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LISTENING UP: High school students listen to Cal Poly professor and author Gloria Velasquez’ poetry presentation Saturday.

State teens flock to conference
Cultural group MEChA hosts 6th annual event
By Jose Garcia
Mustang Daily

Fifteen-year-old Claudia Nunez didn't want the incentive of waking up at 5 a.m. and sacrificing a Saturday of fun to attend MEChA's Cal Poly Hispanic cultural group's sixth annual Youth Conference. In fact, the energetic San Jose sophomore wasn't even phased by the 12-hour program geared for high school students. How could she, especially when the last event on the busy agenda included a three-hour dance. But Nunez knew the real reason she and more than 600 high school students flocked to Cal Poly.

"I didn't want to miss the opportunity of learning what it takes to get into the Cal Poly system," she said.

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Hearing-impaired student scales coastal mountains
By Courtney Harris
Mustang Daily

"No fear" and "purs" are words one classmate uses to describe Alisa Runstrom. Watching the hearing-impaired freshman scale a steep incline of rock in Los Osos, the description seems to fit.

Runstrom, an ecology and systematic biology major, was born hearing-impaired. Now in her second quarter at Cal Poly, she is enrolled in MSC 213, a mountaineering course that involves mostly rock climbing.

"I got a notice before Christmas break there would be a deaf student in class," said instructor Capt. Robert Woolridge. "My initial concern was for her safety."

He explained that while climbing, students face the rock in front of them and have to listen for directions. Runstrom, who can hear sounds but not words, gets around this by bringing an interpreter, who is hooked to her.

Runstrom said the two-unit class presents no special challenges, other than the strain on her body. "The physical activity is exhausting," she said.

Her interpreter Laurie Wolcott, a staff member at Cal Poly, said she signs to Runstrom what the teacher says.

"Otherwise, I don't help her at all," Wolcott said. "But the teacher is very safety-conscious, so I trust him."

Wolcott said it is the first time she has interpreted for this particular class. Runstrom learned about the class after seeing the Associated Students, Inc. wall during an Open House tour.

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Poly braces for faceoff over fees
By Nate Pontious
Mustang Daily

The heated debate between supporters and opponents of the Cal Poly Plan is growing, while a decision about the possible $135 fee increase is expected from President Warren Baker in late March or early April.

Meanwhile, students, administration and faculty continue to debate the pros and cons over the fall-quarter's proposed fee increase. Deans from each of Cal Poly's seven colleges have met with students of all majors this month to answer questions and address concerns regarding the proposal, a process termed "consultation."

College of Business Dean William Reinstein recently addressed the plan.

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Media forum brings high-powered guests to Performing Arts Center
By Alexis Garbeff
Mustang Daily

More than 1,200 people flocked to the Performing Arts Center to hear distinguished media professionals discuss ethics and the direction of the media last weekend at "The Good, the Bad and the Media."

The two-day event featured 15 panels in all, including some legendary journalists.

Steve Allen, first host of the "Tonight" show.

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TACKLING OBSTACLES:
Cal Poly student Alisa Runstrom, who is hearing-impaired, climbs with the help of her interpreter, Laurie Wolcott, and mountaineering instructor Capt. Rob Woolridge.

Steve Schueneman/Mustang Daily
Webcams record dormies’ actions for a world audience

By Burt McNaughton
Mustang Daily

Live web cameras are coming to a dorm near you.

“Everyone with a camera has a sign on their door, warning people that they might be on camera if they go into the room,” said Eliya Selhub, WebDorm graphic artist.

“Everyone seems to really enjoy it,” said Allison Mahoney, marketing manager for Live WebCams.

CollegeWeb.com offers a live view of college dorm life to students all over the United States. The site shows unedited snapshots of students’ everyday lives, as well as allows people to engage in interviews and discussions with the WebDormies themselves.

The CollegeWeb.com staff chooses the WebDormies after the students apply and participate in a series of interviews. The students picked to participate all receive a web camera, free of charge, which they get to use for a single semester.

“Everyone seems to really enjoy it,” said Mahoney. “We want to get as many students online as possible.”

Images from the cameras, along with biographical information about the students, are broadcast live on the Internet at www.WebDorms.com.

The WebDormies all assume aliases, and they maintain personal online journals to share their thoughts on whatever they choose, according to information from CollegeWeb.com.

The web cameras have a range of about 10 feet, and they capture an image about every 30 seconds. This image is then sent online for people to view.

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About 21 students will participate in WebDorm from about 12 schools in the Great Lakes, New England and Florida area. CollegeWeb.com hopes to expand WebDorm to other parts of the country, including the West Coast.

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She said she signed up after talking to a friend who took the previous quarter.

Woodbridge said the class is for anyone and is used as an introduction to the military science department. He said more than 99 percent of the students enrolled have no interest in joining ROTC.

According to Runstrom, being active is almost second nature.

“I like being outdoors. I’ve always been a nature person,” she said. Runstrom added she also has a scuba diving license.

“I’ve always wanted to have a balance of water and terrestrial skills,” she said.

Woodbridge said Runstrom has a good grasp of her surroundings.

“Sasha is more situationally aware than all my other students, I think because she has to be,” Woodbridge said. “She participates fully”

Marissa Waggoner, a psychology sophomore also in the class, said Runstrom doesn’t seem bothered by being different.

“I’d say she’s pretty lax about her impairment,” said Waggoner.

Runstrom said she is used to being the only hearing-impaired student among classmates, having always been enrolled in mainstream classes. She hears about 60 percent of sound with hearing aids, and also lip-reads and signs. She said she first learned to sign in her seventh grade.

Runstrom currently uses several interpreters for her lecture and lab classes.

“Right now at Cal Poly, I’m the only deaf undergraduate student who uses an interpreter,” she said. She added she misses the deaf community at her high school, which included about 100 hearing-impaired students on campus.

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a great school like Cal Poly — plus, at the same time, learn about my culture,” said the teenager, who aspires to become a lawyer. “I didn’t mind that it was going to be a long day.”

Approximately 25 high schools from around California attended the youth conference put on primarily by MECHA with the help of several other campus entities, which cost approximately $7,500 to put on. The purpose of the program was to expose students to the college atmosphere for a day and inform the large Chicano contingent about some cultural perspectives.

The importance of the event could be told by the sacrifices other students made to visit Cal Poly. One busload of students traveled eight hours to San Luis Obispo, while another school paid $800 for expenses.

Once here, students had the option of going to two of the 20 workshops, taught by more than 50 volunteers or facilitators that helped with the development of the program. Workshop topics ranged from studying for the SAT to Chicano art.

“What we are trying to do is empower our youth,” said sociology senior Ryan Trimnell, who co-chaired the event with fellow MECHA member and agricultural business sophomore Maria Soto. “We are trying to teach them to love who they are and get an education in order to better not just Chicano people, but all people.”

Mount View High School teacher and 1992 Cal Poly alumnus Shabreer Faks, explained why his students-benefited attending.

“When we get students from poor and diverse background to talk about real issues and their lives is fantastic. Things like these plant the seed into a student that it is possible to attend a university.”

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Now is the time to be on guard against the activities of that elusive but quite varied group of people that are always on campus. The campus safety forum was designed to give students a chance to express their concerns and discuss possible solutions.

While the forum is not a substitute for the official channels of reporting or addressing safety concerns, it is a way to communicate directly with the campus police.

In addition to campus police, speakers from other areas of campus safety discussed their roles in addressing the safety concerns of the campus.

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■ William Baker, co-author of the book "Down the Tube."
■ David Broder, Pulitzer Prize-winning national correspondent for the Washington Post.
■ Phil Bronstein, executive editor of the San Francisco Examiner.
■ Margaret Carlson, author of Time Magazine's analytical "Public Eye."
■ Jerry Geppos, executive editor of the San Jose Mercury News.
■ Max Franklin, former executive editor of the New York Times.
■ Joyce Purnick, first woman editor of the New York Times' Metro Section.
■ Sander Vanocur, host of the History Channel's "Movies in Time."
■ Sue Cross, bureau chief, Associated Press, Los Angeles.
■ Stellan Tubb, investigative reporter for NBC News Radio in Los Angeles.
■ Sandra Duett, executive editor of the San Luis Obispo County Telegraph Tribune.
■ King Harris, faculty advisor for Old Polh Television and former anchor and an anchor on three major Central Coast TV stations, psychologist of San Luis Obispo County Schools.
■ John Summer, former anchor at KBIV-TV, San Luis Obispo.

The media forum was the last of 20 forums hosted by universities across the nation over the last year and a half Cal Poly's University Advancement put on the event that was endorsed by the Committee of Concerned Journalists — a group that is concerned with the future and direction of the craft of journalism.

"We had the largest audience and the best panel of all," said the forum's producer and director, Herb Kumm.

Kumm, a retired noted journalist and Cal Poly journalism lecturer, was responsible for lining up the panel of journalists for the event.

Many issues regarding ethics, the practices of the media and the profession were discussed.

Broder, who has seen the newsroom change over the past 35 years, described his job as a private profit-making business with an extraordinary grant of freedom.

"(The panel) accepts and welcomes criticism," Broder said. "It is a small price to pay for the freedom we enjoy. We are a panel of journalists who live and breathe the First Amendment."

A recent back to the 1950s, when vulgarity was not present in the media, was greatly debated.

"There is a lot wrong with television," said Allen, co-chair of Parents Against Sexual Harassment.

"The surveys I've participated in are really biased, the questions are leading," Wilson said of the administration efforts.

"The sad thing about the fee increase is it creates a gap between the haves and the have-nots, as far as those that want to go to college," Wilson said.

The consultation process ends Feb. 28.

"The desire to increase the student body is the key increase debate has spilled onto the airwaves," Carlson said.

"(The Clinton scandal) was covered in greater amounts than necessary. But it was good for business," Purnick said. "It originated with the viewers and readers. TV and new reflects society, it is not ahead of society."

Vanocur questioned whether stories like the Clinton scandal created ethical issues that editors had to confront.

"Validation is going on in society. The press can resist it or go along with it. An editor is not a prophet," Vanocur said.

Bronstein, whose wife actress Sharon Stone attended two of the forums, wondered if a journalist could have morality and integrity and still be successful.

"Your personal ethics are applied as an editor and reporters also apply it to their stories," Bronstein said. "Ethics is a personal judgment that we make, people who print lies have no ethics."

Bronstein believes there should be more of an emphasis on the intent of the story.

"Intent and truth is the concern," Bronstein said. "If your intent is to get it right — you can't go wrong. If your intent is to make the story up, then that is bad."

Frankel said that it is hard for press to hold onto ethics when there is television.

"Violence sells. The difference is that life is increasingly more difficult to explain to an increasingly more intelligent audience," Frankel said.

One audience member asked the panel if they would encourage their children or grandchildren if they wanted to pursue journalism.

"It is also a hell of a ride through society," Frankel said.

The two-day event discussions will be used by the CGJ in future studies. The panels and planners hope that those who attended took something with them.

"I hope we will be like a train passing in the night," Frankel said.

The survey's results will be used by the OCU in further research.

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I accuse Americans of closing their ears and their eyes to things they desperately do not want to accept on account of the fact that it will hurt their precious little political bubbles. Too many Americans are fat and happy, drunk on cheap patriotism and a booming economy. Their complacency in the face of blatant injustice bespeaks an epidemic of moral relativity in this country.

Most Americans claim high moral standards. Seventy-five percent of those polled say Bill Clinton is unworthy and ethical failure. I believe the president is guilty of the charges brought against him. Yet only a minority of the American public wanted his pathologically lying butt thrown out of office. Now, at the close of the year-long Washington soap opera I make my case against the American Public.

From the beginning, Americans wanted to be kept in the dark about the presiden- tial scandal. So important to us our belief in our great governmental system, we refused to believe that a young intern and a hyperactive presidential libido could undo the results of millions of votes’ decisions to elect Clinton president. So we would sooner dismiss the case than contemplate its true meaning. How could so many Americans have voted for such an immoral, self-serving, insolent leader? No, better to buy the stones of witch hunt and political back stab- bing being sold to us by the White House brainwash- ing team. Add to that the fact that most Americans do not want to be asked questions about consensual sex, and you get a justification for not rid- ing anyone else’s beard. Not wanting to be asked questions about consensual sex, the aides are wider, there are no funny signs hanging from the ceiling, the lines move much faster, and it almost has every book you need when you need it. In fact, I have never found a book out of stock at El Corral. Yes, yes I know that some of you have known the joy of the “temporarily out of stock” sign, but compared to Aida’s, El Corral whoops ass.

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Damián Alvarado is a computer engi- neering sophomore.

**El Corral is in business for the money**

Editor:

Why are we here? I mean here at Cal Poly, not here on Earth. Most of us are here to get an education so we can get well paying jobs in a field we are interested in.

How many of you are planning on working for free once you get your degree? I’m not. We are here to make money. The administration is here to teach us how to make money. The administration is also here to make money. This concept is known as capitalism. The administration is going to charge what they feel is the greatest price they can and not lose too many customers. The administrators may be generally concerned with creating edu­ cated people but their primary focus is to establish a good reputation for the school and attract more customers (stu- dents). El Corral takes a beating in nine out of ten articles published in our beloved Mustang Daily. Does it deserve this minnowcy?

No. El Corral is a business and like all businesses it is trying to make as much money as possible. This is the American way. How many companies can you think of that lower prices on a product or service out of the goodness of their hearts? Funny I came up with zero as well. Companies only lower prices when a competitor offers the same product at a lower price and that product is easy to get.

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The price of higher education

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Deal of the century

Editor:
Yes, fees at Cal Poly are the highest in the California State University system, but a more relevant statistic is that the difference between the cost of education here is covered by fees. Nationwide the figure is roughly 40 percent. So our students are getting a bargain when it comes to campus housing. California, that base price is being heavily subsidized by the taxpayers in California and also increasingly by faculty and staff, who are asked to work harder with fewer resources. I am told that our budget in the College of Science and Math is about 12.5 percent lower in real terms than it was a decade ago, so we are trying to educate approximately the same number of students with significantly fewer faculty, deteriorating equipment (for example, the microscopes in biology labs are so old that replacement parts are no longer available), and a variety of other impediments.

We desperately need additional funding to maintain and even improve quality in our academic programs. I don't see a sugar daddy or the tooth fairy on the horizon. Politicians seem to ignore our plight—many of them still believe you can get something for nothing. The taxpayers are not sympathetic. So to whom can we turn? Why, our students, those who derive the most benefits from the services we provide. The fee increase will not be that great, but hopefully the financial aid set-aside will help, and the alternative is more painful yet. All of us think the university could better spend the resources it currently has, but I don't accept that as a reason to oppose the plan. The cacaphony of carpiny within the campus community notwithstanding, this place is run in an extremely cost effective manner—just compare our expenditure per student to what is spent by other universities of comparable size. Even with the additional fees, we will still be paying only 25 percent of the cost.

Where else can you find such a deal?

Jay Devore is chair of the statistics department.

Society should let people be who they want to be

Editor:
Judging by the volume of letters to the editor, students on campus seem more preoccupied with heckling El Coral over lunch money than promoting a way of life which is called Homo. That's why Julie O'Shea's letter, "Why do we mistreat people that are different?" on Feb. 19 in Mustang Daily, caught my interest.

I moved into Sierra Madre with the hope no one would ever find out I was homosexual. I tried my very best, so no one "found me out," but I just didn't fit in. I never suffered persecution the way O'Shea's friend did, but I felt like an alien in what should have been my home, the campus. I feel like this campus makes minimal efforts in the name of homosexuality. Out of desperation I looked for God's unconditional love, but only over-the-counter anti-gay insults at Poly Christian Fellowship (not directed at me, but they still hurt). That's when a lifetime of circumstances and a month of dorm life made me realize I was homosexual. The catch was, I didn't want to be.

I tried things like calling Psychological Services, but their receptionist couldn't seem to grasp the concept I desperately wanted not to be "gay." Then I found something life changing, NARTH, the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality (http://www.narth.com). That's right, a group telling me I didn't have to be "gay," that I could live my life the way I really want to be by working to repair my masculinity, forming traditional friendships with my peers and re-forming a relationship with my father. That this controversial choice is a personal choice, but I want to say it's changing my life in countless ways.

My purpose of this letter is not to say homosexuality is wrong, but to remind anyone in "the closet," that they eventually have to deal one way or another with their homosexuality. Whatever they choose to do in their choice, and this campus needs to learn that. After reading this letter, please stop and think before you throw around "gay" and "queer" as mere epithet. Your best friend could be homosexual and you might not even know it. My friends certainly never did.

This student is a resident of Sierra Madre.

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Five months after being hired, Johnson hasn't met boss

VERO BEACH, Fla. (AP) — It's been nearly five months since Dave Johnson was hired as the manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, but he has not yet to meet team owner Rupert Murdoch.

"I haven't met him, but I would like to," Johnson said Sunday.

Considering Johnson's track record with owners, maybe it wouldn't be such a good idea.

Dodgers' general manager Kevin Malone laughed at the thought.

"He's only met Mr. Murdoch once," Malone said. "Mr. Murdoch is a very busy man, but I'm sure they'll meet and talk. And I'm sure they'll get along great. Mr. Murdoch is a successful man and Dave's a successful man. They have a lot in common."

The chain of command with the Dodgers is a far cry from the situation Johnson was involved in at Cincinnati and Baltimore.

With the Cincinnati Reds and the Baltimore Orioles, Johnson had to work for middle-one owners in Marge Schott and Peter Angelos.

It was reported Schott didn't like the fact Johnson had lived with his wife, Susan, before marriage and preferred to have Bob Knight as his manager. Despite leading the Reds to the playoffs in 1993, Johnson coveted grace.

In Baltimore, Johnson's reported dealings with Roberto Alomar's time going to surgery his wife was involved in didn't sit well with Angelos. Despite taking the Orioles to the AL chompship series both years he managed the club, Johnson left because of his strained relationship with the owner. Johnson, who owns a career 985-727 record, probably has put through a lot more than a successful manager should, although he doesn't see it that way.

"I feel blessed to have been at Cincinnati and Baltimore," Johnson said. "I had the opportunity to manage a lot of great players — Cal Ripken, Brooks Robinson, Barry Larkin. Things happen for a reason and things happen for the best. We won a lot of ball games."

SPORTS

Rogers fails to show up for first A's workout

PHOENIX (AP) — A stack of new baseball cards and a pile of unused tim gear set untrashed to Kenny Rogers' locker. Three pairs of gray baseball pants and a single pair of spikes were clean and ready for use.

But Rogers was nowhere in sight. On the first day of workouts for Oakland Athletics pitchers and catchers, Rogers was the only no-show Sunday. The A's expected him to arrive in time for Monday's workout.

Rogers, the ace of the A's staff, demanded a trade in November but recanted that demand 19 days later and agreed to spend one more season with Oakland. He has made it clear, though, that he'd like to be closer to his family in Tampa, Fla.

"I think it's somewhere in between harmless and a statement," A's general manager Billy Beane said of Rogers' absence. "I know this, Kenny doesn't like to have his family.

Pitchers and catchers are not required to report to spring training until March 2, but almost all voluntarily show up for their team's first workout.

"I'll be here tomorrow. It's no big deal, one day," A's manager Art Howe said. "He gave us a ton of reasons last year. Maybe an extra day off will help him."

Rogers, who was second in the AL with 238-2-3 innings last season, could not be reached for comment.

Neither could his agent, Scott Boras. Rogers was third in the AL with a 3.17 ERA last year. The left-hander led the A's in wins (16), starts (24), complete games (17) and innings pitched (193) in his first season with Oakland after a trade from the New York Yankees.

During the offseason, Rogers used his status as a veteran player traded during the middle of a multiyear contract to demand a trade from the A's. But he recanted that demand after the A's removed an option for the 2000 season from his contract, meaning he'll be a free agent after this season.

"I don't want to be on the West Coast for another couple of years," he said in late November. "I can make it another year easily, but that's too far to be away from my kids (for more than one year) ."

Joyner seeing clearly thanks to laser surgery

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Wallis Joyner can see it clearly now — he probably should have fixed his eyes a while ago.

The San Diego Padres first baseman underwent corrective eye surgery on Nov. 24 to fix his vision, which had deteriorated to 20/3,000.

After undergoing a laser procedure, Joyner now sees 20/20 out of his right eye and 20/25 out of his left. He plans to see how he does in spring training before deciding whether to go back for some touch-up work in three weeks.

Overall, he's glad he went through with it after three years of contemplating whether he should.

"I had some reservations," said Joyner, who has 1,381 hits in 13 seasons. "But I talked to the doctor about it and said, 'Obviously my eyes are my livelihood, so what are the risks?'

"He told me that with contacts, putting things in my eye every day and taking them out, was 500 times more dangerous than that surgery. Then's bacteria, there's dust, there's all kinds of things that can go in and scratch your cornea," he said.

Padres manager Bruce Bochy also underwent the laser surgery in mid-January.

Joyner said Sunday his doctor had performed the procedure about 10,000 times, so he knew the risks were limited.

In late October, Joyner had signed a two-year, $6.7 million contract, with a club option for 2001. He decided not to tell the team about the surgery, but said he was willing to risk voiding his contract if he could no longer play.

Padres general manager Kevin Towers said the 36-year-old Joyner had little to worry about. His contract certainly wouldn't be voided for trying to get better himself. In fact, Towers said, the players are welcome to give the surgery a try.

"Until I hear something that throws up some red flags, I don't know why not," Towers said.

Cal Poly Plan

Would you like the opportunity to discuss the Cal Poly Plan with the Dean of The College of Liberal Arts?

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were doing, and we picked it up in the second half,” Yee said.

In the second half, Yee scored two tries. Kicker Owen Hillermiller also played a key element in defeat­
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The Mustangs fell at University of California, Santa Barbara Saturday night, 82-74, shooting just .56 percent from the field. On the road, California State University, Long Beach, the California State University, Fullerton Titans upset the Mustangs 74-69, giving them a two-game edge in the Mustangs for the fourth and final place of spot.

For the Mustangs to clinch a berth in the tournament, they must win at Cal State Fullerton and at University of California, Irvine, and the Titans must lose at home to UCSB.

In Saturday’s loss, the Gauchos’ R.J. Benton had 26 points and 11 rebounds for his seventh double double this season, and Erick Aske scored a career-high 22 points.

Ish Mellat had 16 points and 14 rebounds for his fourth double double this season, as the Gauchos out-rebounded the Mustangs 54-36.

The Gauchos (12-12, 10-4), who have won six of their last eight games, took the lead for good in the opening two minutes of the second half on a drive by Aske, a junior guard whose previous career high was 20 points.

Aske’s three-pointer made it 37-34, and triggered a 19-7 run that gave UCSB a 12-point lead. Cal Poly was never closer than seven points after that. UCSB led 30-22 with two minutes left before the Mustangs went on 12-2 run to finish the game.

Jason King led Cal Poly (10-15, 5-9) with 18 points. Jeremiah Mayes added 15 points, and Jabbar Washington and Mike Wonnick scored 14 points each for the Mustangs.

On Thursday, the Mustangs lost to visiting New Mexico State, 79-69, in the final home game for seniors Ben Larson, Ross Ketcham and Steve Fleming. Larson and Fleming did not play due to injuries. Mustangs forward Brandon Becon left the game with a dislocated shoulder after playing just seven minutes. Fleming played in Saturday’s game, and both Larson and Becon could be back for the final two road games this week.

IN TRAFFIC: Jabbar Washington drives through defenders to the hoop.

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