Since you've been gone...

The top six stories of the summer

Tyler Wise

While many students took advantage of the warm days and long nights during summer vacation, a few of us Mustang Daily reporters faithfully stayed behind to cover all the news on campus and throughout San Luis Obispo County. Here is a recap of the top six stories to hit the Mustang newsstands over the break.

Poly alum John Madden inducted into Hall of Fame

The king of Monday Night Football commentary and football video games, John Madden, can now add having a bronze bust of himself in the hall of fame to his long list of accomplishments.

On Aug. 5, the Cal Poly alum and former Oakland Raiders head coach was inducted in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. Madden, who played both football and baseball for Cal Poly (1957-58), was commended for having been one of the youngest head coaches to lead a team to a Super Bowl victory. He accomplished this feat in 1967 with the Oakland Raiders when they defeated the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl XI.

Identity Theft becomes big scare for 3,000 students

For many students returning to Cal Poly this fall, you may have already been notified by Administration that your student information has to be altered for your protection.

Spanos Stadium opening ceremonies delayed

Originally scheduled to be completed by Sept. 2 for the first football game, officials have delayed the grand opening of Spanos Stadium opening ceremonies delayed.

Two Cal Poly students die over summer break

Cal Poly students Richard Spencer Wood, 22, of Newport Beach, and Justin McCutcheon, 19, of San Luis Obispo, perished in unrelated yet tragic circumstances over the summer.

Wood, a history and political science major and vice president of Lambda Chi Alpha, was found dead in a shallow drainage wash-off of Avila Beach Road July 22 in Avila Beach after attending a 311 concert the night before. Wood, who had last been seen leaving a bar the night of the concert, was found to have suffered a hematoma due to a fractured skull, according to a coroner's report.

McCutcheon, a redshirted Cal Poly golfer and the son of former Athletics Director John McCutcheon, died early Aug. 9 after his Volkswagen Jetta collided with a Volvo semi-truck on a Massachusetts interstate.

The memory of both students will not be forgotten as both will have memorial bricks placed in the new Spanos Stadium. A scholarship in McCutcheon's name was also created through San Luis Obispo High School.

Student dies during orientation week at Montana de Oro

Enrique Jimenez would be starting his freshman year officially started.

Jimenez is presumed dead by authorities after being knocked into the ocean by a wave on Friday afternoon. As of Monday evening, his body had not been found. Friday was his 18th birthday.

Periodic beach walks are still taking place in hopes of recovering his body.

The Cal Poly freshman was visiting Montana de Oro State Park with the group Orientation for United Raza, a Hispanic-themed alternative to the Week of Welcome (WOW) orientation program that is affiliated with Cal Poly's Mexa club. The students were taking part in various social events as part of freshman orientation and were being introduced to San Luis Obispo and the surrounding area.

Jimenez and others climbed a rock at Spooner's Cove when large waves washed him into the water. Two nearby students jumped into the water to rescue him but were unsuccessful, a Cal Poly press release said.

When they came in from the surf, one had suffered minor cuts and bruises and stayed at the scene. The other student was taken to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center to be treated for cuts and bruises and was released Friday.

One of the students involved was a WOW participant, while Jimenez and the other student were with Orientation for United Raza.

"It was a real tragic incident," said Ken Barlow, director for Student Life and Leadership. "We always assess orientation programs every year and we don't want to jump the gun right now, but we want to make sure we assess this situation."
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Sprouse Stadium until late October. Completion of the west bleachers near California Boulevard was delayed due to heavy rains throughout the winter, but officials say the construction efforts have increased considerably since then.

Officials now say the stadium will be completed in time for the homecoming game against South Dakota State on Oct. 21.

The delays have not affected Cal Poly football as home games are still taking place in Sprouse Stadium.

Similar to last year, all fans will sit on the east side of the stadium until construction is complete.

Cal Poly Aerospace satellite launch ends in failure

The first attempt by aerospace engineers to coordinate and launch satellites designed at Cal Poly ended in failure when the Russian-made rocket carrying the payload failed to reach orbit.

On July 26, a rocket launched from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, carrying a payload of small (pic) satellites from various universities as part of the CubeSat program created by Cal Poly and Stanford University. The rocket failed to reach the second stage of its launch cycle and crashed near the launch site.

Though damaged, the aerospace department was not shaken by the incident and plans for future satellite launches are underway.

Animal Science Department adds new buildings

The animal science department has undergone expansion and modernization over the summer with the construction of four new buildings.

A newly built hay barn and beef center are located across from Ceborow Community College off Education Boulevard, while the other two buildings, a meat processing center and feed mill, are in the works next to Cal Poly’s poultry unit on Steamer Creek Road.

Construction of the feed mill, which will supply campus livestock and specialty diets for animal research, is currently underway; however, construction of the meat processing center has been delayed due to a shortage of funds.

When completed, the meat processing center will feature the latest technology to assist in low-stress bull raising.

College expenses increase across the U.S.

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Daily News (UT-Texas)

AUSTIN, Texas — According to recent reports, higher education in the United States is becoming less affordable across the board; still some states, such as California, are showing signs of improvement.

According to the report, better availability of financial aid offsets higher tuition rates. California is not-performing Texas because of complex sociological issues related to financial aid, said Larry Burt, associate vice president of Student Financial Services at UT.

"The most significant of these is the size of the California state grant as opposed to the Texas state grant," Burt said. "The Cal Grant program is several times larger than the Texas grant program.

California has seen a 141 percent increase in state financial aid since 1994 and a 19 percent increase from 2002 to 2004, according to a March report by the Ed Fund and the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

The growth stems from legislation in 2000 establishing the Cal Grant program as a guarantee for California high school graduates who meet specific income and grade criteria, according to the California report.

In 2002-03, Texas ranked last in its distribution of grant aid among the nation’s six largest states, according to an April report measuring state aid by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

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ing to support this because it looks as if everyone is paying more," he said. "They say that increasing tuition puts education out of reach for the poorer members of society. In fact, it would not. But it would make their richer and more influen-
tial constituents pay more. And that is not politically expedient."

After the federal government, institutions are the second largest provider of student aid for both states, according to reports by the Ed Fund and California Student Aid Commission and the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation.

California provided $2.1 billion in institutional aid, both public and private, in 2003-04, a 20 percent increase from the previous year, according to the California report. This total constitutes 24 percent of student aid in California.

Texas does not have the total esti-
mates for institutional aid. However in 2003-04 $107 million was dis-
tributed among public institutions through their own resources, such as tuition and fees, the Texas report said. In 2002-03, $332 million was distributed among private institu-
tions.

The University of California System returns 33 percent of tuition and fees to financial aid, said Shawn Brick, the financial aid coordinator for the UC System.

UT Austin returns 28 percent, according to Student Financial Services.

The University of California System was able to enroll a very large percentage of low-income students, the result of both institutional student aid programs, and strong long-
term support by the state through the Cal Grant program, Brick said.

In 2004, Texas's population and gross state product were estimated at slightly more than half that of California, yet state grant aid in Texas was estimated at only one-third that of California, according to statistics from The National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education.

California earns much of its state resources from personal and corpo-
rate income tax, which Texas does not collect.

In 2005, California's state resources amounted to nearly $90 billion, while Texas's state resources amounted to nearly $35 billion, according to the fiscal survey.

Financial aid funding has to com-
pete with other important issues the state supports, such as long-term health care and the prison system, said Rochelle Gerke, an education-
al administration graduate student and volunteer coordinator of the Higher Education Administration Student Prof. Association.

The largest source of grant aid in Texas and California is federal money. The Pell Grant, a federal need-based grant for undergradu-
ates, constitutes the majority of total
grant aid according to both state reports.

The value of the Pell Grant has declined over the past three decades, according to the Texas report. The Pell Grant covers nearly 16 percent of Texas attendance costs and slight-
ly more in the United States as a whole.
California governor-hopelrul vows to cut health care costs by $4 billion per year

Democratic gubernatorial candidate, State Treasurer Phil Angelides, wants 10 per cent of health care premiums to go back to the HMOs.

LOS ANGELES — With 47 days left before the California gubernatorial election, Democratic nominee Phill Angelides spoke out Wednesday on the way Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has dealt with health care in California, pledging to enact legislation to increase statewide health care as governor and calling out the issue the most glaring injustice of the Bush-Schwarzenegger era. "As governor, I will ensure that no more than 10 percent of health care premiums — a healthy margin of a dime on every dollar — goes back to the HMOs," Angelides said. "I will cut health care costs for more than 12 million Californians by $4 billion a year, out of the pockets of the HMOs and back into the pockets of hardworking Californians."

The issue of health care has long been a bone of contention between Schwarzenegger and Angelides. While it is only now becoming heated in the gubernatorial campaign, with Angelides giving his most powerful and saucy speeches yet, the state treasurer said the issue is nothing new. "I've been battling Governor Schwarzenegger on this issue since the day he took office," Angelides said Wednesday. "I fought for legislation to cover all children, and as governor I pledge to enact it when I get into office. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed it. I sided with the employees of large corporations that refused to offer health care. Arnold Schwarzenegger fought and ultimately killed legislation to ensure them coverage."

Schwarzenegger supports legislation requiring health plans to provide the basic dignity of maternity coverage and Arnold Schwarzenegger sided with the insurers and vetoed it. And when two huge HMO mergers came before the state, proposing to pour $1 billion into the pockets of top executives and inevitably jacking up the cost for families, I fought hard to block the merger. Arnold Schwarzenegger simply heeded the siren call of the HMOs and said more corporate profits sound like a health care policy to me."

The Schwarzenegger campaign questioned Wednesday whether Angelides has the credibility to make such statements, citing previous instability in his stance on health care. "Just like on taxes, public safety and pay-to-play politics, Phil Angelides has a credibility problem on health care because he can't explain his record," Schwarzenegger spokesman, Matt David said Wednesday night.

David said Angelides had the chance to enact health care change six years ago and voted against it, leaving the Schwarzenegger campaign with three main questions of his credibility. "One is why has Angelides been known to turn down health-care proposals when unions have been at odds over the issues and tried to pass them when the Service Employees International Union was in favor of it."

"Two is that we are wondering how he can criticize the governor for accepting campaign contributions from HMO's when he's accepted $160,000 himself."

"And three is that we are wondering how he can endorse universal health care but not outwardly support State Sen. Sheila Kuehl's proposal for it, which he said he won't comment on."

The Schwarzenegger campaign also noted the governor's promise to sign the California Prescription Drug Initiative in coming weeks, as well as a statistic that 90 percent of all those eligible are taking advantage of Healthy Families, a low-cost insurance program for children and teens. Angelides, however, drew notice to statistics that say California is not as well off as it could be. He referenced health-care premiums rising four times the cost of inflation and the average cost of family coverage by more than $10,000 per year.

Additionally, the seven biggest HMOs have tripled their profits in the last five years, Angelides said. "In California alone, $11 billion in premiums is now being kept by the HMOs."
WASHINGTON (AP) — Passengers will be able to carry liquids and gels onto airliners again after a six-week ban — but only in tiny containers of 3 ounces or less and only if they're in clear top plastic bags. Starting Tuesday, air travelers also will be able to buy drinks or other liquids or gels at shops inside airport security checkpoints and carry them on board under partially relaxed anti-terror rules.

UPHAM, N.M. (AP) — The first rocket launched from New Mexico's Spaceport America failed to reach space Monday, wobbling and dropping back to Earth barely a tenth of the way into its journey.

THREE MILES from the launch site, witnesses saw the rocket wobble, then go into a corkscrew motion before disappearing in the clear sky.

Negroponte said Monday the Jihad in Iraq is shaping a new generation of terrorist operatives, but rejected assertions, stemming from a leaked intelligence estimate, that the United States is at a greater risk of attack than it was in 2001.

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This story could have your byline

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There were people all around, lines outside of every bar and with the start of another quarter just days away, students were everywhere to get a few more drinks in before the homework would begin to pile up. I am not sure why Sarah decided to go downtown last weekend, but she did. Spring quarter did a number on her liver and she felt like an old lady as she stood in line for Mother’s, not excited and dreading the crazy scene inside.

But, before she could get any closer, the smell of vomit overtook her as the birthday boy had a few too many shots. He stumbled over to her, asked her name and where she was from — then the fun began.

She tried to compose herself, so after paying the dollar cover she entered the bar. She saw people dancing and screaming, some flirty while others were not looking quite so hot. She ran upstairs to sit down and figure out what to do next. There were no seats, but a table of guys invited her to sit down with them. She hesitated, but accepted. They asked her name and where she was from — then the fun began.

With dollar shots available, the guys decided Sarah needed to have a little fun. The first shot was red and tasted like cough syrup. She was barely able to choke it down, but once she did, she was finally able to let loose. She started dancing on tables, drinking with the guys and drinking anything and everything she could get her hands on.

When she woke up the next morning, the last thing she remembered was drinking the cough syrup, the rest of the night was a blur. OK, so let’s be serious now. This scenario did not actually happen, but many instances like this happen every week and you are the ones who hold the stories.

Almost everyone can relate to the stories like this whether it is from the weekends, house parties or various pint nights. Some stay sober while others, well, don’t.

If you have any crazy and bizarre bar stories or over 21 stories you would like to share with the Mustang Daily we would love to hear from you! Just send your story in to mustangdailyspotlight@gmail.com. We look forward to your submissions and sharing your experiences with us!
Jackass 2 hilariously stupid

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Somewhere through the middle of this film, I wondered if I should make an emergency dash to the restroom in the theater lobby or just outright barf into my popcorn bucket. Heck, the guy three seats over from me did it, so why should I feel embarrassed to follow suit?

Then I thought to myself: never mind the feeling of embarrassmen that is about to shower out of my esophagus; the feeling of embarrass­ment for sitting through this unbelievably stupid human tricks that is "Jackass: Number Two" is overwhelming enough.

Certainly, "overwhelming" is the one perfect word to describe the monumentally over-the-top parade of painful hilarity, gratuitous displays of "wang," and the gross-out, puke-soaked, homoeroticism of "Jackass: Number Two." It's just that twisted.

Don't get me wrong. Just because this is one of the most painful movies to watch doesn' t mean that "Jackass" is void of gut-busting, worthwhile hilarity. After all, you just might be the type of person to get a kick fniin the unreasonably profuse amount of disgusting stunts that go down during the 90-minute expanse of this film.

Kicking off the movie's incessant display of equal parts shocking and side-splitting humor is a wonderful stunt consisting a "wang-puppet" and a boa-constrictor. Use your demented imagination and you'll see where this one is going.

Throughout "Jackass," you'll be sure to find a smorgasbord of similarly unbelievable and unimaginable stunts that are sure to make your sides cramp and send tears of laughter rolling down your cheeks. Stunts involving "Jackass" lead-man Johnny Knoxville attempting Evel Knievel-esque rocket ship flights or "Wee-man" stunt-midget Jason Acuna intruding upon a serious board meeting with nothing but his birthday suit and beer are tops on the list of outright funny moments.

However, when the "out" cast delves into the absurdly disgusting stunts, no doubt intended to make you quiver and squirm, that is when "Jackass" goes far beyond the realm of rationality.

Let's just say the "how to milk a stallion" stunt was not something even the most daring would ever consider pursuing.

Hell, it was hard enough attempting to keep my eyes on the screen and the contents of my stomach off of my shirt for that one.

And even though the poor bastard to my left unfortunately used his popcorn bucket like an airline gag-bag, compared to the gross-out spectacles that unfolded on screen, the poor fellow might as well have been regurgitating cup cakes.

In comparison to the first film, the boys at Dickhouse Productions went well over their heads for this one, putting their life, limbs, pride and sanity on the line for us.

So, if you feel compelled to watch some of the most hilarious and disturbing acts the cinema can offer, check out "Jackass: Number Two," and you just might walk away with a good laugh and a nightmare.
Taliban gunmen kill women's rights activist in Afghanistan

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Gunmen on a motorcycle Monday killed an Afghan women's rights activist who ran an underground school for girls during the Taliban's rule — the latest victim of increasingly brazen militants targeting government officials and schools.

Safiya Ama Jan, a provincial director for Afghanistan's Ministry of Women's Affairs, was slain outside her home in the southern city of Kandahar as she was on her way to work, said Tawfiq ul-Ulhakim, her son.

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Pope says Christians and Muslims must reject violence and overcome enmities

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CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy — Seeking to end anger in the Islamic world over his remarks on holy war, Pope Benedict XVI told Muslim envoys Monday their two faiths made common some historic enmities and together reject violence, saying the future of humanity is at stake.

The pope also urged "reciprocity" in religious freedom, calling for preserving the rights of Christians throughout the Islamic world.

"The circumstances which have given rise to our gathering are well known," Benedict said, referring to his remarks on Islam in a Sept. 12 speech at Regensburg University in Germany, which set off protests around the Muslim world.

He did not dwell on the contested remarks, in which he quoted a 14th-century Byzantine emperor as saying: "Show me just what Muhammad brought that was new, and there you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command to spread by the sword the faith he preached."

Benedict has already expressed regret for offending Muslims and said his remarks did not reflect his personal views, but he has not offered a complete apology as some have sought.

Still, his five-minute address Monday at a meeting with 22 foreign diplomats and representatives of Italian Muslim organizations — whom the pope greeted one-by-one, clapping their hands warmly — seemed to be well received by his guests at his vacation palace in the Alban Hills south of Rome.

"The Holy Father stated his profound respect for Islam. This is what we were expecting," Iraqi envoy Aboud Edward Imad Yelda said as a 35-minute meeting. "It is now time to put what happened behind and build bridges."

Nearly all the other envoys left without speaking to reporters. The ambassador from Egypt and Turkey said their ambassadors would have no comment. The Iranian, Indonesian, Lebanese and Libyan embassies did not answer their phones.

"It is now time to put what happened behind and build bridges," the pope said Monday, noting his predecessor’s words, during a visit to Morocco in 1985, urging that "respect and dialogue require reciprocity in all spheres," particularly religious freedom.

This is a major issue for the Vatican in Saudi Arabia and other countries where non-Muslims cannot worship openly.

Saudi Arabia does not have diplomatic ties with the Holy See. Among predominantly Muslim nations with diplomatic ties to the Vatican, only Sudan did not participate in the meeting, and freedom for all people.

Benedict said he invited the envoys to "strengthen the bonds of friendship" between their religions, but offered no analysis of the controversial passage, which came in a speech exploring faith and reason.

"The people that were convinced he was against Islam are not going to change their minds," said Ramadan, who recently wrote that Muslims must respond to Benedict’s view of the Christian character of Europe and what it means for identity.

Ali-Jezarek, the Arab-language broadcaster, carried the pope’s speech live.

Benedict touched on religion and violence, saying Christians and Muslims "must learn to work together ... to guard against all forms of intolerance and to oppose all manifestations of violence."

He quoted from a key document of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s stating that "although considerable dissensions and enmities between Christians and Muslims may have arisen in the course of the centuries," both faiths must move on and work for "peace."

The pope said dialogue between Christians and Muslims "cannot be reduced to an optional extra. It is, in fact, a vital necessity on which in large measure our future depends."

Benedict has been seen as less interested in promoting close relations with Muslims than his predecessor, John Paul II, whose travels to the Middle East during his pontificate gave rise to our gathering are well known," Benedict said, referring to his remarks on Islam in a Sept. 12 speech at Regensburg University in Germany, which set off protests around the Muslim world.

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Students: Make ASI yours this year

You are ASI. No really, you are.

As a Cal Poly student, you are a stakeholder in the organization and gain all the benefits that go along with it. Technically, Associated Students Inc. is a nonprofit corporation with the vision of being every student's connection to the ultimate college experience. It does so by providing opportunities for every student to develop themselves outside of the classroom.

These opportunities come to life through the Cal Poly Recreation Center, the University Union, the Sports Complex and the Children's Center (yes, there is a Children's Center on campus). As a student of Cal Poly and member of ASI, you have direct access to any of these facilities and the programs that take place within them.

ASI has lots of programs available to enhance your college experience. You can take instructional or exercise classes at the Rec. Center, participate in intramural sports, or enjoy any of the opportunities offered through the Craft Center, Poly Escapes, Rose Float (and of course) Student Government in the UU.

ASI is also the second largest student employer on campus. It employs more than 450 students every year in positions like facility supervisors, personal trainers and student managers. Student employees are also responsible for making the decisions about what bands are brought to campus for large concerts and UU Hour and what activities are made available in events like Dusk 'Til Dawn. Job opportunities are available in many locations around campus and during almost any hours imaginable. Cal Poly students like you gain valuable work experience in an environment that makes student development its No. 1 priority.

As students and stakeholders in the organization, you are the boss. Everything (and I mean everything) ASI does is with the full intent to better the lives of as many students as possible. This is why several student leaders and I will be visiting many student organizations, including clubs and Greek organizations as well as classes to find out what the most important issues are on campus. Doing so will make sure we do not focus on what I think is important, but rather what all Cal Poly students think is important.

ASI Student Government (a fraction of what ASI wholly is) plays a major role in both the campus and city communities. It holds the major responsibility of officially and accurately representing the views of Cal Poly students.

Last spring I was able to speak with more than 45 student clubs and organizations and heard several recurring issues that are affecting students across the board. The priorities that arose are:

CPNext — Expand and implement this campus-wide program to provide unique educational and interactive opportunities to every Cal Poly student on issues that affect everybody.

Transportation — Work with the city of San Luis Obispo and SLO Transit to collaboratively develop a means to improve bus service in ways that positively affect students.

Campus Services — Partner with the Cal Poly Corporation to increase availability of alternative payment methods on campus.

Community Relations — Team up with city of San Luis Obispo and its police department to create opportunities for student-community interaction in a positive atmosphere.

These four issues were brought up multiple times by students from many organizations that served as a sample of the student population. As we continue to visit student organizations the goals that we have will morph to consistently serve the needs of the students.

Most importantly ASI exists for you. If you would like to learn more or get involved please do not hesitate to contact me. My e-mail is aspresident@calpoly.edu and I can be reached on campus at 756-1291. Until next time, have a great week!

Todd Maki is the ASI president and a mechanical engineering senior.
Football
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With seven receptions for 110 yards, the 6-foot, 6-inch Barden was the only offensive playmaker to make a significant impact. Aside from the defense, which has allowed just 6.75 points per game through four outings, the biggest positive sign for Cal Poly was being penalized only once in five years. Cal Poly free safety Kenny Chone had 12 tackles and an interception, linebacker Jason Rebyka had nine tackles and a fumble recovery, defensive end Ryan Shorwell had six tackles and two sacks.

"We tackled as well as anyone has tackled (the Spartans) all year," Ellison said. "If somebody missed a tackle, we still had other guys flying to the football." San Jose State head coach Dick Tomey, under whom Ellison served previously at Arizona and Hawaii, agreed. "They pressured us more and better than anybody we’ve played," Tomey said. "That was clearly the turning point in the ball game through four outings, the biggest positive sign for Cal Poly was being penalized only once in five years.

Mustangs earn third tie of season.

The Cal Poly men’s soccer team played Cal State Northridge to an exciting double-overtime draw, 1-1 Friday night in front of a healthy and boisterous crowd at the Sports Complex. The Mustangs’ record now stands at 2-4-3 overall and they now move on to San Jose State before returning to conference play at UC Irvine at 7 p.m. Saturday. The Matadors fell to 2-3-4 overall. The Matadors, who finished 2006 with an impressive 6-1-1 Big West Conference record, picked up the lead early on a throw-in that was headed in by senior Derek Hanks in the fourth minute. Several freshmen played key roles in the tie, as Brian Jones, Boomer Cruz, Garcia and Jeremy Cleveland played well.

"We played Boomer in the middle tonight for the first time and he responded with some terrific ball winning and a lot of ‘oomph’," first-year Cal Poly head coach Paul Holocher said. "Cal State Northridge is a terrific team with some dangerous attacking players, I was proud of how our team defended as a unit and they showed character in coming back from 0-1 down. We are learning a little more each game."
Turnovers lead to first loss, 17-7

Cal Poly's strong defense could not cover up its offensive mis¬
cues in its loss to San Jose State.

Tristan Aird

S E N I O R

SAN JOSE — No matter how many times the Cal Poly football

team bailed it out Saturday, the Mustangs’ offense never got off the ground in a 17-7
loss at San Jose State.

Cal Poly (3-1) committed four turnovers, fumbled four times and
was just 2 for 13 on third-down conversion attempts in front of
15,684 fans at Spartan Stadium.

“They gave us a chance when we didn’t really deserve one,” Cal Poly
head coach Rich Ellerson said. “If our defense can hold the line like this, we have a chance
to get back on track.”

Rushed fifth in The Sports Network’s Division I-AA poll, Cal Poly
at times appeared outmatched against a 2-1 San Jose State squad that entered coming off a 35-34
win over Stanford and a bye week. The Mustangs were playing their first game against Division I-
A competition since a 27-10 loss at Troj in the 2005 season opener.

“It was a fun challenge in a big environment,” said Cal Poly senior middle linebacker Kyle Shorell,
who had 11 tackles and a forced fumble. “A loss against a Division I-
A team is only going to make us better. We’re going to learn a lot from this.”

Cal Poly sophomore quarterback Matt Blanchard, who had 9 of 12
passes for 107 yards and one touch¬
down with three interceptions. His 20-yard scoring strike to Ramos Barden with 38 seconds left in the
game prevented the Mustangs from being shut out for the first time in eight years.

The Mustangs struggled without Walter Payton Award candidate tailback James Noble, who was sidelined with an ankle injury. Ellerson said the sophomore, who set school records for single-season rushing yards (1,576) and touch-
downs (16) last year, remains day-
to-day.

Noble was not the only regular in the Mustangs’ lineup to miss a start.

Surprise starting quarterback Cordel Webb led Cal Poly after it had not thrown a pass in two years, was under cen-
ter at the start of the game after being converted from defensive back. He was 0 for 2 passing, but
made his biggest impact running the option.

With a multitude of designed runs, Webb carried eight times for
26 yards.

“The offense kind of shot itself in the foot a couple times,” Webb
said. “It’s kind of tough when you have
three and long and fumble a couple balls away, especially because they know we were going to
pass when they were up by so many
points.”

Brennan might return to his starting role alongside Noble for Saturday’s Hall of Fame Game
against Southern Utah, but it was too soon for Ellerson to make such
an indication.

“We have to take advantage of what resources are left to us,” Ellerson said. “We’re trying to
manufacture a running game. The idea was to try to make the clock
run a little bit.”

Cal Poly’s chances were not
helped by having to kick off at the beginning of each half. The oddity occurred because of apparent mis-
communication during the coin toss between captains Joe Wighton,
Jeremy Konaris and Randy Samuel.

“Everybody’s got a different story with what was said and what
happened,” Ellerson said of the coin toss. “We did not do that by
design, that’s for sure.”

The Mustangs possessed the ball for just 24 minutes, 34 seconds and
were forced to punt seven times.

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Poly women’s soccer upsets No. 23 Fresno State at home

One goal in the 97th minute was enough for the Mustangs.

S P O R T S  I N F O R M A T I O N  R E P O R T

Junior midfielder Erica Ledder scored off of a deflected shot to
give the Cal Poly women’s soccer team a 1-0 overtime victory
against No. 23 Fresno State in

a nonconference soccer match Sunday afternoon at the Sports
Complex.

The two teams held each other scoreless for nearly 90 minutes
when the golden goal was record-
ed.

With 3 minutes, 14 seconds remaining in overtime, sophomore forward Ashley Valls received the
ball and took a hard shot on the
outskirts of the net.

The ball deflected off Fresno State goalkeeper Ashley Larsen to the
other side of the goal box. Ledger drove the bouncing ball
into the back of the net for the
win.

The Mustangs had a number of scoring opportunities during the
match, including two great chances to
end the game in regulation.

The first came when senior for¬
ward Kelley Carroll redirected a
ball that Valls had shot and hit
off the post.

With 4:40 remaining in the half, Carroll had another chance to put
the Mustangs ahead when she beat her defender and took a shot that
was meant for the upper corner of
the goal.

Larsen proved why she has been
named Western Athletic Conference Player of the Week
three times this season by com¬
ing up with saves on both oppor-
tunities.

Fresno State’s best scoring opportunity came during the sec-
ond half when junior goalkeeper Alih Talam came out for a ball
approximately 15 yards out.

Just as she dove, the ball
bounced out and right into the
path of Fresno State’s Antoina
Lugo, who shot a low-driven ball
right at the open net.

However, senior midfielder Heidi McCuity got her foot on the
ball just before it went into the
net.

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