New provost starts, Durgin moved to new position

A bus crash in California leaves 10 people dead.

Poly choirs offer entertainment in a variety of genres.

Character attacks emerge in McCain-Obama race

Bill Durgin, right, stepped down from his position as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs yesterday as incoming Provost Robert Koob was ushered in. Pictured here with Durgin is College of Engineering Dean Mohammed Noori, who championed the controversial proposed deal with Jubail University College under Durgin's leadership.

Bill Durgin, Cal Poly's provost for the last two years, was moved to a new position at University Executive for Research and External Support while the interim provost, Robert Koob, officially took the reigns Monday.

Koob, now the second-highest ranking official on campus, will have to deal with increasing budget cuts as the economy continues to be unstable.

“Having strong leadership through the budget crisis is going to be important,” said College of Liberal Arts Dean Linda Halisky. “I personally have faith in the president’s choice and we all plan to give the new provost our support.”

Durgin was known for his involvement with the still-pressed proposed deal with Jubail University College in Saudi Arabia. The deal created tension on campus last year, especially with some professors in the mechanical engineering department who claimed certain minority faculty members would be excluded from participating because of Saudi Arabia's strict cultural biases.

“Durgin wasn’t a bad guy, but he didn’t have a lot of support in his decisions, especially in dealing with the dean of engineering,” said Unny Menon, industrial and mechanical engineering professor.

A July article in the San Luis Obispo Tribune noted that while some engineering faculty wanted their dean, Mohammad Noori, replaced, “university officials say (he) has performed well since he was hired three years ago.” Durgin would have been responsible for the still-pressing proposed deal with Jubail University College in Saudi Arabia.

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**$241,488**

- outgoing Provost Bill Durgin's 2007-08 salary.
* New information on Durgin’s salary in his new position, and incoming Provost Robert Koob's new salary were not yet available.
* Salary information from public records.

**In going green, Cal Poly makes the grade**

Alisha Asssom

The grades are in and the report card is out. The Web site Greenreportcard.org just released new sustainability grades for 300 universities and Cal Poly received a B- in its first year of evaluation.

“In the B- is probably right for universities that are moving in the direction of sustainability,” said ASI President Angela Kramer, who began her campaign on advocating for sustainable practices. “Progress doesn’t happen overnight.”

“I think it’s a positive thing,” said Campus Sustainability Manager Dennis Elliot. “There’s always room for improvement.”

The College Sustainability Report Card, put out by the non-profit organization Sustainable Endowments Institute, is the “only independent evaluation of campus and endowment sustainability activities at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada” according to the institute’s Web site.

The universities with the 300 largest endowment funds are graded on sustainability practices in nine categories ranging from green building to transportation to student involvement in sustainability issues.

Fifteen schools received an A-, the highest grade to be awarded this year. Stanford was the only school in California out of 22 evaluated to earn this grade.

“We’ve done a lot and we’re the only CSU to be evaluated,” Elliot said.

Cal Poly received an A in food and recycling, the highest grade the organization awards, for buying produce from the Cal Poly Organic Farm and other local sellers. The campus also has a widespread recycling program and all campus eateries use recyclable or compostable take-out containers.

The lowest grades, all C’s, were in green building, student involvement and investment priorities. The Sustainable Endowments Institute noted that Cal Poly is trying to get two buildings LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified and doesn’t invest in any renewable energy funds.

“I think it says a lot that we’re willing to put ourselves out there and be evaluated,” Elliot said.

Some at Cal Poly had their doubts about the weight of the report card.

“I don’t know about the validity of the report card,” said.

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There are no digital age curricula right now, so do the need for innovative leadership.
Northern California bus crash leaves 10 dead

A casino-bound charter bus with an invalid license plate drifted off the road and then swerved back, sending it tumbling into a ditch and ejecting passengers as it rolled over. Ten passengers were killed and dozens injured.

The bus flipped over at about 9:10 p.m. Sunday on a rural road, throwing some passengers and crashing others before it landed right-side up.

California Highway Patrol spokesman Patrick Landreth said:

"It looks like they were going up to the casino to have a good time."

California Highway Patrol Commander Fran Clader said Monday: "Unfortunately, it resulted in tragedy."

Clader said 10 people were killed and estimated that 35 others were injured.

Officials did not say why they think the driver veered off the road. Firefighters used flashlights and infrared sensors to search the tall grass near the overturned bus Sunday night for more victims, but by early Monday were certain they had accounted for all the victims.

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The event also includes a salmon feed, a half marathon and other races, and educational programs and booths.

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Events & Workshops

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9 - 10:30 am, Business Building Breezeway
- How to Work the Job Fair Tuesday, Oct 14
11 – noon, Business, 3206
- Alumni Career Panel Wednesday, Oct 15
11 – noon, Career Services, 124/117
- Interview Skills Employer Panel Wednesday, Oct 15
3 – 4 pm, Career Services, 124/117

Fall Job Fair
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Interviews: 9:30 - 2:30
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Careers in Consulting Panel
Thursday, Oct 16
4 - 5 pm, Career Services, 124/117

Interview Skills Workshop
Tuesday, Oct 28
11 – noon, Career Services, 124/224

Take the Fear Out of Relocating
Workshop presented by Lockheed Martin
Tuesday, Oct 28
noon – 1 pm, Chumash Auditorium, right wing

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Annual kokanee salmon run under way at Lake Tahoe
One of Lake Tahoe's most popular nature shows of the year is off to a promising start.

Thousands of kokanee salmon are swimming up Taylor Creek off the lake's south shore as part of their annual spawning ritual.

U.S. Forest Service officials said while the run doesn't typically peak until mid-October, it's off to a good start. They said as many as 50,000 of the fish may make the journey upstream this year.

Landlocked cousins of the waging sockeye salmon, the kokanee were introduced to Lake Tahoe in 1944 by biologists, and Forest Service spokesman Rex Norman.

They quickly adapted to the alpine environment, joining brown and rainbow trout and making a Tahoe's most popular game fish.

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State Briefs

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — San Luis Obispo County parks officials want to turn a nude beach into a family-friendly destination. They plan to ask the Board of Supervisors to consider purchasing 32 acres of Pirates Cove, a stretch of sand south of Avila Beach.

Although the beach is on private property, county general services director Janette Pell said many people go there to surfurtle in the buff.

If supervisors agree to buy the land for $1.25 million, Pell said they would have to consider an ordinance restricting the current clothing-optional behavior of some visitors.

Officials say the purchase would allow ranchers to patrol the nearby parking lot and trail, where there have been numerous arrests for drug use and lewd activities.

YUBA CITY, Calif. (AP) — The California Highway Patrol says a 47-year-old Stockton man was text messaging when he was killed in a traffic accident over the weekend.

Officers said the man was eastbound Saturday on Franklin Road in Sutter County when he lost control of his pickup truck and hit a steel beam and a tree. The truck rolled over several times.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The number of students sickened by a contagious gastroenteritis virus at the University of Southern California has grown to about 200. The university says, however, that Monday's classes are operating normally.

USC students began coming to medical facilities during the weekend with symptoms including vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramping. The university says the symptoms last one or two days and in most cases can be managed with rest and fluids.

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Bus

covered bus was pulled from the
just before the accident, the bus
covered off the two-lane road for
about half a mile before the driver
"overcorrected" and veered back,
Landerth said.

"The roof was collapsed down,
the windows were broken out, and
the bus was not only rolled over
and over," Landreth said. "It was
taking its wheels."

Authorities had just determined
the bus had a Texas license plate
that was "not valid." He said
other registration serial numbers
also came up invalid.

"There are still several pieces of
this puzzle that's missing," Kays
said. "We will find out who owns
the bus."

CHP dispatcher Terry Troth said
no other cars appeared to be in­
volved in the crash.

"It is not our bus. We sold it
more than two years ago," said Kim
Williams. "It is an old bus."

(Tib spokesman Robert Kays
told the passengers because many spoke
trouble communicating with
emergency responders were hav­
ing difficulty.

Laura Hennum, a spokeswoman
for Enloe Medical Center, said 12
victims were admitted to the hospi­
tal. She said one died, three were in
critical condition and two were in
serious condition. Six other patients
were being evaluated Sunday night.

WORD ON THE STREET

"Do you think Cal Poly is
sustainable?"

"Yeah, I think we're doing a
good job."

-Hayley Kelly,
animal science freshman

"Yeah, we use all our resourc­
es quite well."

-Joey Jordan,
kinesiology freshman

"Yes, because Cal Poly has mul­
tiple programs to help."

-Jersey Byrd,
obiochemistry sophomore

"I think we're conscience
about being sustainable but
we could do better."

-Heather Betty,
agriculture business junior

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Samantha MacConnell

The Cal Poly Choirs’ music resounds fair and wide not just because of the vocal abilities of its singers, but also because singers themselves come together from colleges and majors around the university.

The music department’s Cal Poly Choirs consists of three vocal ensembles: Polyphonics, The University Singers and The Early Music Ensemble. Surprisingly, music majors make up a small portion of the choir participants.

“I love it here because I do have this mix of students and many of our non-majors have as beautiful voices as our music majors,” said Thomas Davies, conductor and director of choral activities and vocal studies who has been at Cal Poly for 27 years.

“That’s what this department is all about,” he added. “It’s for getting all these vast varieties of students, which we have on this campus, involved and many of them become lifelong friends, and they are not all in the same department.”

Although there is a difference in majors among the choir students, they are all there for the same reason: they love to sing. Being able to come together and share this common interest has not only been a pleasure for the professors, but the students, as well.

“Singing with a group is such an amazing experience,” said industrial engineering senior Jonah Golden, who is a member of both Polyphonics and The University Singers.

“Singing with other people who know what they’re doing and hearing the harmonies blend is such a wonderful feeling every day.”

Polyphonics is a 45 to 48 member group that performs everything from folk songs to spirituals, to music based on poems. The University Singers is made up of 70 to 80 students, but has had up to 100 members, and primarily performs works for larger ensembles. The Early Music Ensemble, an 8 to 12 member group, performs works that date back before 1800.

Members of Polyphonics rehearse here for an upcoming performance. The group will participate in collaboration with other Cal Poly choirs in “American Idols” on Oct. 25 in the Performing Arts Center.

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Choirs
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"We certainly have a lot of diverse genres that we go through," Eipper said. Eipper, who was born and raised in Texas, came to Cal Poly for engineering. He grew up playing the trumpet and joined choir in high school. Like many high school graduates, he did not think he would sing again, until he realized his passion for music did not fade. He involved himself in choir his freshman year and is glad he did.

"It's definitely been one of the best choices I've made at Cal Poly," Eipper said."I just love being here. We enjoy each other as a faculty, we like getting up to work, and the main reason is because we have such neat students," said Davies.

Cal Poly Choirs' first concert entitled "American Idols" will be held on Oct. 25. The program will feature American music and the work of composers that worked during the Revolutionary War Period. Spirituals, which came from African American tradition and typically a religious background, will be included, as well as classical and folk pieces, all of which deal with music from this country.

The holiday season is always popular for choir performances and the annual "A Christmas Celebration" event is right around the corner. It will be held on Dec. 6 and tickets should be purchased well in advance. The Christmas concert is particularly popular because it features carols, which audience members can sing along to. Performances take place in the Performing Arts Center.

Auditions for Cal Poly Choirs are held at the beginning of each quarter. For more information, visit the music department located in the Music building.

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Other students turn to the choirs as a release for tension. Music senior Chloe Gill, graphic communications senior, looks to singing as an outlet.

"I think a lot of people come into choir to get away from the rigid expectations of their classes," said Gill, who is a member of Polyphonies. "It's really fun to be able to have a time where we can do something that's really opposite from our normal everyday classes and our normal everyday schedules."

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Isolated town surprises readers

Chuck Klosterman’s new novel, “DOWNTOWN OWL,” forces us to take a break from pop culture. Go ahead, turn off your TV, throw your cell phone in the trash can, and forget that you know The Rolling Stones are. The people of the town of Owl surely don’t care about those things who The Rolling Stones are. The year is 1969, and Klosterman’s Hat But, but clever prose finds us swimming through the minds and deepest thoughts of three Owl residents. Horace Jones has lived in Owl for 7.5 years. Poor Horace. Although he is an old widower, he just will not let you feel that sorrows for him. I le is almost morbid (or perhaps just brutally honest) in such a way that I could not help but be amused. Moving on from the local coffee hangout where Horace and his old buddies discuss the past, we find a new, timid and young teacher Julia taking down drink after drink with her new friends, Naomi. It seems that Julia has taken to Owl in a way she did not expect, and although at first greatly depressed by her meager surroundings, finds her popularity rather addicting.

More courageous when intoxicated, Julia is soon drunk most nights of the week. Developing an obsession with the only man in the bar who won’t ask her out, her drinking becomes more haphazard, and her thoughts more hilarious. Interestingly, the novel’s three main characters become more haphazard, and her thoughts more hilarious. These can be two very different things, and it is most en­
dearing to watch Julia sink her way further and further into the blissful ignorance that encompasses most Owl residents. When we arrive at the town’s football field, we get to know Mitch, who would be more suited reading or writing a novel than throwing passes. Mitch solemnly meanders through life in Owl, digested by his teenage-girl-impregnating-teacher and coach John Laidlaw. Mitch despises Laidlaw for more reasons than his relations with Mitch’s longtime crush. Mitch is all-encompassing hatred for Laidlaw makes him inwardly homicidal, plotting the murder of his pompous teacher. He despises the irrelevant nature of Owl’s citizens and is sure that in any other town he would be in jail. But since he is not, Mitch slowly loses faith in life and monotonously displays his gen­eral disappointing suspect of his meaningless life to the reader.

Interestingly, the novel’s three main characters have little or no interaction, which I suppose is a realistic approach. Why would they, really? They all lead very dif­ferent lives in the town and have little reason to come into contact with one another.

Although they don’t interact, the parallels between the three of them are abundantly apparent, like the huge blaringly loud one that reads: “I live an unfulfilled life.”

Even though the novel is not all that eventful, in sparsity is not a drawback at all. Klosterman has a way of delivering lines that are so clever and perfect, you may not even notice the familiar line the plot takes throughout. Until the end that is, which presents something unexpected and horrific. I was completely shocked, and want to tell you about it, but I really can’t. You’ll just have to “Read This!”

Next week’s book is Pulitzer Prize winner, “The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wacs,” by Junot Diaz. Happy reading!

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Hailed as the Super Bowl of the political arena, expectations were high for the impact that Thursday’s VP debate would have on the world we wake up to on November 5. The face-off was hyped to be a bloody clash between a brilliantly skilled orator: Joe Biden, and a rumbling yet adorable headshot Sarah Palin. Palin’s performance was also expected to either make or mar McCaин’s victory for the White House.

Biden’s track record and recognition with the public speaks for itself. This debate was about Sarah Palin and her ability to establish herself as a viable candidate for the White House.

Palin’s candidacy for the White House was not established; not did she meet even lowered expectations of political intelligence compared with Senator Biden.

The debate began with a question perhaps unintentionally picked up on the mic's from Sarah Palin to Biden. "I’m going to let you go." This set the tone for the night — and made something in me cringe. It was clear from her question and answer, by her performance in the debate that Sarah intended to be casual with Senator Biden and with the American public. At one point when talking about education, she gave a shout out to her brother in Alaska, a teacher, and his third grade class. Pundits said this was a tactic, Palin had never seen employed. The persona she presented to the American public was not nearly as knowable — frequently winking, using phrases like “You betcha” and at one point chewing, “But it ain’t so, Joe.”

I understand this is her personality, but the level of frivolity she displays a virtue we wish to export to our neighbors and speak on our behalf to important foreign dignitaries, and to represent important resolutions we will proffer in the world? I think the world and America needs and deserve more cerebral stamina to confront the serious problems we are likely to face in times like Darfur, Afghanistan, and the Middle East, which were central topics Thursday night.

Another concern that should be focused on when the spin rooms are empty is honest detail. And so, this is an attempt to take a look at how much sound policy answers Palin offered. I would note that Palin gave no post-presidential debate interviews.

Debates inspire appreciation for Alaska’s rugged endurance

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Overcoming a wave of anxiety
Learning to swim without a raft

I'm nauseous; I can literally feel my heart in my chest, my hands and feet have gone numb and taking a breath feels damn near impossible. I am drowning.

Most people don't understand the severe physical reaction the body can have from anxiety.

I'm often asked if I was a cheerleader in high school because of my bubbly, positive demeanor. For the most part I'm your average, happy, easy-going college student. But every now and again anxiety rears its ugly little head. I know exactly what that feels like, even though I'm sure others remain blissfully unaware of it. I can feel it underneath my feet.

There is a great William Oder quote that goes something along the lines of: "The soul is a small boat that can easily be overcome by a heavy sea." And I can feel that heavy sea, that can't be ignored, that needs to be stopped, that needs to be managed.

My friends here were clueless about my past issues with anxiety. But even after I stopped taking the medication, it took me a while to leave my system. It was the first of several other people I have opened my struggles in the past where I felt so alone and isolated. I can feel it underneath my feet.

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Ron Reid, who played two sea­
sons with the Phillies, is the
tallest member of that team. Du­
ny Oatke’s 1977 staff at 6-feet-6.
Jim Lonborg and Carlton all
were 6-5, an inch taller than Randy Lerch and Warren Brown.

Carlton was a pick. Tommy John
matched up in Games 1 and 4 that year. The series clincher was played in
a steady rain, and John outdueled the
Phillies ace 4-1 at a Veterans
Stadium to give LaSorda a pennant in
his first season after replacing Walter Alston as manager.

“Tommy went nuts and let a lot
of emotion out after that game.”

“We'll walk over to the bench and
every hear the crowd go crazy!” he
laughed. “It's kind of like, ‘can you
finish this game, but we had to pl.
ly it because

of emotion out after that game.‘"

“We remember last year very
vividly,” Shotwell said, could be a “bless­
ning.” But at the same time it’s so hin

“I like the fact we're still

and we haven’t reached our po­
tential yet.”

“Definitely we really thrive on it

and want to get the ball back in

the offense’s hand,” he said. “Putting
that many points up early puns the other
team in a position where they’re play­
ning from behind. It really narrows down what they can do offensively.”

Having another week off before a
“crucial part of the season” and
what could amount to a “one-game play­
off,” Showalter said, could be a “bless­ing
and advantage,” even if it wasn’t
expected to be the third of its kind.

“We have a serious chip on our
shoulder for this game,” he explained.

“We remember last year very vividly.”

Carlton, Tommy John

In the bottom half, Bay lofted a
fly ball down the right-field line that
Reggie Willits pursued and dove for
before it one-hopped into the stands
for a ground-rule double. First bas­

Tommy John started, and in the first
injuries drives took five or
fewer plays.

“We’re not going to do anything to slow our offense down,” Ellerston
said. “If the defense is tired, all they’ve
got to do is stop them and they can get a bit by us.

“Our offense is not designed to get
first downs — it’s designed to get
touchdowns,” he added. “We have to
do is stop them and they can get a bit by us.

The recent quick-strike tenden­
cies of the offense have said, has
paved a new challenge, but also a little
entertainment.

“We walk over to the bench and

and Red Sox have often scrapped

for the second out before Lowrie

the Mustangs entered last week

with five, and recorded two take­
aways. I like where we’re at,” Ffives
explained. “I like the fact we’re still

growing, and we haven’t reached our po­
tential yet.”

“The ball bounced off Luzinski’ s
headfirst into home while his team­

in the ninth for the win, squelching

their chance to move on in 1983 —

two games in the AL Last this sea­

The ball was the last thing on

the stands without a raincoat, and

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said. “We thought before it even

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Tuesday, October 7, 2008
Cal Poly embarks on its third bye week over a five-week period during its first regular season with fewer than 11 games since 1993.

Donovan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

Rich Ellison’s not a mind reader. Still, the head coach of the Cal Poly football team had a pretty good idea Monday what the focus of the school’s weekly athletics news conference at Mont Gym would be.

“Yes, we have another bye,” he said, beginning a rapid-fire satire while re­

beginning a weekly athletics news conference at Mont Gym.

“Yeah, it’s a positive. Yes, it’s really unusual.”

He’s had plenty of recent experience providing those kinds of an­

swers, and more than enough reason to anticipate inquiries of the same nature.

After all, the Mustangs, whose third-week meeting with McNeese State in Lake Charles, La., was canceled due to Hurricane Ike, are beginning their third bye week over a five-week period, leaving the program with its first regular season featuring fewer than 11 games since moving to the Football Championship Subdivision (then Division I-AA) level in 1994.

“It’s definitely a different kind of season,” Cal Poly junior defensive end Ryan Shuttell said. “To have three byes is really unusual.”

Mustangs senior linebacker Fred Shotwell said, “To have three byes is really unusual.”

“It would definitely have to be the most unusual sea­

son I’ve been a part of,” he said. “Having three bye weeks, I’ve never seen that before.”

A typical 11-game schedule was

hard enough to string together before the season even started. The causes

were numerous and varied. The Mu­

stangs play in the FCS state with the fewest FCS teams per capita — and

a part of the state that is not easy to travel to. Sacramento State derailed re­

turning a non-conference series that

spun from 1983 to 2006 after Cal Poly soundly won its last four install­

ments. And five consecutive seasons

with at least seven wins, coupled with

10 starters returning from a 2007 of­

fense that finished behind only na­

tional champion Appalachian State,

led to a handful of top-15 rankings

that surely scared some would-be

parties off.

Consequently, Cal Poly — which

contacted every FCS team in the

country, athletic director Ali­

son Sandoval said — found it­

self looking ahead to two

football bowl subdivisions (FBS) and one in transition from Division II.

The same problems that existed before the season were complicated

by the rest of the country already play­ing, making midseason efforts to

urgency heading into its opportu­

nities was intensified by McNeese

State’s cancellation.

But the Mustangs (3-1), ranked No. 7 in both the FCS coaches and

Sports Network media polls, are stay­

ing upbeat.

“Unlike the first (bye), we anticip­

ated this one,” Ellison said. “Unlike

the last one, we didn’t necessarily want to have a bye this week.”

Even so, it could be fortuitous

heading into an Oct. 18 match-up at

No. 23 South Da­

kota State. (3-3), also entering a bye week.

“The silver lining on this is that it allows us to prepare for the stretch and get into the stretch as well condi­

tioned, as strong and as healthy as any team in the country,” Ellison added.

Last year, the Mustangs fell to the

Jackrabbits 48-35 — also in Brook­

ings, S.D. — as Cory Koegel rushed for 259 yards, the second most by an opponent in Cal Poly history.

“A year ago they beat us up,” Ellison said. “Some of the things that were a challenge in that game were a challenge the other night.”

He was referring to Saturday’s 49-22 win over South Dakota at Alex G. Spanos Stadium, where the Mustangs allowed a 14-play, 98-yard touchdown drive in the second quarter, yielded 447 total yards, didn’t have any sacks and

surrendered 15 fourth­

quarter points.

Phil, Dodgers meet up in NLCS

Joe Resnick
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Back in the era of cooker-cookie stadiums, poly­

tester pullers and artificial turf, baseball had another familiar sight: Phillies vs. Dodgers for the NL pennant.

“It seemed like every time we

turned around, there were the Phi­

lies,” former Los Angeles center fielder Rick Monday recalled.

They played in the 1977 NL championship series and the next year, too. Both times, Ron Lasorda and the Dodgers won the best-of-five match­

up in four games.

Decked out in powder-blue uni­

forms, Philadelphia did better in the

1983 NLCS and beat the Dodgers in four.

They’re set to meet again in the NLCS, starting Thursday in Philadel­

phia.

“Obviously, this series brings back a lot of memories and just rekindles those games we had with them,” said former Phillies shortstop Larry Bowa, now the Dodgers’ third-base coach.

“We couldn’t beat them those two years that I played, but they were
good, competitive series and we just

came up short.”

Bowa will see a familiar face across the field. Former Dodgers second

baseman Davey Lopes is the Phillies’

first-base coach.

Eight players appeared in all three

series between the teams, includ­
ing Phillies star third baseman Mike

Schmidt, pitchers Steve Carlton and

Ron Reed and center fielder Garry

Maddox.

Four Dodgers played in each one:

shortstop Bill Russell, catcher Steve

Garvey, left fielder Dusty Baker and

Monday, in his 15th full season as one of the team’s broadcasters.

“To this day, Larry Bowa and I talk

about some of the games we played

against one another,” Monday said.

“There was such a respect that I had

for Larry and some of the other Phi­

lies, because it was the truest sense of competition on one of the biggest

stages that you can play on — the

postseason. Now we have a chance to reflect on it a little bit more.”

Led by Carlton, the Phillies

brought plenty of pitching. Their arms

were not the only thing that made an

impression on Monday.

“We also know they had a pitching

staff that, if they were in street clothes, would look like an NBA team travel­

ing.”

Phil, Dodgers meet up in NLCS

The Boston Red Sox’s Jason Bay (left) scores the game-winning run past Los Angeles Angels catcher Mike Napoli in Boston on Monday.

Red Sox move on

Jimmy Golen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston

Red Sox brushed aside the 100-win

Angels in four games, dismissing their best-in-baseball regular season as last month’s news.

When it turns to October, no one dominates like Boston.

Moments after the Angels

boasted a suicide squeeze, Jason

Bay slid headfirst into home plate to

score on Jed Lowrie’s two-out single in the ninth inning. The defending World Series champions beat Los

Angeles 3-2 Monday night in Game 4 of their first-round playoff series and advanced to play for the AL pennant for the fourth time in six seasons.

The wild-card Red Sox, who also won it all in 2004, will have a chance at a third title in five years if they can get past the Rays in the best-of-seven series that starts Friday night at Tampa Bay. Boston is 31-16 in October since the turn of the century, and both World Series runs began with