Baker receives prestigious award

Natasha Toto

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker received the 2004 Chief Executive Leadership Award given by the Far West Higher Education Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

Baker was presented with the award at a luncheon during the CASE District VII conference on Dec. 6 in San Francisco.

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President Baker said that much of the money was made because of the quality plan the university put together.

"We were persistent and told a good story so the students would benefit," Baker said.

Alumni are some of the key donors to the university, and Baker insists that most of the major gifts come from individuals.

"We have always had a very strong corporate relations program with a lot of annual gifts," Baker said. "But individual donors who have acquired some wealth and want to give back are what we see the most."

"We strongly felt we could achieve it and were confident that we could raise the money," Baker said.

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Abbas elected new Palestinian president

Ravi Nessen

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Mahmoud Abbas was elected Palestinian Authority president by a wide margin Sunday, exit polls showed, giving him a decisive mandate to renew peace talks with Israel, rein in militants and try to end more than four years of Mideast bloodshed.

The victory of the satid and pragmat­ ic Abbas, who has spoken out against violence and has the back­ing of the international community, was expected to usher in a new era, after four decades of chaotic and cor­ ruption­­riddled rule by Yasser Arafat who died Nov. 11.

"We, the Palestinians, are drawing our future with our own hands. We will be the symbol of democracy and freedom," said Aya Abdel Kader, 45, a lawyer voting at a Gaza City school.

Abbas said he was dedicating his victory to the memory of Arafat, to the Palestinian people, to those killing in fighting with Israel and to thou­sands of Palestinian in Israeli priso­

"The election is our weapon to change our lives."

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aide Raanan Gissin.

President Bush, who has said a resumption of peace talks must be accompanied by sweeping Palestinian reforms, called Abbas' election "a his­toric day for the Palestinian people."

Abbas is the favorite to win the election, expected to meet with Abbas soon, his aides said. Israeli officials said that in a gesture to Abbas, Israel plans to release some of the more than 7,000 Palestinian prisoners, provided Abbas stops militants from firing rockets at Israeli towns.

"I think this vote shows a change in the Palestinian street," moving away from support of violence, said Sharon aide Raman Gomlin.

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We certainly welcome this and hope that from this mandate Abu Mazer will lead the Palestinian people on the path of reconciliation,” he added.

Baker said the United States will help Abbas and the Palestinian people address the challenges and help create two states, Israel and Palestine, side by side in peace. He said other countries, including Israel, must do their part.

Polls were open for four hours, two more than originally planned after the Central Election Commission extended voting until 9 p.m., citing logistical problems. One election official said the decision came amid heavy pressure from Fatah, which was concerned a low turnout could weaken Abbas.

At least 66 percent of 1.1 million registered voters cast ballots, election officials said, adding the figure was expected to rise, since unregistered voters also participated in the election. Final results were to be announced Monday morning.

The election, the first presidential vote in nine years, proceeded largely without violence. In one incident, gunmen fired in the air in an election office in and Jerusalem, voters complained of confusing arrangements.

According to three exit polls, Abbas’ main challenger, independent Mustafa Barghouti, won 20 percent, while the remaining five scored in the double digits.

Barghouti complained that the Central Election Commission had changed rules in mid-game, by extending voting by two hours and by allowing voters to cast ballots at any location, rather than where they lived or registered.

Analysts have said Abbas needs at least 65 percent support to resume negotiations with Israel. “He (Abbas) has a mandate from the voters,” pollster Khalil Shikaki said of the exit polls.

However, Abbas faces a lengthy list of challenges. He must balance between Israel’s demand to crack down on militants and his efforts to co-opt the gunmen. A major attack on Israel could undermine his credibility and sour peace hopes.

Major militant groups have indicated they are willing to halt attacks and give him a chance. However, the Lebanese guerrilla group Hezbollah, which funds some of the Palestinian militants, is trying to undercut Abbas, according to people close to the group.

Earlier this week, Hezbollah-fund­ed gunmen in the Beita region killed an Israeli sol­dier in a West Bank ambush. On Sunday, Hezbollah fired a rocket outside of the Israeli city of Hadera. In the confrontation, an Israeli sol­dier, a French U.N. observer and a German peacekeeper were killed in the confrontation.

The Palestinian election came a day before Israel’s parliament was to approve a new, more moderate coali­tion, seen as a boost for a planned Gaza withdrawal. In the new joint cabinet, Sharon will govern with elder statesman Shimon Peres, leader of the mod­erate Labor Party and an architect of interim peace deals with the Palestinians. Sharon has talked of restoring the long-stalled “road map” peace plan and coordinating his Gaza peace plan with Abbas.

The Israeli army eased travel restrictions for the vote, with the consent of hundreds of foreign observers includ­ing former President Jimmy Carter and former French Premier Michel Rocard.

Many gunmen followed rules bar­ring weapons in voting stations, but in a sign of the difficulty the new presi­dent will face in controlling them, Zakaria Zubeidi, a militant leader, refused to give up his M-16 assault rifle when he walked into a polling station in the West Bank town of Jenin.

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STATE NEWS

S AN DIEGO— Attorneys who want to unseat Mayor Dick Murphy are bound for court, arguing that he wrongly began a second term last month.

Two recent lawsuits contended the county registrar unfairly ignored voter intent by disqualifying ballot-box for maverick write-in candi- date Donna Frye because voters in the Nov. 2 election failed to fill in bubbles next to her name.

Legal experts said that while courts do give weight to voter intent, Frye's supporters may have a tough time because the letter of state election law wasn't followed.

ALBANY— Officials at several Bay Area high schools are using breathalyzers as a way to reduce student drinking.

With breathalyzers available for as little as $50 over the Internet, schools are increasingly turning to them as a way to cut alcohol-relat ed problems at campus dances and other events.

To bypass potential concerns about student civil rights, many high schools will only test students if there is reason to suspect that they've been drinking.

NEW YORK—A hospital official said Sunday at least eight people were killed in the incident Sunday, a U.S. soldier assigned to Task Force Baghdad was killed by a roadside bomb.

The soldier was among many war-scarred residents dancing in the streets Sunday after a U.S. helicopter on a relief operation near a site of a siege, came under attack.

Crews worked around the clock Sunday to cap a railroad tank car leaking toxic chlorine gas as investig­ ators searched for the cause of the crash that derailed the train.

Nine people were killed and more than 250 were sickened by the toxic gas. The tank car was damaged when a Norfolk Southern train hit parked railroad cars early Thursday.

CHARLOTTE, N.C.— A prisoner who escaped last June was recaptured this weekend and accused of robbery after surviv­ ing for months by hiding out in a vacant electronics store and eating stolen baby food, police said.

Authorities said Jeffrey Allen Manchester lived in a 4-by-10-foot closet decorated with posters and model toys, played hoops with a mini-basketball net and watched "Spider-Man 2" on a DVD player.

He also toasted water from an adjus­ tment box, "I've never seen anybody so determined," said Officer Fred Allen, who spotted the hideaway.

Manchester was four years into a 45-year robbery sentence when he allegedly snuck out of the Brown Creek Correctional Institution on June 15 by cling­ ing to the undercarriage of a truck.

Manchester, 33, is now accused of stealing the Toys "R" Us at gunpoint Dec. 26, then set­ ting fire to a dentist's office.

Police believe he had dental work done while he was on the lam and set the fire to hide his records.

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U.S. urges China to crack down on piracy

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WASHINGTON -- The Bush administration wants China to impose tougher prison sentences for rampant copyright crackdown on the rampant piracy of U.S. music and computer programs and will not be satisfied until copyright violators get prison sentences, Commerce Secretary Donald Evans said.

Evans, who on Monday was leaving on his fourth and final trip to China as a member of President Bush's cabinet, said in an Associated Press interview that he wanted to learn firsthand what China was doing to fulfill promises to better enforce its intellectual property laws.

Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi led a 70-person delegation to Washington last April for economic talks that resulted in a number of pledges by the Chinese on trade, including protection for U.S. copyrights.

The Motion Picture Association of America estimates that its members lost up to $3.5 billion last year from movie piracy. China is considered the second worst offender behind Russia.

Thursday at an intellectual property conference in Beijing. During Bush's second term, the United States will keep the pressure on China to abide by the market-opening commitments it made upon joining the World Trade Organization, Evans said.

That effort, he said, will continue under Carlos Gutierrez, the president's nominee for commerce secretary. The head of cereal giant Kellogg is awaiting Senate approval to take over for Evans.

Evans, a close friend of Bush, said: "We want to be in a position to know that we do all we can to eliminate not only tariff barriers but nontariff barriers with China." U.S. manufacturers say the best thing the administration could do for the industry would be to persuade China to stop looking at its currency directly to the U.S. dollar. American companies say that as a result of that system, the Chinese yuan is undervalued by as much as 40 percent, giving Beijing a huge competitive advantage.

Evans said currency issues would not come up directly in his conversations with Chinese leaders because Treasury Secretary John Snow is handling that policy matter for the administration.

But Evans said he would raise with the Chinese the additional steps needed, such as selling off state-owned enterprises, so China can be classified by the United States as a market economy.

The Chinese want this designation because it will make it harder for American companies to win claims that Chinese competitors are setting unfairly low prices on goods sold in the U.S. market.

"It is very important to them to be classified as a market economy under our trade laws and they are not there yet," Evans said.

Evans said all of these efforts to boost U.S. export sales to China would continue in Bush's second term.

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As his videotape showed a building that became a pile of twisted ruin, Hasyim said Meto TV that five construction workers were killed yesterday morning.

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"We still want to continue working to integrate China into the global economy," Evans said.

"We will stand with China as we move toward a modern and prosperous economy," Evans added.

Cabinet to return to Texas.

Gutierrez told lawmakers last week that the administration intended to press China to narrow the trade gap with the United States. That imbalance was $124 billion in 2003, a record for any U.S. trading partner, and widened in 2004.

Critics of the administration's trade policies contend that Bush has not done enough to protect American workers from unfair trade practices in other nations. Those practices have contributed greatly to the loss of 2.7 million U.S. manufacturing jobs over the past four years, these critics say.

In the interview, Evans said he was not disappointed by the growth in the overall trade deficit and the deficit with China. He said he saw it as "an ongoing challenge to make sure that we do all we can to eliminate not only tariff barriers but nontariff barriers with China." he said.

U.S. manufacturing jobs have been lost up to $1.2 trillion last year from the thefts. "We haven't seen enough actions against those responsible for piracy," Evans said.

America estimates that its members lost over $24 billion in 2003, a record for any U.S. trading partner, and widened in 2004. Evans said the administration had considered specific steps to combat piracy, the United States was concerned about the lack of significant criminal prosecutions.

He said the administration wants to see "jail time and tough criminal actions against those responsible for the thefts." He said he thought evidence that this is happening yet.

Evans said he would emphasize this point during meetings with Chinese leaders and in a speech

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California weathers another day of powerful storm

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LOS ANGELES — A powerful, flooding storm drenched Southern California with another consecutive day of heavy rain Sunday, turning roadways into rivers, knocking out power to thousands of homes and setting off mudslides and flooding that shut down highways.

The latest round of bad weather increased the number of storm-related weekend deaths to at least seven and forecasters predicted more rain on the way Monday and Tuesday.

On the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu, a man was killed and four people were injured early Sunday after their vehicle skidded on water or mud, but a telephone pole and ended up in the surf. In the Elysian Park area, a 43-year-old homeless man died after the hillside soaked again, and the rain was not letting up. In the Elysian Park area, a 43-year-old homeless man died after the hillside soaked again, and the rain was not letting up.

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Four-year-old Ingrid Paredes was killed Friday in Chula Vista when the car her father drove slid off the rain-slicked Interstate 805. The body of an unidentified man was pulled out of the swollen Tijuana River on Saturday; he is believed to have been washed away by a swollen river near Ventura County's Ojai area.

The heavy rainfall is being attributed to a sluggish, low-pressure system that collided with a stream of moisture from the southern Pacific known as a "Pineapple Express."

Annual rainfall for the city measured from July 1 to June 30, averaged about 15 inches a year. But the tally since July has already exceeded 25 inches — with more rain on the way.

Since the wet weather arrived Thursday, it has been blamed for at least five deaths earlier in the week, including the southbound side of Interstate 5, where it intersected with the Padadena Freeway, because of a mudslide.

A mobile home park was evacuated in Santa Clarita after a nearby creek flooded its banks and overwhelmed a 12-foot-tall earthen wall. Flash flood warnings were issued throughout the region, and authorities kept close eye on footfall neighborhoods below the San Bernardino Mountains where slopes changed bare by wildfires were especially prone to mudslides.

In Southern California, authorities reported scores of traffic crashes and ordered scattered road closings, including the southbound side of Interstate 5, where it intersected with the Padadena Freeway, because of a mudslide.

A car is nearly submerged in water on a flooded street in Sausalito, Sunday. More heavy rain spread across parts of California on Sunday and snow piled deeper in the mountains as the state sat under a storm system that had snowballed motorists and caused flooding.

In Nevada, Santa Anita race track canceled eight of nine scheduled horse races due to heavy rain — the first time the track has done so in 10 years, managers said.

A relatively dry Sunday was forecast for the San Francisco Bay area, but another major front was expected to push through the area late Monday, bringing more heavy rain and snow to higher elevations.

San Francisco already has received 369 percent of its normal rainfall since July 1, with 13.52 inches as of Saturday, compared with a 30-year average of 9.18 inches.
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Los dos ‘Taco de Mexico’

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MUSTANG DAILY

From the looks of it, Taco de Mexico looks like a cheap Mexican diner secluded and overshadowed by neighboring fast food giants Taco Bell and Jack in the Box. Across Santa Rosa Street lies Taco Roco, its biggest competitor. But when it comes down to it, Taco de Mexico’s got it right where it counts: the best burrito.

Located at 374 Santa Rosa St., the restaurant looks a lot like a converted burger joint. On the wall next to the register are pictures of modest examples of mouth-watering entrees and combination plates. Items on the menu include a full load of breakfast plates, enchiladas, tacos, tortas and an assortment of beverages, including ever-popular horchata.

The burritos at Taco de Mexico are some of the finest on the Central Coast. With several meat choices (beef, chicken and pork), and cilantro, onions and sour cream optional, they taste fresh and juicy. Customers are also asked whether they’d like hot or mild sauce added to the burritos.

Sauces can usually make or break a burrito and no two restaurants are quite the same. In Taco de Mexico, the sauce is a perfect complement and adds a nice kick.

Not interested in burritos? Order the taco plate, which is served with a side of beans, rice and a side salad. For $7, it’s worth every penny.

Computer science junior Gabe Li, ordered a nacho plate on a recent visit and decided to make the switch. “It’s better than Taco Roco,” he said. “Though they don’t give you as much.”

Taco de Mexico’s sister store in Morro Bay, located at 980 Main St., serves similar items but there are subtle differences.

Located on Santa Rosa Street, Taco de Mexico competes with neighboring Taco Bell and Taco Roco for business. Even though food is more expensive here than the one in Morro Bay, one cannot beat the location.

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Hollywood off to a strong start

LOS ANGELES — The horror of meeting the in-laws beat out the fright flick at theaters this weekend.

"Meet the Fockers" took in $28.5 million to remain the top movie for the third straight weekend, holding off horror newcomer "White Noise," which debuted a strong No. 2 with $24 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The two movies paced Hollywood to a healthy start for the year, with the top 12 films grossing $98.3 million, up 8 percent from the same weekend a year ago. Though the year's revenues were up, higher admission prices mean movie attendance was off about 1.7 percent, so last year's $106.2 million total of its predecessor, "Meet the Parents.""It hits home, doesn't it? Conflicts between in-laws, everybody's been there," said Nikki Rocco, head of distribution for Universal, which released "Meet the Fockers" and "White Noise."

Critics hated "White Noise," which stars Michael Keaton as a man convinced his dead wife is trying to communicate with him through his television. Yet, scary movies tend to have a built-in audience of horror fans, who turn out in huge numbers over opening weekend.

The box office often plunges for fright flicks in their second weekend, though some manage stronger staying power, such as last year's $100 million hit "The Grudge," which most critics also panned.

"White Noise" producer Paul Brooks said he hopes his movie can defy the critics, too, and hold up well beyond opening weekend.

"It's always fascination, the way critics work," said Brooks, who also produced "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." "They have a particular view of a film which sometimes can be significantly at odds with what the man on the street and the lady on the street and the kid on the street want to see."

Two films embraced by critics, Clint Eastwood's "Million Dollar Baby" and Terry George's "Hotel Rwanda," had strong showings as they expanded from limited release.

"Million Dollar Baby," starring Eastwood as a strong-willed boxer (Hilary Swank), took in $2 million in 109 theaters, up from seven the previous weekend.

"Hotel Rwanda," featuring Don Cheadle as a real-life hotel manager who sheltered refugees during the 1990s Rwandan genocide, grossed $1.15 million in 105 theaters, up from seven the previous weekend.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Monday.

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Removing God from our history

A merica has always struggled with the separation of church and state, but the battle took center stage this Christmas. Schools across the country canceled annual holiday plays because they included Christmas carols. Major retailers also protested their employees from saying "Merry Christmas," even though it is the official name of the federal holiday. When did we get so politically correct that we can't even say the name of a holiday that 96 percent of Americans celebrate?

The answer is simpler than the question. The idea of God in our culture has been under an ever-expanding attack, not a single-season jab. It continues to grow into even more ridiculous and blatant attempts to edit history.

Recently, a San Jose area history teacher was prohibited from giving students documents that referred to God, including the Declaration of Independence. Fifth grade teacher Steven Williams was told by his principal that any reference to God or Christianity is a violation of the separation of church and state. She forbade a history teacher from teaching history.

American history and God are deeply intertwined and any separation of the two is outrageous. We would have to leave out the Pilgrims, the Declaration of Independence, the Spanish Missions of the Southwest and the Mormon settlement of Utah.

Interestingly, students in the seventh grade are required to learn the pillars of Islam and the journeys of Mohammed, the Muslim prophet. Why do we force kids to learn about other religions but insist on ignoring the influence of a Christian God in American history? It's not like William Green was teaching them about the life of Joan Claret — he was teaching the kids about the saints of our great country.

There is also a movement in California to take crosses off of official city seals spearheaded by the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU argues that people feel unwelcome and offended by the overtly religious government seals depicting historic landmarks of California cities. In fact, the city of San Luis Obispo itself is an example of this fiery debate. The city seal depicts the downtown mission which was built in its present spot in 1793 and spawned the town around it. We wouldn't be a city if that mission wasn't here, so it is proper to honor its history of San Luis Obispo. We should embrace our history, not censor it.

There is something about the case though that is particularly ironic: the ACLU wants to remove a small cross but they will leave a larger, named size of the Catholic saint, San Luis Obispo. Yes, our city was named after Catholic saints by the missionaries who settled here. Should we rename each of these cities and counties to politically correct names in a way that is funny and doesn't work out in the long run?

Further cuts would only increase that dependence and likely lead to ever-increasing student fees.

This pathway would leave the University of California at Los Angeles looking at lots of private school — a revenue stream from a small number of wealthy students and donors would support the majority of the school's operations. But such a structure would betray the principles upon which the UC system was founded. Family income would become a bigger factor in the minds of potential students and big donors would have unprecedented sway over important decisions. This editorial board recommended one recent fee increase. But so far, Schwarzenegger has only stuck to his guns when it comes to limiting tax increases.

In the end, it is up to education officials to make their voices heard on the importance of fully funding K-12 and higher education. So far, most leaders have been content with damage control and unenforceable deals with Schwarzenegger.

Terminating K-12 money not an option

COMMENTARY

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On Wednesday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger made a strong plea to reform California's budget and politics, perhaps at the expense of the state's future.

Education spending currently accounts for the largest portion of the state budget, and measures like Proposition 98 mandate certain minimum spending levels for K-12 classrooms. But the state's revenue stream is not large enough to cover its expenses, and faces a $51 billion deficit. Schwarzenegger has vowed not to raise taxes, and states cannot legally run a deficit, so the only other way to close the gap is to cut the scope of many programs.

Cutting education would mean going back on another promise Schwarzenegger made during his campaign. He said he would find enough "waste" in the system to allow education to be spared from any significant cuts.

Additional cuts are expected when Schwarzenegger ends his first term in office. Proposition 98 mandate certain minimum spending levels for K-12 classrooms, the California State University system, the California State Polytechnic State University and other state universities are continuing to increase their reliance on private donations for critical parts of their budgets.
which local businesses are best for Cal Poly students' needs. Vote for your favorite business in each category and turn in the survey to the Mustang Daily for a chance to win gift certificates from your favorite restaurants and clothing stores.

Coming Friday, January 14th
Basketball
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play. He was five-of-seven from the field and made two 3-pointers.
Vladimir Lisiac also came off the bench scoring 14 points, mak­
ing five-of-13 floor shots. Andrew Haskins added 13 points in the loss.
Idaho controlled the game shooting 58.3 percent from the field while making 57.9 percent of its three-pointers (11-19).
The Mustangs forced 20 Idaho
turnovers while committing only nine of their own. Haskins led the team with four steals. But the Vandals outscored the Mustangs 41-33.
Lisiac had a team-high seven boards with Trichardt adding five.
Idaho was led by Dandrick Jones with 25 points.
COACH'S CORNER
This week's spotlight on...

Women's basketball coach
Faith Mimnaugh
Dan Watson
MUSTANG DAILY

Even with a lack of height, the women's basketball team has risen to the challenge.

Before Saturday, the Mustangs won 16 of their last 19 home games and this season posted their first 6-2 start to a season.

The Mustangs split a pair of conference games over the weekend and moved to 7-4 overall. The weekend showcased the trials and triumphs of basketball played with a small team. The Mustangs tallest players are junior Sarah Greive and redshirt freshman Nicole Yarvsky, both just over 6 feet tall.

On Thursday, the Mustangs squeaked out a win against a talented Idaho team using their speed to advantage. But on Saturday, the Mustangs struggled to rebound against a taller team.

Coach Faith Mimnaugh talked about the recent performances and an upcoming game against national powerhouse UC Santa Barbara.

Q. Against Utah State, you had a lot of good looks at the basket and were able to penetrate to the hoop. Why weren't those conversions?
A. — We took it strong to the basket and stuck to our game plan, but the shots just didn't fall. There was a lot of in-and-out shots and constantly a 6'2" player in rotation.

Q. — What cost you Saturday's game?
A. — A poor job of boxing out cost us the game. Idaho was a great win, our second in conference this year.

We had an outstanding offensive performance. Tonight, we knew Utah State would be tough.

Q. — You've spoken about the shape of your team and closing out games, what is your goal with conditioning?
A. — We worked really hard this week and wanted to get a little deeper with our time allotments.

Q. — How do you bounce back for a game against the rival Gauchos?
A. — UCSB will be a huge game. They are coming off a three-game suspension from Thursday, and they beat Utah State by 20. They'll bring some inspired play. It's been a bitter rivalry.

Boxed out of a victory

Women's basketball coach
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Guard Kyla Howell drives past a Utah State defender en route to the basket in the Mustangs loss.

Dan Watson
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"A poor job of boxing out cost us the game," Mustang coach Faith Mimnaugh said.

The Mustangs were often undersized. Case in point, at a time in the first half Cal Poly played with Katy Paterson as the lone player above six feet, while Utah State countered with three. But Utah State coach Raegan Pedley didn't find fault with the Mustangs.

"It wasn't that Cal Poly missed the rebounds, they just tended to fall in our hands," she said.

Whether it was lack of a failure of fundamentals, the Mustangs struggled to grab defensive rebounds following a 72-69 win over Idaho in which they outrebounded the Vandals 33-29.

The Mustangs again played a tenacious defense forcing 25 turnovers.

Mustangs can't stop Utah State's bench mob

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Three players came off the Utah State bench to score 14 points apiece and three others scored in double figures as Utah State defeated the Cal Poly men's basketball team 76-65 on Saturday.

Nate Harris and Jaycee Carroll each scored 16 points to pace the Aggies and Harris Carroll, Cass Mathews and Chris Huber each came off the bench to add 14 points.

Cal Poly also dropped its game with Idaho on Thursday losing 84-67.

The Mustangs are now 3-9 overall and 1-4 in the Big West Conference.

Utah State is 14-1 all-time against the Mustangs and has won seven in a row in the series.

Cal Poly was led by 19 in win Whiten, who scored a game-high 18 points.

The Aggies struggled in the first half, shooting just 37 percent from the field, but limited Cal Poly to 33.3 percent. Utah State took a 34-25 lead in the second half and pushed the margin to 54-44 with 12:10 left.

C'mon players: Utah State's bench mob

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The numbers:

14-1
Utah State's all-time record against Cal Poly

33.3%
Cal Poly's field goal percentage in the first half

70%
Utah State's field goal percentage in the second half

Michelmore is the man at UC Irvine

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It was Cal Poly swimmer John Michelmore's day at the UC Irvine Spring, Distance and Relay Festival on Saturday.

Michelmore won the men's 200 breaststroke with a time of two minutes, 8.33 seconds at the UC Irvine Sprint, Distance and Relay Festival held Saturday and finished second in both the men's 100 breaststroke (58.74) and 50 breaststroke (27.50) and sixth in the 200 individual medley (2:02.23).

In other sprint events, Cal Poly's Nate Williams placed second in the 100 breaststroke (53.51), fifth in the 100 freestyle (48.77) and seventh in both the 200 individual medley (2:02.37) and 200 backstroke (2:04.22).

Nate Hall was fourth in the 50 butterfly (27.45) and ninth in the second half, but a 12-0 run in running out to the 11-point victory. On the game Utah State shot 51.1 percent while Cal Poly made just 43.4 percent.

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Titchenal tied his career-high with 16 points in 24 minutes of see Basketball, page 11