WASHINGTON — President Bush claimed a re-election mandate Wednesday after a record 59 million Americans chose him over Democrat John Kerry and voted to expand Republican control of Congress as well. He pledged to pursue his agenda on taxes and Iraq while seeking “the broad support of all Americans.”

Kerry conceded defeat in make-or-break Ohio rather than launch a legal fight reminiscent of the contentious Florida recount of four years ago. “I hope that we can begin the healing,” the Massachusetts senator said.

Claiming a second term denied his father, George H.W. Bush, the president struck a conciliatory tone, too. “A new term is a new opportunity to reach out to the whole nation,” he said, speaking directly to Kerry’s supporters.

“To make this nation stronger and better, I will need your support and I will work to earn it,” he said. “I will do all I can do to deserve your trust.”

It was a warm-and-fuzzy close to one of the longest, most negative presidential races in a generation.

Bush didn’t use the word mandate, but Vice President Dick Cheney did, and the president’s intention was clear as he ticked off a familiar list of second-term goals: overhaul the tax code and Social Security at home while waging war in Iraq and elsewhere to stem terror.

Bush stands to reshape the federal judiciary, starting with an aging Supreme Court that voted 5-4 to award him Florida four years ago. In all branches of government, the GOP now holds a solid, if not permanent, ruling majority.

Bush’s vote totals were the biggest ever and his share of the vote, 51 percent, made him the first president to claim a majority since 1988 when his father won 53 percent against Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Like Dukakis, Kerry is a Massachusetts politician who was labeled a liberal by the media. This president also wanted to increaseundergraduate fees by 10 percent and graduate fees by 47 percent, Kaiser said. “Many of our campuses felt that would kill (graduate) programs.”

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Women gather for creative hour

Louise Dolby

“The increases are part of a three year compact with the governor,” said Kathy Kaiser, board of trustee member and Chico State sociology professor.

The increases have raised concern among students as well as professors.

“The California Faculty Association sent a letter to the board of trustees before they voted on the issue.

“We encourage you to advocate for funding solutions that restore the quality and accessibility of the CSU system,” CFA president John Travis wrote.

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They looked within their own party, and found plenty of Democrats more rural, suburban and Hispanic than they had ever imagined.

Parties strategists had longed hoped to supplant their political losses in the Midwest and South with growth in the Hispanic-rich Western states, but as those plans were put in doubt Tuesday night. Exit polls suggested that Bush had increased his minority share of the Hispanic vote since 2000.

The election also vindicated Bush's unorthodox strategy of governing from the right and then targeting his voters with a volunteer-driven organization run through his campaign headquarters. Kerry faced the center and relied on a loosely knit conglomerate of liberal groups who paid get-out-the-vote workers.

Americans Coming Together, the Media Fund and other liberal special interest groups spent more than $200 million to defeat Bush. Kerry spent tens of millions more and got just one state win by Bush in 2000, New Hampshire.

Young voters didn't increase their turnout as Democrats had hoped. Neither did blacks or union members, two keys to the party's base.

Bush, meanwhile, saw a surge in rural and evangelical voters, according to strategists on both sides. The rural vote, once reliably Democratic, swelled in size and supported Bush over Kerry.

In Ohio, exit polls suggested the rural vote increased from 15 percent of the electorate in 2000 to 25 percent on Tuesday. Rural voters backed Bush over Kerry 60 percent to 40.

In Ohio and Florida, the two most important states Election Night, Democrats said they met their turnout targets, only to see Bush's forces trounce them. They said state ballot measures to ban gay marriage may have driven GOP voters to the polls.

The most stunning defeat was in Ohio, which may no longer be considered a swing state. With 232,000 jobs lost under Bush and state voters uneasy about Iraq, it was as ripe as it will ever be for Democrats, strategists said.

Ohio's 20 electoral votes gave Bush 279 in the Associated Press count, nine more than the 270 needed for victory. Kerry had 252 electoral votes, with Iowa's seven unsettled.

Bush beat Kerry by more than 3 million votes.

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"If we do not honor our part of the compact, then how do we expect the governor to honor his part of the compact?" CSU spokeswoman Clara Potes-Fellow said.

When the vote was tallied, Oct. 28, three trustee members out of 15 voted in favor of the increases. Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, Ricardo Lara, leader of a grocery workers union, and Eric Guerra, a student at California State University, Sacramento opposed the measure.

"In years past, (raising fees) has always been the last resort," Guerra said on a Board of Trustee press release. "The only reason it's being done this year is because of the compact. It's always been the last resort, and I personally feel it needs to stay that way."

One Day Fast-A-Thon

We go hungry, so they can eat!

Did you know that this is the month of Ramadan for Muslims world wide, in which Muslims fast all day?

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To sign up for this event please contact Kamran Khan at 650-898-1158 or email at kkhan@calpoly. edu. This event is sponsored by the Muslim Student Association.
BRIEFS
Thursday, November 4, 2004

STATE NEWS

REDWOOD CITY — Jurors began deliberating the fate of Scott Peterson on Wednesday, more than five months after testimony began in the murder of his wife and her fetus. Judge Alfred A. Delucchi sent the panelists off with lunch into the jury room after about 45 minutes of instructions. Jurors must decide whether Peterson killed his pregnant wife and dumped her body in San Francisco Bay, or was merely a straying husband who was framed. He plans to keep the jury sequestered until it reaches a verdict.

NAPA — A former South Carolina beauty queen and a popular sanitation engineer have been identified as the victims of a double-murder that has baffled this Wine Country community.

IN T L N E W S

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The counting of more than 150,000 provisional ballots cast in Ohio will go forward, despite John Kerry's concession that President Bush had won the state's 20 electoral votes, election officials said Wednesday. Elections workers planned to spend the next 10 days verifying them to count.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Dr. Andrea Sher wanted to vote before she went to the delivery room to give birth to her third child, so she and her husband went first to their polling station at Pete State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center's fitness facility. But more than 100 people were already in line, so Sher went to the delivery room, gave birth, and returned to vote Tuesday night 30 minutes before the polls closed, intravenous drip in tow.

"Knowing how close the race is in Pennsylvania and being a mom, with all the issues there, I just had to try" to vote, Sherer said. Sherer, a nephrologist, awoke at 5 a.m. Tuesday when her water broke. She gave birth to a son, Jack.

MIAMI — Nearly 100 fruit juice boxes containing liquid heroin were intercepted Wednesday in a shipment from Colombia, federal officials said. The juice boxes were part of a private shipment that wasn't destined for the United States food supply, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents said. The juice would be deadly if consumed.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen kidnapped a Lebanese-American businessman — the second U.S. citizen seized this week in Baghdad and videotape Wednesday showed the beheadings of three citizen seized this week in Baghdad and videotape Wednesday showed the beheadings of three

KABUL, Afghanistan — Hamid Karzai was officially declared the winner of Afghanistan's first-ever presidential election Wednesday after a three-week probe into vote fraud found no grounds to invalidate his triumph.

The joint U.N.-Afghan electoral board confirmed that the American-backed incumbent had clinched a five-year term as the country's first popularly chosen leader.

UNDER FOUR? OR SAYING "I DID WHAT?"

52% of students never experience memory loss due to drinking. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.
Europe seeks fresh start, policy changes with Bush

John Leicester

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — European allies thwarted by President Bush's first four years in power offered Wednesday to let bygones be bygones, saying they want to work with the new administration and seeking, right from Day 1, to get the new White House to listen more to overseas opinion.

French President Jacques Chirac, in a congratulatory letter, said he hoped Bush's second term "will be the occasion for strengthening the French-American friendship."

"We will be unable to find satisfying responses to the numerous challenges that confront us today without a close trans-Atlantic partnership," wrote Chirac. He addressed his letter to "Dear George."

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, who also clashed with Bush over Iraq, wrote the president a congratulatory letter expressing "great expectations" for renewed cooperation.

"The world stands before great challenges at the beginning of your second term — global terrorism, the danger of weapons of mass destruction, regional crises — but also poverty, climate change and epidemics threaten our security and stability," Schroeder wrote. "These challenges can only be mastered together."

Another critic of the Iraq war, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said his government wants "a relationship of trust" with the new administration.

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Stocks boom as Bush wins second term

Wall Street puts behind the uncertainty of campaign months and celebrates the win of a business-friendly president

Meg Richards ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Wall Street celebrated President Bush’s re-election with a solid rally Wednesday, surging higher as investors welcomed continuity in Washington and shrugged off higher oil prices.

Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at Standard & Poor’s, characterized the advance as “a Republican-inspired relief rally.” After weeks of worry that there would have seen a rally if Kerry had won, simply because it would have resolved the issue.

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The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 101.32, or 1.01 percent, at 10,137.05. The broader gauges also finished higher: The Standard & Poor’s 500 index added 12.64, or 1.12 percent, to 1,143.20. The Nasdaq composite index rose 19.54, or 0.98 percent, to 2,004.33, its highest close in four months, putting it back in positive range for the year.

Lucky energy prices have also weighed heavily on stocks in recent weeks, although crude has stepped sharply for all manufactured goods except defense materials. It was the first back-to-back monthly decline since November. December, and fell far short of the 0.5 percent increase projected by economists.

The Dow is still in negative territory for 2004, while the S&P 500 has logged a gain. Anxiety about the outcome of the election hobbled the market for weeks, keeping stocks in a tight reading range. While Wall Street was obviously pleased with the result, analysts warned the week could end with some profit-taking as investors start refocusing on the economy.

“Overall I think the market will be on a better footing with this behind us,” said Jay Sorkand, head trader at Ryan Beck & Co. “I think now the market goes back to business as usual and says OK, what’s the real picture with the economy? You’ll see a rally, but then I think you’ll also see some profit-taking. A lot of the issues we’ve all been concerned about are still there. But this was the biggest uncertainty out there, so its back to fundamentals.”

In the first piece of post-election economic news, the Commerce Department reported that orders to U.S. factories declined for a second straight month, slipping by 0.4 percent, or $1.3 billion in September to $368.4 billion.

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Bin Laden criticizes Bush's invasion of Iraq

Nadia Abou El-Magd ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt — Terror mastermind Osama bin Laden claimed in new video footage broadcast Wednesday that President Bush ignored warnings against invading Iraq because he was dazzled by the country’s “black gold” and ended up leading the United States into a quagmire.

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‘Living Stones’ to premiere at Poly

Louise Dolby
MUSTANG DAILY

Classic Greek mythology will be brought to modern life in the original play, “Living Stones,” opening Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. in Spanos Theatre.

Written and directed by Cal Poly theater arts professor Al Schnupp, “Living Stones” uses updated language to tell six Greek myths. The show was written to appeal to contemporary audiences. Nine actors play eight-twelve roles through the overlapping stories, connected by the theme of stones.

“It’s been a fun exercise picking stories and tying them together,” Schnupp said. “I’ve been intrigued for a long time with stories built around stones, and in ‘Living Stones’ all the stories are connected and have a lot of humor in them.”

In addition to the original storyline, there are 50 panels painted by local artists that move on and offstage during the play to illustrate the stories and create a unique backdrop for the production. While some are based on famous paintings like Vincent Van Gogh’s “Starry Night,” other panels are completely original works.

“It’s about art transforming people,” Schnupp said.

The themes of the myths range from love and jealousy to revenge. Featuring both narrative and interactive dialogue, “Living Stones” is the journey of a hero and the trials he faces along the way.

“Greek mythology doesn’t seem to appeal to a lot of people,” said Ryan Cordero, cast member and theatre sophomore. “But the actors strove to find the humor in the story, and the contemporary setting makes (the play) appeal to everyone.”

The play, co-presented by the College of Liberal Arts, will feature sign language, for the hearing impaired, at every performance. Tickets are available for $10 for students and senior citizens and $12 for adults at the Performing Arts ticket office or by phone at 756-2787.

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"Simpsons" still strong in 16th season

Lynn Elber
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LOS ANGELES — Bart Simpson is acting like himself, which is to say naughty. And he sounds like himself, with that familiar mischievous lilt.

But Bart's voice is coming out of a petite blonde wearing a fluffly, bright-pink wrap. Dumpy Llomer has morphed into a lanky fellow, and mom Marge's towering purple hair is brown and tastefully cropped.

The event was a "table read," when the cast of "The Simpsons" gathered with a roomful of writers, producers and guests, using their imaginations to conjure up the animated family with the distinctive mustard hue.

It was just one of the steps toward crafting an episode of the Fox series that begins in 16th season Sunday at 8 p.m. EDT. The run is remarkable for any show, but especially for one like this. Irreverent, witty and willing to take on anything from politics to religion to family values, "The Simpsons" has provided a rare bit of spice for the oatmeal-bland bowl of TV broadcasting.

The table read, held in an oversize trailer at the Twentieth Century Fox studio where the series is produced, itself is a symbol of the show's enduring popularity. A decade ago, it finished the season as the 67th most-watched show; it was No. 69 last season with 10.7 million viewers and won in time period among the coveted 18 to 49 age group.

Invitation-only visitors ring the table. Actors, producers and writers sit at a massive conference table littered with water bottles and note pads. "It's sort of the hottest ticket on the lot," said Yeardley Smith, who voices young Lisa, the wise Simpson daughter.

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Just how durable is "The Simpsons," which has the cast signed through season 19? There will be a 20th season at least, allowing it to match "Gunsmoke" as the longest-running scripted show in prime-time.
LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

This country needs conservatism and liberalism. I love reading the letters to the editor. The Advanced Daily section is perhaps the only chance for everyday college students to express their opinions and they are how ignorant and how opinionated they are over issues that they don't really understand. I've read letters from radical liberals who like the most immature middle school rebels, refuse to respect the government on anything and who don't see any benefit whatsoever in the war in Iraq. I'd like to counter those arguments with one of my own that, unlike the vast majority of the letters, strives to be nonpartisan. The truth is that this country needs both liberalism and conservatism. Libertarians is not "anti-patriotic," but the belief that we can improve our country by questioning our leaders and by promoting civil liberties and personal freedom. Conservatism is not "blind faith," but the belief that we should trust and protect what is good and holy in our nation. Without conservatives to battle them, liberal extremists would top all the religion and social values of our great nation. Without liberal bigots to break down walls, conservatives would promote a social stagnation that would prevent our country from growing beyond its white, Christian, red-neck roots. Please keep this balance in mind during these "debates" about our country, and do your best to keep an open mind to what others believe.

Jason Haber
Mechanical engineering sophomore

Unite and demonstrate with your own window sign

Where's the passion? Forty years ago, "free speech moves" raged across college campuses all over the United States, challenging civil libertarianists. At Cal Poly, the idiosyncratic views of our free expression policy (fruits of the University's special obligation not only to tolerate but also to encourage support and uphold the free expression of ideas, no matter how unpopular or controversial they may be) is well-constituted. Cal Poly accepts and embraces this obligation, recognizing that such expression may take a variety of forms, such as speeches, signs, etc. Out of the first president's recorded debate, I was ordered by a Certo Vista Community Adviser (CA) to remove a window sign that apparently violated this rule. "Objects placed in windows are permissible only if they are meant to enhance the interior decor of the residence, and do not block the use of the window. Signs, flags, posters or any other objects that impede the use of the window, to see through or let in light, are not permitted." "Enhancing the interior decor" is open to interpretation. Moreover, I slept late and shut my blinds to keep light from coming in, but I would like to let ide out. Since I am admittedly opposed to war, I urge all who share my views to unite and demonstrate solidarity by joining me in placing a window sign claiming "NO WAR!" If that's too radical for your sensibilities, hang a "GO GOPER ANDOTANG" sign in your window.

Ryan Weiss
Computer engineering sophomore

Bike lane on Via Carta is not intended for pedestrians

Please, when you're walking on Via Carta, stay on the pedestrian lane. If you see somebody you know in the bike lane, call them over to the pedestrian lane. Every day bike riders are forced to weave unusually through pedestrians who are chatting with their friends, oblivious to the danger they're causing themselves and the bikers trying to get through.

Tim Hermann
Computer engineering sophomore

Tractor Pull Club deserves recognition for hard work

I would just like to make a correction to the article written in Monday's issue "Football thrown a heartbreaker." The bleachers brought in to "hold the record-setting crowd" belonged to and were installed by the Tractor Pull Club. I just want to give recognition where it is due because they were the ones that put in the hard work to give the stadium the extra capacity. Thank you.

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COMMENTARY

Reactions to Election 2004

T he people have spoken and President Bush will serve another four years.

Apparantly, the column I wrote last week didn't make it to Ohio. So what happened? The Democrats got "what we knew" kicked out of them. I have to congratulate the Republicans. They own the presidency, the House, the Senate and the Supreme Court. With another four years, Bush will be able to replace retiring judges with more right-wing religious zealots. So if you're black, gay, poor, Jewish or a woman (or necessarily all at once), you can expect to be completely forgotten by this administration.

As an outside observer of the political process, it's interesting to see why so many people voted for President Bush on Tuesday. When I look objectively at this country, the main issues facing us are terrorism, the economy, education, jobs and health care. These issues affect each of us so they would obviously be the most important in choosing the president of the United States.

Karl Rowe, Bush's "architect," devised a campaign strategy to target their base voters. He reasoned there were few swing voters and they lost millions of Evangelicals in 2000. They didn't forget them this time around. The plan worked perfectly.

Republicans used the gay marriage issue to bring out their base. Tuesday, along with voting for President Bush, they voted to ban gay marriage. This drove up voter turnout among right-wing Christian Evangelicals.

Most of them believe "moral values" are the most serious issues facing our nation today. Only 18 percent of the electorate who considered "moral values" the most important issue voted for Kerry, while Bush received 79 percent. We live in a sad world when the voice of morality has become George W. Bush.

With all these issues facing our nation, I can't get over the fact that people voted for Bush because he is "a man of God." Well... so is Osama bin Laden. Do you think the Islamic fanatics support gay marriage or a woman's right to choose? I don't think so. They are too busy making their women wear "beakker suits.

We Americans who have moral obligations to our people George W. Bush, in the next four years, will not do anything to lift poor people out of poverty. He will do nothing to increase access to education or lighten the burden on middle class families. Barack Obama at the Democratic National Convention sums us up best when talking about his obligations: "I am a child on the south side of Chicago who can't read, that matters to me, even if it's not my child. If there's a senior citizen somewhere who can't pay for her prescription and has to choose between medicine and the rent, that makes my life poorer, even if it's not my grandmother. That is that fundamental belief—I am my brother's keeper—I am my sister's keeper — that makes this country work. It's about us, our community. It's about our families. It's about our country." That is that fundamental belief—"I am my brother's keeper." And that's what this country is, too. Too bad President Bush won't hold true to these American values.

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"As you know, I'm depressed."
For Californians, Bush's victory brings sorrow, relief

Lisa Leff

SAN FRANCISCO — With President Bush firmly elected to a second term, Californians on both sides of the presidential divide reacted emotionally Wednesday after a campaign that sparked voter passion like none in recent memory.

For some, it was too much to bear.

"Ugh, break my heart," said Los Angeles resident Monica Moret, a Kerry supporter who spent Election Day in Nevada taking voters to the polls.

Elsewhere, the mood was far more upbeat.

"The Republicans are organized and they have an agenda," said Mike Kirkowski, a 56-year-old electronics salesman from Camarillo who supported Bush. "You'll see some movement now, and I think it's great."

According to Tuesday's unofficial returns, Californians supported Kerry and Bush 55 to 44 percent — about the same victory margin Al Gore had in 2000.

Many voters said they felt more at stake in this election than any they could recall, with supporters on both sides saying the outcome was crucial for America's future.

Differences over the war in Iraq, the war on terror and Bush's handling of the environment, the economy and other domestic issues provided a sense of urgency.

"I broke up with a girlfriend three years ago and that was bad, but this is just so much more far-reaching. It's just so sad," said Audit Luttrell, 33, an unemployed San Francisco resident and Kerry supporter.

In their speeches Wednesday, Kerry and Bush acknowledged the nation's deep divisions and said they would work for unity.

Californians seemed less optimisitic about the prospects of finding common ground.

"It's divided, but don't care," said Gordon Reeder, 76, a retired contractor and World War II veteran from Garden Grove who voted for Bush. "If they want to unite us, the Democrats are going to have to come over our way."

Candace Kuns, communications director for the Northern California-based group Mainstream Moms Oppose Bush, said she doesn't know if the new Bush administration can heal the deep divisions the election laid bare.

"I hope that we'll come together," she said.

"I don't think this antagonistic splitting is healthy, but I think frankly it's up to Bush. And it's not about rhetoric, it's about action," Josh Buller, a self-described Christian from San Diego, voted for Bush because of the president's "personal beliefs and values." Even so, he was uneasy about the Republicans' increased power after Bush's re-election and larger GOP majorities in Congress.

"What I'm worried about is that there's lots of divisiveness in America," said Buller, a 28-year-old financial planner. "I just hope that both sides are heard, that both sides still have a voice."

— JOSH BULLER

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— ALEX LUTTRELL

Kerry supporter

to Obama, you move from Ohio's quipped Carole Migden, a lesbian politician who easily won election to the California state Senate on Tuesday. A few dozen demonstrators gathered in downtown San Francisco Wednesday morning, huddling together with their familiar anti-war signs, resigning themselves to election results that promised four more years of a president they've already spent four years speaking out against.

But the scene was nothing like earlier anti-Bush protests in San Francisco, after Bush first took office and when he announced the invasion of Iraq. Downtown workers carrying briefcases and coffee cups shuffled past the thin clunk of protesters, who took turns trying to whip up the somewhat listless audience.

Leaders of the pioneering online activist group Moveon.org insisted that Kerry's defeat won't stop their upset new brand of politics. Founded by a pair of Berkeley computer entrepreneurs during the impeachment of former President Bill Clinton, Moveon connected an unprecedented hundreds of thousands of individual donors via the Internet, raising more than $30 million this election cycle to fight Republicans.

Much of the money went for innovative anti-Bush ads selected by some of Moveon's 2.8 million members in online voting, and later helped get out the vote.

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It’s tournament time for women’s soccer

The Mustang women’s soccer team meets a familiar foe looking for revenge at the Big West Tournament at UC Irvine.

**STAND-OUT STATS REPORT**

On Oct. 16, the Cal Poly women’s soccer team lost to Cal State Fullerton, dropping its first Big West Conference game more than a year ago.

The loss pushed Cal Poly back in the standings before the final weekend where the Mustangs would defeat two opponents earning the right to the Big West Conference tournament.

And now, Cal State Fullerton comes knocking again.

The Mustangs face the Titans on Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the semifinals and would advance to the finals on Sunday with a win.

The Mustangs won a pair of Big West Conference matches by identical 3-1 scores over the weekend to qualify for the Big West Conference Tournament at UC Irvine and finish 9-2-6 overall, 5-1-3 in conference.

The other semifinal-round match is between UC Santa Barbara (12-5-2, 7-1-1 BWC) and Cal State Northridge (12-5-1, 6-3-0 BWC) at 5 p.m.

Santa Barbara and Fullerton finished as regular-season co-champions of the Big West, but the Gauchos are seeded No. 1 for the tournament, while the Mustangs own their 1-0 win over the Titans on Oct. 8.

Cal Poly has won two straight Big West Conference women’s soccer titles, four in the last five years and is coming off an 18-2-2 campaign in 2003. The Mustangs returned 22 letter winners — 10 starters — off a squad which broke several school records in 2003. The Mustang squad recorded 15 shutouts and opened the year with a nine-game-winning streak, posted a 7-0-2 Big West record for its fifth title in eight years.

The NCAA Tournament opens on the weekend of Nos. 12-14. Cal Poly has qualified for the postseason four of the last five years.

Cal Poly posted a 4-1-3 non-conference record before opening defense of its Big West title with wins over UC Irvine and Long Beach State. But in a three-week period, the Mustangs fell out of first place with one lost and three ties to go along with the victory over Cal State Northridge. The Mustangs have four scoreless ties on their record this season.

Sharon Day, the Big West Freshman of the Year in 2003, leads the Mustangs in scoring with 10 goals and an assist for 21 points. Day started the season scoring at will, but has cooled off since. But other players, such as Clark have step up to give her some support.

Clark scored her third goal of the season last week while four other Mustangs have a pair of goals each and five others have one goal each. Goalkeeper Liz Hill has a .61 goals-against average, an .857 save percentage with seven shutouts, the most in the conference.

The Mustang women are defending a long history of success in the tournament.

**COMMENTARY**

It can be better than a few pictures in the dark

Golden Graham

For all the Cal Poly football team has accomplished this year, one thing won’t happen now.

 Tradition demands that each year the Mustangs beat UC Davis to get their team photo up in the locker room. The 2001 and 2003 squads did so and as Cal Poly lost by five points with 46 seconds remaining Saturday, it seemed the team’s picture was going up.

A night of poor punting had culminated with a punt punt that gave Davis the ball at midfield, but the Aggies still needed 53 yards against a defense that had carried the Mustangs to a 7-0 start and the throne of the Great West Football Conference. Though Aggie quarterback Jon Grant already had more than 350 passing yards, it seemed a moot point.

“I thought our defense was going to hold strong,” defensive end Chris Gocong said.

“We’ve done it all year and I didn’t think it was going to be any different.”

Davis needed just 27 seconds. First a punt interference call negated a Mustang interception that would’ve solidified the win. Then Grant made one quick completion followed by the game-winner with 13 seconds left. It was all especially tough to watch for Mustang quarterback Anthony Garnett.

“I wanted to just take it upon myself as a loss because we should’ve scored a touchdown twice (earlier) and also we should’ve worked the clock a lot better... We should’ve secured the win,” Garnett said.

The Aggies celebrated boisterously on field thereafter. The Mustangs did nothing of the sort.

It’s not like the Mustangs won their first seven games through a rigged 1950s quiz show.

Sports illustrated columnist Rich Keely once wrote, “In a losing clubhouse you must act as if there has been a death in the family.” It’s amazing how different a player will feel after losing 36-33 rather than winning by the same score.

“Everybody was just quiet, just didn’t feel like saying anything at all,” Gocong said.

Ellerson tried to reassure his demoralized personnel, then endured a Monday press conference almost as long as a Britney Spears marriage. He dismissed one early question from a TV reporter eager to pinpoint the Mustangs’ mood post-game.

“That part of it is fun to talk about going into early in the week, but you get closer to the (next) game, really all those things don’t follow you out between the white lines,” Ellerson said.

“It’s the next play, the next challenge, the next game.”

There’s hope yet for the Mustangs who remain to face Eastern Washington, Northern Colorado and Sac State. The conference title, the playoffs and a 10-season aren’t out of reach. After all, life’s full of resounding comebacks following major adversity.

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Fortunately, having a picture in some dark locker room pales in comparison to what the Mustangs can still accomplish.

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