Poly students to focus on gay rights

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Poly alumnus wins Ansari X prize

Estheralda Cimneros

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SpaceShipOne, designed by Cal Poly alumnus Burt Rutan won the $10 million Ansari X Prize on Oct. 4.

The contest required that the aircraft be flown twice within a 14-day period, carrying at least one person. It also had to reach an altitude of 62 miles.

The prize, given by Ansari X, was given in an effort to create interest in space tourism.

Rutan graduated in 1965, with a bachelor’s in aeronautical engineering. His senior project won the national student competition of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics the same year.

Aerospace engineering junior, Daniel Ulloa, said the competition helps achieve higher goals.

“Rutan’s began his career at Edwards Air Force Base. He worked on nine Air Force projects in a seven year period.”

Students and city have new middle man

Ji Jun

MUSTANG DAILY

There is a new solution for students and city residents that will help ease tension in the aftermath of last year’s Mardi Gras cloth.

Creative Mediation, a local non-profit organization, in conjunction with Cal Poly, Cuesta and the city of San Luis Obispo, will give residents and students a chance to air out disagreements with the help of a third-party neutral mediator.

The program, called SLO Solutions, will be a free service for one year to anyone living in San Luis Obispo. Depending on how it is received, the community will determine if the pilot program continues.

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**College employees give big-bucks to Kerry**

As of the end of August, Kerry has collected more than $4.6 million to Bush's $740,000.

**John Kerry**

LOS ANGELES - Employees of colleges and universities nationwide are donating much more to the Kerry presidential campaign than to Bush.

At the University of California, the surge in donations is striking. Employees have given nine times as much to the presidential campaigns as they did in 2000, and the majority of the money is going to Democratic candidate Sen. John F. Kerry, according to a newspaper report.

This year, as of the end of August, Kerry had collected more than $4.6 million from faculty, staff and others affiliated with colleges and universities.

That's compared with the about $740,000 flowing to President Bush, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday.

In 2000, Bush and former Vice President Al Gore collected less than $1 million on campuses.

The increase is due to the Iraq war, the surge in Internet fund-raising and recent changes in campaign finance regulations, according to political analysts and education officials.

But the overwhelmingly Democratic slant of these contributions has been an issue for some conservatives.

"How is a democracy and an institution which is committed to academic freedom and intellectual pluralism can such a monolith exist?" questioned Donald Horowitz, a conservative intellectual who has extensively criticized colleges and universities for bias against conservatives.

At the University of California, the surge in donations is striking. Employees have given nine times as much to the presidential campaigns as they did in the last election, with 95 percent going to Kerry, according to the Times.

UC employees have given more to Kerry's presidential bid than any other group of employees at a company or institution nationwide, according to data compiled by Dwight L. Morris & Associates, a nonprofit research group that analyzes campaign finance reports for the news organizations.

As of the Aug. 31, UC employees, the majority of them professors, had given Kerry more than $580,000. Bush had received about $260,000. The high numbers reflect in part the university's vast size, with 10 campuses, and three national laboratories.

Harvard University employees ranked second on Kerry's overall list of industry contributors, with $261,000 donated. Stanford, Columbia and the University of Michigan were also in his top 20.

The University of Texas, in the president's home state, produced $40,000 in donations for Bush's campaign, more than any other school. Kerry received about $67,000 from its employees.

The donations will have a limited effect. Money from colleges and universities nationwide represent less than 3 percent of Kerry's total donations and about 5 percent for Bush.

But what states such as California a likely bet to go Democratic, raising money is the most effective way to influence the elections, said Kirk R. Smith, a UC Berkeley environmental health sciences professor and a Kerry contributor.

"It doesn't do much good to go out and canvass locally," he said. "So what can you do, especially if you can't go to another state to campaign? Money is one thing you can do."

Issues of war and peace have historically energized college campuses in a way that standard domestic issues do not, said Travis Reinking, director of state policy analysis at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

"That's drawing folks out with their checkbooks who might not have been drawn before," he said.

At UC Berkeley, professors Carl Shapiro and Marty Harten held two fund-raisers this spring, raising more than $30,000 for Kerry.

"Everybody's got their issues. Mine are Bush's environmental policies, his fiscal recklessness, the arrogance of his foreign policy, misleading us on Iraq," Shapiro said. "It's a direction so misguided that I felt compelled to get involved."

Eugene Volokh, a constitutional scholar at UCLA's School of Law, also said Iraq was the reason he decided to contribute $1,000 to the Bush campaign.

Volokh said mistakes have been made in Iraq, but that the Bush administration's approach to the war is better than what the Democrats would have done. "It's demonstrated the importance of military strength and proving to our enemies that if attacked, we'll hit back hard," he said.

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and relational issues within the neighborhoods," Bryn said. "We were pretty mad," he said. "We couldn't really do anything about it because we didn't know. A lot of students don't know what the deal is."

Now that they do, Sostrin is also hoping to involve students and residents in the mediation process.

The seminars are free. Students and residents willing to volunteer their time can be trained as mediators.

The plan is to have two mediators, one student and one non-student, when it comes to disagreements between permanent residents and students.

"Our organization has been around since 1983. We've offered mediation services the whole time. The reason for SLO Solutions is to make it easier for students to use the service. Now we have the universities and the city helping us to promote and advertise," Sostrin said.

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It's the first such gathering in nearly 75 years. About 450 bishops, priests, deacons and laymen are expected to attend, along with about 100 other guests who will not be formal delegates.

About 250,000 medals have been shipped to the church from the Vatican and will be given out to parishioners during the event. As many as 200 volunteers are preparing to provide for the delegates.

—Associated Press

WASHINGTON — All he wanted were the facts, but Dick Cheney ended up generating confusion — and lots of it.

A slip of the tongue by the vice president during Tuesday night’s debate with Sen. John Edwards led Web surfers to a site run by George Soros, a billionaire who makes no secret of his opposition to the Bush administration.

In answering a question about his involvement with Halliburton, Cheney mentioned to direct people to FactCheck.org, a nonprofit site run by the University of Pennsylvania’s Annenberg Public Policy Center. He urged people watching the debate to go to the site for facts countering Edwards’ statements about the corporation Cheney used to run.

But Cheney cited FactCheck.com, a for-profit advertising site based in the Cayman Islands.

The company decided to redirect traffic to the Soros site after it became inundated with hits — about 100 a second after the debate, John Berryhill, a Philadelphia lawyer for FactCheck.com, said Wednesday.

"This was to relieve stress on the service and to express a political point of view," Berryhill said.

—Associated Press
JND kicks off fall tour at Mother's Tavern

Jonathan D. Triplett
DAILY KANSAN

This weekend the streets of San Luis Obispo and Pismo Beach willoverflow with soulful, powerful sounds.

JND, previously under the name Joe N. Direct, will be playing at Mother's Tavern at 9:30 p.m. this Saturday.

On Sunday, they are playing "Live on the Rocks," an all age show on the grass at the Cliffs Resort from 3 to 5 p.m.

This exciting new band creates "a fusion of rock, R&B, soul and funk," lead singer and songwriter Damon Castillo said.

"The college crowd out here always has a lot of energy, but people of all ages come out and enjoy our shows," bass player Brian Lanzone said.

"At the Cliffs, it's good to see everyone dancing together and having a good time. The local support in SLO is excellent."

JND won the "Best of SLO" award for Best Band for the past four years.

"This is our hometown and we love going all out for this city," Castillo said. "We enjoy rocking out and having fun."

Castillo, who went to the Berklee College of Music, has written all of the songs for the band. He uses his past experiences to create some heartfelt, commanding lyrics.

"Is there anything other than love, whether it is love gone good, love gone bad or love gone astray," Castillo said when asked about his lyrics. "Our music is all about the songwriting, with a mixture of our authentic sound. We tend to like things funky."

Based out of the heart of the Central Coast, JND is a six-piece ensemble that was formed in 1996. Throughout the past seven years, JND has had three different bass players. The first was Matt Taylor. However, he died of cancer in December of 2002. His replacement, Brian Triplett, was replaced by Lanzone.

"Matt was an incredible bass player," Lanzone said. "It was a terrible loss, but at the same time, it's such an honor to be playing with a band that encompassed such a rich musician. I learned a lot from Matt without him even knowing it."

The band's latest release, "Enhanced," is a five-track EP filled with passionate lyrics and irresistible musicianship. A new CD will be released this winter.

"Every album has been different so far, and the new one is no exception," Lanzone said. "It takes the best from the first record, adds newer production and some stronger songwriting."

JND is soon to leave on their Northwest tour, starting in Mill Valley on Oct. 15, continuing through California, Nevada, Idaho and Montana.

"Over the years the band has developed a good fan base in the San Francisco Bay Area. We seem to be up there about twice a month," Lanzone said. "JND has done four or five northwest tours, and is gaining many more fans."

For more information on JND's tour dates, the band and their music, check out their Web site at www.jnd.com.

Lest We Forget' Marilyn Manson

Abdul Latif
UNIVERSITY DAILY KANSAN

LAWRENCE, Kan. — It's hard to pinpoint the exact moment that Marilyn Manson had the title of "white-trash hell raier" wrenched from his sickly-white fingers by the next great white hype, Eminem. The most visible moment of his passing was in the video for Eminem's "The Way I Am," which was released in the wake of Columbine, which should have been Manson's defining moment.

Instead his ghoulish visage was relegated to window dressing among several jump cuts in the clip, in which Marshall Mathers railed on social critics who tried to "blame it on Marilyn." While on the surface it was a shout-out to all the white metalheads who had dismissed him as another Vanilla Ice, it also returned Manson to a permanent role as a visual reference to demonic rock.

From that moment on, the image of Manson's crucifix-laden, stigmata-stained carcass was all anyone needed to see to simultaneously recall and reject the man's entire career.

"Lest We Forget: The Best of," the band's new greatest hits album, is a 17 track affair that demonstrates Manson's growth from cartoonish freak to Bowie-esque conceptual artist and then back to cartoonish freak, if not in that order. "The Beautiful People," "Disposable Teens" and "mOBScene" all couple crunching guitars with genuine hooks while lesser known standouts "Touristgirit," and "The Nobodies" dispatch the spooky.

Of the various cover songs included, the epochal "Sweet Dreams (are made of this)" shines along with the Sneaker Pimps collaboration "Long Hard Road out of Hell." The inclusion or rarities like "Personal Jesus" simply illustrate how Manson has made a pretty sizable living out of bullying irony like it stole his lunch money.

What's missing are the cuts that created buzz for the band before it hit big with "Smells Like Children." Even without "Cake and Sodomy," the consistency of what did make the album is surprising evidence of the band's stranglehold on all things heavy throughout the Clinton administration.

If Manson frightens you beyond belief, you better shelter your soul from Nine Inch Nails, "The Fragile," but everybody should listen to Manson's "Mechanical Animals." That album was just plain awesome.

Download of the day

Sir Mix-A Lot
"Jump On It"

The lesser known of his two hits, "Jump on It" provides endless metropolitan shout-outs and takes you back to the days of Fresh Prince of Bel-Air. San Luis Obispo, jump on it!

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Mike Motroni, president of the Cal Poly College Republicans and civil engineering senior, does not plan on attending the event. In an e-mail interview he said the festival won't affect voters of either party, since many have already made up their minds. Motroni said he doesn't think the films will benefit voters who remain undecided.

"This festival is another attempt from the left to smear the facts and show a single point of view," Motroni said. "It loses credibility in the eyes of undecided voters because they want to hear both sides of the issue in a balanced atmosphere."

The festival will begin on Saturday at 4:30 p.m. with the film, "Bush's Brain." Based on the bestselling book by journalist James Moore and Wayne Slater, the film studies Karl Rove, one of Bush's closest advisers. Following dinner, provided by Shine Cafè and Stone City Pizza, "Outfoxed" will begin at 6:30 p.m. The film, by Robert Greenwald, provides a close look at Rupert Murdoch's Fox News and its effects on society. In the film, media experts comment on the dangers of large corporations controlling what Americans watch, read and listen to. The last movie on Saturday will be "Hijacking Catastrophe: 9-11, Fear and the Selling of the American Empire," starting at 8 p.m. This documentary argues that fear is being cultivated and manipulated by the Bush administration.

The festival reconvenes on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. with the film "Before You Don't Vote." This documentary features interviews with more than 50 politically involved Americans. All from different backgrounds, each person comments on why citizens should vote, even if politics and politicians are not what we want them to be.

"There's Something about W" immediately follows the first movie. The film contrasts the president's promises with changes that have actually taken place. The president's own words are blended with commentary from experts and comedians like Al Franken and Bill Maher. The documentary will close of the day, "Invisible Ballots: A Temptation for Electronic Vote Fraud," begins at 1:45 p.m. The film, directed by award-winning filmmaker William Gazecki, is an investigation into the dangers of all electronic computerized voting.

"Liberty Bound," begins at 3 p.m. The documentary was made by a young woman as she traveled across America in search of answers to 9/11. She addresses, among other topics, the country's move toward fascism, the Patriot Act and the government's reasons for going to war.

"The Act of Resistance" begins at 4:45 p.m. followed by "Arlington West." The film, "The Horribly Stupid Stunt," "The Art of Resistance" is a short film showing poets, puppeteers, comics, animators, musicians exercising their right to dissent.

"The Yes Men: The Horribly Stupid Stunt" follows two men who impersonate World Trade Organization representatives. At a conference in Austria they suggest auctioning votes to the highest bidder as a free-market solution to democracy.

San Luis Obispo hosts controversial film festival, Take Back America

Nicole Stivers

The Take Back America Film Festival is showing this weekend at the San Luis Obispo Library.

The festival will feature three films Saturday and eight films Sunday focusing on President Bush and his activities during his presidency.

"Young people are the ones who may not know about these things or have the opportunities to see these films," said Bob Banner, editor of Hope Dance, the event organizers.

The festival is an opportunity for community members to discuss topics not found in mainstream media, Banner said. The goal of the festival is to educate viewers and allow people to network with one another.

"I'd like to create a town hall atmosphere," Banner said.

Steven Schlotterbeck, vice president of the Cal Poly Young Democrats and sophomore art and space major, said he doesn't think these kinds of documentaries will have a direct impact on voters but hopes they will spark dialogue.

"It'll bring up different ways of thinking that people haven't thought before," Schlotterbeck said.
Poor choices can add ‘Freshman 15’

Andrew Vaupel

LAWRENCE, Kan. — College students eat fast food for breakfast, lunch, dinner and even between meals. Fast food is only a part of America’s obesity issue, but college students must become aware of the problem. The Center for Disease Control reported in 2003 that the prevalence of obesity among adults ages 20 through 74 nearly doubled from 15 percent in 1976 through 1980 to 28 percent in 1999 to 2000.

Despite our best intentions to eat a healthy diet, cravings and the demands of school, work and time send us in search of the quick fast food fix. No one can stop you from eating fast food, so here are some tips for when you have your next burger-and-fries craving.

Don’t eat it all at once

A regular-size meal provides two servings of grain, 3 ounces of protein and 260 calories, which is just right for a single meal. But if you switch from a regular burger to a Big Mac value meal with a large fries and a large Coca-Cola, your total calorie count soars to 1,400 calories — almost a day’s worth of calories for the average college student. Either take home leftovers or buy smaller portions. Even though the larger sizes don’t cost much more, you may end up super-sizing your waist and your value meal.

Fried chicken tenders are not healthy

Even though chicken sandwiches, fish sandwiches and chicken tenders seem to be a healthy alternative, they aren’t if they’ve been dunked in a hot-oil fryer. When fried foods are dunked in a vat of oil they soak up even more calories. For example, the five-piece McDonald’s Chicken Select breast strips have 630 calories, 33 grams of fat and 46 grams of carbohydrates. A Big Mac has a similar 580 calories, 30 grams of fat and 46 grams of carbohydrates.

So watch how much fried food you eat. Even fish sandwiches are rarely healthy because they are usually fried. Items that are baked, broiled, roasted or grilled are better choices. But ask for the sauce on the side so you control how many extra calories, fat and carbohydrates you eat.

Drink better

Even if you choose healthy main dishes you can destroy your hard work by ordering a large drink. Skip the soda and you’ll save tons of calories.

Avoid anything with added sugar or high-fructose corn syrup because we don’t need those additional calories and there’s some evidence that they may in fact cause us to gain more weight,” said Lynne Grieger, Healthy Eating Expert for Villlage.com, a national women’s Web site, and a registered dietitian in private practice in southwestern Vermont.

GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?

Send your letters to the editor to mustangdaily.net. We have already set our ASI column and health column. No one expressed an interest in one of the finalists and no one applied to be a sexpert. We received several applications for political columns and some fresh ideas including the ASI column and health column. We staff, as a whole, didn’t rule out the opportunity for a sex column, no one expressed an interest in writing it. We have already set our daily columns but will consider bringing in a sex columnist if a qualified candidate applies. If you are interested, please bring writing samples to the Mustang Daily office.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another plea to bring back the sex column

This is in agreement with Sarah Bradley’s (Oct. 7: “Please to bring sex column back to the newspaper”). I must say, Sarah, I definitely agree. Lacking skills like bow hunting, skills,unchuck skills, computer hacking skills and being an engineer to boot, I relied on J-Sport’s clever ads and obviously completely true anecdotes to provide me with the necessary information to get what I wanted.

Will Brown
Mechanical engineering senior

Letter from the editor:
Response to sex column

Dear Readers,

Thank you for your concern about the sex column. We understand that over the past two years it has become a staple in the Mustang Daily and something you’ll miss. Now that summer is here I hope you’ll send us your letters to the editor to mustangdaily.net. We welcome your ideas and opinions and will consider them for our pages. We appreciate your interest in the Mustang Daily and the topics we cover.

Emilly Wong and Allison Terry

LETTER POLICY

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Fate of anti-terror bill resides with House

Jesse J. Holland
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — House GOP leaders broached Thursday for a late-session showdown with the Senate over conflicting versions of legislation written in response to the terror-fighting recommendations of the Sept. 11 commission.

Republican leaders say the House version, which includes creation of a national intelligence director as well as anti-terrorism, illegal immigration, border-security and identity-theft powers, is the best bill and should be the one that prevails.

"It's real simple. The House bill — every single word of it — will make the American people safer," House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, proclaimed as Congress headed for the lawmaking lull to leave for the campaign hustle.

An outside review of the Senate-passed bill — which was to be offered Thursday by Rep. Robert Mendendez, D-N.J., and has been pushed by Reps. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y. — was being presented as a replacement for the House GOP bill.

Shays and Maloney say their proposal — which is identical to the Mendendez amendment — was held back to give the GOP leaders a chance to depict the Senate version as being a purely Democratic one on the House floor.

"I know my leadership thinks it's not going to pass or they wouldn't have allowed the vote," Shays said. "That shows their level of confidence. I hope we prove them wrong.

Minority Democrats contend the law enforcement and immigration provisions that were included in the GOP leadership bill were put there to force Democrats into a difficult, election-year vote that could have political consequences.

"Adding controversial unrelated provisions to the law makes it harder to get a conference report and a bill to the president's desk," Maloney said Thursday.

The House plans to have something finished before the end of the week, and that bill would have to be reconciled with the one that overwhelmingly passed the Senate on Wednesday.

On a 96-2 vote, senators also approved the creation of a national intelligence director who would coordinate most of the nation's nonmilitary intelligence agencies and a national counterterrorism center to help fight terrorism plans.

"Those two provisions are the key recommendations of the 9/11 commission," said GOP Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, who shepherded the bill with Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. "We want to make sure that the new national intelligence director is able to mobilize the funds, the people and the resources to counter the threat of terrorism and other emerging threats."

President Bush applauded the vote in a statement and called on the House to follow suit quickly with its own legislation. He didn't endorse one version over the other.

This legislation is an important step forward as we do everything in our power to defeat the terrorist enemies and protect the American people," Bush said of the Senate bill.

Unlike in the House, the Collins-Lieberman bill faced little opposition from either side in the Senate although many supporters of the President and those outside the community wanted it changed to preserve power for their committees or those agencies.

"Some of our colleagues who started out opposed or expressed opposition to what we were doing ended up supporting the proposal because they believed it was right," Lieberman said.
Men's soccer to take on nation's No. 1 team

Cal Poly hopes to end its string of home losses, but must go through UC Santa Barbara to do it.

Scott Poponyak
MOSTLY DAILY

It will be one of the most anticipated matchups of the season for the Cal Poly men's soccer team this weekend when it faces No. 1 ranked UC Santa Barbara on Saturday at 7 p.m. in Mustang Stadium. Odds are, the rivals will bring in droves of Gauchos fans to fill the stands.

The more fan support for us on Saturday the better. It's going to be a tough game and we want the stadium filled," forward Michael Marchione said.

Cal Poly, thus far, has had trouble getting it done on its home turf. The Mustangs are yet to win a game at home in three tries and are coming off a frustrating 2-0 loss at Cal State Northridge on Wednesday.

The Mustang record is 3-2-3 overall.

"We came out flat in the 90th degree heat of the first half and gave up a couple tough goals," senior midfielder JJ Young said. "When we came back out onto the field for the second half, we fought harder and dominated but couldn't put the ball in the net."

UC Santa Barbara has posted a record of 9-0-1, but will need to bring its best play against Cal Poly, which has been awaiting this matchup all season.

Although a loss to Northridge burns the Mustangs record, they did step up their game in the second half and will be feeling good about their overall play and their chances when the Gauchos come on Saturday.

"Cal Poly will need a spark off the bench as attacking forward Matt McNally is still out with a lingering knee injury and senior defender/cap­tain Andre Nestle is coming off a minor groin pull."

Somebody will have to step up, allowing the rest of the team to feed off of his intensity. Look for the experience of Cal Poly's seniors to play a major factor. The Mustangs' players and coaches feel the game will simply come down to who wants it more and who can play a physical mistake-free match. "We are playing with a fire this year that we haven't had the last couple seasons," Young said. "All the games we can win every game and we are getting excited to knock Santa Barbara out of the No. 1 spot."

Students are expected to fill up the student section located on the left side of the west bleachers. If Cal Poly can get it done, it should be one of the longest 2-0 runs of the Gauchos' season.

Wednesday's results

Cal Poly dropped a Big West Conference game against Cal State Northridge 3-0. Senior Jesse Sutker came off the bench to score a pair of goals, leading Cal State Northridge to the win at the Matador Soccer Field.

Servin scored off an assist from Ryan Rossi in the 37th minute to give the Mustangs a 1-0 lead. Then added another goal off an assist from Rossi Raz in the 71st minute as Cal State Northridge improved to 6-3 overall and 1-0 in the Big West.

Cal Poly fell to 3-2-3 overall and 0-1 in conference matches. The Mustangs attempted 13 shots, but could only muster four on goal.

At the same time, the Mustangs were outshot 20-13 by the Matadors, including 9-4 in shots on goal.

Cal Poly freshman goalkeeper Jeremy Couppe made five saves while Radames Lafaurie tallied three saves in 82 minutes for Cal State Northridge, which notchted its third shutout of the season.

There were 28 fouls in the match — 15 on Cal State Northridge.

The Matadors scored in the 30th minute after an unassisted goal by Willis Simo, his seventh goal of the season.

The game was Cal Poly's opener in conference play against the defending Big West champion Matadors.

Over the next two weekends, the Mustangs will play four home games before traveling on the road for their second game against the Santa Barbara Gauchos.

The Mustangs face UC Irvine after UCSC.

An equally challenging slate awaits women's soccer team this weekend

MOSTLY DAILY STAFF REPORT

At the weekly sports press conference, coach Alex Cazort let the media know that this was big.

On the matchup against undefeated UC Riverside, he said it was "the biggest of the season to date, maybe our biggest game all year."

Cal Poly (6-1-3) goes back out on the road this week for Big West Conference games at UC Riverside on Friday at 3 p.m. and Cal State Fullerton on Sunday at 1 p.m.

UC Riverside is yet to lose a game, and has only allowed four goals in 11 games.

The record could be a bit misleading as Riverside tied one of its first conference game after going undefeated beforehand.

The Mustangs are ranked 14th in the West Regional rankings after defeating UC Irvine 3-1 last Friday at Sharon Day; Heather Bryan and Katie Collins scored goals.

Two days later, Cal Poly blanked Long Beach State 1-0 as Day scored the lone goal and Liz Hill recorded the shutout in goal with eight saves.

Like Cal Poly, Cal State Northridge and UC Santa Barbara are also off to successful starts in Big West play.

UC Riverside is 10-0-1 overall, but the tie came in a scoreless Big West match last weekend against Cal State Fullerton.

Four Highlanders are in double figures for points, led by Kacie McElrath with six goals and three assists for 15 points. Amber Plumlee has four goals and five assists for 13 points, while Jenna Leoniti has notched five goals and two assists for 12 points.

Renee Sciacchetti has four goals and three assists for 11 points as Cal State Fullerton has scored 35 goals in 11 matches.

The Highlanders are coached by Veronica O'Brien in his fourth season and have not beaten Cal Poly in three tries.

They have all 11 starters back from last year's 11-7-3 squad which finished third in the Big West. The Mustangs won last year's meeting, 1-0 at home.

Cal State Fullerton is 4-6-1 overall and, in Big West play, has played just the 0-0 tie with UC Riverside.

The Titans have beaten Fresno State, San Diego, Northern Colorado and UC Davis. Only two Titans have scored more than one goal this season — Kellie Cox and Kandace Wilson with three goals each. Cox also has an assist. The Titans have used three goalkeeper this season who have combined for a 1.16 goals-against average and .740 save percentage with three shutouts. Cal State Fullerton is coached by Ali Khouosshahin in his fourth season and has nine starters back from last year's 9-8-2 team which finished seventh in the Big West.

Cal Poly has an 8-2-1 advantage in its series with the Titans, though the two teams battled to a 1-1 draw a year ago.

HONOR

Bertoni earns Big West Men's Golfer of the Month

After finishing first in two men's golf tournaments in September, Cal Poly junior Travis Bertoni was honored with the title of Big West Men's Golfer of the Month.

Bertoni was co-champion of The Gold Rush hosted by UCLA with a 11-under-par 205 total and also won the Pacific Invitational with a 12-under-par 204 total.

Bertoni, the 2004 Big West Conference Player of the Year, has seven career wins. Thus far in the season, he has registered eight rounds under par in nine rounds played. The 204 total at the Pacific Invitational was a career best for 54 holes.

Cal Poly returns to action Oct. 11-12 at the Berkeley Invitational, to be held at The Meadow Club in Marin.

The team then has nearly a month off before its next competition at the Countrywide/CS Northridge Championship at Wood Ranch in Simi Valley.

Winning the women's honor was Idaho freshman Renee Skidmore. She earned the honor of September's Big West Female Golfer of the Month. She debuted with a tournament title at the Las Vegas Fall Invitational with a 6-over 222 (71-74-77). She finished her next tournament in a third-place finish, shooting a 2-over 146 (76-70-76) at the Inland Empire Invitational. She was the Vandal's top finisher in both tournaments.

Renee is a transfer from Western Oregon and Skidmore were the fall's first such award.

Bertoni

Travis Bertoni

Men's Golfer of the Month

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