Rec Center expansion vote passes by landslide

Kory Harbeck

Cal Poly students voted in record numbers last week, overwhelmingly voicing their desire for a bigger Recreation Center.

In a lopsided margin, 74.5 percent of students voted "Yes" for the referendum compared to only 25.5 percent voting "No."

The 7,309 ballots cast online represented 37.7 percent of the entire student population. Only 22.5 percent voted in last year's Associated Students Inc. presidential election when sponsored campus polling locations were used.

The referendum approved a $72 million plan to expand the Rec Center by 14,000 square feet, including new courts for basketball and volleyball, a multi-activity center for sporting and entertainment, two synthetic fields, air-conditioning and a leisure pool. The project is slated for completion in September 2011.

"Something is ripe at Cal Poly for student democracy," said Brandon Souza, ASI president. "Students were given the opportunity to vote, ASI did its best to provide an informative campaign, and the students provided a clear initiative for ASI to carry out."

ASI representatives, decked out in bright blue eVote T-shirts, anxiously awaited the results for 30 minutes after the polls closed at 7 p.m. Thursday. Once the numbers came in, the group was pleasantly surprised, said ASI chief of staff Laura Baldovin.

"We are very happy with the voter turnout. ASI tried to get the word out, and we obviously reached the students. It's very exciting," Baldo-

win said.

An energized Souza was pleased with the eVote campaign and said the turnout was the highest in the California State University system history, citing Humboldt State's 30 percent as the previous record for largest turnout.

The referendum was the first election in which Cal Poly students could vote electronically from any computer with Internet access.

"The vote was done on behalf of student on an issue at the forefront of their concerns, and ASI will be there every step of the way until the ribbon cutting ceremonies to make sure their will is carried out," Souza said.

The results of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification opinion poll will be released next week.

SLO High School graffitied

Mustang Daily Staff Report

Five male San Luis Obispo High School seniors caused extensive damage Wednesday morning when they spray-painted graffiti on at least 20 different surfaces, police said. It was discovered at 7 a.m. Wednesday by a custodian.

The suspects were identified after police were given additional information by fellow students who were disturbed by the damage, police said. They all admitted to participating in the vandalism, according to the San Luis Obispo Police Department. All five were suspended from school and felony vandalism charges will be submitted.

Presidentional election will utilize voter database

Deborah Hastings

Welcome to the first presidential election in which nearly every state must have a list of every registered voter. Here's the catch: if your name isn't on it, you may have trouble casting a ballot in this historic race for the White House.

The lists have already caused problems in New Mexico, Arizona and California, where people wait-ed hours to choose a presidential nominee only to find they weren't listed as registered voters — or they weren't listed in the party of their choice.

On Tuesday, when folks line up in the crucial states of Ohio and Texas, election observers fret that similar snafus will confuse and delay primary vote counts that could help decide whether the Democratic nominee will be the first woman or the first black man to hold that title.

"It could be the sleeping giant that hungers for an act," said Mary Beth Tinker, who has been sounding the alarm over the widespread problems. "What's happening is a major form of disenfranchisement."
**ASL True Love Series**

What: Dating expert David Wygant’s presentation is rescheduled for this week.
When: Tuesday at 8 p.m.
Where: Chumash Auditorium
Questions: Call the ASI Events staff at 756-1112.

**Another Type of Groove**

What: Renowned poet Mahogany L. Browne will perform at Cal Poly as part of her college tour promoting self-love and supporting women empowerment.
The event is offered as part of Women’s History Month.
When: Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Where: Performing Arts Center Padovan
Questions: Call Cal Poly’s Women’s Programs and Services at 756-2600.

**ASI Bingo Night**

What: Free bingo night is offered by ASI Events. Prizes will be awarded throughout the night.
When: Friday at 5:30 p.m. for check-in
Where: Rec Center
Questions: Call Michelle Curns at 756-2324.

**LUNA FEST Film Festival**

What: The festival will premiere nine films celebrating women. Proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Fund.
When: Saturday at 3:30 p.m.
Where: Chumash Auditorium
Questions: Call Cal Poly’s Women’s Programs and Services at 756-2600.

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in terms of voting problems,” said Larry Norden of the Brennan Center for Justice at New York University Law school, which monitors election issues.

The problems stem from a federal law that was supposed to deter voter fraud. Under the Help America Vote Act, every state was required to have a computerized database listing all registered voters. The deadline was 2006, which several states missed. Some of them, including New York and New Jersey, were sued by the Justice Department for not having databases up and running.

This year marks the first time the lists are being used for purposes like recounts. The first recounts began in 2007, and they aren’t so much by disenfranchised voters but by fed-up registrars. In rural Henderson County, for instance, elections director Carolyn Craig said the state system was “forever going down, having glitches. We couldn’t deal with it and operate, too,” said Craig.

In states such as New Mexico, where Super Tuesday caucuses were plagued by long lines and registration issues, it took nine days to tally votes. Part of the problem stemmed from an avalanche of so-called “provisional” ballots—which take longer to count — given to voters for a variety of reasons, including being dropped from registration lists. In California, the Super Tuesday final tally has yet to be certified because of large numbers of impromptu ballots cast by voters whose names weren’t on the list, as well as other poll problems.

The voting law was designed to produce accurate lists of eligible voters that could be coordinated with other government databases, including drivers’ license and Social Security rolls. It allowed states to purge clutter on the list, as well as other poll problems.

Some election officials went too far, according to voting activists, and interpreted those requirements to mean that registration applications should be denied when they don’t match government data.

In Florida, the state NAACP chapter and others sued election officials, saying more than 14,000 people, most of them minorities, have had their registrations wrongly denied since the 2006 election. According to the federal lawsuit, many of the discrepancies were caused by transposed numbers, and confusion over minority names that results in data-input error. Hispanic names can contain maternal and paternal family names, Haitian and Hispanic names can be hyphenated and African-American names can contain unique spellings and apostrophes, the suit said.

In December, a federal judge ordered election authorities to stop enforcing the 2-year-old law, saying there is proof that it has resulted in “actual harm to real individuals.” The case is on appeal. “Depending on the decision, it could be an important issue in the general election,” said Justin Levitt of the Brennan Center.

In Florida, which decided the presidency after experiencing one recount, the Supreme Court in 2000, “obviously was important, is important and will be important in any election,” he said.

So are Ohio and Texas, two states with significant delegate counts. Hillary Rodham Clinton has pressed her struggling candidacy hopes on winning both primaries on Tuesday. Her Democratic opponent Barack Obama, has won the last 11 primaries and caucuses and currently leads the delegate count. Primaries also will be held Tuesday in Rhode Island and Vermont.

But Ohio and Texas have had problems getting their registration databases up and running, creating fears that they may take days to tally votes from these important contests — and Ohio knows a great deal about delays.

In the last presidential election, nearly 3 percent of voters were forced to cast provisional ballots because of registration questions after waiting in lines for as long as 14 hours.

Those paper votes, which take longer to count, helped prolong the final tally by more than a month. On December 6, 2004, then-Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell certified that George W. Bush had won Ohio by about 119,000 votes over John Kerry, a slim margin that handed Bush his second term in office.

Texas faces its own brand of problems — generated not so much by disenfranchised voters but by fed-up counties.

In rural Henderson County, for instance, election officials opted for a privately run database rather than use the state’s system.

According to Texas figures, 39 of 254 counties use their own databases.

The state system was “forever going down, having glitches. We couldn’t deal with it and operate, too,” said registrar Carolyn Craig. “We got tired of dealing with it.”

Despite local grumbling, state officials say their database should run smoothly on Tuesday.

“Any problems that were out there have been identified” and corrected, said Scott Haywood, spokesman for Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson.

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to the District Attorney’s Office, police said.

The graffiti consisted of “2008” and “Don’t hate 08.” The suspects also allegedly spray-painted mari­juana leaves on the walls and shot a paint ball gun against doors and windows at least 100 times. They also zip-tied and duct-taped door handles to prevent them from opening, police said.

Three school district employ­ees spent two full days repairing the damage to the school, most of which was at the administration building. One custodian told police it was “the worst damage I have seen in 30 years.”

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**POLY HOSTS ALTERNATIVE FUEL CAR SHOW**

Alternative-fuel cars like the one shown above were on display Saturday at the Bonderoson Project Center, courtesy of the Cal Poly Electric Vehicle Club and the Cal Poly Hydrogen Energy Club.
Juvenile detention centers record 13,000 claims of abuse in 4 years

Holbrook Mohr
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Columbia Training School — pleasant on the outside, austere on the inside — has been home to 37 of the most troubled young women in Mississippi. If some of those girls and their advocates are to be believed, it is also a cruel and frightening place.

The school has been sued twice in the past four years. One suit brought by the U.S. Justice Department, which the state settled in 2005, claimed detainees were thrown naked into cells and forced to eat their own vomit. The second one, brought by eight girls last year, said they were subjected to "horrendous physical and sexual abuse." Several of the detainees said they were shackled for 12 hours a day.

These are harsh and disturbing charges — and, in the end, they were among the reasons why state officials announced in February that they will close Columbia. But they aren't uncommon.

Across the country, in state after state, child advocates have documented the conditions under which young offenders are housed — conditions that include sexual and physical abuse and even deaths in restraint.

The U.S. Justice Department has filed lawsuits against facilities in 11 states for supervision that is either abusive or harmfully lax and shoddy.

Still, a lack of oversight and nationally accepted standards of tracking abuse make it difficult to know exactly how many youngsters have been assaulted or neglected.

The Associated Press contacted each state agency that oversees juvenile correction centers and asked for information on the number of deaths as well as the number of allegations and confirmed cases of physical, sexual and emotional abuse by staff members since Jan. 1, 2004. According to the survey, more than 13,000 claims of abuse were identified in juvenile correction centers around the country from 2004 through 2007 — a remarkable total, given that the total population of detainees was about 46,000 at the time the states were surveyed in 2007.

Just 1,343 of those claims of abuse identified by the AP were confirmed by various authorities. Of 1,140 claims of sexual abuse, 143 were confirmed by investigations.
State
SANTA ANA (AP) — Nearly 1,600 teachers could lose their jobs as Orange County’s 28 school districts scrambled to find ways to cut from their operating budgets amid a mounting state budget crisis.

The school boards must develop plans to slash about $204 million, or 5 percent, from their budgets. They say they’ve mulled options including laying off teachers, increasing class size, cutting security guards and eliminating music programs.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Times sure have changed in the 13 years since Harrison Ford had donned the signature fedora of thrill-seeking archaeologist Indiana Jones. The viral spread of the trailer for “Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull” is proof of that.

The trailer for the May 22 release has drawn highly enthusiastic responses in theaters. But it may have had its biggest impact online on a younger audience that may not think of Ford, 65, as equal to today’s spy action heroes.

After premiering Feb. 14 on “Good Morning America,” Lucasfilm and Viacom Inc.’s Paramount Pictures sent the trailer to the Web, plus movie theaters and TV stations around the world.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A police officer who was wounded last month in a San Fernando Valley shootout that killed his colleague is offering thanks for the support he and his family have received.

James Veenstra spoke Sunday after about 30 officers ran a torch relay in the Los Angeles Marathon in memory of Randal Simmons, the city’s first SWAT officer slain in the line of duty.

Veenstra is recovering after being shot in the jaw.

National
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — FBI agents on Sunday searched a Utah home and two storage units linked to a man whose hospitalization led to the discovery of deadly ricin in a postal area he had occupied on the Las Vegas Strip.

The search of the home and units at a self-storage facility outside Salt Lake City was expected to be a long, tedious process as agents operated carefully at sites where they could find the dangerous substance. FBI spokesman Juan Bercett said.

FBI Special Agent Timothy Fuhrman said “There is no indication of any terrorist act or activity.”

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The Western states’ era of massive dam construction — which turned rivers, swallowed towns, and created irrigated agriculture, cheap hydropower and environmental problems — effectively ended in 1966 with the completion of Glen Canyon Dam.

But the region’s booming population and growing fear about climate change have governments once again studying construction of dams to capture snow water rain and snowmelt for use in dry summer months.

NEW YORK (AP) — A cabdriver who dropped off a baby at a firehouse, claiming someone had left her in his car, was arrested Saturday and charged with making up a story to help an overworked family abandon the child.

Klever Salomé had been hailed as a good Samaritan after he dropped the baby off Thursday in Queens, saying the child, who was about 6 months old, was left in his car by a stranger.

The case had captivated the city after pictures of the adorable baby girl — who police now say was born to a 14-year-old girl and a man nearly twice her age — were published in newspapers and broadcast on TV.

International
MOSCOW (AP) — Dmitry Medvedev, the man Vladimir Putin hand-picked to be his successor, scored a crushing victory in Russia’s presidential elections Sunday, a result that was long anticipated but that still raises questions about who will run this resurgent global power.

With ballots from two-thirds of the polling stations counted, Medvedev had 69 percent of the vote, according to the Central Election Commission. Communist Party chief Gennady Zyuganov had 18 percent, it said.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on an historic trip to Baghdad Sunday that America fueled the violence in Iraq, portraying his nation as a close friend of the neighbor he once again studying construction.

Ahmadinejad, the first Iranian president to visit Iraq, disputed U.S. allegations that Tehran is training and equipping Shiites militiamen there. The American presence, he said, was responsible for drawing terrorists.

“The Iraqis do not like the Americans,” Ahmadinejad said at a press conference with U.S.-backed Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki in the Green Zone — the heart of the American diplomatic presence.

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez ordered Venezuela’s embassy in Colombia closed and sent thousands of troops to the country’s border Sunday after Colombia’s military killed a top rebel leader.

The leftist leader warned that Colombia’s slaying of rebel commandant Raul Reyes could spark a war in South America and the angry rhetoric sent relations between the nations to their lowest point in Chavez’s nine-year presidency.

POLICE BLOTTER
Feb. 28, 15:50 - Officers respond to a call of trespassing at a location close to campus. Two joggers were refusing to leave the property.

Feb. 27, 18:00 - Officers assist to gather 14 horses that had escaped from the horse unit.

Feb. 26, 02:58 - While on patrol an officer encountered a subject walking along Highland Drive wearing only a bathrobe.

Feb. 25, 15:36 - An officer was investigated a complaint of possible narcotics use near the Children’s Center. The officer was unable to find evidence of such activity upon investigation.

Feb. 23, 23:25 - University Police Department received a call from a driver, who reported dropping off a heavily intoxicated female 25 minutes prior in Lot G-2 approximated to be the suspect.

He asked police to check on her welfare and advised he was driving an additional four subjects that were intoxicated to the same location. Officers responded and located the female, then stood by with her until the others arrived.

Feb. 22, 19:58 - An officer investigated a fire incident at Yosemite Hall. An unknown subject placed a foiled container in a microwave, causing a fire within the appliance.

Feb. 22, 08:12 - Officers contacted a subject that became verbally abusive to a parking officer near Engineering West. The subject, a construction worker, was fired from a job on campus and had been sleeping in his vehicle.
Another Type of Groove hosted Talaam Acey (above right), a slam poet who has published an award-winning memoir and nine spoken-word CDs. "Snapshots of Equality" (above) featured civil rights era photographs. Bottom right, Cal Poly students and faculty members participated in the Multicultural Center's African-American "Jeopardy!" game based on the popular TV show. Bottom left, Student groups performed in a step-dancing showcase in the Spanos Breezeway.
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Good luck on exams.
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Shoes don’t change all that much. Sure, sometimes Nike or Adidas will fill the sole up with air or put a spring in the heel, but for the most part, we see the same designs over and over. Some shoes strive to break with the classic styles but end up being trendy, back-of-the-closet purchases.

Hip-hop artist Pharrell released a line of shoes in 2005 under the label Ice Cream. And yes, the name is indicative of the style: He has canvas shoes that look like waffle cones. Yummy. Then the daughters of Rev. Run from Run DMC and VH1’s “Run’s House” dropped a sneaker line called Fashy. And yes, these shoes make your feet look like donuts — complete with sprinkles. Personally, I don’t want my feet looking this tasty. I want people to say, “Man, those shoes are sick!” Not, “Your feet look like chocolate cake . . . mmm,” or, “Hey man, dust off your kicks; you got fluff all over ‘em.”

Then there’s the issue of UGGs. For some reason, most of my guy friends have nothing good to say about UGGs, and my girlfriend (and my girl friends) are all very defensive about them. However, I think there’s something we can all agree on: They should never be worn with skinnies or short shorts. It just doesn’t make sense. Here you are mixing winter/warmth apparel with summer/cool apparel, walking around in a skirt, a tank top, mittens and a sheep-fur bomber hat. It’s really trippy to see because in your head you’re like, “Is it really that cold out here that she needs those boots? God, her thighs must be freezing!”

And the more frilly the boot (or really, high-top slipper), the more ridiculous it looks. Like, now they have those UGG-style boots with the fake-fur trim and the little dangly, bouncing fur balls. They honestly look like road kill specials.

Now the shoe trend that makes the least bit of sense is the all-purpose Crocs. For those who don’t know, these are shoes made out of rubber. Now what do your feet smell like after a hot summer’s day in a pair of Croc sandals? My buddy Matt Norton and I decided that Crocs are like the Hummer of the shoe world: They’re built to be all-terrain, all-purpose, but they never leave the pavement. Like honestly, how do you justify wearing Crocs on campus? Sure a rainy day is good enough reason; rubber is waterproof. But on a typical day, how many puddles are you going to ford?

So what shoe trend do I want to see? I want to see children’s shoes made in adult sizes. I want some Velcro Batman shoes. How fly would that be? Ladies, you could ditch the UGGs and rock some Disney Princess kicks. Or better yet, instead of road kill, you could draw attention to your feet with some L.A. Lights.

So keep your feet in check, wear shoes that fit the function and the temperature, and watch out for the TRENDASAURUS and his high-top Captain Planet sneakers.

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Dancer explores mystery of faith

Janelle Eastridge | Mustang Daily

When Demetrius Klein’s wife, Kathleen, suffered a stroke two and a half years ago, their roles were undeniably reversed. He had always been the artist in the relationship, devoting much of his time to his professional dance company in Lake Worth, Fla., and she had been the one who nurtured his creativity. After her stroke, however, he became the caregiver, the one who would ensure that she recovered quickly.

But from this pain came much beauty in the form of a new dance: “Continuum/Surrender.” This 44-minute dance is not about religion per se, Klein said. But then again, it’s all about religion, in the sense that it explores relationships as they are, and those relationships usually require some amount of faith.

“The piece itself is about how all our relationships in our lives are not symmetrical. You know, you can kind of have a very intense relationship with someone for six months and then never see that person again,” Klein said.

“On a certain level, our roles in my relationship (with my wife) were absolutely reversed… That requires a lot about faith, a real faith. It’s a faith that you have to get up and live with every day, not just (when you go) to Mass once a week.”

The dance “Continuum/Surrender” is indicative of Klein’s dancing style. His contemporary, modern choreography is characterized by a plethora of movement on the stage and a sort of willingness to go in “very different directions,” Klein emphasized.

It also presents another common thread in Klein’s work: religion. For Klein, dance is a viable means for exploring his own spirituality. Although considered a “fairly traditional Catholic,” Klein “kept coming back to this idea of questioning and affirming, at times, what (religion) can be and how art can illustrate.”

Klein first began dancing at the age of 12 after seeing a movie with Gene Kelly and thinking that dance would be an interesting activity to pursue. Now at the age of 45, Klein has made a profession out of the art form.

In the beginning of his career, Klein used dance as a means to “think out loud in regards to (his) spirituality and so (he) made dances — several — that dealt with that in a very specific way. It won’t at the time dealing with necessarily a religion; it was dealing with the idea of big religious concepts, if you will.”

For example, in 1998 Klein choreographed “Physical/Prayer,” a large-scale, five-year project focusing on comparative religion. To prepare for its creation, Klein and the dancers in his company at the time spent months doing residency work at a synagogue, a Catholic church, a Unitarian church and a Baha’i congregation.

Overall, this has worked for Klein, and many have responded positively to his work. But he still gets criticism from some “fairly hard-limed people.”

“These are people who have very closed parameters of what they think is acceptable — both in terms of religion and art — and that’s always kind of an interesting intersection right there,” Klein said. “It’s difficult for them with things that aren’t dogmatic or fundamentalist.”

Through his research, Klein walked away with a deeper appreciation of the complexity of deep-seated religious exploration. He’s learned to think more inclusively, and has learned the importance of respecting, not judging, others, he said.

“Honestly, as a Christian, that’s what I’m told to do in the first place, so I should probably be doing that. I think it makes me be a better Christian, i.e. a follower of Christ. That’s really a lot about acceptance and not judging, and that’s what I take away from Christ’s message. As a Christian, should I try to do that,” Klein explained.

Though he’s not sure what his work will look like specifically in the future, Klein said he’d like to keep working hard, honoring the talent he has and ensuring that his work doesn’t turn into a commodity in the bad sense of the word.

“I feel like I was given a very, very tangible and very substantial gift — and I truly believe that on a very spiritual level,” Klein said. “I feel like I was given a gift, and I feel like I was given an obligation — in the good sense, not in the bad sense — to do the best work that I can possibly do.”

The six-member Demetrius Klein Dance Company troupe performs religiously-themed dances choreographed by Klein, in his artistic director.
A failing education creating the dumbest generation

Which U.S. president is linked with the Emancipation Proclamation? What were the “bibleless chains”? What event led to the United States’ entrance into World War II? Questions like these were asked to gauge 1,200 American high school-aged students’ retention of literature and historical knowledge in a study called “Still at Risk: What Students Don’t Know. Even Now.” The results were startling: more than half of today’s students are performing at lower standards than their counterparts from previous generations.

Keeping It Current

by Taylor Moore

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LOS ANGELES — New look Lakers and Mavericks, same old Kobe.

Kobe Bryant took charge late in the game, scoring 22 points in the fourth quarter and eight in overtime to finish with 52 points in Los An­geles’ 108-104 victory over Dallas. Mavericks coach Avery Johnson tried a variety of ways to stop him. Nothing worked.

“We gave him a single look, then we double-teamed him, then we gave him a triple-team and he split the triple-team and scored,” John­son said. “We tried to zone him, we tried to funnel him in the trap for a zone and we went the other way. He has no respect on any of our defenses.

“Obviously he milked the free throw double plus one and he just had it all going. He’s a great player. He has those games. Lots of those.”

Bryant hit the 50-point mark for the 22nd time in his career and first time this season. He went 15-of-27 from the floor, constantly draw­ing and drawing fouls, was 20-of-27 from the line. He was perfect shoot­ing and drawing fouls, was 20-of-27 from the line in the first half.

“I was really upset with myself after he missed five of eight shots. I just didn't cooperate on any of our defenses,” he said. “It wasn't a clean win, but I felt good to get this one done.”

Dirk Nowitzki had 31 points for Dallas, including a 3-pointer with 2 seconds remaining in regulation to tie it at 93. He had 13 points in the extra period, but missed 3-3 that would have tied it again with 7 seconds left.

Jason Kidd, playing his seventh game for Dallas, had 15 points, 11 assists and six rebounds. He drove for a layup to pull the Mavericks within 108-104 and was fouled on the play with 11 seconds left in overtime, but then missed his only free throw of the game.

“I felt confident at the free throw line, but I just left it short,” Kidd said. “To tie the game, I have to be able to step up and make that free throw.”

He still thought it was a good game.

“It was great for the players and the fans; both teams had leads, both teams fought to come back,” Kidd said.

Johnson and Kidd is still working his way into the flow.

“We are six or seven games into this thing and we are finding out more and more about how he plays,” Johnson said. “He and (Erick) Dampier have played real well together. Damp has a double-double and they had some good reads to­gether.

“We are finding out more about our team as we go forward.”

The Mavericks are 4-3 since Kidd joined them.

Dampier had 16 points and 17 rebounds when he fouled out with 1:19 left in regulation. The Lakers’ Luke Walton fouled out with 7:11 remaining in the fourth quarter, going to the bench with 11 points and six rebounds.

Bryant scored the Lakers’ first 14 points in the fourth quarter, includ­ing a pair of free throws with 6 seconds left after getting the offensive rebound of Lamar Odom’s second straight missed foul shot.

Jason Terry, who left the game briefly with 8:14 remaining in the fourth quarter after hurting his right shoulder in a collision, returned with 6:38 left and finished with 18 points.

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Brandon Roy scored 26 points and Travis Outlaw added 17 for the Blazers, who have lost nine of 12. Roy scored 17 points in the second half, but his teammates couldn’t hit sev­eral key shots late in an up­per­time game.

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Ellis had 10 rebounds and seven assists as Jackson grabbed nine rebounds.

The Blazers also haven’t been as good since their last meeting with Golden State, going 3-8 since winning 17 of their previous 18. Portland has fallen into 10th place in the Western Conference, though it beat the Clippers and the Lakers over the previous four days to win back-to-back games for the first time since that lengthy winning run.

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Golden State led for nearly every minute of the first three quarters, but the Blazers closed the period with an 11-3 run to tie it. Roy, the All-Star guard who missed two games earlier in the week with a sprained right ankle, scored 12 points in the third quarter.

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Afterward, Whitney Peterson and Brooke Fletcher, who played to­gether for the very first time this season, won 8-1.

Every singles match finished in two sets. Wong fell to Ashley Trava 6-1, 6-2 in the only Cal Poly 6-6, 2-2 Big West Conference loss.

By brezing by Silverstone 6-1, 6-4, Blalock improved her record to 4-6 and 3-1 in Big West play.

“The girls looked fresh and strong,” said Mustangs head coach Hugh Bream. “It was nice to be back at the home courts and have great crowd.

Cal Poly hosts its next five contests.

Before the next one, at 11 a.m. Sunday against Pacific, the Mustangs will be conditioning, getting more fit, lifting weights and extensively doing strength drills, Blalock said.

Bream stressed the importance of Cal Poly, ranked 74th as of Feb. 26, needing to build momentum for the Big West Tournament, held April 25-27 at Indian Wells.

“We’d like to crack that top 50 (in the national rankings),” he added.

Basketball

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for Pacific, while Brown added 10 points and six rebounds.

Cal Poly got off to a strong start, with junior guard Trae Clark making his first attempt at a 3-pointer 19 seconds into the game.

A dunk by senior forward Dreshawn Vance with 8:44 left in the first half remained largely competitive, with Cal Poly’s largest lead being six with about five minutes elapsed.

The game remained tied throughout much of the half, while the lead fluctuated between two- to-five-point advantages for either team.

A dunk by senior forward Dreshawn Vance with 8:44 left in the opening half gave the Mustangs an 18-14 lead and served to excite and energize the crowd. He chipped in 12 points and four rebounds, while junior center Tiras Shelton had 10 points and three rebounds.

Clark, who played all 40 minutes along with Keeter, finished with 17 points and six rebounds.

The game was Cal Poly’s last at home this season, and was the Mus­
tag Senior Night. Their four seniors, guard Davin Whiten, Vance, for­ward Matt Hanson and center Zach Thueson were honored prior to the game.

Cal Poly will tip off at Long Beach State at 7 p.m. Thursday before visiting Cal State Northridge at 5 p.m. Saturday. The conference tourna­ment is held March 12-15 in Anaheim.

Baseball

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runs, but surrendered a two-out RBI double as San Diego State prevailed.

Friday, the Mustangs were edged again, 3-2 by No. 17 San Diego in Cunningham Stadium.

Sophomore designated hitter Lake Yoder had his first solo home run as a Mustang in the third in­ning to give Cal Poly a 1-0 lead, and senior second baseman Pat Petier followed with another run in the sixth on a bloop RBI single to right field.

Although Cal Poly out-hit San Diego 9-7 and played errorless defense, the Toreros’ Josh Ramo­ski belted a three-run homer in the bottom of the eighth to put San Diego over the top.

Upon returning to Tony Gwynn Stadium on Sat­urday, the Mustangs’ luck changed, as they edged the Bulldogs 2-1.

The Mustangs scored in the second inning when Yoder singled, and with the score tied by the sev­enth inning, he crossed home plate again with a ge­nial run in the ninth.

While outshooting their opponent for the fourth day, the Mustangs couldn’t close out a win against No. 5 Missouri. Once again, Cal Poly started strong, with a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but Missouri scored three runs in the third and had a 6-3 lead in the seventh, which would mark the final score.

Cal Poly will play at UC Santa Barbara at 2 p.m. Tuesday.
Women’s tennis team sweeps doubleheader

Brittney Clyde

The Cal Poly women’s tennis team controlled Mustang Courts on Saturday in a doubleheader, blasting UC Riverside 7-0 and then San Jose State 6-1.

“We came out strong and dominated,” said Cal Poly sophomore Britney Clyde. “It’s good to sweep again.”

Cal Poly won both singles and doubles. The No. 1 doubles team of Britney Clyde and Maria Malec were outscored 3-6, 6-1, 6-1 against UC Riverside, and 6-0, 6-0 against San Jose State.

“We dominated both on the singles and doubles court,” said Malec.

Baseball takes one of four in San Diego

Despite outhitting every opponent, Mustangs can hold on for victory just once, against top-25 Fresno State

The Cal Poly baseball team went 1-3 at the University of San Diego Baseball Tournament over the weekend, returning home with just a Saturday win against No. 24 Fresno State.

In the Mustangs’ first contest, they fell 9-8 as the San Diego Toreros scored three in the bottom of the ninth inning to upend Cal Poly 6-5.

In the second, Cal Poly tied the score in the eighth with four runs on five hits, two walks and a pair of hit batters. The Mustangs countered with two runs in the bottom of the ninth for a 9-8 win.

In the third, Cal Poly dropped 17-12 as the Toreros scored eight in the first inning to gain an early lead.

In the fourth, Cal Poly tied the score in the ninth with five runs on four hits, two walks and a hit batter. The Mustangs fell short, dropping 8-7.

Cal Poly outscored by 19 after intermission, can no longer finish in Big West Conference’s top four heading into tournament

Aaron Gaudette

The Cal Poly men’s basketball team failed to capitalize on an opportunity to reach 500 in conference play on Saturday night, falling to Pacific 68-47.

Trailing 51-29 at halftime, the Mustangs were outscored 37-18 in the second half. The loss, which was their 10th by double digits this season, guaranteed that Cal Poly can’t earn a top-four seed in the Big West Conference Tournament, and thus won’t have a first-round bye.

“They came out aggressive and just wanted it more than us,” said sophomore guard Lorenzo Keeler, who added the Mustangs’ 69-64 win at Pacific on Jan. 28 only increased the Tigers’ motivation. “Especially with the loss to us earlier on national TV, they wanted to be sure to even the score. The bottom line is that we just couldn’t find the bottom of the net tonight.”

Cal Poly shot only 37 percent in the second half, while Pacific made 50 percent of its shots, making it seem as if Cal Poly was well.

And while Cal Poly held a 33-32 rebound advantage, the Mustangs (11-16, 6-8 Big West) had six more turnovers and went only 4 for 13 for free throws. Pacific (20-9, 10-5) made all four of its free-throw attempts.

“We did good in rebounding opportunities, but as far as our shots, we just weren’t making them,” said sophomore forward Charles Anderson, who went 0 for 1 from the floor and had two rebounds.

Frustrations became evident in the second half, with players from both teams beginning to jaw back and forth at one another, to the point that Pacific junior forward Anthony Brown had to be restrained by teammates for the situation to diffuse.

Pacific junior guard Steffan Johnson scored a game-high 22 points, with 10 of them coming in the second half.

Sophomore center Casey Neimeyer was 6 of 7 from the floor to finish with 13 points.