Labs added before cuts

By Kimberly Thomson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Well, it looks like all over campus. Not only are students shelling out more money this quarter for tuition, but also, the university is scaling back on the strap of statewide funds, the College of Agriculture has managed to keep its head above water and accumulate enough money to create some additions to its departments.

Although all COAG has felt the strain of the right budget, laying off faculty was not an option. The animal science and food science and nutrition departments were able to keep their entire faculty and even make a few additions including a new bioinformatics faculty member.

"We haven’t had to cut any faculty," animal science department head Andrew Thulin said. "We would have cut very heavily if it wasn’t for the fee increase."

Thulin is not the only department head that said the college would have been in a poorer shape if the students hadn’t voted for the fee increase.

"We would have had to cut valuable classes without the student fee increase money," food science and nutrition department head Louise Bemer said.

Not only were these departments able to retain their faculty and classes, but were able to scrape enough money together to make minor curricular improvements.

"We spent heavily on remodeling laboratories," Thulin said. "I knew the budget cuts would be coming at some point."

Animal science department

Animal science senior Ronya Shatila uses a micro-manipulator to perform an embryo biopsy which removes one cell from the embryo. Cal Poly is one of the only schools to offer an embryo lab to undergraduate students.

administrators decided to make the improvements before budget cuts and they had no money left, Thulin said. The department is especially proud of the embryology lab because Cal Poly is one of the only schools that can offer such cutting-edge technology for undergraduates to work with.

"We are the only school that I know that lets undergraduates manipulate embryos," Thulin said.

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FACE OFF

Get to know the candidates

By Thomas Atkins
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

National Depression Screening Day, which is held each year during Mental Illness Awareness Week which was developed 12 years ago by Harvard psychiatrist Douglas Jacobs. The day’s events were designed to call attention to the illness of depression on a national level, educate the public about its symptoms and effective treatments, and encourage people at 3,000 sites nationwide. Cal Poly has been one of the screening sites.

Cal Poly faculty, staff and students will have the opportunity to learn more about depression and to participate in a free, confidential screening test as part of National Depression Screening Day this Thursday.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University Union Plaza where a booth will offer information about symptoms and treatment of depression as well as a written self-test.

"We feel it’s very valuable," said Bob Negranti, projects coordinator for Health and Counseling Services. "We want to get the word out to students and employees that depression is treatable, and we have the resources on campus to help."
Goleta gets imported sand

Sand from Santa Barbara Harbor is being loaded to Goleta Beach to replenish the existing county park. The $2 million project, authorized by the California Coastal Commission and the Santa Barbara Harbor, will transport 75,000 cubic yards of sand. The long-month replenishment operation began Monday.

Winter storms have eliminated sand from Santa Barbara Harbor. Caused by recent winter storms, the sand replenishment project is financed by the California Coastal Commission and the State Impairment of Boating Contractors. The sand that accumulated in the harbor will be helping at the event, said there is no immediate need for funding.

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WILKES-BARRE, Pa. — A convicted bank robber was charged with murder Monday in the deaths of two of the five people whose bodies have been found buried in his back yard. A second man was also charged.

Ex-con Hugo Selenski, 32, and the other man, Patrick Rusin, 33, were charged with killing the two men during an attempted robbery and burning their bodies, prosecutors said.

Prosecutors identified the victims as Frank James, 29, and Adele Kelder, 22. They were shot to death in May and their bodies were burned in a pit in Selenski's back yard, prosecutors said.

CARSON CITY, Nev. — An annual nationwide fund-raising event for breast cancer research got a boost from Nevada prison inmates.

About 1,000 inmates at six northern Nevada prisons took part Sunday in the Race for the Cure, raising more than $15,000 to help fund the cancer research.

Organizers said Nevada is the only state that has involved male inmates in the event.

NEW YORK — Television's hit police drama "Law & Order" is coming back for a second season.

MTV announced Monday that it has ordered eight more episodes, which follow pop singers Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson as they muddle through married life.

MENDOZA, Texas — Five teenagers were killed in a collision with an oncoming pickup truck after one of the teens swerved to avoid an ice chest on the road.

A sixth teen and the driver of the pickup were also hurt in the accident Saturday, about 25 miles south of Austin.

The teens were traveling on U.S. 183 on their way to a festival when the cooler fell from a bed truck ahead of them, David Anthony Gilling, 19, crossed the center lane to avoid it and struck the pickup on the side, Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger said.

KALISPELL, Mont. — A female grizzly bear charged, knocked down and bit a bowhunter who came between the bear and her cub, state officials reported.

The man, whose name was not immediately released, was flown to Kalispell Regional Medical Center. His condition was not available.

DENVER — Kobe Bryant's attorneys cannot have access to notes taken by a rape crisis center worker during an interview with the NBA star's accuser, at least until a higher court considers the matter, a judge ruled Monday.

Jean Patrick Gannett said their request for notes from any interview with the woman cannot be answered until after a hearing on the matter in state district court.

ROZNOY, Russia — Chechnya's Kremlin-appointed leader was officially declared the winner Monday in a presidential election, which expected outcome was preceded by an apparent clampdown on dissent.

With more than 97 percent of the votes counted, acting President Akhmad Kadyrov had 81.7 percent, regional election commission chairman Arkady Anokhin told reporters in Grozny, the regional capital. He said 85 percent of the 561,000 eligible voters cast ballots.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq awarded mobile telephone contracts to three Middle Eastern companies, the communications minister said Monday, with wireless phone service expected to begin within weeks for a country that for the most part never even had it.

"This is an important day for Iraq," said Communications Minister Hamid Jawad al-Aubaidi. "Iraq badly needs the mobile system to enhance the security of the country."

KABUL, Afghanistan — Disenfranchised factions within Afghanistan's coalition government have held a series of meetings to consider withdrawing their support for President Hamid Karzai in the run-up to elections next year, officials said Monday.

The instability comes as this war-torn country's various ethnic and political groupings try to agree on a new constitution that will fix the foundation for the first democratic elections in decades, scheduled for June.

ANKARA, Turkey — Turkey's government voted Monday to ask Parliament to send soldiers to Iraq, a move that could ease the burden of U.S. operations there and help mend frayed relations with Washington. If Parliament approves, Turkey would become the first predominantly Muslim nation to contribute troops to the U.S.-led coalition.

But many lawmakers reject the idea of sending troops after the death of Saddam Hussein — particularly when they opposed the war that ousted him.

UNITED NATIONS — Syria demanded that the U.N. Security Council condemn Israel's airstrike against a purported terrorist training camp in Damascus, but the United States and it said it would not support any resolution that does not also criticize attacks against Israel.

At an emergency meeting called at Syria's request Sunday, most council diplomats spoke out against both the airstrike and Israel's retaliation.

However, U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said it would promote the foundation for the first democratic elections in decades, scheduled for June.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate will hold a vote Tuesday on a new anti-terrorism bill that will lay the groundwork for sweeping changes in the nation's legal system in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks.

President Bush has pushed the legislation through Congress and has said it is needed to make the United States safer. The bill would create a new federal agency to investigate and prosecute terrorism as a crime.

The Senate, seeking to respond to the public's desire for a "sweeping new law" to protect the nation from further attacks, is expected to approve the measure on Tuesday. The House has already passed it.

The bill's sponsors say it is necessary to give the federal government the tools to prevent and investigate terrorist attacks.

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Army has decided to begin developing a software program that will help soldiers predict the effects of chemical and biological warfare.

The Army is planning to test the software on a small scale this fall and plans to have an initial version of it available for field testing in 2004.

Jefferson County, Colo. — The county's drug enforcement task force has announced its latest arrest, which is alleged to be the biggest for a group of suspected drug dealers.

Enforcement Task Force seized 90 pounds of illegal sale of narcotics. A total of 13 of the suspects were arrested on drug charges.

The drug agents are working with the local law enforcement and the Denver Public Schools and have arrested over 200 suspects in the past two years.

President Hamid Karzai has said he will press the United States for more troops to help the new government in Afghanistan and promote the development of a democratic society.

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A journey to the doldrums of human existence: the seedy undertakings of a stalker.

By Meghan Reerslev

I am the person you dread, the one you have spine-chilling nightmares about, the one who you avoid at all costs. Men curse and women cower at the slight mention of my name. I am (dramatic pause) the parking lot stalker.

At least I was Thursday.

That's right, Thursday morning I swallowed my pride and became the one I swore I would never be. I, Meghan Reerslev, followed innocent men and women in quest of a prime parking spot.

I'm not proud of these acts, but the job had to be done. Someone needed to step up and find what every Cal Poly student is dying to know: where have all the parking spaces gone?

Turns out they are right where they have always been. No lying: With a little work, and a lot of patience, I was able to snap half a dozen parking spaces. Sit back and read the following journal of events, and maybe no other Cal Poly student will have to stoop to parking lot stalking.

I'm still looking for a spot. I see a girl enter the lot and decide that I have to stoop to the unthinkable — I'm going to ask her if she needs a ride to her car (the thought of it still makes me shudder).

9:26 a.m.: I roll into the library parking lot. Not quite confident about my devious acts, I bring my boyfriend along for the ride. You know, safety in numbers. Surprisingly, I immediately spot an open space. I always assumed this lot filled up first, and I find myself regretting my numerous hikes from the H-14 lot.

9:30 a.m.: By the time I get to the open spot, it's not open any more. I round another corner to look for a different space, and I notice several people getting out of their cars. Scratch my last thought about the library lot being open. Looks like I'll be circling the lot after all.

9:33 a.m.: A minivan almost hits me. People need to learn how to drive on their own side of the lanes.

9:47 a.m.: I'm getting tired of putting around the parking lot. Just as I'm about to lose hope, I see a student walking through the lot, so I start to follow him. After waiting several minutes following him to his "car," he leaves the lot. Looks like he was cutting through as a shortcut to his class. I swear to myself that I will never do that again; he got my hopes up and then popped them, leaving me to deal with my self-pity alone.

Actually, I'm not alone, since my boyfriend is still with me, but he's leaving for class soon. Jerk.

10:00 a.m.: I score another spot by following a student to his truck. As he stops to load his backpack into the truck, he glares at me. Ouch. As I pull into his spot, I can still see the look on his face. I feel dirty, like I committed a horrendous crime and belong in prison.

10:10 a.m.: After taking a short break to stretch, I'm back on the prowl. I pass by a white Acura that has been circling the lot for at least 20 minutes. He was parked in the middle of a lane the last time I saw him. Apparently this strategy didn't work for him. I take a mental note of this and continue with my quest.

10:15 a.m.: I think people are beginning to recognize my car. To fight suspicions, I decide that I need a change of scenery, so I switch lots.

10:45 a.m.: I'm back at the library parking lot. I found it pretty easy to find parking spots in the H-12, H-16 and G-1 parking lots. I'm beginning to wonder why everyone, including myself, always complains about parking. I soon realize why. I circle for what seems like hours (15 minutes) before spotting people walking to their cars, I find a guy to focus on, and eagerly drive toward him. Then I spot it:

Driving from the opposite direction is a blue Honda. It looks like the driver plans to snag the same spot. There's no way that I'm backing down.

Swear roll down my face as I grip the steering wheel. The guy finds his car and backs out of the parking spot. As I hesitate for a fraction of a second, the blue car moves toward my spot (that's right, mine) and pulls in. I want to scream. It's going to be hard not to key that pansy's car when I finally find a space to park.

11:15 a.m.: I'm still looking for a spot. I see a young woman enter the lot and decide that I have to stoop to the unthinkable — I'm going to ask her if she needs a ride to her car (the thought of it still makes me shudder).

I lean out my window, open my mouth, hear the words "Do you want a ride?" fly out and immediately feel sick. I can't believe I just offered a stranger a ride, and by the look on her face, she can't believe it either. She adjusts her backpack, gives me the dirtiest look imaginable, and starts walking so fast that it looks like she's running. Boy is my face red.

11:20 a.m.: I'm desperate, hungry and feeling the effects of the water bottle I have been drinking from. If I don't find a parking space soon (and I mean soon), heaven help the people around me. Then, out of nowhere, an angel in disguise approaches me. Crouching down, he asks if I'm looking for a parking spot and points me to the direction of his car. Hallelujah! Black shirt, silver Civic boy, you're my hero!

11:30 a.m.: My car is parked, and I've circled the library lot enough times that I could do it with my eyes closed. Aside from the dirty looks and Mr. Blue Honda (please note that I restrained from vandalizing his car), the experience wasn't nearly as bad as it could have been — I could have run out of gas.

It is full parking lots like the one shown here (near the Performing Arts Center) that fuel the ire of stalkers and provide students with yet another reason to be late for class.

By Matt Wechter

Statistics freshman Barbara Marlin is followed to her car by a notorious parking lot stalker. Like many people who are trailed in the various lots on campus, Marlin is a bit uneasy at the idea of dedicated to getting a spot. "It can be really freaky when I am walking at night and I hear a car following me," she said.

MARLIN IS A BIT UNEASY AT THE IDEA OF SOMEONE THAT FOLLOWED HER AROUND THE PARKING LOT...
Lyle said his practice typically sees fractured teeth from tongue ring barbells, which can also destroy gum tissue. This leads to tooth loss and can be expensive to have fixed.

In one extremely rare case, a man actually had a stroke, later determined to have been caused by bacteria from his tongue ring, Lyle said.

He said people thinking about getting their tongue or lip pierced should reconsider.

"The potential damages to blood vessels and nerves in the tongue aren't worth it," Lyle said.

He strongly advises that those interested in such piercings go to a practice that sterilizes before and after the procedure, just as if they were going into major surgery.

Danielle Admire, a business sophomore at Kansas State who's had her tongue pierced, hasn't had any trouble in the year and a half she's had the piercing.

She said to make sure it's clean, especially at first, or you may have a problem with infection. Infection could also arise if you drink beer within weeks of being pierced, Admire said.

"I've heard it can chip enamel off if you mess with the barbell too much," she said. "I've never had any trouble with it," Admire said.

"You must consider all your choices and make sure you have the piercing done properly," Admire said.

Despite the possible negative consequences, Fitzgerald said the dangers can be avoided by realizing them and taking precautions.

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The American Dental Association's monthly journal has the following information on the dangers of tongue and lip rings, according to their Web site www.ada.org.

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Tunes

By Kelli Girdner

IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

AMES, Iowa — You're driving home and your favorite song, "In Da Club," has just come on the radio. You're tapping your feet to the beat when, suddenly, all you hear is static before the station changes to "Dueling Banjos."

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There are risks with every piercing, and you must get the proper jewelry after the swelling recedes.

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A new piece of jewelry is definitely not worth it, Fitzgerald said.

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"Be careful, don't be an idiot and listen to your jeweler," he said. "You should know your body. Come back and ask questions, even silly ones. You can avoid damage if you're smart about it."

MARK S. REILING MEMORIAL ANNUAL VOLLEYBALL CHALLENGE

Friday, October 10, 2002

Sign-up begins at Rae Sports on September 29, 2003. The cost per six-member team is $100, and each team will receive T-shirts. Faculty, staff and student employees will play midweek, with playoffs scheduled for the weekend. Co-ed members of fraternities, sororities and student clubs may participate in the late afternoon with evening playoffs.

For more information, contact Joe Long at 6-5245 or Rob Nugent at 6-5422.
Opinion

Arnold can change Republican image

You know I rarely say this but, "What the hell is wrong with you Republicans?" Don't get me wrong; I haven't changed. I'm still the same gun-loving, meat-eating, French-hating Republican you have all grown to love (or hate, either works for me). But in order to understand we need to have you know one thing. More than I love the Republican platform, I hate the Democratic platform. And 15 percent of you out there want to keep the Democrats in power by voting for McClintock.

Look, I like most of Tom McClintock's politics. I really do. In fact, if I had three wishes the third wish would be that McClintock would become governor. Granted, it would be a distant third followed behind Elizabeth Hurley in a 2006 Vett and the French finally admit that the real reason they didn't fight Saddam with us was because they were all scared of camels, but it would be the third wish, nonetheless.

However, much to my chagrin I don't have three wishes, and McClintock has the same chance of becoming governor that I have of getting Ms. Westwood in the 2006 Vett. And what a pity they don't fight Saddam with us because they were all scared of camels, but it would be the third wish, nonetheless.

Many of you still preferential treatment based on race will be terminated. Furthermore, a 17th century racial classification system that has no bearing on issues related to our 21st century society will be scrapped. The proposition, labeled the "Racial Privacy Initiative," states that the state shall not classify any individual by race, ethnicity, color or national origin in the operation of public education, public contracting or public employment. There will be virtually no fiscal repercussions from this proposition.

California would probably benefit the most of any state from treating its population equally because it is the most ethnically diverse state in the nation. According to the latest U.S. Census, Californians were divided into more than 120 different ethnic or racial groups. Since these groups can only grow as time goes on, what could possibly be the benefit of classifying every individual by race, ethnicity, color or national origin?

There actually is no point at all in categorizing the population because the state Constitution forbids government agencies from discriminating against or giving favorable treatment to any person based on race or ethnicity. California government shouldn't even have the right to ask us for this data because they can't possibly have a legitimate use for it.

Supporters of this initiative say racial classification is an invasion of privacy and that the government should be working to unite people through common interests and values instead of dividing them by emphasizing minor cultural differences. I agree with these statements because this is the first step in really overcoming racial barriers.

If Proposition 54 passes today, America will then be well on its way toward a colorblind society.

And what about raising state standards in our schools? Puggetsbabbatine! This initiative, if passed, would make it illegal to track which ethnic or racial groups were doing poorly in school, thereby outlawing finding a solution to those problems. Let's whitenew the whole dammed lot, shall we? This way we can sleep better at night knowing everything's hunky dory. We'll drink and smell the coffee. Wherever hanky dory is, it's far too aways from here that we couldn't reach it with a 10-foot pole strapped to an ICBM.

The information that Proposition 54 aims to block is the very information we need to assess and best deal with potential health threats to our community as a whole. The way to do so is to examine each racial, ethnic, or whatever you want-to-classify-them-as group individually.

Proposition 54 would also make it impossible for victims of discrimination to prove their case. Without any record of racial disparity even existing, how can there be a problem?

I saw the world through a new set of eyes this morning, and it was amazing! There was a crack where offering her body in exchange for drugs, but I denied seeing her to myself and she suddenly disappeared. There were homeless people asking me for change, but they weren't really homeless, as I long as I ignored them. I sidestepped past the gay couple who didn't actually exist once I refused to acknowledge them. It was a brave new world where my privacy and theirs was protected, and I have Proposition 54 to thank for it.

Tom McCauley is a journalism and English senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

Point / Counterpoint

Proposition 54 aims to make California 'colorblind'

I'm aware that as I write this it looks like Arnold has this election wrapped up; therefore, you might feel free to vote for McClintock just to send a message that there are lots of "true conservatives" out there. But we can't be too cocky because we all have seen the media's hit-and-run attack on Arnold over the past week. The Los Angeles Times reported Arnold committed sexual harassment on movie sets in the 1970s, but refused to print allegations that Davis committed physical battery on several members of his female staff in the 1990s. The media isn't going to let up.

The media will never let Arnold win because he can do something no other person could hope to do for the Republican Party in California: save it. By far the largest problem Republicans have in this state is their image. Democrats are seen as feeding the poor and sheltering battered women while Republicans are seen as Jabba the-hut-like creatures that just are big, fat, ugly men on their pikes while women have to dance for them right before they make her go pick their vegetables and mow their lawn. I wish I was joking, but this is how a lot of people see Republicans due to Democratic spin masters. I really can't blame Democrats for doing that; it's politics, and since California Republicans seem to be inept and stupid, they're going to have to win back the Assembly and the Senate. The governor's mansion is a great start, but it might be futile if the Democrats get just a few more seats and get a two-thirds majority in the legislature.

In order to do that Republicans are going to have to change their image. Arnold can help us with this. Unfortunately, McClintock can't.

John Holbus is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

Post-recall Governor faces daunting task

By Martha Mendoza
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA CRUZ — Whoever emerges as governor of California will have a tough time fulfilling campaign promises. The state faces an $8 billion deficit, persistent unemployment, struggling schools, and, as Gov. Gray Davis knows all too well, angry and mobilized voters.

"I guess it's fun during the campaign, but it's going to be a grind once they get in there. It's a miserable job that everyone wants," said Bob Stern, who heads the nonpartisan Center for Governmental Studies in Santa Monica.

The state has been hit hard by the down-turn in the economy and the burst of the high-tech bubble in particular. A total of 223,900 jobs were lost from 2001 to 2003, causing a precipitous drop in personal income tax and sales tax revenue — the main sources of income for California's $71 billion budget.

The result has been cutbacks and higher fees for such things as health care and education. Teachers are being laid off, classrooms are overflowing and clinics for the poor are closing.

Any budgetary solutions to these problems will need two-thirds approval from a state legislature that is more polarized than ever after the wrenching recall campaign.

Moreover, there is only so much room in the budget for creative problem-solving, since a series of voter-approved "lockboxes" mandate how money must be spent in certain areas, and the 1978 tax revolt known as Proposition 13 limits property tax increases to 2 percent a year.

"The overarching problem is structural, and that's a really tough challenge that won't be fixed by anyone who sits in the governor's office," said Jean Ross, executive director of the California Budget Project in Sacramento. "At some point we're going to have to figure the way in which we craft budgets in this state, and that's going to be painful."

The leading contenders for the job face their own unique challenges as well.
Women's soccer continues Big West winning ways

Schlick talks volleyball

By Graham Wonack
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly volleyball team got off to a strong start this season, but has faltered in conference play. The Mustangs have been swept in their last two Big West contests, having fallen to Cal St. Northridge on Thursday and Pacific on Saturday.

Volleyball coach Steve Schlick discussed why the team's fortunes have turned and what lies ahead.

Mustang Daily: What does a weekend like this do to your overall plans?

Steve Schlick: The initial conference start is not how we would design it, but at the same time, we knew that there was incredible parity here, incredible parity and anything can happen. Given that statement, I still feel like the same thing applies down the road: Anything can happen. So at times, I feel we played well. We just need to do it on a consistent basis.

MD: What is more surprising, Northridge or Pacific?

SS: I think both teams are very solid. Northridge has a player who's new to the conference, so that makes the game more interesting. We have a number of them. My two freshmen are young in their level of experience. We have a junior and two sophomores presently playing in the middle. We have a sophomore and junior on the outside, so we have a lot of underclassmen that are participating in major ways.

MD: Has the play of Vanessa Gilliam been a pleasant surprise?

SS: Not a surprise. We had high expectations of her when she walked in the door. We knew of her even when she was in high school and playing club.

MD: Has the play of Vanessa Gilliam earned her honors?

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SS: We've got to continue to serve very aggressively and try to advantage ourselves in that capacity. We got to control our dig-able situations more. We still have more opportunities to do... It boils down to consistency of play.

MD: Do you feel coming off of a tough weekend like this that you're going to see better play (from Cal Poly) this coming weekend?

SS: I think our players are absolutely ready to go to compete on Friday and Saturday, no question. These again are two teams we feel we match up with pretty well. They're two very good teams. Idaho beat Irvine on Thursday, I think it was and (Irvine) is underreinforced in conference up to that point.

We know that the caliber of athlete she is and what her goals are, so we've been pleased with what her performance levels have been and we have every expectation that they'll continue.

MD: What's going on to need to be done to get some wins on the board for Big West? What strides need to be made?

SS: We've got to have better productivity offensively... We've got to continue to serve very aggressively and try to advantage ourselves in that capacity. We got to control our dig-able situations more. We still have more opportunities to do... It boils down to consistency of play.

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Football falls again in national rankings

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

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Mustang Daily: "Stangs earn honors"

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly linebacker Jordan Beck and punter Gilbert Rocha were named NCAA Independent Players of the Week for this week. This is the second time this season the players have earned the honor.

Beck, a 6-foot, 2-inch, 215-pound linebacker from Mount Hermon, Calif., came into Saturday's game against No. 8-ranked Montana as the nation's No. 5 tackler with a 12.5 average. Beck earned the Defensive Player of the Week honors after shutting down Cal Poly's school record with 23 tackles against the Grizzlies. He had 10 solo stops and 13 assisted tackles. Beck also was credited with one sack, another assisted tackle for lost yardage and a pass break up, nearly intercepting a Montana pass in the second quarter.

Rocha, a 5-foot, 11-inch, 235-pound punter from Stockton, Calif., earned his second Special Teams Player of the Week award. Rocha was a busy punter in Cal Poly's 17-14 loss to No. 8 Montana on Saturday, matching a career-high with nine punts and averaging 38.7 yards. Six of Rocha's punts ended up inside the Montana 20-yard line. Montana's average field position for the game starting drives was on its own 19-yard line.

By the numbers

The Cal Poly women's soccer team is ranked fourth in the country with a .70 shutout percentage (.917) and tied for eighth in the nation in goals against average (.40). Goalies Greta Shirdon and Liz Hill are equally responsible for the statistics, having split time in the net.

Who won the 1993 NLC?

Send answers to sportstats@calpoly.edu

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The No. 23 Cal Poly women's soccer team went to 11-1 overall, 2-0 in Big West Conference play, when they defeated Long Beach State 2-0 Sunday afternoon.

The game remained scoreless for the first 46 minutes of play, at which point the Mustangs were first on the scoreboard. Mustang goalkeeper Greta Shirdon punched the ball down the field of the net. After it took a Mustang bounce towards forward Kelsey Carroll picked up the bouncing ball and scooted to give the Mustangs a 1-0 lead. Shirdon was credited for her first collegiate assist.

Just two minutes later, Carroll found the goal again as she stole a pass off a clearance from the 49ers defense, dribbled the ball to about 18 yards out and cranked a shot that beat 49ers goalkeeper Tara Constable to find the net for the second-consecutive goal in the game.

Carroll now has six goals and four assists for 16 points to lead the Mustangs' offense. Those scores vaulted her into a tie for the conference lead in goals; she is also third in points per game.

She has one other game-winning goal for the Mustangs. That came on Sept. 5 at Washington State when Cal Poly defeated the Cougars 1-0.

Shirdon, in goal for the Mustangs, recorded her fourth shutout in five starts. She has four saves on 14 shots from Long Beach State. Her record is now 5-0.

The Mustangs return to action next weekend as they host a pair of Big West matches starting Friday when they face UC Riverside at 7 p.m. at Mustang Stadium. On Sunday they will host Cal State Fullerton at 1 p.m. at Mustang Stadium.

The Cal Poly women's soccer team stands atop the Big West winning ways.