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When Pavan Reddy went out with his friends last Wednesday night, there was no warning that it would be their last time together. The 19-year-old college student appeared healthy and was enjoying the beginning of his holiday weekend in Los Angeles.

The next day, Reddy began vomiting and showed flu-like symptoms. On Friday, his father took him to El Camino Camino Community Hospital in Mission Viejo where doctors diagnosed bacterial meningitis. He died by 6 a.m. on Saturday morning.

"We had no idea anything was wrong," said Derek Pakotlie, Reddy's long-time friend and former roommate.

Both Reddy and Pakotlie attended Cal Poly last year. Pakotlie is taking the quarter off and Reddy was a student at Cuesta College this quarter. They were roommates last year in Yosemite Tower 5.

"His dad checked him into the hospital for what he thought were flu symptoms," Pakotlie explained.

Meningitis is an infection of a person’s spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds the brain. The rare disease causes symptoms that are very similar to the common flu, said Kurt Cochran, head of medical services for Cal Poly health services.

"The flu can start exactly the same, minus the stiff necks and coma," Cochran said.

These symptoms should prompt someone to see a doctor he added.

There are two forms of meningitis, both of which are highly uncommon in the United States. Doctors diagnosed Reddy with bacterial meningitis, which is more severe than viral meningitis. People that contract bacterial meningitis suffer the flu-like symptoms but the infection may also result in brain damage and death, according to the Center For Disease Control (CDC) Web site.

"It’s very important that people understand these bacterial and viral meningitis because they can appear to be the same," said Nina Marano, staff epidemiologist in the meningitis and special pathogens branch of the CDC.

Meningitis is air-borne, meaning it can be caught without intimate physical contact. Bacterial meningitis, the form that Reddy contracted, can be spread through the exchange of respiratory and throat secretions such as kissing and coughing. It is not as easy as catching the flu or a common cold. It is unknown how Reddy contracted the disease.

"The onset (of meningitis) is like any infection but this one is much more severe," Cochran said. He explained that symptoms include a high fever, chills, severe muscle pain, headache and stiff neck and a coma in severe cases.

The disease is extremely uncommon in the United States where approximately 1,000 cases occur each year, according to the CDC Web Site. Of those cases, 10 to 13 percent die despite receiving antibiotics early in the illness.

Despite its rarity, meningitis is on the rise among young adults and college campuses. The CDC reported that cases of meningitis among 15 to 24 year olds jumped from 110 cases in 1991 to 602 cases in 1997.

Studies indicate that college freshmen living in dormitories are at a greater risk because the crowded environment promotes the spread of the infectious disease, according to the CDC.

"There is a feeling that they (freshmen) are more at risk and many colleges are making it policy for freshmen students to be vaccinated," Marano said.

Both Pakotlie and Reddy’s other roommate in Sun Las Oso, Craig Puleston, were given vaccinations for meningitis.

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**Flu shots available to students**

By Victoria Walsh

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

"Cough, cough, back, back, sneeze, sneeze. Say hello to the flu season.

The typical flu season starts late December and continues through early- to mid-February, said Marina Perea, director of nursing services at the Health Center. Pere said there was a delay for delivering the vaccine this year, but the shot is now available.

"The pharmacy companies developing the vaccine change the strains to whichever type of flu is going around. There are two types of the flu currently available this year. They both have the same symptoms, but have different strains. Flu B is more typical in children and is less likely to progress into something severe, said Barbara Schwenona, a registered nurse at the Public Health department.

"Flu symptoms (for both strains) usually include high fever, chills, cough, body aches, dry hacking and total misery," Schwenona said. "You just feel sick."

She wanted that adults have a more difficult time getting rid of fevers than children.

Pere said the Health Center will have a limited supply of the vaccine and will continue to get more as needed. They have already received phone calls asking for the vaccine shot. She said it's best to get the shot before coming down with the flu because it will take time to receive all three shots.

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**A colorful enterprise**

By Jennifer Hansen

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER**

"Dialing 911 on the Cal Poly campus will no longer work when trying to access an outside line."

Starting Wednesday all phones on campus will require dialing 7 instead of 9 to reach an outside line.

The new off-campus access digit is being implemented by Telecommunication Service after University Police reported problems with "false 9-1-1 calls." Over the past year, 85 percent of the 1,189 emergency phone calls received were false, according to a file distributed throughout campus about the upcoming change.

The false calls are attributed to having to dial "7" and then "1," when making a long-distance call. In the middle of dialing, the caller then might be distracted and dial another "1," subsequently reaching an emergency dispatcher, said Israel Dominguez, customer service supervisor for Telecommunication Service.

Dominguez said that usually the caller would hang up after reaching a dispatcher, requiring University Police to call back. At that point, the caller would have already re-dialed the number they were trying to reach, making the line busy or activating a voice mail message, he said. When this happens, University Police must send an officer out to the location of the telephone to investigate for any emergency issues, Dominguez said.

The problem has made more work for University Police when responding to the false emergency calls, according to the file University Police spend approximately five minutes per call to determine which calls are false or legitimate and terminate an appropriate response. This translates to 94.25 hours per year of a University Police staff member's time.

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**Left to right, environmental horticultural science seniors Terry Leppo and Sue Hofer, junior Rex Yarwood and ag business junior Michele Kekaha display the poinsettias they have been growing since July in the Poinsettia Enterprise greenhouse on Via Carta. The poinsettias are now on sale at the Poly Plant Shop. There will also be an open house Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Dec. 2 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. On Dec. 9, customers donating a can for a food drive will receive 10 percent off a poinsettia.**

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as soon as possible.
"It takes about two weeks to take effect, and people should get the vac-
cine before the flu season," Perez said.

Perez said the flu vaccine is grown
from the flu virus. Doctors take sam-
ples from someone with the flu virus
and grow an immunity from it.
Although the flu is not deadly, it
can develop into something more
serious.
Perez said complications from the
flu can lead to pneumonia. People
who have weaker immune systems
from diabetes or AIDS are more sus-
ceptible to those complications.
"Their bodies are already weaker
and the immune system can't fight it
off," Perez said.

Schwenona said the flu is not a
reportable disease and any number
reported is an estimate from the
number of those who die of pneumo-
nia. She said looking back on last
season's records, something similar
should be expected for this season.
"Last season was a moderate sea-
son," Schwenona said. "It was a real
concern because there were no beds
available. It's something that can be
expected this year."

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Most Cal Poly students have been either too busy to get to the end of the quarter term papers or have decided to wait until the last minute.

Either way, the staff at the Robert E. Kennedy Library can probably help—or at least point the searcher in the right direction, even when the library doors are closed.

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Privacy2000 focuses on security issues

By Shaila Kremer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — "Buyers Beware" is a familiar phrase that, in recent years, has taken a new twist. As more personal information and business transactions are exchanged over the Internet, privacy is a growing concern among users of the World Wide Web.

These concerns and possible solutions were discussed at Privacy2000, Information, Security and Ethics in the Digital Age, a recent conference held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Columbus and sponsored by the Technology Policy Group and the Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC).

Keeping a private persona can mean more to Internet users than just dodging direct marketing intrusions. There are people on the Web who have different intents for private information they come across.

The Privacy2000 conference attracted experts on the subject from all over the country as well as business leaders and policy makers to debate the privacy issue and to form the best privacy solutions for their companies.

Understanding how privacy intrusions impact daily lives of Internet users, and helping businesses structure their e-commerce operations to minimize these intrusions, are the paramount reasons to hold Privacy2000," said Rob Hamilton, an attorney with Jones Day Reavis and Pogue. Hamilton's firm helps clients cope with the legal implications of the changing technological world.

The Privacy2000 conference debated the range of privacy issues on the Internet almost as wide as the World Wide Web itself. The conference was an effort to keep privacy issues on the agenda of policy makers and at the attention of Internet users.
Current events make for great holiday gifts

Thanksgiving dinner has come, been digested and gone. But Nothing But Flow by in a gust of coins, cash and credit cards, with eager consumers lined up outside store windows hours before dawn. The Christmas shopping season has officially begun.

Buying presents for your family and close friends is easy enough; something nice for mom, a gadget for dad, a gift for a friend or two, and you're done. I encourage you to take some time this season, however, to think about others who are less fortunate than you and your relations. In the spirit of the holidays, I have compiled a lot of gift ideas for those in need, regardless of their social standing.

1) A new court for the men's and women's tennis teams. If you've got a spare $200,000 or so, what better way to spend it than on a seven-court facility with an improved dressing room? If you need more convincing, just picture the big, bad eyes of the seniors who may never get the opportunity to play a home match. Then, imagine the look of joy on their faces when they awake Christmas morning to find several green courts offset by a big, red bowl. If the price tag is too low for you, you get 300+ friends together and have everybody pitch in a dollar.

2) Attendance. Any brand will do. Regardless of how shady our new multi-purpose parking structure received a close concrete shave, the fact remains that it did. If you've ever shared part of your body with something you knew had to slip on some sweet-smelling cologne or other alcohol-based "odor water," then the clue is written in the air. If you're going to tell the truth, you can even do it in public.

3) A fish tank already furnished with fish. Pockerknives. A few bars of soap. Other assorted, seemingly random items. It may be better to give than to receive, but I'm sure everybody agrees that it's better to receive than to have several personal items stolen. In light of the recent thefts, the perfect present for you to give may very well be a replacement for one of the many items taken from the dorms over Thanksgiving break. Ask around on campus to find out who lost what. It's not like you can't tell, is it? It's not like you can't tell.

4) A new coach for the football team. Nuff said.

Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hannukah, Kwintas or Festivus, you can be a part of making someone's holiday season a little brighter. Just be sure to get your shopping done before Dec. 15, as most everyone will be going home for vacation, and I think the postage required to send several tennis courts is killer.

Ryan Miller is the Mustang Daily opinion editor.

In a country in which people preach about equality and democracy and ghost about technological superiority, it comes as a surprise to realize that the United States also has some of the most anti-competitive and backward voting and electoral systems.

In the eyes of the international community, America's infamous preaching on democracy most likely sounds a bit odd with this election's disparity between the popular and the electoral vote—a little detail that doesn't help promote our speech of a government ruled by the people either.

But in light of these strange elections, where candidates fight over the presidency like children bustling over Halloween candy, there are more loose ends that don't add up than just our sudden realization that perhaps not every single vote counts. One of them is the polarization of the American people by politicians attempting to target the most specific audience possible.

In the process of disseminating their political campaigns, Bush and Gore had more staff dedicated to the distraction, separation and manipulation of the masses than staff analyzing legislation and the economy. The voting citizens were grouped by their age, gender, race, religion, ethnicity, sexual preference, income, personal prejudices, region, etc.

For example, the political machines convinced Monica, a 30-year-old single lesbian Latina living in Los Angeles who watches TV at 5 p.m., that Gore or Bush was the most tolerable, future white Protestant elite who could represent her in Washington.

It is true that this makes the issues easier to digest since candidates give each person only what they want to hear. But it isn't odd that in a year-long electoral process, there were only three instances—the national debates—in which the entire nation got to hear the same thing!

It is no wonder that someone in a strongly Republican state can appreciate Bush for his strong pro-life argument. A pro-choice, undecided voter can appreciate Bush for his compassionate Republican approach, because Bush's pro-life stand was not as strongly emphasized where he or she lived.

Politicians greatly benefit from the targeting of audiences and the marketing of ideas as if we were gullible consumers and they were a product to be sold. We are, and they do.

Nevertheless, in this one-sided exchange of ideas, politicians don't have to address all the issues or the most important. They just have to say what you want to hear and convince you that those are the only issues you need to hear about. Most people living in Athens, Ga., won't be watching the political campaign ads that run in San Francisco.

By using 30-second commercials in specific areas they can perpetuate the already existing prejudices. Politicians can bombard wealthy areas with images of "corrupt" single minority mothers who use the welfare-system to get extra taxpayer's money. On the other side of the neighborhood, political ads show simple mothers images of "correct" wealthy, corporation owners who exploit minorities.

It is true that there is a great need to understand in detail what every voting group wants, thinks and needs, since only elite, white males are physically and directly represented by their clones in Washington. The system is rarely used for understanding and most commonly, or only, used for the base marketing of the puppets who will run the presidential show for the next four years.

Sonia Sluzki is an animal science junior.

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Religious extremists prolong Middle East conflict

I am an Israeli born Cal Poly student. For over a month now, violence has spread all over Israel. In this commentary, I am going to attempt to clarify what is really happening in the Middle East, from an Israeli point of view, based on cold facts. But in case you decide not to read this commentary, or if it doesn’t make sense to you, the situation for you, please just remember this one thing: It is a minority of religious extremists that fuel the hatred that is expressed by both sides in this conflict. At least 80 percent of the Israelis and Palestinians would love to live in peace with each other, and would have lived in peace with each other, if it weren’t for the constant provocations by the religious extremists on both sides.

First, I would like to cover the remaining part of the history of Israel, which was left out of the Mustang Daily article, namely between 1947 and today. In 1947, the United Nations decided in a majority vote that the independent state of Israel would be founded on the land which Israel exists today. It is important to note that Israel has conquered additional land from the years the Arab countries surrounding it, in wars that have all been declared by those Arab countries.

Throughout the last 30 years, Israel has grown from a small state to a large state. For the last 30 years, they have conquered in these wars with agreements and Jordan. Still, there is quite a bit of land that is mostly populated by Palestinians, under the control of the Israeli government. These are the people that Yasser Arafat seeks in order to declare his own independent state. For almost a decade now, the Palestinian Authority (PA), headed by Arafat and the Israeli government, has been in peace talks, with an intent of ending them with the declaration of Palestine as an independent country. This is why I say that this conflict started as a response to the visit of Sharon. Since that could take a whole other commentary, I won’t go deep into explaining how the Israeli parliament works, since that could take a whole other commentary. I will just state the fact that in order for the Israeli parliament to decide on anything, the House of Representatives must be supported by at least some of the religious parties.

The name of the “Jordan,” is Arafat, who is basically the Palestinian leader. Arafat is often described by his own people, especial­ly by the Hamas. The Hamas is the largest terrorist group in Israel, and is Arafat’s greatest opposition at home. The Palestinian people now see Arafat as at least partially responsible for their situation.

I hold Arafat responsible for the current situation in Israel, but he is not the only one at fault. As I have mentioned before, a little more cooperation by the Israeli government would have definitely not helped in getting to this situation in the first place. Still, Arafat has been complicit in this conflict, and the PAUniqueId this new situation on purpose. The reason they did that was because their proactive policy has slowed down rapidly ever since the death of Yitzhak Rabin, and the Palestinian people began to lose hope in Arafat. As a result, the Hamas and the Islamic Jihad have profited. Arafat was afraid that he would lose the support of his own people, and in an effort to maintain power, he decided to bring a group of people together to turn their anger on a certain target. Arafat hoped (and I hope that he is right) that this conflict would grab the attention of the world, and, as a result, pressure Israel into giving in to his demands faster, thus regaining his power amongst the Palestinians.

The PA has NOTHING to do for this because, after all, Israel hasn’t kept any of its promises (just like the Palestinians haven’t). This is not because Ehud Barak, the Israeli prime minister, didn’t want to, but because he didn’t have the support of his parliament to execute the tems that Israel had agreed to beforehand.

What I can blame Arafat for is the deaths of over 200 people in these recent clashes. Although the United States is known to be Israel’s closest ally, the international news reporters and, especially CNN, have shown a very dark image over Israel in this part of the conflict, one that is completely unfair. If you can recall according to CNN and the media, the violence started as a response to the visit of the head of the opposition in the Israeli parliament, Ariel Sharon, to the Temple Mount, a holy place for both Jews and Muslims. (For the sake of this report I will call the head of the opposition in the Israeli parliament, Ariel Sharon, to the Temple Mount, a holy place for both Jews and Muslims.)

Here is the truth behind the violence. The very day the so-called “Temple Mount” was entered, in the middle of a war? That is one of the aspects of this current conflict. The Israeli government is not pushing the peace process fast enough, because it is concerned about the religious parties that sit in its parliament.

The PA is engaging in violence in order to harry the peace process, so they can declare their independence as soon as possible. An independence that will never be achieved, and that is long overdue.

Again, even if you didn’t pick up and read this commentary, please remember that it is a minority of religious extremists that fuel the violence that is expressed by both sides in this conflict, and at least 80 percent of the Israelis and Palestinians would love to live in peace with each other, and would have lived in peace with each other, if it weren’t for the constant provocations by the religious extremists on both sides.

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lowing Reddy's death.

Cal Poly doesn't require students to receive the meningitis vaccine, but Cochran said that anyone who might have been in close contact should con-
tact a health professional. He said that
close is not to be defined as sitting next
to someone in class.

"Close" should be thought of as
touching or close enough for droplets
to be exchanged," Cochran said. This
can typically be found among house-
mates, roommates or anyone who has
prolonged contact, either physically or
by conversation.

An immunization is available, how-

available. Martin Bray, director of
dental services, said that Cal Poly's Health
Center keeps the immunization in stock.
The vaccination costs $65.

According to the organization Web-
site, the American College Health Associa-
tion recommends that students be treated with the
immunization prior to attending a uni-
versity. The CDC's Advisory Committee on Immuni-
ization Practices also recommends such practices, espe-
cially for students in dormitories, according to a CDC press release.

Bray said that living in close
quarters with many students increases
the risk of meningitis.

"Meningitis is a rare thing, but there
is a slightly elevated risk living in a
residence hall," he said. "The public
health incidence is very slight."

Cochran said the immunization
would help a person who suspects
they have been in contact with meningitis.

"That won't give you any protection
right away," he said indicating that
the immunization takes 12 to 15 days to
take effect. Anyone thought to have
been exposed to meningitis should seek
medical attention for drug protection
rather than the immunization, he said.

"For people who have had close con-
tact with him, there is a one-pill med-
ication that you take," Bray said.

Reddy lived in the dorm his fresh-
men year but had been living with roommates Palasoin and Smulfin, both
of whom are in shock over Reddy's sud-
den death.

"It's like the call in the morning... it
was a shock," Palasoin said.

Everyone was stunned. It came
completely out of the blue.

Smulfin described how he arrived
home from the four-day weekend to
find a message on his answering
machine informing him of Reddy's death.

It was a message that he could never
have been prepared for and on Monday
afternoon he reflected on the sudden
death of his friend.

"You hear about this kind of stuff
happening but you don't ever expect it
to happen to you," said Smulfin
searching for words to describe Reddy
whom he's known since elementary
school.

Both Reddy and Palasoin agreed
that Reddy was a genuine to a faith and
was well liked by most everyone that he was introduced to.

"He was kind and generous... just
very friendly," Palasoin said. "He never
had any enemies toward people.

Services for Reddy will be held
from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 29 at Lima
Family Mortuary near San Luis.

Reddy's parents were unavailable for
comment.

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Dominique said that after University
Police reported false emergency calls a
problem, Telecommunication Service
told supervisors to determine what should be
done about the problem. Fifty per-
cent of the respondent were in favor
of changing the off-campus access
digit.

Dominique said that some phone
connections such as fax machines, soft-
ware for modem connections, special
software for automatic dialing programs
and speed dial settings will have to be
re-programmed with the new access
digit. Instructions for changing digital
speed dial settings can be found at
www.telecommunications.calpoly.edu/tech/tech
/index.html. Re-programming software may
require getting help from the software
vendor.

Dominique said that Telecommunication Service has already
distributed forms informing faculty
and staff of the change. He said they plan to also add residence halls to the
change with brightly colored fliers, as
well as make small messages throughout
campus to spread the word about the
change from "9" to "7.""With the change of the off-campus
access digit is not being billed to any
specific department, Dominique said.

He added that Telecommunication Service is trying to educate the campus
about the change to the campus tele-
phone system.

More information about the change
.can be found at www.telecomservicelcalpoly.edu. If they're calling Telecommunications Service at 756-
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then were by one goal. They also
had three losses in overtime games.
Head coach Wolfgang Gartner
referred to injuries and lack of
depth as reasons for the tough loss-
es during the year.
"It's a combination of a lot of things," he said. "Unfortunately we
went bad at one specific position
(goalkeeper). We are not consistent
with a 11-7-1 overall record.

He starred out by stressing defense.
"We didn't have a big time go-to
player except for (Megan)
Schlegel," head coach Alex Creter
said. "Some of the games we lost
were games that we should've won.
They were teams we outplayed, but
we just didn't score."

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Cal Poly is one of five teams in
the Big West Conference in the
NCAA Tournament. Cal Poly joins
University of Pacific, University of
California at Santa Barbara, Long
Beach State and Utah State. The
Big West Conference is second in
representation only to the six teams
from the Pacific Ten Conference.

The winner of Friday's game will
play on Saturday at 6 p.m. They will
play either USC (25-2) or Georgia
State (16-11) at USC.

SuperSonics fire Westphal

SEATTLE (AP) — SuperSonics
coach Paul Westphal was fired
Monday, 15 games into a season
marked by discord and losses.
Seattle was expected to be stronger
this season with the acquisition of
Patrick Ewing, but the team is 6-9.
The dismissal comes days after an on-
court shouting match between
Westphal and guard Gary Payton dur-
ging a game in Dallas.

Nate McMillan, an assistant under
Westphal and well liked by the play-
ers, was made interim head coach.
McMillan, a former Seattle guard,
coaches his first game Tuesday night
at Portland.

"I think we have to focus on the
defensive end of the floor," McMillan
said. "I believe defense wins games."

Westphal, in his third year with
the team, is the first NBA coach to be
fired this season. He was in the final
year of his contract.

Ewing looked forward to playing
for McMillan.

"I think Nate can be a very good
coach," Ewing said. "I think he has
the respect of everyone on this team.
He started out by stressing defense.
Hopefully it'll work. If you look at the
team on paper, we should be one of
the elite teams in the league."

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SUPERSONICS FIRE WESTPHAL

SEATTLE (AP) — SuperSonics
coach Paul Westphal was fired
Monday, 15 games into a season
marked by discord and losses.
Seattle was expected to be stronger
this season with the acquisition of
Patrick Ewing, but the team is 6-9.
The dismissal comes days after an on-
court shouting match between
Westphal and guard Gary Payton dur-
ging a game in Dallas.

Nate McMillan, an assistant under
Westphal and well liked by the play-
ers, was made interim head coach.
McMillan, a former Seattle guard,
coaches his first game Tuesday night
at Portland.

"I think we have to focus on the
defensive end of the floor," McMillan
said. "I believe defense wins games."

Westphal, in his third year with
the team, is the first NBA coach to be
fired this season. He was in the final
year of his contract.

Ewing looked forward to playing
for McMillan.

"I think Nate can be a very good
coach," Ewing said. "I think he has
the respect of everyone on this team.
He started out by stressing defense.
Hopefully it'll work. If you look at the
team on paper, we should be one of
the elite teams in the league."
Sports

Volleyball preps for NCAA Tourney

By Matt Smart

Cal Poly volleyball appears to be peaking just in time for the NCAA Division I Tournament.

Head coach Steve Schlick attributes some of his team's late-season success to stability in the lineup and content with this past weekend's success. The Mustangs beat Oregon State in three games after losing to the University of Hawai'i in four games. They served Hawai'i their first game loss in 56 games.

“We played a quality match against Hawai'i and beat a good Oregon State,” Schlick said. "It's a nice way to finish up the season.”

On Friday, the Mustangs will play the University of South Florida Bulls. The Bulls finished the regular season 28-5 and ended No. 2 in Conference USA. The game will be played at the Lyon Recreation Center on the campus of University of Southern California.

This will be the sixth time in the school history of USF that they have earned a berth in the NCAA Women's Volleyball Tournament. USF has not been in the tournament since 1995. Cal Poly’s appearance is their second consecutive and eleventh overall. The match between Cal Poly and USF will be the first time the teams have played each other.

According to a USF press release, head coach Nancy Mueller is excited about Friday’s game.

“We are very happy to get into the NCAA Tournament,” said Mueller in a press release. “It should be a great first round match-up with Cal Poly and we are really looking forward to the match.”

Last year, Cal Poly lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Malibu against Michigan State in four games.

USF lost to University of Louisville in the conference championships on Nov. 19. This loss cost USF an automatic berth into the NCAA tourney. Nine days earlier, USF had beaten Louisville in four games.

By Wednesday, the Cal Poly volleyball program will have received a videotape from USF Schlick is looking forward to getting a chance to see how USF plays. To this date he has only been able to review paper statistics.

“It will be a good size-up size wise,” Schlick said.

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Curse of the close game

Close games have been the downfall for some fall sports teams and great for others

By Mike Gilmore

It was a season of close calls for many of Cal Poly's fall sports teams. Football and men’s and women's soccer played games that could have gone either way. Sometimes Cal Poly’s teams came out on top; however, most games didn’t.

The football team had only a few games that were close. In fact, most of their games were decided by over 20 points, with their largest margin of decision being 50 points on a loss in September against Montana. Two important games, however, were lost by a combined total of five points.

The first game was on Oct. 28 against Hofstra who was ranked No. 11 at the time. The Mustangs had a 14-point lead with 1:29 left in the third quarter, but the Pride bounced back, taking a 32-23 lead late in the third quarter on a 7-yard run by Hofstra quarterback Rocky Butler.

The Mustangs tied the game at 30 with just 2:04 left to play as quarterback Seth Bunford found wide receiver Kasim Ogoude for a touchdown in the corner of the endzone. With just seconds remaining on the clock, Hofstra kicker Chad Johnson booted one through the uprights from 54 yards out, spoiling any chance of an upset by the Mustangs.

The second close game came against No. 24 Northern Iowa the following week. Bunford passed for a school-record 484 yards and three touchdowns. Ogoude had a school-record of 17 receptions and a Division 1-AA record of 376 yards receiving.

It was a back and forth game that came down to a two-point conversion attempt by the Mustangs that failed, giving Northern Iowa a 45-41 win.

For too many of us, the Mustangs have been a few yards short in two crucial games that could have changed Cal Poly’s season for the better.

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Briefs

Mustangs highlight all-conference team

Cal Poly’s Mary Hearn was named to the first team of the Big West women’s volleyball all-conference team on Monday. Worthy Lien and Carly Halloran were chosen as members of the second team, and Moriy Duncan was named to the all-freshman team.

Pacific’s Kara Gosselin and Long Beach State’s Cheryl Weaver were selected Big West co-players of the year, and John Dunn of Pacific was named coach of the year.

Schedule

TUESDAY

- Women's basketball vs. UC Riverside
  - at Riverside
  - at 7 p.m.

THURSDAY

- Men's basketball vs. Cal State Monterey Bay
  - atMatt Gym
  - at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

- Wrestling at Las Vegas Tournament
  - at Primm, Nev.
  - at 10 a.m.
- Volleyball vs. University of South Florida
  - at USC
  - at 5 p.m.