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Homecoming is a time for Cal Poly graduates to return to the spirit of college. The Alumni Association planned various activities this past weekend for Cal Poly alumni to rekindle their university friendships and memories.

Alumni happenings began with the Honored Alumni Banquet on Friday. An annual event since 1957, the banquet is held to recognize the success of Cal Poly graduates from every college in their field of work and communities.

The honored alumni led the Homecoming Parade procession Saturday morning. The parade, consisting of student floats and bands, traveled through the streets of downtown San Luis Obispo.

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design asked alumni to take a virtual tour of Poly Canyon. The event was part of the 40th anniversary of building experimental structures in the area.

Alumni were then invited to the Mustang Corral Tailgate Barbecue on the lawn in front of the business building Saturday afternoon. The pre-game event included Santa Maria-style barbecue, unlimited beverages and live entertainment. At the same time, parents and alumni age 21 and older were invited to taste a variety of Central Coast wines.

After the barbecue, the Mustang football team beat the Southern Utah Thunderbirds in the Homecoming game, 33-21.

Sunday morning marked the end of Homecoming activities with the All-Alumni Breakfast. The event was held in honor of the class of 1953 for their 50-year golden reunion and the class of 1973 for their silver reunion.
National Roundup

SEATTLE — This week, a slight man with thick glasses who has been married three times and is the father of one child, is standing before a judge who will ask him at least 48 times how he pleads to separate charges of murder.

Gary Leon Ridgway, 54, a longtime painter at Kenworth Truck Co., is expected to admit being the Green River Killer, named for the river south of Seattle where the first victims were found. He will have more murders on his record than any other serial killer in the nation's history.

The remains of scores of women, many runaways and prostitutes, turned up near ravines, rivers, airports and freeways in the 1980s.

DEVOIRE, Calif. — Two small earthquakes struck Saturday night near this foothill community, but there were no reports of damage or injury, officials said.

A magnitude 3.3 quaked at 7:58 p.m. about seven miles northwest of Devore, according to a preliminary report from the U.S. Geological Survey.

It was followed a minute later by a second, magnitude 3.4 tremor about three miles west of the community.

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators and New York's top law enforcer, pressing investigations of a mutual fund scandal, also are drawing up an overhaul of the $7 trillion industry that traditionally has enjoyed a pristine image.

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer is lashing out at the Securities and Exchange Commission for what he calls its failure to separate charges of murder.

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LOS ANGELES — The University of California at Los Angeles' Conference Center in Lake Arrowhead has been closed and evacuated due to wildfires in the area, and it is unknown when the center can reopen.

The facility is surrounded by 40 acres of land on the northern shore of Lake Arrowhead. The center staff were evacuated to escape the fast-spread fire.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio State University chapter of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity is under investigation following allegations that a member sexually assaulted a female student.

The fraternity is temporarily out of status, and it is unknown when the chapter's house.

According to a university official, the complaint was forwarded to Franklin County Children Services.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

ALLUJAH, Iraq — A U.S. Chinkook helicopter believed to be carrying soldiers enroute home for leave was struck by a missile and crashed west of Baghdad on Sunday, killing 13 soldiers and wounding more than 20 others, the U.S. command and witnesses reported.

It was the deadliest day for American troops in the six-month-old occupation of Iraq.

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This Week in ASI Events

UU GALLERY

"Local Inspiration: How Our Surroundings Impact Our Art" Beginning Tuesday, November 4
University Union Epicenter - FREE

Student painting, drawings and photography which reflect the artist's environment. Works by Alex Hapte, Matt Calkins, Sara French, Shana On and others. On display through November.

HIGHER GROUNDS ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

Featuring THE COLOR TURNING Wednesday, November 5 6-8 p.m. in BackStage Plaza - FREE

With a genuine desire to break free from the mold of popular music, THE COLOR TURNING explores with musical energy. They embody style, fun, and unbridled artistic vision.

UU HOUR

Featuring FLOORBOUND Thursday, November 6 11 a.m. - noon in the UU Plaza - FREE

CONCERT

Featuring THE CLARKS, ARIESTH AND PSUEDOPOO Thursday, November 6 7:30 p.m. at Railroad Coffee House - FREE

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Mondays at the Peach puts an emphasis on the artist, not the audience

By Amanda Hippe

Monday nights at Frog and Peach Pub are now a far cry from the shoulder-to-shoulder mobs of First Night or Reggae Night. Candlelight awnings pattern who come for one purpose: the music.

Since the first show debuted in May, Frog and Peach has offered a new theme night like nothing else in the downtown area. It has been christened "Mondays at the Peach," and the vibe is mellow and serene.

"This is a really great gig we have going on," social science junior and bartender Sara Monaco said. "No music scene for the last nine years as far as I'm concerned."

The dance floor, where most people skank the night away at Wednesday's Reggae Night, is cleared to accommodate two neat rows of seats and a velvet rope to direct patrons around the attendees and not in front of them.

"This is the perfect gig we have going on," social science junior and bartender Sara Monaco said. "No other bars offer a night of acoustic music in a mellow setting."

Patrick Hayes and David Creamer came up with the plan to incorporate some kind of opening acts who have never played before, this is exactly what they need.

More than anything, Hayes says he is trying to generate a great sound of local musicians who have a strong following behind them and can generate a buzz for live music.

"Everywhere around here is turning to DJs to entertain the crowds," Hayes said. "Frog and Peach is dedicated to having live music..."

Hayes is planning on building a Web site to draw more musicians outside the area and to spread the word. "So far, we have just been using word-of-mouth advertising to get a crowd."

Hayes says he has been extremely lucky with the working relationship he has with Frog and Peach.

"I've been given free reign with this whole thing, which has been one of the reasons this has turned into something so positive," he said.

At Mondays at the Peach, created an environment for local musicians to flourish — free of distortion, DJs and distractions.

Hospice celebrates Day of the Dead today

By Deanna Gallen

While many families have a fall ritual to ward off the spirits, some are preparing to welcome them.

Latin American cultures celebrate Dia de los Muertos, or "Day of the Dead," in early November. It is a way to celebrate a relationship between the living and the deceased.

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The goal is to share with the community a tradition rich in history and culture, she said.

"It's a mix of indigenous and Catholic influence," Arango McCune said. "We believe the dead come visit us. It's not a sad occasion but more of a celebration. We share funny stories about loved ones; it's very positive."

According to an essay by Ricardo J. Salvador, on the Culture and Society of Mexican Web-site, the tradition was originally a pre-Spanish Aztec celebration and has adapted over the centuries to the Catholic influences imposed upon it.

According to Salvador's essay, the original celebration was held in late July and early August but was moved by Spanish priests during the post-conquest era to coincide with the Christian holiday of All Saints Day, "in a vain effort to transform this from a 'profane' to a Christian celebration."

The religious and cultural mixture is evident in La Ofrenda or "the offering" that families present to the spirits of the dead. La Ofrenda is an altar, created by the families, containing traditional foods made from sugar, the favorite foods of dead loved ones; lit candles, photos, even cigarettes and tequila for those spirits who enjoyed them in life. Festivities in Latin America often include a graveyard picnic, when families clean up the graves of their deceased and share special treats like the sweet Pan de Muerto, or "bread of the dead." It is considered good luck for the person who bites into the piece of bread containing a little toy skeleton.

There is a complex history behind these traditions, contributing to diversity in the way different regions observe this holiday. The constant message is that it is not morbid, but a festive occasion.

"It is a way to celebrate a continuous relationship between the living and the dead," Arango McCune said.
School officials remove book

MODESTO (AP) — School officials ordered a Modesto high school teacher to stop using a novel about gang life in Los Angeles after classrooms returned from a home-schooling mother complained about the book's explicit scenes of sex and violence.


The book is on the California Department of Education's recommended reading list but has also been challenged in San Diego, San Jose, Fremont and Santa Rosa.

Rodriguez, an ex-gang member said he wrote the book to show the raw, unglamorous side of gang life.

"I know it's a hard book. It's very graphic. I'm the first one to admit that it's not a book for everybody."

He said most objections are to the book's sex scenes.

"There could be signs up, but I don't see them."

Montgomery said.

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"They have lots of information," Dacascos said.

Due to the lack of familiarity with the services, Bear said focus groups will be conducted during the first week of November, in conjunction with Information Technology Services and Associated Students Inc., to ascertain how much students are using the programs.
P. Diddy finishes NYC Marathon, raises $1M for children

NEW YORK (AP) — Running on a bum right knee and just two months of training, hip-hop entrepreneur Sean "P. Diddy" Combs finished the grueling New York City Marathon on Sunday in 4 hours, 14 minutes.

The producer-rapper decided in September he would run his first marathon in a bid to raise $1 million for children. Dubbing the effort "Diddy Runs the City," he planned to divide the money raised among two children's advocate groups and the city public school system. Known on the course simply as No. 30,792, Combs kept a respectable pace for much of the 26.2-mile race.

Barbara Bush introduces new book in Florida

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Barbara Bush introduced her new book at a fund-raiser for the Florida Center for the Literary Arts.

Gov. Jeb Bush introduced his mother Saturday, joking about her outspoken nature.

"With every passing year, we have no clue what she's going to say in public," he told the crowd waiting for her best-selling book, "Reflections: Life After the White House.

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- Rape isn't "bad sex"— it is an act of violence
- One in three women are hurt by sexual assault in their lifetime, the rate for men is one in eleven
- No one asks to be sexually assaulted!
Opinion

Cal Poly is conservative in every sense

When I first walked the Cal Poly campus on orientation day, I felt lost in a sea of bleach-straightened hair and Hollister shirts. I suddenly became very conscious of my own nose ring and incorrect just plain whack. It was then I first found out that Cal Poly is a conservative campus.

Consensus at schools such as Cal State Los Angeles or San Francisco State, which are in the heart of big cities, and there is a noticeable jump in cultural and racial diversity.

The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center at Cal Poly just celebrated its first anniversary. A similar center has been in operation at University of California San Diego for 35 years, said Maya Andlig, Student Life and Leadership gender sexuality program coordinator.

Cal Poly is not just conservative in the political sense. Everyone blends into the next person. There is an unofficial surfer style. Hairstyles and accessories are minimal. Wardrobe on campus that consists of a sorority or fraternity T-shirt, jeans or a jean skirt and/or some manifestation of the territory, but could it really be possible that almost every student at Cal Poly sorts? Cal Poly is also conservative when it comes to most heated issues like sex, religion and politics.

Students and faculty were complaining about "Sex in San Luis" long before it morphed into "The J Spot."

It's not as though a sex column is a particularly unusual or innovative concept for a student paper.

Carrie Meabrell, sex columnist for the Daily Bruin at UCLA, recently wrote an article entitled, "Size of the Cuck Doesn't Matter in the Sack."

And I quote, "I've read that the biggest penis ever on record was 13 inches. Thirteen inches! That's not a cock, that's a broomstick! If ever a guy whipped out 13 inches of meat on me, I'd take one look and say 'Oh, hell no!'"

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Just imagine the letters to the editor from Mustang Daily readers on that one. And we're talking UCLA here, not some hole-in-the-wall college.

Apparently, intelligence and an appreciation for steamy sex talk can go hand in hand.

Any Mustang Daily writer who dares attempt an article on politics or religion clearly has a death wish, unless their opinion agrees with the majority. The urge to debate such articles is healthy enough, but often the responses to these articles are irrational and filled with vitriol from students who seemingly have never met someone with a different opinion than their own.

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Samantha Yafe is a Mustang Daily staff writer and journalism senior.

Mustang Daily

Letters to the editor

Zebrahead deserved a poor review

Editor,

I let many things slide while reading your newspaper. When people are racist, ignorant or just plain whack, I don't feel the need to write a letter to the editor. But when a horrible hand like Zebrahead gets an excellent review, I feel compelled to write an opinion.

I remember Zebrahead from their first couple of albums and from a couple of live shows and everything about them was horrible. It's as if they thought having a rap singer and a slightly hunky guitar made them original. The very best they ever could have hoped to sound like back then was a copy of a 311 or Rage Against the Machine cover.

So basically, judging from how bad they were three to five years ago, there is a very slim chance that Zebrahead actually is. I've gained the skill to make a good album in the last three years.

In fact, if for some reason the new CD actually is good, it is because a producer from their record label realized how bad Zebrahead is and made them practice for three years until they stopped sounding like Zebrahead. More realistically, if Zebrahead is good now, it is because they made a pact with the devil in exchange for musical talent, a generic rock hand photo and a good review in Mustang Daily.

I apologize for offending Zebrahead fans.

Patrick Healy is an aerospace engineering senior.

Grocer's strike boils down to economics

Editor,

The commentary on Oct. 22 titled "Support the striking grocers" expresses sympathy for unions to go on strike to ensure they are treated fairly by way of wages and benefits.

Yet Ryan Hill hypocritically ridicules the actions of the grocer stores and all they have done is form a union of their workers just want to maintain their current benefits. Workers want high pay, sellers want low wages. Hill says the workers are uneducated and unintelligent?

Not happy about something, it is best to do something about it. That's why America is America today.

Also Ryan, you suggested that people who work for Vons are not required to be educated. Yeah, sure. But if you start making a judgment that favors only to educated people, then you seized your capacity to understand what humans are really about — helping each other. Vons is a big company and I'm sure it can afford to treat its employees same way you would treat your loved ones.

If you still think those strikers do not deserve anything, I'm sad to share this institute with you.

Matthew Bonander is an industrial technology junior.

Partial birth abortions don't save lives

Editor,

In "Abortion is about health, not politics (Oct. 28)," Barry Hayes claimed that a woman might be left to die, 290 words. She does not have a partial birth abortion. The new law defines the procedure as "a headfirst presentation, the entire fetal head is outside the body of the mother, or, in the case of the breech presentation, any part of the fetal trunk past the navel is outside the body of the mother for the purpose of performing an overt act that the person knows will kill the partially delivered living fetus."

Incidentally, the way they kill the baby is usually by vacuums the baby's brain out and then removing the dead body. How can the mother's life be spared by killing the baby part way through delivery as opposed to simply delivering it? Is there any medical circumstance where a partial birth abortion would spare the life of the mother? For any woman who is considering an abortion, at any stage of pregnancy, there is hope.

Emotional and psychological effects of abortions have been very difficult on many women. I recommend visiting www.roenomore.org. Please consider life.

Chris McGlone is a mechanical engineering senior.

Letter to the editor

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Editor,

I am writing in response to Barry Hayes' letter (Oct. 28) "Abortion is about health, not politics."

I beg to differ.

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San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

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Your letter will not be printed unless you submit it in the correct format.

Paolo Sangianko is an environmental horticultural science senior.

Letters to the editor

Editor,

I am shocked of the response Ryan E. Hill has to "Support the striking grocers" (Oct. 27).

Ryan, you still have much to learn about life outside your math books. First of all, who are you to say that those strikers are uneducated and unintelligent?

See Ryan, the world is for all of us to live in. When we are not happy about something, it is best to do something about it. That's why America is America today.

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Metrosexuals are fabulous

Sure, pretty boy and narcissist are terms that have been used to describe the type of fop for fast fashion and impeccable grooming habits. Thanks to Mark Spitz, fashion and gay have defined these 90s males and given them a label, the world can see them for what they really are: metrosexuals. And they are coming out around town around the world.

A metrosexual, either gay or straight, is a male who is more in touch with his feminine side than the average Joe. He knows about the latest haircuts, how to dress, and he prefers a salon cut to a barbershop chop. He shaves his chest, plucks his brows and indulges in a pedicure or two. Do these things sound thought of as strictly feminine grooming habits, make him any less manly? I say no. Metrosexuals are still all male. The only difference is what color to dye their hair, and if those things aren't manly enough, then it also isn't that the label is one of the coolest accessories to have. But even after all the fluff and fashion they are still male.

You see, they may be more in touch with their feminine side, but the only part they are in touch with is the affinity for shopping and for the material things that are associated with being female.

Although metrosexuals are a step away from all around American male or jock, it doesn't mean that their sense of style is worth nothing. The women's does aggrandize over the actions of their significant other or thinking and over analyzing. Metrosexuals, even the one's you are and have no fear. When you wake up you will still be a guy, just one with an expensive haircut.

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Terrorism's tangled roots

When discussing recent suicide bombings of the Red Cross in Baghdad earlier this week, President George W. Bush was quoted as saying, "It is a war on terrorism" (many different (identity (these bombs) that attacked us on Sept. 11, 2001.

Our president is very right in this assertion, but unfortunately, by virtue of the fact that this comment is coming from Bush (who, of course, coined the term "axis of evil") he is essentially suggesting that these bombings be motivated by ignorance, arbitrary malevolence, and "hated freedom." This conception of terrorist motivations has been around for some time, which, in this case, is an episode about the emerging sub-culture and the related urban lifestyle. Soccer player David Beckham was the first man to be accused of as a full-fledged metrosexual by Simpson's. He only does he wear nail polish, but (gasp) he also posed nude for the cover of Esquire. He is considered the forerunner of the metrosexual way of life and seems to embrace the lifestyle associated with the descriptive label.

This label has passed the possibility of negative stigma or prejudice. It is now known faces readily endorsing the usage of the word. Men are unabashed when calling themselves metrosexuals. Probably this is because, unlike being gay, being a metro is a choice one chooses to make. A person can choose to live what color to dye their hair, and if those things aren't manly enough, then it also isn't that the label is one of the coolest accessories to have. But even after all the fluff and fashion they are still male.

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defenders spent most of the game at half field. Fullback Heidi Spink gave the Cal Poly attack a lot of credit for stagnating the Vandals. "We played so well through the middle," Spink said. "We pressured with our forwards so they couldn't get anything through." Instead, the ball stayed in Mustang territory for almost the entire game. Carey had a busy day, posting 12 saves. She smiled after the game, though. "I just held my own, so I'm proud of that," Carey said.

The Mustangs face their first playoff game

"There isn't that competition between us. Anyone of us can win on any day. Whoever wins that day, wins it, and we aren't angry at them for it. It's not about that," Spink said. Running alongside his teammates pushed him through the competition, Ricketts said. The key phrase for the Mustangs throughout the season has been "Poly Up," which they use in practice and competition when they want the ball to run as a tighter pack, Macias said.

The other two counting runners for the champions were freshmen Luke Llamas, in sixth place, and sophomore Brandon Collins, in 11th; both the five runners were separated by 20 seconds, a fine performance by Conover's standards.

"Racing in such a tight pack at the head of the field is not just because the Mustangs have the five best runners in the field, said Conover, who was later named 2003 Men's Big West Coach of the Year. "These guys are used to working together," he said. "They know how to run well and keep the spread minimal."

A lot of that has to do with the way the team practices, never letting a runner get too far from the group. Ricketts said.

It is a skill the team improved greatly upon in its second year, Conover said.

Sonora's Becky Clark tries to dribble past an Idaho defender.

"They're going to go for the Big West tournament next week and have as good a chance as anybody," Buzy said.

If the Mustangs win the tournament, they could qualify for the NCAA tournament. Still, even with their senior leader overcome for tomorrow to be run, Crozier said. "We're still trying to get better every week," he said.

Collins put it another way: "The competitions just get better and we need to bring it."said."

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hardware.

"Last year they were all thrown in together," Conover said of a 2002 team that consisted mostly of new junior college transfers. "With another year they have become much more of a unit."

The men wanted to dominate the race in front of the hometown crowd and that is exactly what they did, senior Sean Ricketts said. The men won the 2003 individual Big West championship with a time of 25 minutes and 33 seconds on the 8K-meter course.

While running at home was an advantage, having the meet delayed 45 minutes to allow the course to dry from Friday's rain could have negatively affected the team.

The Mustangs did not lose their composite though, because they were so focused on the task at hand, Conover said.

The Big West decided Thursday to move the meet from UC Riverside to Fairbanks Memorial Cross Country Course because of fire and smoky conditions in Southern California.

Cal Poly's Ryan Moorcroft and Mario Macias followed Ricketts across the finish line the three were separated by 1.1 seconds. They finished, along with UCSB's Jeff Gardiner, more than seven seconds ahead of the rest of the field.

Chains of "one, two, three" could be heard as they strained through the finish and shortly afterwards. The shuttered roar for photos, embroidery and holding onto the finish line to get their order of finish, Moorcroft, well over six feet tall, towered over the summertime crowd.

Ricketts overtook Moorcroft with the last surge in the last 50 meters. "They know how much this meant to me, being a senior," he said. They know how much this meant to me, being a senior," he said.

Junior Mustang Simmons was the top Mustang finisher; she finished ninth, two spots and four seconds ahead of junior teammate Katie Murphy.

A last minute charge allowed her to pass Cal State Northridge's Andrea Palacios within 22 meters of the finish. Simmons achieved her goal of finishing in the top 10 and garnering all-conference honors. Stealing advantage that opposing coaches were giving their runners helped her last charge, Conover said. The field fell victim to a UC Santa Barbara performance that was even more dominating from the Mustang men.

The Gauchos had the top four runners in the race, but they were not the top five that was matched with the first five in the Gauchos' first race. Coach Sophia- more Stephanie Rothstein won by almost 13 seconds over sophomore teammates Lauren Christman. The UCSB leaders were separated by 30 seconds.

"This was our best race of the year," head coach Pete Dylman said. "It was our best performance top to bottom."
The Pacific Tiger volleyball team won a four-game Big West Conference match over the Mustangs on Friday in Mott Gym.

With the win the Tigers improved their overall record to 16-7. The Mustangs record fell to 12-11. Both teams had 14 kills and 11 digs while Pacific added 13 kills and a .414 hitting percentage. Sophomore Kayleigh Muller added 10 kills for Pacific in the loss. Gilliam and Nicole Brenton each recorded seven total blocks.

Jennifer Jones led the Tigers with 21 kills and 24 digs. Jamiya Rent led the Mustangs with 17 kills while Stevie Mussie had four kills for Cal Poly.

In the first game Pacific took control after breaking a 6-6 tie on a serve by Rent. Jones provided the power of the rest of the way as she recorded a double-double with 12 kills and 14 digs. Sarah Venil added five kills. Hav'ley Anderson dished out 37 assists in the win.

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In the second game Cal Poly held an 11-10 advantage in the match. Pacific hit .272 to Cal Poly's .163. Gilliam and Muller each had four kills for Pacific.

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In the third game Cal Poly held a 12-8 advantage when Pacific head coach Jynne McHugh called timeout. The Tigers responded by scoring Cal Poly 8-4 and grabbing an 18-17 lead. The Tigers went on to a 29-24 advantage before Cal Poly scored four-straight points to close to 29-28 but the Tigers closed the game on a service ace, giving Cal Poly a .255 with Venil recording five kills. Duncan led the Mustangs with six kills in the game.

The fourth and deciding game saw the scored tied 18 times. Neither team could hold an advantage until the Tigers could close the game and the match at 32-30. Jones led the Tigers with five kills while Gilliam recorded six for the Mustangs.
Homecoming comeback

Freshman wide receiver Anthony Randolph dives for a touchdown reception in the second quarter against Southern Utah University.

By Sean Martin

Senior cornerback David Richardson picked off a pass at the 16-yard line from Southern Utah quarterback Ryan Zimmerman with 3:41 to go in the second quarter. The score was 27-21 after the two-point conversion failed.

A good read by Richardson caused the interception.

"It was a route they were running all game," he said. "I just waited on it. The defense pressured the quarterback, and I just got a good jump on it."

He entered the left side of the end zone untouched. It was his second interception return for a touchdown this season, he had a 71-yarder against Sacramento State on Sept. 13.

Sophomore strong safety Aaron Williams fumbled on the second play of the ensuing drive. He got to Zimmerman untouched, blanketing him and knocking the ball loose. Junior defensive end Kelly Turbin recovered the ball on the Southern Utah 18-yard line.

The Mustangs scored three plays later on a 13-yard run by senior slot-back Brandon Shepard.

The score was 33-21 after another failed two-point conversion that was moved back five yards by a false start penalty.

The defensive flashes of brilliance were what the Mustangs need to overcome in their 33-21 victory at Mustang Stadium.

Men claim Big West title

By Sean Martin

Moving the 2003 Big West Cross Country Championships to San Luis Obispo gave Cal Poly fans the chance to witness a near-perfect performance by the Mustang men.

They authored a dominating performance, earning 23 points, 56 better than second-place UC, Santa Barbara. That point total was near perfect, head coach Mark Conover said.

The women did not fare as well, placing fifth, Conover called it one of the team's best races of the year.

One point is given for a first-place finish, two for a second-place finish, and so forth. The low-five finishers on a school's seven-man squad count toward the team total, the team with the lowest score wins.

It was the fourth title since 1998, and first since 2000, for the Mustangs. Another year running together was the key to taking home this year's title.

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Sean Picketts (left), Ryan Moorcroft (center) and Mario Macias.

Mustangs vandalize Idaho

By Graham Womack

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Trivia

Idaho's question

Who was the last Cal Poly football in rush for over 200 yards?

Send answer to: sports@calpoly.edu

Volleyball

Game coverage of Saturday's volleyball game against Cal State Northridge will highlight Tuesday's Mustang Daily. Coverage of men's soccer versus Rice-Chicago will also be featured.