Student loan companies under investigation

Janelle Eastridge
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Responding to a nationwide scandal that revealed a pernicious relationship between university officials and student loan companies, California Attorney General Jerry Brown ordered April 18 that two finance companies submit details of their business deals with California colleges and universities to the state.

"Cal Poly students need to know that the Financial Aid Office is not doing this and that the Chancellor's Office would sworn upon this," said Lois Kelly, director of financial aid. "We have no such program set up, except for what a student would (normally) pay, such as student fees."

Over the past couple of weeks, university financial aid officers — who are expected to give unbiased advice on students' financial aid options — and loan companies have been found to be making backdoor deals that benefit themselves financially, leaving students with even higher debt in the process.

Investigators for the state of New York have already started looking into the issue, finding that some colleges and universities to the state.

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first runner-up, Jeffrey Morgan, a career counseling specialist for Career Services. I do career counseling. Swanson said.

Second runner-up Kelley Cilditz, nutrition senior and Admissions employee, said being informed they have been nominated but also of the nomination was a pleasant surprise to show up and I'm also adviser for the peer workshops throughout the campus and I'm also adviser for the peer counseling staff in the office. Swanson said.

"I heard I was nominated a couple of weeks ago," Swanson said. "When I came here today, I had no idea I was going to win this great award.

As well as maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average, Swanson juggles an entire host of other duties.

"I am the graduate intern at California, Los Angeles, examining 31 weight-loss studies found long-term dieting doesn't keep the pounds off. While people can lose weight initially, many relapse and regain the weight they shed. The findings confirm what many scientists have been saying all along: Losing weight is easy. Keeping it off is another story."

"If dieting worked, there would be a bunch of skinny people walking around," said obesity researcher Dr. David Katz, head of Yale University's Prevention Research Center, who did not participate in the latest study. Since the 1970s, the ranks of overweight and obese Americans have risen with two-thirds of adults in that category. Obesity raises the risk of heart disease, diabetes and some cancers. Being overweight increases blood pressure and cholesterol levels which can lead to heart disease. Many factors can conspire against successful weight reduction, health experts say. Diets can be boring and there's always a temptation to return to old habits. Serial dieters may also become discouraged and give up when their weight plateaus. People who lose too much too soon don't learn to make the overall lifestyle changes that are necessary to keep their weight stable. "It's just plain difficult to modify your diet and turn away from the pleasures of eating," said Dr. Michael Goran, an obesity researcher at the University of Southern California. "We're driven to eat."

The UCLA researchers analyzed 31 diet studies that followed people two to five years after they went on diets. Between one-third and two-thirds gained back the weight they lost. A small number were able to successfully maintain their weight loss.

The UCLA study did not compare individual diet or organized weight-loss programs.

"We're not saying don't make some kind of effort," said Traci Mann, the UCLA psychologist who led the study. "It means that people should be quite clear that a diet is a temporary fix."

The study appeared in the April issue of American Psychologist, a publication of the American Psychological Association.
CALIF. Democratic House member Millender-McDonald dies of cancer, had taken leave from office

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LOS ANGELES — Rep. Juanita Millender-McDonald, a seven-term congresswoman from southern California, died early Sunday of cancer. She was 68.

Millender-McDonald died at her home in Carson, said her chief of staff, Bandele McQueen.

The congresswoman had agreed for a four-to-six-week leave of absence from the House last week to deal with her illness. McQueen couldn’t immediately provide details on what form of cancer Millender-McDonald had, but she said she had been receiving hospice care.

“She was a trailblazer, always advocating for the full participation of all Americans in the success and prosperity of our country,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement.

The dignity with which she faced her illness was an indication of the determination with which she always served the people of her district,” Pelosi said.

Millender-McDonald represented a heavily Democratic southern California district that includes Compton, Long Beach and parts of Los Angeles.

“She was a champion for the consumer and fought injustice wherever she saw it. She always valued public service and served her state and nation with grace and honor,” said California Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres, who served with her in the California state Legislature.

Millender-McDonald is the second member of Congress to die this year of cancer. Republican Rep. Charles Norwood Jr. of Georgia died in February after battling cancer and lung disease.

“Many of us are very saddened by her death, and in some respect, saddened by it,” said state Sen. Mark Ridley-Thomas, who has worked with Millender-McDonald in different capacities for more than two decades. “She knew about the issues of justice and injustice, and carried that banner wherever she went.”

The congresswoman’s son, R. Malcolm McDonald, had received “emergency release” from a 41-year-old southern term after his mother had surgery in May 2005, according to the Los Angeles Times.

The former Los Angeles water district official was convicted of extortion in a contract case. Millender-McDonald was never implicated.

The congresswoman, a native of Birmingham, Ala., worked on former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley’s unsuccessful 1982 gubernatorial campaign and other local races as a volunteer before getting elected to the Carson City Council in 1990.

She went on to serve in the California state Assembly, and in 1996 sought a U.S. House seat during a special election to replace Walter Tucker III, who had been convicted of taking bribes while mayor of Compton and of cheating on his taxes.

She won the special election, and in March beat out Tucker’s wife, Robin, in a primary that featured nine Democrats. She won a full House term in November 1996 and has subsequently won re-election easily.

Millender-McDonald has recently worked on issues including election reform and opposing the genocide in Darfur. She drew national attention in 1996 when she took then-ClA director John Deutch to Washington with the community group最も報道をなしてる that profits from domestic sales of crack cocaine were funneled to the CIA-backed Contras in Nicaragua.

This year, Millender-McDonald became chair of the Committee on House Administration, which oversees operations of the House and federal election procedures.

She is survived by her husband, James McDonald, Jr., and five adult children.

Under California election procedures, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has 14 days to set a date for a special election to fill the seat.
Alcohol course required in fall for U. Mississippi students

April Wrobleski

OXFORD, Miss. — In attempts to reach out to students concerning alcohol-related problems on campus, the University of Mississippi will require all incoming freshmen to take an alcohol education course beginning in fall 2007.

Barbara Collier, director of University Health Services, said Ole Miss has a goal of not only reaching freshmen with the new alcohol education class but also upperclassmen, Greeks and athletes.

"This is something that we want everyone to know," Collier said.

The program will be a two-part online course in which students will read information provided and answer questions based upon their assessment of the information. Students will be directed to information based on what type of answers they provide.

For example, a student who says he does not drink at all will be provided with different information than students who say they drink heavily. The program has to be taken within the first two weeks of school.

The program was developed at the University of Georgia in 2007. Students who have taken the online course have reported a higher rate of seeking help for alcohol problems. A study conducted in 2007 showed that students who took the course had 50 percent fewer health failures, she said.

According to Collier, the university has conducted independent studies concerning the program.

The research shows that after taking the course, students knew about 70 percent more about blood alcohol levels, and 30 percent of those students were less likely to consume alcohol if there was a problem drinking.

A study conducted in 2003 showed those who took the course had 50 percent fewer health consequences connected with an alcohol-related problem than those not exposed to the program.

Fraternities and sororities require their members to take a similar alcohol education session.

Scarlet Rogers, a freshman and member of Kappa Alpha Theta, participated in the program, but said she did not find the program very useful.

"I can see the benefit of it, but it is quite time consuming, so it becomes easier to let it run in the background while doing something else than to listen to it," Rogers said. "It's a very long program. I did not learn much from the program I have not already learned about in high school. The most beneficial part was the blood alcohol level estimator."

French voters propel Royal, Sarkozy to presidential runoff

Angela Charlton

PARIS — Nicolas Sarkozy and Segolene Royal advanced to a runoff in Sunday's presidential election, presenting France with a fundamentally left-right choice between a conservative who could push his anxious nation toward painful change and a socialist who would be the country's first female leader.

Royal is the first woman to get this close to the helm of this major European economic, military and diplomatic power after a campaign marked by surprise, surprise and unusually dynamic candidates who lured voters to the ballot box in near record numbers.

Sarkozy has the advantage heading into the May 6 runoff. Partial results from the Interior Ministry, based on a count of 30 million votes — or more than 80 percent — had Sarkozy leading with 30 percent, followed by Royal with 25 percent.

Either way, France will get its first president with no memory of World War II to replace the 74-year-old Jacques Chirac, who is stepping down after 12 years to usher in a new generation of candidates.

Sunday's first round of voting shut out 10 other hopefuls, from Trotskyist to far right leader Jean-Marie Le Pen. Le Pen had hoped to repeat his shockingly strong showing of 2002 but instead finished, a weak fourth.

Both Sarkozy, a Hungarian immigrant's son, and Royal, a military officer's daughter who beat Socialist heavyweights to win her party's nomination, are in their 50s and have traveled long, arduous roads to get to this point.

The winner’s task will be tough: France is a troubled nation, still haunted by the traumas of World War II, lined up for a half-hour to cast her ballot.

"If the French people didn't learn the lesson from last time, then we really are jerks," said Corinne Keuter, a 46-year-old secretary who lined up for a half-hour to cast her ballot for Royal in northwest Paris.

"Whatever the outcome, 'I think this election is going to change things for the better," she said. "In 2002, people voted for action."

A visibly depressed Le Pen, who accuses both the left and right of leading France to the edge of ruin, reacted to the result with sarcasm.

"I thought the French were rather unshapely,... I was mistaken," he said. "The French are very content. The proof is that they have just re-elected the parties that were in power and that are responsible for the situation of France."
Seda Terzyan  
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LOS ANGELES — The question of what happiness really means and how it can be achieved has been a topic of deep human thought since Greek philosophers such as Aristotle and Plato began to discuss the true meaning of "eudaimonia," the Greek word for happiness. They said the experience of happiness is satisfying and pleasurable but in order to be truly happy in life, pleasure should not be the ultimate goal. They believed that an excess of materialism or physical pleasure would ultimately lead people away from happiness, instead of to it.

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"In terms of becoming happier, I don't exactly strive for it because I naturally feel happy," said Serni Lee, a third-year English and classics student. "I remain happy because I surround myself with people who are usually happy and avoid conflicts and stress." But people can also increase their set point of happiness by engaging in certain exercises and cognitive practices.

Staying away from negative emotions and concentrating on the positives is an effective way to change that inherent point on the ladder of happiness, said Martin Seligman, professor of psychology at the University of Pennsylvania and the founder of a newly emergent field called "positive psychology," which focuses on positive human emotions.

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Virginia Tech students return to campus after massacre

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BLACKSBURG, Va. — Still grieving and increasingly wary of the media spotlight, Virginia Tech students returned to their beleaguered campus Sunday, preparing to salvage the final weeks of a semester eclipsed by violence.

The scene on campus resembled move-in day in late summer, with parents helping their children carry suitcases into dormitories. There were tears and hugs good-bye. But instead of excitement for the year ahead, there was simply determination to endure and regroup in the fall.

When classes resume Monday, the university will give students three choices. They can continue their studies through the end of the semester next week, take a grade based on what they have done so far, or withdraw from a course without penalty.

"I want to go back. It's really strange to just stop going," said Paul Deyerle, a sophomore from Roanoke who was helping a friend move from the dormitory where another close friend, Ryan Clark, was killed.

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Would you like some cheese with that wine?

MD’s 'All Wines Considered' explores the exciting world of wine and food pairings

by Lauren Jeter

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ou've had food. You've had wine. Combining the two, well that's where it gets tricky. Actually, it's really not wine goes with food and food goes with wine.

The basics of what makes the small nuances of a perfect marriage go together and is part of the process. Out to dinner? Never you mind. If the nose of a favorite wine makes the sweet wines a bit more tame to the palette. If the wine does not taste sweet enough, the use of something salty like cheese or bruschetta might make it taste more sweet.

Wines that include a high acid complexity are quite similar to the wines with high robustness. If you try something salty, the acid appears to decrease. When you have something sweet, the acid appears to decrease. It seems that both work equally to reduce the taste of an overly acidic wine.

You wouldn't necessarily put a zesty zinfandel with a mellow minded Mahi-Mahi. Perhaps a better fit would then be the zesty zinfandel with the robust steak you ordered.

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For example, taking a savory curry chicken dish and adding raisin to it. Doing this actually complements the wine.

So perhaps you're fixing a chicken dinner and you're wondering... is white right? Well if you're thinking about pairing a white wine with poultry, that goes together and is part of the complementary principle. However, if you choose red for the chicken, you would be using a contrast principle, which is equally accepted. Pretty much, if you like it, have it.

Here are a few suggestions for food and wine pairings using the complementary principle: shrimp cocktails with Sauvignon Blanc, cheese and crackers with Chardonnay, lamb with a bold Shiraz, salmon with Pinot Noir and dark chocolate with Cabernet Sauvignon.

And when serving wines to others, it is important to know that white wines are the precursor to red wines. So it is best to plan to drink any white wines before serving a Merlot or Pinot Noir. Also, along these lines, make sure you serve dry wines before you serve sweet ones as not to confuse the palate.

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Pairing wine with food, whether it's a robust red and steak or smooth white with fish, can give some added punch to lackluster meals.

The main idea about experimenting with wine and food is that if you know basic properties of most wines you can easily adjust the food around the handicaps or strong suits of the wine. The most important part of the process... is the process!

So no matter what you end up pairing with what, as long as the process is enjoyable, you are having a good time! Try some of my food pairing suggestions tonight or try one of your own. But again, make sure you are having fun!

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Michelle Norgan

Although video game addiction is a disputed form of psychological addiction, the effects of overuse of these games are not. Like almost any substance on earth, too much can hurt a person’s life, relationships and career. In small amounts however, gaming is a recreation that many Americans enjoy.

For Cal Poly computer engineering junior Nelson Monterroso, healthy gaming involves using it as an addition to his social life, rather than a crutch. “It’s kind of a social thing; you make friends in games and then end up talking about things outside of the game,” Monterroso said.

Monterroso used to be an avid player of the massively multiplayer online game World of Warcraft, called WoW by fans. He said he could easily spend several hours playing the game without becoming bored. This factor led him to slightly abuse the game, and he admitted that sometimes he neglected school because he enjoyed the game so much.

“There was an obvious slip in my motivation, and I would skip class sometimes,” Monterroso said.

Monterroso pointed out that during this time period he also missed class for reasons other than video gaming, leading him to believe the game wasn’t the only cause of his slipping grades.

He said he can definitely see that certain people become addicted to the game and others simply like it. “When they are addicted, they hate it but keep on playing it,” Monterroso said. “They deny real life social interaction because they need to play the game.”

He said most start for fun, but when they begin to skip meals and choose the game over friends and school, it becomes an unhealthy habit. They play the game because they can’t make themselves stop or don’t know what else to do, he said.

“My sole reason for playing was to be social, and it sounds ironic because it’s a game, but that was why it was fun,” Monterroso said.

He recently stopped playing the game because the friends he had made in the game began to leave, and without them it was not nearly as enjoyable.

Monterroso’s friend, Jake Andersen, fell on just the other side of the line between avid gamer and addicted. “My overzealous gaming is somewhat responsible for the fact that I am no longer at Cal Poly, and there were occasions where I wondered if I was missing out on anything with friends,” said Andersen, a former electrical engineering major.

He admits that during his freshman year at Cal Poly, he was in the habit of playing anywhere from 50 to 60 hours a week. He found the social interaction within the game not a nice way to escape from his shyness in person.

Andersen also agreed that people can become addicted to video games, and said he used to be. “One can become addicted to video games just as easily as anything else,” Andersen said. “The most common definition of addiction I have is simply a need for something you are powerless to control.”

Andersen said he used games to get away from his personal unhappiness. In real life, he was a confused student with poor grades, and felt he had no way to change that. He couldn’t excel in his current major, and was unable to switch to another.

“I used games to escape from the fact that I didn’t know what my purpose was in life,” Andersen said.

In the video games he played, he said he felt no restrictions or goals. He could do what he wanted without having to worry about failing.

Since leaving Cal Poly, Andersen has taken steps to control his gaming. He said he still enjoys video games, but plays about 20 hours a week. He uses that time to “hang out” with friends who are far away from him.

For both Andersen and Monterroso, video games are a pleasurable and satisfying hobby. Neither one would consider stopping, although both admit they are careful not to abuse them.

Although addiction is not limited to games like WoW, that let players connect over the Internet, they seem to be the most often mentioned. Monterroso pointed out that games like Guitar Hero, that let players connect in person, are just as addicting.

Both men also agreed that although there are far more people using games in a healthy and recreational manner, addiction gets more notice because it has such a dramatic affect on people’s lives.

“I talk to people a lot about what is wrong with becoming addicted, but I can see why people who are having fun can get that way,” Monterroso said.
Creative ways to help the environment

Michelle Norgan  
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Cal Poly students had time to think of how they can make their world a better place during Earth Day on Sunday.

"Conservation begins in our own backyard," said professor Douglas Piirto, head of the natural resources management department. "It begins with you and I as we make decisions on how we live." Here are a few ideas of how to make a difference on an individual level. They all can be accomplished by a college student, and without spending a great deal of money.

First of all, try changing to compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). They are a special kind of bulb that use a quarter of the electricity of a regular lightbulb and last much longer. These wiry-bulbs cost a bit more initially, but pay off in the end.

Switch to tap instead of bottled water that creates a large amount of waste through its packaging and distribution. A reusable water filter and pitcher combo that can be put in the refrigerator gives the same taste. In general, also look for products with less packaging when you shop.

"We all need to become more informed consumers," Piirto said. "We have to understand when the products we use come from." Turn off appliances and electronics when they are not being used. According to an article on their use, it is a quick way to cut back on paper usage. Also, when going to the grocery store BYO ($B). Bring your own shopping bag made of cloth that can be reused each time.

"We will always need forest products," Piirto said. "It’s about understanding that we as consumers have needs but that we can mediate them in terms of how much and what we use.

Save money by keeping up with simple car maintenance. Things such as properly inflating tires, changing a dirty air filter, or simply getting a tune-up can all increase gas mileage.

But Piirto said he hopes that students act responsibly when they do maintenance like an oil change. Trying to save a few dollars is never a good reason to dump used motor oil into a drain.

"Try to live a responsible life. If you consume it, then dispose of it in a responsible manner," Piirto said.

Finally, there are lots of other creative and different ways to help. For example, Patagonia, an outdoor clothing maker, is collecting their used clothes to recycle them. They estimate that recycling the polyester from these fleece-like clothes will save 76 percent of the energy used to make them.

"Students can seek out on our own campus a whole host of courses on conservation," Piirto said. Since Cal Poly has a fully accredited natural resources management program which has been approved by the Society of American Foresters, Piirto suggested students look there first.

"Let’s be open-minded, seek answers and debate issues with respect for others," Piirto said. "Ask the right questions so you can make the right decisions."

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As close as home to the shootings in Virginia came, it was also a vivid, in-your-face reminder of the impact gun violence has on the U.S.

A new trend is taking campus by storm. I'm not talking about any designer gams, bags or shoes. It isn't even anything you wear. It's the water you carry around. I'm not sure why, but apparently water is now a fashion statement. The most popular one is probably smartwater, but I've seen a few quite a bottle of FIJI and even the occasional VOS (you can't talk any more — it's just too '90s.

It's kinda ridiculous that people find it so funny to spend so much money on the thing that makes up almost 75 percent of our body weight. The average case of 24 bottles of water at the grocery store costs between $4 and $7. The same amount of smartwater goes for about $15. You can order FIJI for home delivery at just $29 a case VOS is $41 a case for the plastic bottles or you can get 12 glass bottles for $35. And no, none of these are sparkling, it's just plain drinking water.

It's funny that we complain about how much gas is (close to $3.50 a gallon) and then some people go out and spend more than $9 a gallon for their water.

Water is something we can get for free. OK, so I don't drink tap water, but it is available. I know it doesn't taste good and I will completely agree that some water is better than others. My problem is that I don't see that much difference between the bottled brands, so I'd say some home-work.

FIJI is bottled water sold by a company called Glaceau. They say that smartwater is different because it's vapor distilled. I'm not sure why, but it seems better than purified FIJI.

Then, they also have a "special edition of elec-trolytes" (magnesium, potassium and calcium) which are supposed to be "perfect for exercising, taxes, making leaps and bounds (or) dodging low flying birds," according to the Web site. I've tasted it and it tasted just like water. You do get to look at a cute little fishy while you drink, though. I'm not sure if that would make me want to pay extra, but it's OK if you do.

FIJI is natural artesian water. OK, let's find out what that means. According to their Web site, artesian water comes from an aquifer under-ground that has no contact with air or pollutants because it's protected by rock and clay. This brand comes from an aquifer at the edge of a rain forest in the Yaque Valley of Venezuela. It also has higher silica levels than most other bot-tled waters.

VOS also comes from an aquifer, but this one is in southern Norway. It was created by two Norwegian men, Ole Christian, Slaaberg and Christopher Harlem. They focus just as much, if not more, on the image of the brand as they do the water itself.

It was created to be a trend. They wanted a cool bottle that was distinct and recognizable, one that looked like it cost a lot. This just shows that is it doesn't mean anything special about the water. At least VOS can admit that and doesn't try to act like it's anything better than a generic brand. If you want to look like you have money, buy the expensive water, but don't try to act like it's doing nothing to with the prestige of the bottle. I'm trying to say that no one would ever open up a bottle of VOS and pour it into their free ASI water bottle, but I'm sure people reuse smartwater bottles and fill them up with Brita water. If you cared that much about the water itself, you wouldn't make sure your Fiji bottle was always sitting right in front of you for all to see.

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SAN FRANCISCO — The countdown is on. Barry Bonds is closing in on Hank Aaron in a hurry.

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Sept. 9 last season, according to the

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Lee said he was satisfied with all

"It's a tough ball park to pitch in during the day time, because it plays very offensive.

Cali Poly starting sophomore

Friday night starter after sophomore

"As long as he can give us four, five or six quality innings, I still

The Mustangs' sophomore center

"We've been here before and we've gone through these struggles before," Lee said. "It's not a good feeling, but we'll try to learn from it and prepare ourselves for the next series.

Bonds hit his 74th career double on the day, putting him one behind Aaron's 750 for the season. Aaron collected his 2,592nd hit against the Yanks.

For the home opener, the Diamondbacks played in the second inning of Saturday's 1-0 victory to help Barry Bonds win his third career complete game.

Colin Cowherd and Randy Grossman are in the 8th inning of the game.

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champ was 1-for-10 shooting in the fourth quarter, when Phoenix pulsed away.

"Kobe ran out of gas in the fourth quarter," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "Their defense did a great job against our offense, and we couldn't find a way to get on track."

That's right. The Suns' team knows for its prolific offense relied on defense. Phoenix held Los Angeles to 10 first-quarter points.

"Our defense was the key to the game," Steve Nash said. "Obviously we can't do so much on the runs Kobe went on, but if you look at the entire game, our defense was solid."

Nash had 20 points and 10 assists and Shannon Marion 16 points and 16 rebounds for a Phoenix team that struggled mightily on offense until Barbara provided the spark. Highlighted by a 31-footer at the third-quarter buzzer that cut the Lakers' lead to 77-74 entering the fourth.

"It was a really big shot," Nash said, "a turning point there."

Lamar Odom, who had to leave the game briefly to get five stitches in a cut over his left eye, had 17 points and eight rebounds.

Game 2 of the rematch of last year's first-round series is Tuesday night at Phoenix. The Suns are the opener last year, but lost the next three, then regrouped to win the last two and the series.

Bryant, 11-17 shooting in the first half and 4-of-16 in the second, is an accurate shooter down the stretch. Game time injuries were of no concern. Phoenix ran behind.

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Controversial no-call leads to game, series losses for Mustangs

At 8-4, Cal Poly is now a half-game back of first-place Cal State Fullerton (7-2) in the Big West Conference.

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D own by one in the bottom of the ninth is never an easy situation. When the Mustangs stepped up to the plate to either tie or win the game against UC Riverside on Sunday at Baggett Stadium, a questionable call by home plate umpire Jason Veron served the game and series to the Highlanders, 11-10.

"We didn’t take care of business and it’s going to cost us," Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee said.

With two outs in the ninth and the Highlanders leading 11-10, pinch hitter Bryan Keper took a pitch to the shoulder and was ready to walk, but was called back by Veron. The crowd erupted in disagreement.

"They said he dove into it," Lee said.

The walk would have put two runners on base, but the following 1-2 pitch to Keper struck him out and ended the game.

"We wanted to minimize the (Big West) conference down to nine games with only three losses," Lee said. "We needed to win this series.”

The Mustangs lost the series against UC Riverside two games to one, losing Friday’s game, 3-1, and shutting the Highlanders out Saturday, 3-0.

After letting an 8-2 lead slip away Sunday, the Mustangs fell to 21-20 overall and 8-4 in the Big West. They fall to second in the Big West standings behind Cal State Fullerton (26-12, 7-2) and will likely fall from their No. 29 spot in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll, which will be released today.

"Wins are extremely important, but it’s important to be strong in the Big West," Lee said.

The game started off tied at two runs each after the first inning, but a strong offensive attack by the Mustangs in the sixth turned the game around.

When the sun finally came out over Baggett Stadium in the bottom of the sixth inning, Cal Poly junior right fielder Grant Desme hit a double down the left-field line with the bases loaded and took three RBI, making the score 5-2.

The 1,006 fans in attendance thought the game was over when the Mustangs had an 8-2 lead after the sixth inning. A home run by UC Riverside’s Jeff Dusbabek in the top of the seventh changed the tide.

Poly women’s tennis team suffers 7-0 loss at No. 16 Fresno State

The Mustangs closed the regular season with their first loss since a 5-2 defeat at Cal State Northridge on April 3.

The regular season Saturday at Warthen Tennis Center saw a successful performance for the Big West Conference, as the Mustangs fall to 6-14 overall and 1-2 in the Big West.

"It was a great match for us in preparation for the Big West Conference finals," Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bream said.

The Big West Conference Championships will be held Friday through Sunday at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden in Indian Wells. Cal Poly is 7-11 overall and 3-4 in the Big West.