



Dr. Tebbitt travels to Bolivia in search of begonias

BY LISA PFAFF
Staff Writer

California University professor, Dr. Mark Tebbitt, spent the majority of his winter break doing something rather unique... researching and studying plants in the country of Bolivia.

Dr. Tebbitt visited two major regions in Bolivia - the Ambora National Park and Vallegrande, which are about one-hundred miles apart.

"I looked at plants 24/7 for not quite three weeks," Dr. Tebbitt said.

Even though much of his time was spent searching for begonias, Dr. Tebbitt was able to enjoy the beautiful landscape of the Andes Mountains and its other wildlife. In Amboro National park alone, there are more than 800 species of birds and over 125 species of mammals. Some of these mammals include jaguars, pumas, anteaters, and seven species of primates. The park is also thought to have more butterfly species than anywhere on the planet.

"If you like toads, this is the place for you. There are over 50 species of toads in this park alone," Dr. Tebbitt said during his recent presentation to University students.

Throughout his travels, Dr. Tebbitt encountered 20 different kinds of begonias.

"I was surprised at how poorly known the begonias of Bolivia were. I expected to find some new species, but not as many as I did," Dr. Tebbitt said.

During his venture, he dis-



Dr. Mark Tebbitt conducts biological field research in the pristine Ambora National Park, while on his trip to Bolivia to study begonias.

covered five species that were new to science. He also discovered three new hybrid begonia species. These hybrids are the natural offspring of two different begonia species that have got together in the wild.

Throughout his trip, Dr. Tebbitt took around 1,500 photographs, most of which recorded new scientific data. He also collected several begonia specimens so that other scientists can study them.

In some instances throughout his travels, Dr. Tebbitt was able to interact with local people in Bolivia.

"I really enjoyed talking to the local people, they were very friendly and knowledgeable of the local plants," Dr. Tebbitt said.

His travel expenses were covered by a research grant from the American Begonia Society, who plans to help him fund similar projects in the future. He

is currently planning to conduct a similar trip to Peru in May of 2013.

When I asked Dr. Tebbitt what his most memorable part of the trip was, he replied:

"Towards the end of my trip I looked over a new mountain chain that we had yet to travel through, these mountains seemingly rolled on forever, and I knew there are many new species still waiting there to be discovered...Bolivia was fas-

inating and it was definitely somewhere I would love to return to," Dr. Tebbitt said.

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Mr. Boyer goes to Washington

BY LUCIE FREMEAUX
For The Cal Times

Joshua Boyer lived and breathed political science during his internship with mCapitol, a lobbying firm that is located only one block from the White House in Washington, D.C. Boyer is a political science major with a pre-law concentration who obtained his internship through The Washington Center.

"I loved everything about

the program," Boyer said. "My internship afforded me the opportunity to meet with many officials and see how my political science degree is actually used. I learned a lot about the political system from Cal U, and it was great to be able to apply that knowledge."

Boyer's main duties at mCapitol included calling federal agencies and political contacts to set up meetings for clients, accommodating clients upon arrival to the office, daily news

briefs, and attending meetings between clients and federal officials.

In addition to interning at mCapitol, Boyer attended political science classes through The Washington Center that were relevant to his major. Boyer's class was partnered with C-Span and was even broadcasted on-air.

"My class was based around the road to the White House," Boyer said. "We were able to interview officials ranging from

Trent Lott to President Carter."

Boyer learned about The Washington Center's internship program through Dr. Blumberg, who recommended that he apply. Once he applied to The Washington Center, they helped find an internship that fit Boyer's major and career goals.

"This internship has profoundly changed my life," Boyer said. "It has given me the confidence to converse with public officials. It also taught me how to operate in the business world,

which is an opportunity that is not often afforded to college students. The experiences that I had during my time in Washington will stay with me for the rest of my life and shape who I am."

Boyer encourages students to take advantage of opportunities like his and enjoy every experience that is offered.

“The Vow” leaves viewers unsatisfied

By TYLER KIMMEL
For the Cal Times

It was 12:45 p.m. I wanted to leave by 12:30 p.m. at the latest to ensure that we’d get there on time and get good seats. However my girlfriend, Connie, took longer than expected to get ready. I really didn’t think we could get to Greensburg for the 1:25 p.m. showing of “The Vow”.

I’m sure there were many guys in my situation on Valentine’s Day weekend. Their girlfriends wanted their significant others to take them to see the new romance movie, “The Vow,” that was in theaters for the Valentine’s holiday.

However, I didn’t put up a fight about going to see the film like many guys probably did. I actually wanted to see the movie. It starred Rachel McAdams who was in one of my top 20 movies ever, “The Notebook,” and Channing Tatum, who was in “Dear John,” another decent romance movie, as her co-star.

To top it all off, the song that’s in the trailer for the movie is by Taylor Swift (my favorite artist).

So for me, the movie showed a lot of promise: a strong cast, and an entertaining trailer that had us sold. We planned to go see the movie about a month before, so we were excited and had high expectations.

We got to the theater on time and were in our seats when the previews began rolling. The theater was pretty crowded for 1:00 p.m. on a Friday afternoon, mainly with elderly couples. The previews finished, and the feature presentation was under way.

About halfway through the movie, Connie turned to me and said she didn’t like it so far. I was thinking the same thing. I found myself being bored, and day dreaming about the Primanti Bros food I would soon eat. I wasn’t ready to throw in the towel on the movie, hoping the story line would soon pick up.

It never did. I was uninterested the entire 104 minutes the film was on the screen. Nothing

happened. There was nothing that shocked me, wowed me, or excited me a little bit. The movie just pattered along.

In the film, the couple (McAdams and Tatum) is married for four years. They are in a car accident and Paige (McAdams) loses the last five years of her memory. Leo (Tatum) has to try to get his wife to fall back in love with him. I liked the plot, but I felt like they told the wrong part of their story. The ending also seemed abrupt and left me with many unanswered questions.

If I had to give “The Vow” a rating, I’d give it a four out of ten. That may sound harsh, but rottentomatoes.com gives the film a 28 percent. Clearly I was not the only unsatisfied viewer.

Here is my advice to guys for next Valentine’s Day, skip out on the romantic movie that is sure to come out that weekend. It will probably bore the both of you, and be a waste of your money. Instead, (try to) make your girlfriend dinner at home and sit down and watch a classic love story with her, “The Notebook.”

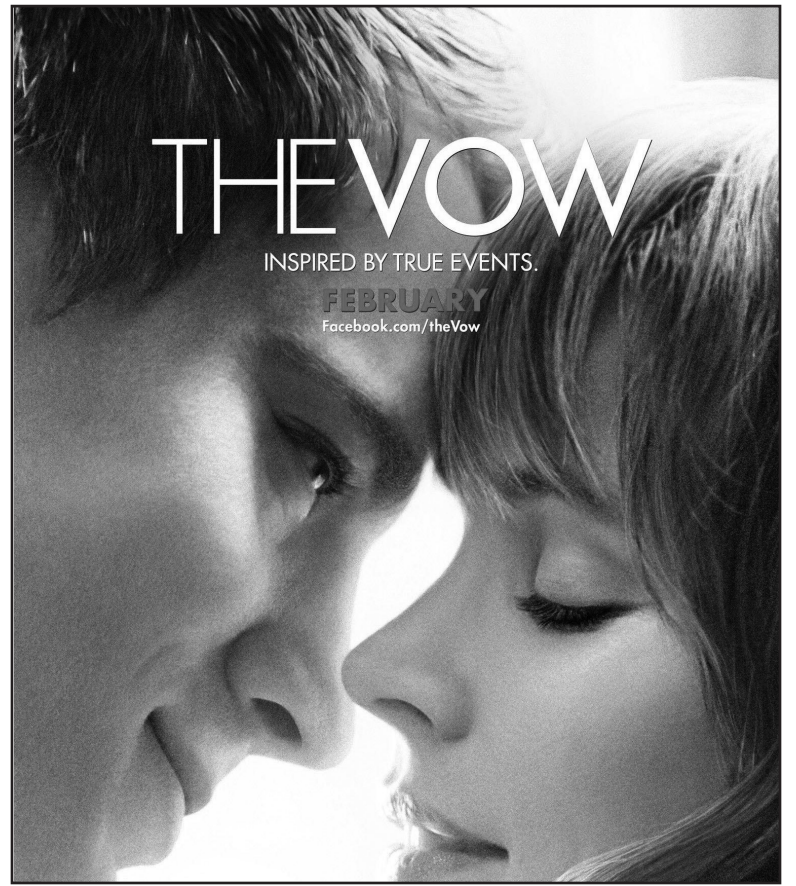


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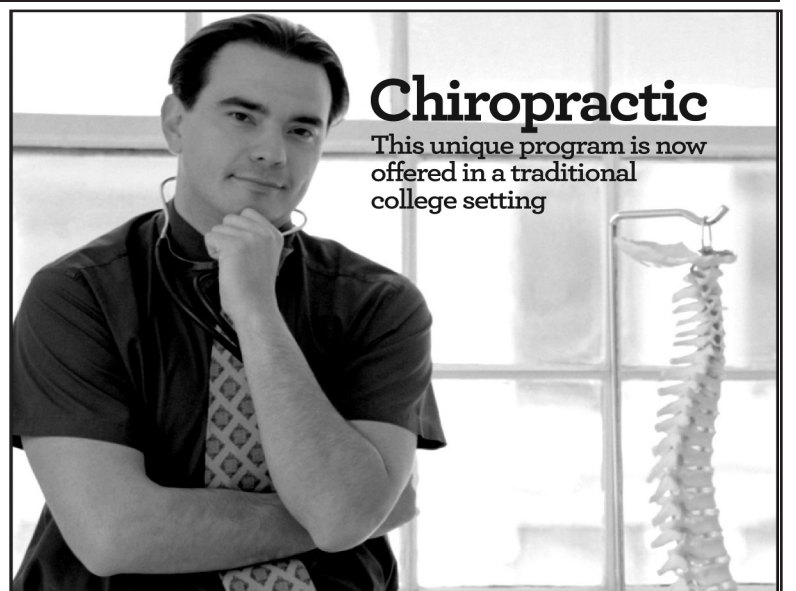
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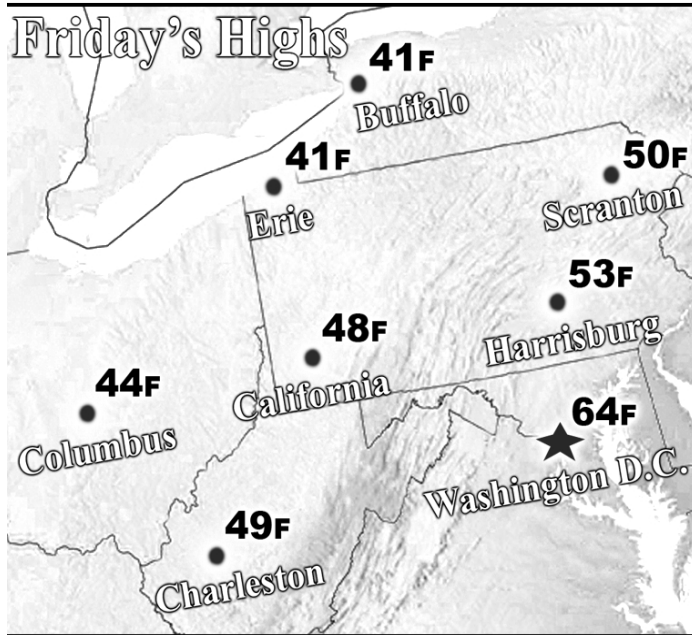
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The cloudy conditions and precipitation that we experienced in the early to mid week will remain over our area. Skies will be mostly cloudy with a chance of precipitation over the weekend. However, toward the end of the weekend, there will be a few peaks of sunshine with temperatures remaining cool.

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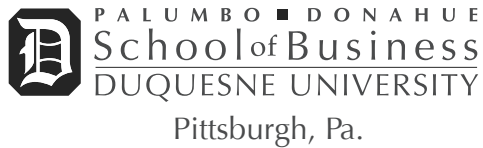
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By JUSTIN CARLO
Cal Times Film Critic

Justin's Rating: 2.5 stars

"Immortals" is a computer-generated imagery film (CGI), packed mess of a movie, with a pretty interesting story line. It is a visually beautiful film from costumes and the landscape, to the buildings and even the characters themselves are all something to look at. However, most of the movie is confusing and inaccurate.

"Immortals" tells the story of Theseus (Henry Cavill), a peasant who has been secretly chosen by the god Zeus (Luke Evans) to protect Greece from the evil King Hyperion (Mickey Rourke). Hyperion has been destroying and killing everything in his path to find the Epirus Bow, a remarkable weapon that holds the power to release the imprisoned Titans that have been held captive under Mount Tartaros for eons since losing the mythic battle against the gods. The virgin oracle Phaedra (Frieda Pinto) is Hyperion's key to finding the Epirus Bow, although she joins in the fight with Theseus to conquer this tyrant.

The movie has almost as much CGI as "Avatar," which not only causes for some amazing imagery, but also some very confusing scenes. Battles are fought almost entirely on the edge of towering cliffs and mountains

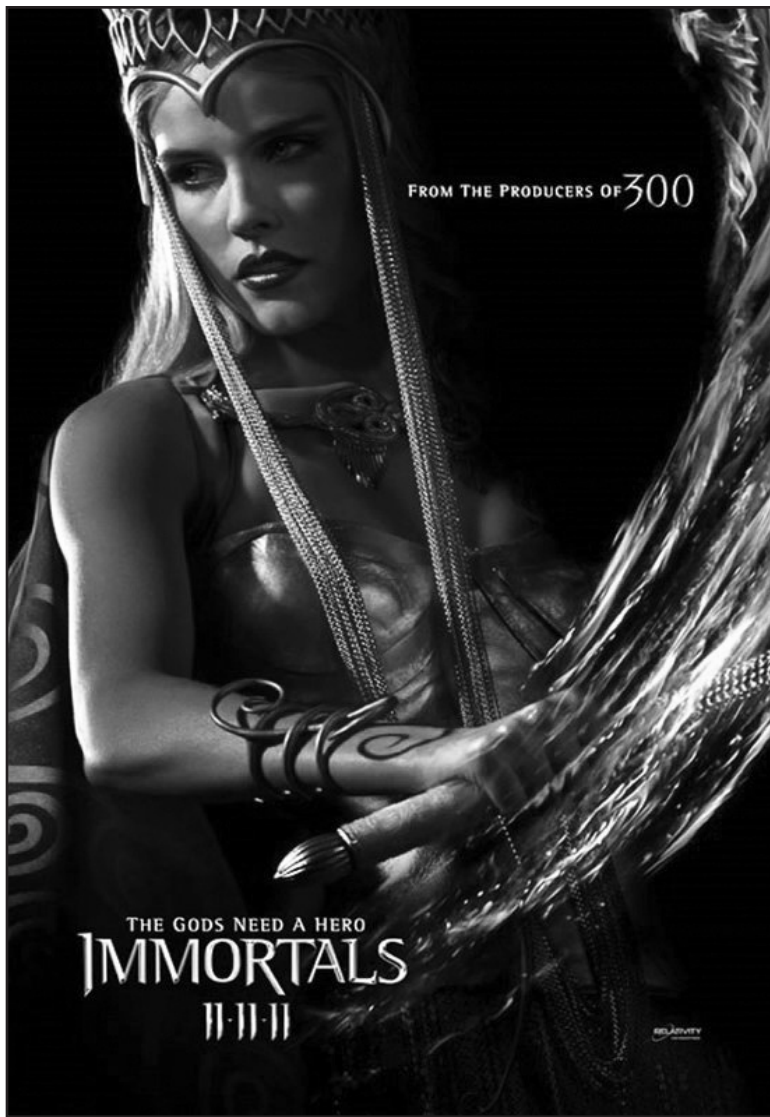


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From the makers of 300 comes this movie about a peasant who was chosen by Zeus to protect Greece.

in where...Greece? These battle scenes have so many characters and deaths involved it's hard to keep up with who's fighting whom and who is dying or not.

Major characters come in and out of the story without any relevance and many die without any real acknowledgment.

The inaccuracies that I men-

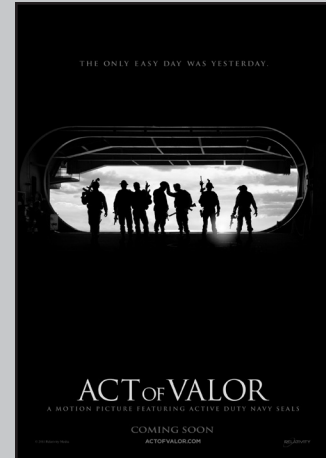
tioned are hardly even noticeable, such as multiple imprisoned characters biting down on what looks to be rebar, which I'm sure was not invented at the time back then. Little things like that add to the confusion. Even though you are probably not going to be completely sure of what is happening throughout most of this movie, you have to take it for what it is.

The fight sequences are intense and very well performed on the cast's part. Frieda Pinto and Isabel Lucas, who plays Athena, are gorgeous. John Hurt plays the "Old Man", very wise and very much like someone John Hurt would play, which isn't a bad thing. The same goes for Mickey Rourke, the evil bad guy role that just as much as you hate him, he's still kind of awesome. And Henry Cavill, it's great to see him in this intense action role as we prepare to see him as the newest Superman in the highly anticipated "Man of Steel".

Directed by Tarsem Singh, who is known for being very visual, this movie is basically "Percy Jackson" on steroids. Greek mythology movies are always interesting to me, so if you are a fan, I suggest seeing this one. The movie wasn't all that bad. If you can get past the confusion, and don't see it in 3D, you will enjoy it.

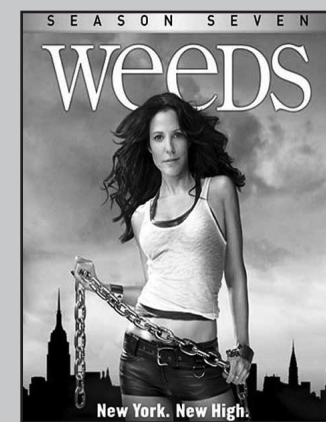
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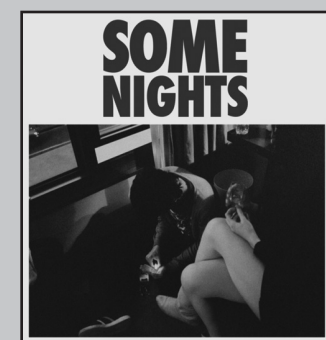
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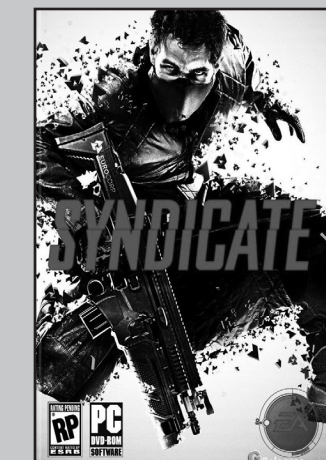
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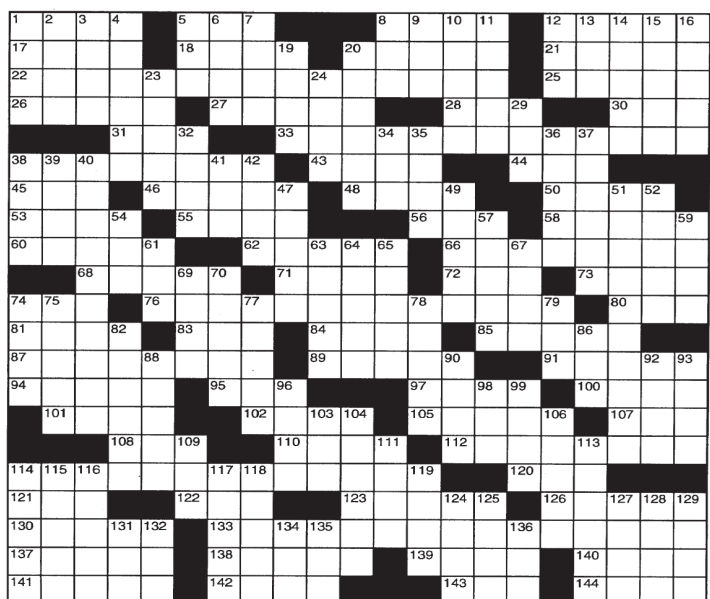
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BY LEVIE KIRKLAND

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The Internship Corner

BY LUCIE FREMEAU

Resources to help you find your dream internship!

It's time for you to start looking for an internship, but where do you start? There are plenty of resources available to you right at your fingertips and on campus that will help you find the perfect internship for your future career goals.

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Gates named MVP, Cal U finishes third

By SPORTS INFORMATION
For the Cal Times

Senior Melissa Gates (Leola, Pa./Conestoga Valley) was named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championships MVP on Sunday evening after winning a combined five titles (three individual, two relay) over four days and helping the California University of Pennsylvania swimming team equal its program-best by finishing third in the team standings.

Gates broke the all-time PSAC Championships record in the 100 freestyle by claiming the league title with a NCAA automatic-qualifying time of 49.73, which was nine nine-hundredths of a second faster than the previous record set in 2009 (Jackie Borkowski, West Chester). The 5-9 senior also broke the overall league record set in 2010 (Borkowski) by four-hundredths of a second, while shattering her own school record set last year by over two-tenths of a second. Gates, who set the all-time PSAC Championships and overall PSAC record in the 50 freestyle on Friday, posted the fastest time in the finals of the 100 freestyle by 1.72 seconds. A five-time All-American, she is the first swimmer in school history to win three individual PSAC titles in a season.

The Vulcans also captured their second relay title in school history – both this year – on Sunday evening by winning the 400 freestyle relay with a PSAC Championships record

time. Gates, freshman Alyssa Novotny (West Mifflin, Pa./West Mifflin), sophomore Jess Machmer (Canton, Pa./Canton) and sophomore Clarissa Enslin (Dalview, South Africa/St. Andrews School for Girls) combined to touch the wall in a NCAA automatic-qualifying time of 3 minutes, 25.52 seconds, winning the event by over four seconds. The relay eclipsed the previous PSAC Championships record set in 2009 by over four-tenths of a second, while breaking the school record set earlier this year by over two seconds.

One of four Cal U swimmers to place in the 100 freestyle, Enslin earned All-PSAC honors in the event after finishing third with a NCAA 'B' time of 51.46 seconds. Machmer placed sixth in the 100 freestyle with a time of 52.76 seconds, which also reaches the NCAA 'B' qualifying mark, and Novotny finished 16th overall after touching the wall in 54.26 seconds.

Sophomore Kate Mellon (Queensland, Australia/Mansfield State) scored in the 1650 freestyle for the second-straight year, posting a NCAA 'B' time of 17:27.68 to finish fifth. Classmate Heather Bureau (Latrobe, Pa./Greater Latrobe) placed 16th overall in the 1650 freestyle on Sunday with a time of 17:54.59.

Junior Bruna Carvalho (Belem, Brazil/Milton Campos) finished sixth in the 200 butterfly with a time of 2:09.02, which reaches the NCAA 'B' standard. Fellow junior Caitlyn Sirkoch (New Kensington, Pa./Plum) placed 15th overall in the 200 breast-



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Senior swimmer Melissa Gates set a PSAC record in the 100 freestyle with a time of 49.73 seconds. This time is an NCAA automatic-qualifying time, and broke the time of Jackie Borkowski (West Chester) by nine nine-hundredths of a second, which was set in 2009.

stroke after touching the wall in 2:28.64.

Cal U featured a pair of swimmers that placed in the 200 backstroke in junior Megan Schuh (Spokane, Wash./Moses Lake) and sophomore Brianna Sieck (Reading, Pa./Muhlenberg). Schuh posted a NCAA

'B' time of 2:07.65 to finish ninth overall and Sieck placed 13th with a time of 2:10.37.

The Vulcans finished third in the team standings for the third time in the last four years after previously never finishing above sixth. West Chester captured its sixth-straight confer-

ence title by totaling 684 points, while Clarion (441) and Cal U (412) placed second and third, respectively.

Cal U concludes the season when it competes at the NCAA Championships from March 14-17 in Mansfield, Texas.

Vulcans one game away from clinching a spot in the PSAC Tournament

By JOSHUA LASKA
Sports/Managing Editor

The California men's basketball team finished the week with one win and one loss. They suffered a 57-51 loss at Slippery Rock followed on Saturday with a 61-57 victory over Mercyhurst. The Vulcans are now 15-11 on the season and 12-8 in the PSAC, the Vulcans now sit in fourth place. With a victory over Clarion on Wednesday the Vulcans will clinch a position in the PSAC Tournament set to begin next Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Against Slippery Rock senior forward Steve Swiech led the way with 19 points. Senior guard Freddy Appiah added 16 points in the victory. Junior guard Travon Vann and junior forward Mitchell Weedon added six and four points. Junior forward/guard Quentin Harding, senior guard Chad Tipton, senior guard CJ Townes and freshman forward Jeremy Posey finished with two, two,

one and one points, respectively to round out the scoring.

Vann dished four assists to lead the way for the Vulcans. Appiah, Townes and Posey all added one assist in the loss. Swiech brought down nine rebounds to lead the way (three offensive). Posey brought down an addition eight rebounds (one offensive). Vann and Posey was able to pull away two steals, while Appiah, Townes and Weedon added one steal each.

The freshmen, Posey lead the way with 14 points in the victory over Mercyhurst. Right behind Posey was Weedon with 12 points. Freshman guard Tynell Fortune added nine points including one big three pointer in the second half to silence the crowd. Vann and Townes added eight and six points, respectively.

Harding, Vann and Townes all lead the way dishing out three assists. Vann and Harding were able to steal the ball twice from the Lakers. Appiah knocked the



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Freshman forward Jeremy Posey (35) came off the bench and lead the way for the Vulcans with 14 points in the victory over Mercyhurst.

only ball out of the air. Weedon brought down seven assists (one offensive). While, Posey brought down six (one offensive) and Vann brought down five (two

offensive).

The Vulcans returned to action on Wednesday against Clarion but that game ended too late for press time. They then

travel to Edinboro tomorrow to take on the Fighting Scots at 3 p.m. A recap of both games will be available in next week's edition of the Cal Times.

Cal U eliminates Mercyhurst's chance of PSAC glory

BY JOSHUA LASKA
Sports/Managing Editor

The Vulcans women's basketball team posted two wins last week and are on a four game winning streak. They started the week with a 72-64 victory over Slippery Rock followed on Saturday by a 65-60 win over Mercyhurst. The Vulcans are now 16-8 on the season and 13-7 in the PSAC. With the victory over Mercyhurst the Vulcans clinched a place in the PSAC Tournament that starts Tuesday, Feb. 28. The Vulcans still have a chance to move up to third place in the standings, if they do not they will take on Edinboro on Feb. 28.

In the victory over Slippery Rock, senior forward Amy Johns led the way with 21 points. Senior guard Danielle Luckett added 13 points and junior forward Nakia DeBlanc came off the bench to add 11 points. Starters sophomore guard Ryah Gadson, freshman guard Emma Mahady and freshman forward Irina Kukolj added eight, six, and five points, respectively. Freshman guard Chelsea McKnight also came off the bench and added seven points to round out the Vulcan top scorers at Slippery Rock.

Johns came away with six steals followed by Luckett with three. McKnight was the only Vulcans to block a Rock shot in the victory. Luckett and freshman forward Selena Adamshick



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Freshman Selena Adamshick (40) came off the bench against Mercyhurst, and finished with 12 points to help lead the Vulcans to victory. With those 12 points, Adamshick has 114 points on the season, which puts her fourth in scoring behind Johns, Luckett and McKnight, respectively.

where the only two Vulcans to dish out two assists. Luckett came down with six rebounds (two offensive) while, Adamshick and Mahady added four and three (three offensive and one offensive, respectively).

Johns again led the way in the victory over Mercyhurst this time with 22 points. Starters Luckett, Gadson, Mahady and Kukolj combined for 31 points (10, nine, six and two, respec-

tively). Adamshick came off the bench to finish second in points with 12 in 26 minutes on the floor. DeBlanc and McKnight both added two points off the bench as well to round out the Vulcan scoring.

Against Mercyhurst, Luckett dished out eight assists to lead the way. Seebohm and Gadson both added two assists while, Johns and McKnight both added one assist each. Sophomore for-

ward Elena Antonenko swatted away two balls to lead the way, followed by Mahady and Adamshick who each added one block. Adamshick brought in four steals while, Mahady and Luckett both captured three steals in the victory. Followed by Gadson, Johns and Seebohm who each had two steals. Johns led the way with eight rebounds (six offensive), Adamshick and Antonenko each added four

assists (three offensive and two offensive, respectively).

The Vulcans returned to action on Wednesday against Clarion but that game ended too late for press time. They then travel to Edinboro tomorrow to take on the Fighting Scots at 1 p.m. A recap of both games will be available in next week's edition of the Cal Times.

Vulcans qualify five and four new entries at Kent State

BY SPORTS INFORMATION
For the Cal Times

Senior Samantha Valiton (Schellsburg, Pa./Chestnut Ridge) posted top-15 finishes in the 200- and 400-meter dashes on Saturday at the Kent State Tune-Up, as the California University of Pennsylvania women's track & field team qualified five new entries for next weekend's Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championships.

Valiton qualified for the league championships in the 400 meters over the weekend after crossing the finish line in 1 minute, 0.81 seconds to place 11th overall. She also finished eighth in the 200 meters at Kent State by posting a time of 26.64 seconds.

Sophomore Bria Jay (Plum, Pa./Plum) recorded a pair of season-best times on Saturday. After posting a time of 8.06 seconds in the preliminaries, she placed 14th in the finals of the 60-meter dash with a time of 8.05 seconds. Running the 400 meters for the first time in her collegiate career, Jay qualified for the PSAC Championships after

crossing the finish line in 1:00.82.

In the 1-mile run, senior Laurie Hall (Jackson, Pa./Blue Ridge) finished fourth overall in a field of nearly 40 runners with a season-best time of 5:13.99. Freshman Allison Hall (Jackson, Pa./Blue Ridge), Laurie's younger sister, qualified for the PSAC Championships in the 1 mile on Saturday after rounding the track in 5:21.97 to finish 13th overall.

Sophomore Courtnee Whitaker (Stafford, Va./Mountain View) placed sixth in the finals of the 60-meter hurdles at Kent State with a time of 9.09 seconds. Freshman Sarah Cook (Pittsburgh, Pa./Shaler) qualified for the league championships in the 60 hurdles after posting a time of 9.83 seconds during the preliminaries.

In the 60 meters, sophomore Monique Sims (Pittsburgh, Pa./Schenley) placed third in the finals, and tops among non-NCAA Division I sprinters, with a time of 7.78 seconds. Junior Breeanna Robinson (East Hampstead, N.H./Pinkerton Academy), an All-PSAC West First-Team forward in soccer, reached the league qualifying mark in the 60 meters after crossing the finish line in 8.30

seconds.

Sophomore Sierra Rogers (Port Tobacco, Md./Maurice J. McDonough) finished fourth in the triple jump with a mark of 10.75 meters (35-3.25 feet).

Cal U, who has qualified a school-record 50 individual entries for the league championships, returns to action on Feb. 25-26 at the PSAC Championships hosted by Edinboro, Pa.

The Vulcans qualified four new entries for next weekend's Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Championships on Saturday at the Kent State Tune-Up.

Sophomore Nick Gibson (Canonsburg, Pa./Canon-McMillan) and senior Alex Smith (South Park, Pa./South Park) both qualified for the league championships in the 800-meter run while running the event for only the second time this season. Gibson placed 12th overall with a time of 1 minute, 55.38 seconds, which ranks as the fifth-fastest time in the league this year, while Smith crossed the finish line in a time of 1:58.87.

Senior Chris Wolfe (Pittsburgh, Pa./Baldwin) finished fifth overall in the 800 meters in a field of nearly 70 runners after posting a time of 1:53.80.

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LUCKETT'S BASKETBALL STATS FOR THE VULCANS

57 Games Started, 104 Games Played, 779 Career Points, 159 Steals, 226 Assists



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Sports/Managing Editor

WHAT WAS IT LIKE GETTING YOUR FIRST START AS A FRESHMAN?

That moment was pretty overwhelming for me. It felt great! But at the same time, nerve wrecking because I was playing with great players, all who were older than me and I just wanted to make them proud and do well.

WHAT WAS IT LIKE SCORING YOUR FIRST BUCKET AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL?

That was an amazing feeling. It was a major feeling of accomplishment and relief. You just feel like, "Ok, maybe I can do this. Let's get some more!"

GOING BACK HOW HARD WAS IT TO ADJUST TO THE COLLEGE LEVEL OF PLAY?

It was pretty difficult at the beginning because it is so much harder than high school ball, but the upper class men really looked out for the younger players and kept us positive so I was able to adjust well, thanks to them.

WHAT WAS THE HARDEST THING TO LEARN AT THE COLLEGE LEVEL?

The hardest thing for me was to learn that nothing is given, it is earned. In high school, everything was easy for me, but in college, you have to put in the extra work to succeed. The only way you are going to get something is if you work and earn it and take it!

WHAT WAS IT LIKE PLAYING IN THE ELITE EIGHT OF THE NCAA YOUR FRESHMAN YEAR?

That was the best feeling in my entire basketball career. I really can't explain it. You were treated like royalty, there are cameras everywhere, private planes. It was amazing. As a freshman to play on a team that was so successful is about all one can ask for. It made me so proud to be a Vulcan. It showed me what I am really playing for, and what is expected!

WHAT HAS IT BEEN LIKE PLAYING IN THE NCAA TOURNAMENT ALL THREE YEARS OF YOUR CAREER AT CAL?

It is a great feeling. There are high expectations but that only makes you better. It causes you to develop a sense of pride in just about everything you do.

HOW DO YOU STAY "IN THE GAME" DURING THE OFFSEASON?

I work out....and then I work out some more lol. I have close friends who also play college ball so we work very hard to push each other and keep each other motivated.

WHAT ORIGINALLY GOT YOU INTO BASKETBALL?

My older brother. He was always good and I always looked up to him, so if he was doing it, then I wanted to do it!

HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU PLAYED BASKETBALL?

Um just about 16 years. I have played since I was able to bounce a ball.

WHAT IS ONE INTERESTING FACT THAT NOT EVERYONE WOULD KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I write poetry. No one really knows that, but it like my favorite thing to do...other than play basketball lol

WHERE ARE YOU FROM AND WHERE DID YOU GO TO HIGH SCHOOL?

My family and I are from Chicago, and then we moved to Maryland. I went to James Hubert Blake High School, which is in Maryland.

WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING AFTER COLLEGE?

I'm really not sure yet. I would love a job in marketing at a big company but that will take time. I'm also considering playing over seas but I am not sure yet.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW?

Hands down, The Office. The best show on television...well it was when Steve Carrell was on it.

WHO ARE YOUR FAVORITE SPORTS TEAMS?

The Chicago Bulls, the Chicago Bears, the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Blackhawks!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE FOOD?

Sweet potatoes!

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE MOVIE?

Finding Nemo

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE QUOTE?

"I have failed over and over in my life....and that is why I succeed." Michael Jordan