner urged the White House to join with Republicans in the next two weeks and agree to major cuts that will lower spending to 2008 levels. Without compromise, he said, the government will once again have to raise its debt limit.

"We want to reduce spending," said the Ohio Republican, making cards, "he said. According to the fiscal 2011 budget.

At the White House, Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has said if spending continues, by the end of March the government will hit its statutory debt limit of $14.3 trillion.

Boehner and Daley acknowledged that time is running out.

"We have been in this 'goes' politics in this country for too long," Boehner said.

He noted that Obama in last week's State of the Union message called for new programs to create new jobs.

"But he did not address the debt limits," he said. "The American people do not want us increasing the debt limit without cuts in spending. ... All he called for is more stimulus spending.

Daley also urged less political rhetoric and more compromise.

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"He picked Dearborn as a stop because of the huge Arab and Muslim population," Haddad said.

Dearborn has the highest concentration of Arab-Americans in the U.S. and has attracted increased attention in recent years as a center of Islam.

Haddad said a witness said Stockham was planning to blow up the mosque. The suspect "appeared to be acting alone," Haddad said. "His threat has been mitigated."

An employee at a local bar called police after overhearing violent threats allegedly made by the man, said Kaseem Allie, executive administrator of the Islamic Center of America.

The employee was afraid that Stockham was going to target Muslims or Arabs in the area, he said.

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"He picked Dearborn as a stop because of the huge Arab and Muslim population," Haddad said.

Dearborn has the highest concentration of Arab-Americans in the U.S. and has attracted increased attention in recent years as a center of Islam.

Haddad said a witness said Stockham was planning to blow up the mosque. The suspect "appeared to be acting alone," Haddad said. "His threat has been mitigated."

An employee at a local bar called police after overhearing violent threats allegedly made by the man, said Kaseem Allie, executive administrator of the Islamic Center of America.

The employee was afraid that Stockham was going to target Muslims or Arabs in the area, he said.

The Islamic Center was holding a funeral at the time the suspect was found in the parking lot, with as many as 700 people inside.
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Dormcest: testing the limits of on-campus living

I mean there are no such things as secrets. If you had a little too much fun last weekend, even the most introverted of hermits know about it. If you have a midterm in the morning, everyone knows and wishes you luck. But most importantly, if you are hooking up with, snuggling or going on a date with anyone in the building, everyone knows.

We call it Dormcest because we're clever in the liberal arts dorm (we live in Trinity Hall). And let me tell you, it happens all the time.

I won't say I know from experience (though my hall mates may tell you otherwise), but given even a minor tipoff — say, two people going to lunch together, just the two of them — the gossip wheel starts turning.

"What's going on with Jim and Cathy?"

"We saw Jim and Cathy making out."

I don't know anyone named Jim or Cathy, but I do know that word travels fast, and Dormcest is our favorite thing to talk about. Stories get twisted and feelings get hurt and before you know it, you have a real-life version of "Easy A" and you're Emma Stone — you might as well be walking around with a big red "A" on your clothes.

I won't say Itrcest (it's be universal here and call it dormcest) is a bad thing because my best friend's parents met in Fremont Hall back in the '80s and now they're happily married. But then there's the girl from the third floor and the guy from the first floor who can't even make eye contact after their short-lived relationship — awkward.

Relationships or hook-ups or even innocent lunch dates are hot topics of common room discussion. I guess that's where we go when we need to revert back to our high school ways of gossiping about anyone and everyone whose lives are undoubtedly more interesting than our own.

I will not deny that I had my fair share of dorm crushes. But I'm too chicken to act on them. However, if you're one of those kids who isn't too busy sitting around playing the "What if?" game instead of making a move, and you give dormcest a shot, just be prepared for the aftermath.

Be prepared for everyone and their mother in Sequoia Hall to ask you what's going on with you and who's-her-face from the second floor. Don't get defensive, don't say "nothing," because we know it's anything but nothing. Own up to it, or the stories will continue, and that's where things get messy. Even if the stories aren't true, they circulate around the hall fast enough that they become true enough.

Even if you two are just sitting in your room studying, with the door locked, just explain the situation — for your own sake.

There's two sides to every coin I suppose and there's risk involved in everything. I've always thought the biggest risk in life was not taking risks. And given the opportunity, I'll take the dormcest risk. Maybe I'll get lucky, and my life will play out in just as planned at the workplace, but the social scene may present a situation that defies anticipation.

Be adventurous, take risks, down a little liquid courage and tell 'em how you feel. Maybe you'll end up like my best friend's parents and your kids will be here to carry on the tradition.

Dormcest or not, think for yourself. Who cares if they ask about you in the common room? If you're happy and the people around you are happy, then what's the problem?

So be happy and get some.
Bio professor brews beer

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Cal Poly biological sciences profes­
sor, Raul Cano, extracted 45 million-
year-old yeast from amber back in
the ‘90s. Since then, he dream of
making the yeast a main ingredient
in beer and selling it to the public has
become reality.

In 1995, Cano was researching
the survival of bacteria in amber con­
taining a preserved bee, and among
the bacteria he studied, there hap­
pened to be a few yeasts.

“At the time we were studying
the long-term survival of bacteria ...
the yeast was just serendipity,”
Cano said.

While conducting the research, Cano realized some of the yeast from the amber resembled brewer’s yeast.

“We noticed the resemblance (of the yeast) so we started looking at it, and the rest is history,” Cano said. “We were focused on using it for products that were commercially valuable products that come from this organism.”

When thinking of products with yeast as an ingredient, bread, wine and beer are three that come to mind.

“This (yeast) was more suitable
for the beer so we pursued that,”
Cano said.

Cano attempted to create the beer using the million-year-old yeast back in 1995, as well as multiple times after that, but it was not until 2006 that his idea truly came to life.

“Things fell through the cracks and that’s always the story with
that’s just the microbiologist, so I
am a just a keeper of the family jew­
els,” Cano said. “I maintain the yeast and make sure that they are pure and that there are no problems with the quality of the yeast product. If I do (my job) right, the yeast will never die.”

With yeast that will never run out, Fossil Fuels Brewing Co. will be able to continue selling its spec­
ial beer.

“We are all just living the dream,”
Lambert said. “The main goal of our company is to keep having a lot of fun and sell premium craft beer.”

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Honesty, when reading a newspaper published by a nationally ranked university, is this the last thing I’d expect, or want, to find. Articles like these are published in trashy magazines, not school newspapers. I don’t care if this is a public university where free speech and expression are encouraged. This article is disgusting and unnecessary.

— Ashleigh Allard
In response to "A look at nature’s Rubik’s Cube: the lizards"

How is this at all reasonable? The U.S. president makes $400k a year, why is this even remotely close to that?

What the heck was Baker doing with a $60,000 a year housing allowance? That’s $5,000 a month if he’s paying rent. WAY too much.

— Jason
In response to "Armstrong's salary confirmed."

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Wrestling
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Enjoying a few big meals gave Novachkov more energy, he said, but also made him feel slightly sluggish. It was apparent as the clock ticked to a close in the first period. The senior gave up four quick points in the final 20 seconds on a reversal in which John Cardenas took Novachkov to his back, and the feat repeated itself at the end of the next period.

Cardenas appeared to be in control with a virtual three-point lead going into the final 90 seconds.

However, Novachkov went on the offensive — something he struggled to do in the third period at 135-pounds — narrowing the gap to two points. Just 20 seconds remained when Novachkov earned a pin, his fourth of the season. He then went on to pin Tai-Filip, earned pins in each of their matches as Boris improved to 22-1 and Filip went to 2-0 at 149-pounds.

Boris fell by nine points over Carlos Castro with 14 seconds left in the second period when he ended the match with a pin, his fourth of the season. He then went on to win 12 matches in a row since losing a one-point match to No. 1 Kenzel Russell.

Filip took slightly longer to pin Tai-Filip Fukumoto as only 31 seconds remained when the referee’s hand hit the mat as he added to Boris’ victory and opened up a 15-0 lead for the Mustangs.

Cal Poly took the opening six matches (two by forfeit and owned an insurmountable 31-0 lead before Arizona State got its first win at 184-pounds, when Keilan Bangs was pinned by Mandanis.

Heavyweight Anton Dixie’s match lasted only six seconds as his opponent, Levi Cooper, hit his knee on the hardwood just off the mat after an opening takedown. Arizona State’s only other win came at 125-pounds when Brian Longmire was simply outmatched by No. 2 Anthony Robles.

Incidentally, Robles has only one leg and his style, crouched close to the mat, confounds most opponents and Longmire was no exception. Robles lured Longmire close and once he got a hold of his wrist, there was no escape. He quickly worked his way to a 15-0 technical fall using what commentators called the “Robles Roll.”

Ryan DeRooches earned a major decision over Trujan Edwards and has yet to fall to a Pac-10 wrestler, to 28-5 on the year. Two more wins would put him over the 30-win threshold for the second time in two years.

The Mustangs have two more dual meets left on the schedule. The final match takes place in Mon Gym on Feb. 13. The Pac-10 Championships begin two weeks later in Corvallis, Ore.
Mustangs win two conference duals

Since the Mustangs’ loss to Boise State, they have won two straight duals.

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In the Mustangs’ 23-12 win over Cal State Bakersfield Friday night, 197-pounder Ryan Smith faced his nemesis, No. 17 Riley Orozco, who snubbed the Mustang in four previous matches.

Co-head coach Mark Perry put it bluntly. "(Orozco) has been Ryan Smith's kryptonite," he said.

After giving up the first points, Smith turned the match on its head when he scored a buzzer-beating takedown, to take a 3-2 lead into the second period. He would score one more takedown in the second period coupled with two escapes, moving the score to 7-5 with one period remaining.

The quick-paced match wore on both wrestlers as Smith gave up kryptonite, but Smith was defiant as the crowd shouted his name behind him.

"After I got the point (called against me), I put it behind me and knew it was going to overtime," Smith said. "In my head going into overtime, I was not going to lose. Losing was not an option. It meant too much to me to lose that match."

A win would clinch the dual, a loss would send Smith back to the drawing board. Then, moments into overtime, Orozco made a move for Smith’s legs, but he sprawled on the mat.

Smith flew his leg back, catching Orozco in a front headlock and began to circle viciously. As Smith squeezed tight, he searched for a clinch to the takedown and the match.

He did and threw his hands in the air then sunk into a grateful bow to the fans. "I'm trying to make wrestling a big thing here," Smith said. "We had a good crowd out there tonight. It was my way of saying thank you to them... When you have the stands cheering behind you that gives you a little extra energy, that gives you a little more will and desire."

However, Smith’s match was only one of a few epic duals on the night. In a decision that pleased coaches, Filip Nesichovek gave up his ability to compete at 133-pounds, choosing instead to pursue an NCAA title at 149-pounds.

Wrestling

Mustangs extend winning streak to eight games

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A 3-point attempt by UC Santa Barbara’s Kelsey Adrian gave what was the closest shot anyone had to knock the Mustangs off their high horse. But Adrian’s shot rimmed out at the buzzer and continued the one storyline the Mustangs have had all season. They’re still undefeated.

For the eighth time in a row, the Mustangs walked out of a Big West matchup as the victor Thursday night, beating UC Santa Barbara 54-51.

The eighth win ties a Division I program record for consecutive wins, which the Mustangs accomplished in 2006-07. It was also the first time the Mustangs handed the Gauchos a home loss in four years.

However, it was close to not happening at all. The Gauchos started off with a 6-0 lead before the Mustangs responded with a 9-1 run, capped by a layup by...

Mustangs rebound from UCSB loss with win over Cal State Bakersfield

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David Hanson racked up a career-high 29 points against CSUB Saturday.

With the help of forward David Hanson’s second 20-point game, the Mustangs rebounded from their last-second loss to UC Santa Barbara with a 77-61 win over Cal State Bakersfield Saturday night.

Hanson led the team with a career-high 29 points. Guard Shawn Lewis helped the Mustangs with a 20-point effort as well, all of which he scored in the last 10 minutes of the game.

Despite Hanson and Lewis’ efforts, the Mustangs didn’t take their first lead of the game until there was just 1:40 left in the first half. With jumpers by center Will Donahue and guard Malik Lové, the Mustangs took a 29-27 lead into the break.

The Mustangs started the second half firing from the 3-point line. They hit three attempts in the first six minutes to take a 45-35 lead. Then, Lewis decided to step in. He was held scoreless through 30 minutes and then decided he had enough. He rallied nine consecutive points in two minutes and furthered Cal Poly’s lead to 54-45 with eight minutes left in the game.

Cal State Bakersfield responded with an 8-4 run and the Roadrunners shortened Cal Poly’s lead to 58-53 with five minutes to play.

Hanson then nailed his sixth 3-pointer and Lewis hit a layup to push the Mustangs up by eight with four minutes to go and they wouldn’t look back.