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What? 

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I dunno. That might be a little dangerous. 

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Computer research techniques offered

By SUSAN EDMONDSON

A new computer search class has been offered by the library for Winter and Spring Quarters.

"We are preparing to provide students with the opportunity to learn about computer searches and eventually perform their own search on a topic of their own selection," said Ilene Rockman, associate librarian and coordinator for the class.

Rockman suggested that students with a senior project would benefit most from the class.

Computer searches allow students to research a question with a variety of subjects imbedded in it.

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ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5
New home does Poly a good turn

By DAN RUTHEMEYER

If Friday night was any indication, the women's gymnastics team has found more fans and a new home as it strutted its stuff before a crowd of 703 in the spacious Main Gym.

A quadrangular meet with Sacramento State, U.C. Davis and San Francisco State was the featured event of the Mustangs' first night in their new home. Cal Poly finished a close third out of the four schools that competed.

Sacramento State won the meet with a total score of 166.15, followed by U.C. Davis with 165.85, Cal Poly with 164.95 and San Francisco State with 146.40.

Although the Mustangs didn't win the competition, the total score they received was their highest of the year.

Cal Poly sophomore Jana Lehman finished second in the all-around behind Sacramento State's Karen Atwater. In placing second overall, Lehman finished second in the vault, third in the balance beam and fourth in the floor exercise. Her all around score was 34.05.

Atwater's first place total of 35.35 included top performances in the uneven parallel bars and on the balance beam.

Placing third in the all-around was Mimi Comfort of U.C. Davis, who won the vault competition with a score of 8.60 and the floor exercise competition with a sizzling score of 9.0.

Another Cal Poly gymnast, Kristy Brodeur, finished an all-around fourth with a total score of 33.9 while teammate Cathy Pagani finished third in the balance beam competition with a score of 8.75.

Also performing well for the Mustangs was Julie Williams who placed third in the floor exercise with a score of 9.0.

The next time Cal Poly will compete is Thursday, Feb. 7 in Sacramento against Sacramento State and the University of Alaska.

The next time Cal Poly will compete in a home meet will be Friday, Feb. 22 when it hosts U.C. Santa Barbara and Cal Poly Pomona.

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By DAN RUTHEMEREY

Dropping successive games over the weekend, the once hot men's basketball team has turned lukewarm as it has lost its last four games and seen its conference record dip to 2-4.

The latest losses suffered during the Mustangs' cold spell were both one point defeats at the hands of Chapman College and Cal State Dominguez Hills.

"It's really tough to lose by one point in each game at home because these guys have worked so hard," said head coach Ernie Wheeler.

Coming into the game Poly was 10-0 this year at home, but Thursday night's 65-64 loss to Chapman College was like a recurring nightmare for Wheeler and his team as they lost not on four free throws but on free throws.

The Mustangs sank six more baskets from the field, but Chapman put in 13 more free baskets from the field goals but on free throws.

"I hate to lose like this," said Wheeler. "It's really tough to lose by one point. We were right there but we couldn't bury them," said Wheeler. "We fought the aggressiveness of Dominguez Hills when they had the chance. We had an 11 point lead but we couldn't bury them," said Wheeler. "We hurt ourselves. If you can't execute your offense, you can't win."
**Hoopsters come back after slow start, Poly wins in OT**

By DAN RUTHEMEYER

The old cliche, "it's better late than never," was in order Saturday night as the Lady Mustang offense came alive in the second half to give them a 77-76 victory over Cal State Dominguez Hills.

After shooting a dismal 25 percent from the floor in the first half, Cal Poly came out in the second half shooting like an entirely different team. Making 40 percent of their shots, the Mustangs were able to neutralize the strong offense of the Toros and come away with the victory.

"I'm really pleased with the way we played in the second half," said head coach Marilyn McNeil. "I could have walked out of the gym because of the way we played in the first half."

Showing little offense early on, the Mustangs didn't score until five minutes into the game when guard Chris Hester put in their first two points on a breakaway layup.

Although scoring became more regular, it wasn't enough to offset the potent attack of Dominguez Hills. At halftime the Mustangs found themselves down by 13 points, 37-24.

When Cal Poly came out in the second half, it slowly began its uphill struggle for the lead. Knocking off two points at a time, the Mustangs found themselves down by only six with 5:37 remaining.

By the four minute mark Cal Poly had whittled the Toro's lead to two and showed signs of taking over the lead.

When Barbara Blackburn made a shot off a rebound, the Mustangs had tied the game at 63 with 1:45 remaining. After stopping Dominguez Hills at the opposite end of the floor, Cal Poly matched the ball down the court and took the lead on a jump shot by Trish Groo.

Dominguez Hills would not go quietly, however, as Deborah Shepard sank a jump shot with six seconds left to tie the game at 65.

Following a time out to plot their strategy, the Mustangs took a desperation shot that didn't drop and the game was sent into overtime.

Leading the Mustangs in scoring was Farmer who had a game-high 18 points, Groo who tallied 17 and Geoffrion who came off the bench to score 16.

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