Budget shortfall leads to fewer teaching positions

Samantha MacConnell

State budget cuts have put a stop to water testing for bacteria at six local beaches in San Luis Obispo County.

As of October 23, San Luis Obispo County's Environmental Health Services will no longer sample sites north of Pier Avenue and south of Strand Avenue at Pismo Beach. Also no longer being tested is Morro Strand State Beach, the city beach north of Morro Rock, San Simeon State Beach, and Hazard Canyon in Montana de Oro. Weekly samples from 14 other county beaches will still be tested for the presence of indicator bacteria known to cause illness. As long as the testing program still receives federal funds and an allocation from the county budget, testing will continue at these sites, said Curt Barton, the director of environmental health for San Luis Obispo County. "Obviously we will still respond to complaints if there were sewage spills there or anywhere else, certainly. This is just our weekly, routine sampling that we had to discontinue," Barton said.

Due to the cuts, the county will no longer test water samples from six local beaches, due to budget cuts. It will continue to test the water from 14 other beaches which have a history of poor water quality.

Carnus Frank

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As a result, the College of Liberal Arts is monitoring spending on travel, office supplies and operating expenses. Course offerings in the winter and spring will also be reduced to lessen the need for lecturers.

"The facility most affected are our part-time lecturers," said Debra Valencia-Laver, associate dean of the College of Liberal Arts. "They aren't getting the same level of assignments as they have in the years past. We all wish there was more money to go around and more teaching. We know that this is hard."

Since Cal Poly accepted almost 1,000 fewer students this year between freshmen and transfer students, there will be less demand for classes, which will also affect the number of sections taught by lecturers.

"When we accept fewer students at Cal Poly because the budget has gone down, we know that we are going to affect the lives of some very good people," said Dave Christ, dean of the Orfalea College of Business.

The university has two categories of faculty members: tenure and tenure-track faculty that have a permanent position, and lecturers, who are temporary faculty. Faculty on permanent appointments would only be laid off if the overall university budget was cut significantly or if an entire program was removed.

Lecturers are hired when needed and have priority for rehiring according to need, said Christ.

Alex Brandon

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., smiles at a rally at the Cleveland Mall with Bruce Springsteen in Cleveland, Ohio Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008.

Final campaign days sees heavy vote push

Nedra Pickett

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Barack Obama and John McCain uncorked massive get-out-the-vote operations in more than a dozen battleground states Sunday, millions of telephone calls, mailings and door-knocks in a frenzied final push to win a record-shattering $1 billion campaign. Together, they'll spend about $5 per presidential vote.

With just two days to go, most national polls show Obama ahead of McCain. State surveys suggest the Democrat's path to the requisite 270 electoral votes — and perhaps far beyond — is much easier to navigate than McCain's.

Obama evaded confidence. "The last couple of days, I've been just feeling good," he told 80,000 gathered to hear him — and singer Bruce Springsteen — in Cleveland. "The crowds seem to grow and everybody's got a smile on their face. You start thinking that maybe we might be able to win an election on Nov. 4."}

Pools show the six closest states are Florida, Indiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Nevada and Ohio. All were won by Bush and made competitive by Obama's record-shattering fundraising. The campaigns also are running aggressive ground games elsewhere, including Iowa, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Colorado and Virginia.

Kristen Davis

Rubber duckies flood SLO Creek

Bryan Reike

Participants at Sigma Nu's philanthropy event, the Ducky Derby, raced multi-colored rubber duckies down the San Luis Obispo Creek on Saturday afternoon.

The event raised money for Relay For Life, benefiting the American Cancer Society and was the brainchild of political science junior, a cancer survivor and member of the fraternity, Alex Casanay.

Thousands of duckies participated.

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ny depending on seasons, but they do not have a guaranteed job. "We have hired fewer lec-
turers and fewer than we had in the past," Christie said. "It's because we have fewer stu-
dents and less budget." Because of the cuts, fewer class-sections will be offered. If a class isn't large enough, the university will cancel it and offer it at a different time. Students will be notified of the cancellation and told to register again when it is of-
fered.

"In better times, we might be able to run some of these smaller sections, but at this time, we have to be real tight about that," Christie said. "At the end of the day, when we have budget cuts, we virtually have to reduce the number of classes we teach and make sure that they are fully enrolled.

Cal Poly can't accept any transfer or freshmen students in the summer and does not plan to accept any transfer students in January. "We don't want to add students, and then not have the courses they need to grad­uate," Christie said.

Each dean's objective is to make sure students get through the curriculum and keep them moving at a steady pace toward their degree completion.

"In the end, if we don't balance the budget, it just comes out of next year's mone­y," Christie said. "It wouldn't surprise me if many local gov­ernments in California lose levies this year because there is not as much sales tax rev­enue. The question is when is the economy going to turn around and when is the budget going to be rectified?"

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ard violations weren't cut, Batson said. "So they are essentially our best beaches," he said.

Sulfuric acid has impacted every coastal com­munity in the state. San Mateo County in North­ern California is cutting back to emergency services only after losing funds for tutoring at Beach and creek sites.

Some say San Luis Obispo is lucky to stay on the list. "We did six out of 20 some of the counties elimi­nated all of their site funds because it all came from the state," Christie said.

In addition to receiving funds from more than one source, San Luis Obispo was buffered from the budget cuts thanks to former County Environmental Health Department left a salaried position vacant to free up funds because of a sense that the state's economy, climate isn't healthy.

"This has been on the books for awhile now and it's really very unfortunate," said Cal Poly bi­ology professor Chris Kitts. He directed a human research project on contamination at the Pineo Pier over the summer.

While the testing site near the pier is still un­der scrutiny and the data from Kitts' project is still being analyzed, the two sites no longer tested at Pineo Beach sometimes have water quality is­sues according to his study.

"It's a bit of a problem because we do have occasional hits from those sites," Kitts said. "We took our own samples, but the real results were being used to compare; Are we getting the same stuff as they are.

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All that's left now for the candi­dates is make sure people vote Tues­day — there's already been

Indeed, Election Day is becoming a minisport. About 27 million absen­tees and early voters were cast in 30 states as of Saturday; more than ever. Democrats outnumbered Re­publicans in pre-Election Day voting in key states.

That has Democrats — and even some Republicans — privately ques­tioning whether McCain can over­take Obama even if GOP voters turn out in droves on Tuesday. Obama may already have too big a lead in critical states like Nevada and Iowa, which Bush won four years ago.

"This is off the charts in some of these states," said Michael P. McDou­ald, a political scientist at George Ma­son University.

As the campaign closes, voters were being inundated with a crush of televi­sion ads and automated phone calls.

In one TV ad, McCain highlighted Vice President Dick Cheney's support for McCain. The ad features Cheney, an extremely unpopular figure among the general public, at an event Saturday in Wyoming, saying: "I'm delighted to support John McCain.

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The unusually high contamination at the Pineo Pier is still considered a unique situation by the Environmental Health Department and will remain unaffected by the cuts.

"For some reason we just don't seem to have the same problems at those other Pineo Beach locations that we discontinued and they all in Missouri just don't seem to have the same ef­fect," Batson said.

The final report from Kitts' team to the city of Pineo Beach is due this month. Research on that site will continue, collect­ing E. Coli and looking for other unique marker bands that could trace the contamination.

"With another year, we might get another summer's testing out of it," Kitts said. "We can look forward to seeing what they find and we will become involved once they trace the problem and we find out what the solution might be." Batson said.

Republicen presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., greets supporters as he enters a campaign rally at the University of Scranton in Scranton, Pa., Sunday, Nov. 2, 2008. The RNC reported making 5.4 million voter contacts last week, com­pared with 1.9 million in the same week in 2004, and says it's volume has steadily increased since October began. Overall, it says 26 million vot­ers have been contacted by volunteers over four months.

On Saturday alone, the RNC says an estimated 3 million voters were contacted by phone or in person, and it saw no more volunteers show up to help that at least one state, Colorado, the party ran out of canvassing packets. Some 180,000 were gone by midday Saturday; more were printed.

McCain planned visits to media markets that hit battlegrounds Florida, Virginia, Indiana, New Mexico, and Nevada on Monday. A visit to the state. As of Saturday, Obama had the lead in most battleground states, including the key battleground markets of Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

After months of planning, the Republican Party launched the last stage of its vaunted "72-hour pro­gram," when volunteers descend on competitive states for the final stretch. Democrats unleashed their "per­suasion army" of backers wearing their own badges to encourage people to back Obama in the campaign's win­ning states.

Obama's campaign reported that Saturday was its largest volunteer day, with more volunteers showing up to work the phones and walk neighbor­hood precincts than even before in the campaign. Obama spokesman Bill Burton said, "Our volunteers are completely engaged."

McCain's crew says theirs are, too.

"There's no doubt that we've got an uphill battle," said Rick Bacon, the RNC's political director. But, "We still have a lot of voters that we can and will turn out."
Amid gloom, young see vote as act of hope

Alicia Savoy, 23, left, and Nicole Williams, 23, wait along with other early voters, to cast their ballots, Thursday, in Norwalk, Calif.

WORD ON THE STREET

“Have you made your decision for Tuesday's election and what were your influences?”

“I haven't made up my mind. Less mainstream sources are the ones I look at to make my decisions like Slate.com. Don’t believe everything you see on TV.”

-Jimmy Scantlen, biomedical engineering junior

“I’ve made up my mind. I focus more on the Internet because the TV media is full of nonsense. They spin things a lot.”

-Kevin Mitchell, biomedical engineering junior

“I’ve pretty much made up my mind. I read a lot of information online. I usually went for alternative sources.”

-Luis Magallón, civil engineering senior

“I’ve decided but just from the TV. I don’t really care to be honest. It doesn’t matter what I say.”

-Raquel Garcia, general engineering sophomore

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Gay marriage backers make politics personal

Brenda Chavez, left, and Carissa Morales watch a No on Prop 8 rally on Sunday Nov. 2, 2008 in Fresno, Calif. Proposition 8 would overturn the California Supreme Court's decision earlier this year to legalize same-sex marriage.

Lisa Leff
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As California voters prepare to decide Tuesday whether to eliminate the marriage rights same-sex couples won five months ago, gays and their allies have been encouraged to tell co-workers and neighbors why legalizing the unions matters to them.

Same-sex couples who have married since June knocked on doors in neighborhoods across the state on Sunday to share stories with the voters they hoped to persuade to defeat Proposition 8. In recent weeks, other gay opponents of the ban, including a Roman Catholic priest, a former Republican mayor and a small-town newspaper editor, came out of the closet to show how the issue cuts across religious and social lines.

Proposition 8 has turned into the most expensive election question this year, except the presidential race. Religious and civil rights groups have poured money and effort into the drive, making it one of the nation's most closely watched races.

During his 23 years as a priest in the San Joaquin Valley, the Rev. Geoffrey Farrow offered spiritual solace to a mother who did not know how to relate to her lesbian daughter and to an 11-year-old boy who thought he might be gay.

Yet it was not until some parishioners confided they were confused about how to vote on Proposition 8 that Farrow, 30, decided he had an obligation to minister to a bigger audience — even if it meant publicly disagreeing with his bishop and other church leaders.

"By asking all of the priests of the Diocese of Fresno to promote Catholics to vote yes on Proposition 8, the bishop has placed me in a moral predicament," Farrow began a homily he gave Sunday, Oct. 5. "They are making a statement which has a direct, and damaging, effect on some of the people who may be sitting in the pews next to you today."

He asked his parishioners to consider that their votes "can cause other human beings untold happiness or sorrow for a lifetime." Then he concluded by observing that he was prepared for the personal consequences his "words of truth" would draw from the diocese.

Farrow had revealed in response to a reporter's question just before the Mass that he was gay, but he did not disclose his sexual orientation to his parish.

Within days of his homily, Farrow was released as the St. Paul Newman Centers pastor and suspended without pay for contradicting church teachings and bringing scandal to his parish. He has retained a lawyer for an upcoming disciplinary hearing.

In the meantime, he has been traveling the state, speaking out against Proposition 8, often appearing at campaign events with non-Catholic clergy members who also oppose the measure.

He also spends a lot of time answering e-mails from around the world, some critical of his stand and others grateful.

"Beyond Proposition 8, this is an issue that needs to be addressed in the church because the solution the hierarchy has come up with has been to sweep it under the carpet," Farrow said.

The diocese has not commented on the case.

Former Folsom Mayor Glenn Fait has found a colorful way of describing his allegiance to the Grand Old Party.

"I like to say I'm a Lincoln Republican when it comes to civil rights, a Teddy Roosevelt Republican when it comes to the environment and a Reagan Republican when it comes to the economy," said Fait, a former city councilman and mayor of the Sacramento suburb made famous by the Johnny Cash song about the prison there.
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Nevada to get out the vote before that state's January caucus.

The drive to be a part of politics has peaked this year among modern voters, Barry said, noting it's not just about voting but "stepping up, volunteering."

Christian Osmena, who is graduating from UC Berkeley in December, noticed students' engagement in everything from the long lines streaming from voter registration booths to political discussions that flared up in unexpected places.

"There's something cool about getting involved this year," said Osmena.

A strong supporter of Sen. John McCain — his first vote for president was an absence ballot cast for the Republican candidate — Osmena still credits Obama's charisma and his campaign's outreach to young voters with fueling much of that drive to participate.

Osmena noted the grass-roots energy around Obama, and acknowledged of his candidate, "It's harder to be hip and to be cool when you're 72."

Like many of his generation, Osmena skips over newspapers and television and gets most of his information about politics online.

"We've done a huge amount of organizing using the Internet, and we've used new technology in ways that really captured young voters' attention," said Ken Melkus, a campus spokesman for Obama.

The candidate's face is ubiquitous on social networking sites like Facebook.com and MySpace. The campaign has relied on text messaging to communicate with voters. They rumbled over the mental plan to announce the vice-presidential pick directly to supporters' cell phones and e-mail, but found the short blurb an effective way to advertise early voting locations.

Eric Hoer, 19, a Harvard sophomore, developed a Facebook application that provided voters, many of them young, with similar reminders: "It's just a lot easier to get involved in politics," he said. "The stakes are higher than they've been before. This will probably be one of the most important elections of our lifetime, and I vote first."

While Internet tools and texting have made it simple and cheap to reach young voters, what holds their attention is the reality waiting for graduates as soon as they're funded their diplomas — or already facing young voters who moved straight into the job market.

Nineteen-year-old Daniel Lipp works full time at a restaurant in Portland, Maine. It's not a dream job but it pays the bills. He's frustrated watching Congress cut out investment banks. "They're just kind of throwing money away," he said.

"I really want to see some changes," said Lipp, who in his first vote is leaning toward Obama.

Emerging from an Army recruiting center in a Raleigh, N.C., strip mall, Lee Watson, 20, wore a broad smile. He'd made his decision and looked forward to taking his oath as a soldier. He's long planned to follow his father into the Army, and even two ongoing wars weren't enough to change his mind.

The economic crisis only reinforced his decision. A KFC restaurant where he'd recently worked in Alabama closed down. On the drive up to North Carolina Watson was struck by the number of homeless and panhandlers he saw along the road.

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Upcoming musical extravaganzas bring campus bands together

Samantha MacConnell MONTAGUE

Whether you enjoy the Romantic strains of Tchaikovsky or the buoyant tunes of a marching band, there is something to be enjoyed among the Cal Poly music department's numerous bands. Although each performs differently, their shared love of music which will bring many of the university's bands together in several upcoming performances throughout the fall quarter.

Mustang Band

The Mustang Band is a marching band made up of 120 members, including large groups of brass, woodwind, percussion and color guard performers. Each performer must study the marching drill and the music that is to be performed.

The Mustang Band, also named "The Pride of the Pacific," performs at pep rallies, alumni functions, parades, and athletic events, while a smaller group performs at volleyball and basketball games.

"Technically, we call it a band marching," said William Johnson, professor of music, and director of bands at Cal Poly. "To most of the public it's a marching band, but to us it's a band marching, where the music is just as important as the stepping and choreography."

The band also features color guard performers, who perform with flags and rifles, and a crowd-pleasing fire baton twirler. "We have a very special young lady who is the sole baton twirler," said Johnson, speaking of political science freshman Kristen Man. "She twirls two fire batons at the same time."

The Mustang Band is always interested in recruiting new members, as the program continues to expand. They perform at Open House and Admitted Students Day, among other events, to create student interest and possibly recruit new members for the following year.

Johnson, who has been at Cal Poly for 42 years, has studied a wide range of instruments, but specializes in low brass, specifically large brass instruments like the trombone and tuba. He emphasizes the importance of being a skilled musician prior to joining the band.

"You have to be an accomplished musician," Johnson said. "Most of our students have been playing for eight years, before they ever get to Cal Poly."

"This year we were very fortunate to have a huge number of very talented new students come into our program," Johnson said. "It was the largest number of new students we've seen in years. They were brought in a lot of enthusiasm, talent, expertise, and represented all of our ensembles."

Students who wish to audition for the Mustang Band perform one at a time for the directors, who look to see the skill the musicians have in playing their instrument, their ability to read music fluently and a desire to perform well.

"We could have a 500 piece band, if we didn't have standards," Johnson said. "Our standards are very high, so only 120 make it in the marching band. We need 120 to look good and sound good."

University Jazz Bands

The Cal Poly University Jazz Bands are made up of students who take special classes open to all Cal Poly students. The classes are ensembles that perform specialized repertoire, including big band compositions, world music, cartoon jazz, swing dance and funk. They also perform themes to television programs like "I Love Lucy," "Battman" and "The Pink Panther."

The University Jazz Band program is made up of two bands. Band No. 1 has the most experienced players and Band No. 2 is perfect for those who wish to practice and learn more.

There is no required major for participating in the jazz band. Students from a variety of colleges and majors like engineering, architecture and liberal studies are represented. Classes for band members are offered through the music department and are open to any student at Cal Poly.

"We are really happy that we have so many non-music majors in the jazz bands because they are often times really excellent musicians," said Paul Roderer, professor of music and director of jazz studies at Cal Poly since 1997. "It's a great resource that the bands have to draw on so we have a good pool of musicians to choose from."

The jazz bands also perform at events throughout the community, which teaches them the value of performing at different types of venues, while also...
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loving new audiences to hear the bands perform.

"It really is the fun that we have so much of these pool gigs
for the bands because it does help to instill that sense of protec-
tionism in the students," Russler said.

For the fourth year, the band will be performing swing dun-
ces in Santa Barbara and plan to play regionally throughout Cali-
ifornia, including a Roy Ace tour later this year.

"It's really nice for the band to play in those of a bunch of
students because they love it." Russler said: "The music is great
to dance to it's fun and it's also really good jazz."

Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble

The Cal Poly Wind Orchestra program combines more

than 155 student musicians in two ensembles, which only use
the woodwind, brass and percussion sections of a traditional
orchestra.

The Wind Orchestra and Wind Ensemble consist of stu-
dents who have performed in many concert halls around the
world including Beethoven Hall at the Musashino Academy
Music in Tokyo, the Michael Fowler Performing Arts Cen-
tre in Wellington, New Zealand, and the Sydney Opera House
in Sydney, Australia, among others. They have an excellent
musical reputation both nationally and internationally.

The band debuted at Carnegie Hall in 2003 as part of the
New York City wind Band Festival. Most recently, the
Cal Poly Wind Ensemble and Choir performed in concert
halls in Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague for a Euro-
pean tour.

Upcoming Events

The University Jazz Band will perform at the Alumni Homecoming Barbeque and Wine
Tasting on Nov. 8 at 1 p.m. The University Jazz
Band Swing Dance in Santa Barbara will take
place from 9 p.m. to midnight at the Carrillo
Recreation Center on Friday, Nov. 21. Free
dance lessons will be given at 8 p.m.

On Dec. 5, the jazz bands will perform at
their Fall Jazz Concert in Spanos Theatre. The
concert will feature a diverse mix of jazz stan-
dards and compositions. The show begins at
8 p.m. and student tickets cost $6.

The Wind Orchestra, Wind Ensemble and
the Mustang Band will perform for Cal Poly's An-
nual Bandfest '08 Concert. This year's theme
for the festival is entitled "Mi Alma Latina" (My
Latin Soul), which will showcase the rhythms of
Spain, Cuba and Latin America.

"It's a concert that students will really enjoy," Johnson said. "It's an opportunity to see a big
performance in the concert hall. It will be
absolutely outstanding.

November Events

Cal Poly wind ensemble member Sabrina Glenn performs.

Bandfest will take place Nov. 15 in Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center. The concert begins at 8 p.m. and
tickets cost $8 to $19.

Each band also has upcoming individual performances throughout the quarter and holiday season.

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Protest proves Cal Poly's passion

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Ignorance is the dark cloud of America

Obesity is not the only neo-epidemic facing America these days. Sweeping across the nation in astounding and increasingly obvious numbers is the black plague of ignorance. There was the silver-haired woman who obviously interrupted John McCain of her ignorance during one of his rallies when she associated the romans Barack Obama's supposedly Muslim roots with her own stereotypes and labeled him as "Arab"—which shouldn't be a stigma anyway. "Terrorist" is a stigma. "Arab" should not be.

Then there was the West Hollywood couple who thought it would be OK in the name of Halloween fun to hang an effigy of Sarah Palin from a tree. They would not, however, hang Barack Obama. It makes me want to punch the rest of us when we learned of their noose story. It is etched into my memory. It was so listless, so tame.

Said on two fronts; if the residents interviewed are lying about being ignorant, they can get away with it because as the aforementioned examples, America is ignorant. If they are telling the truth, well, it's almost not a huge surprise as inconsiderate as it seems. Despite the requisite American History 101 classes we all had to take, some of us still don't get it. Even if, as the men claim, they did not create the display, they should have known better than to keep it up. If one of them is dating a Hispanic girl, as he told the Montana Daily, then why didn't he ask them to take it down? What about the minorities that they claimed had lived or live there? Where were their voices in all of this?

Even on the one side of an election where our next president could be one of those minorities, Americans need to realize that ignorance is one of our greatest enemies. We continue to be divided due to this epidemic when we can't associate historically racist symbols with what they have stood for so long and think that anyone wearing a keffiyeh or a hijab (look them up) is by default a bad person.

Whoever our next president is, he needs to be able to address this epidemic and help in step by step to create the cure.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Compost removal only takes us back wards in sustainability move

It is no news the day that we as a campus move backwards in the sustainability move. The amount of food that could potentially be composted every day on campus is huge. It angers me that a decision that big could be made without any make involvement. Isn't one of the huge issues of the day the youth vote? If then why is our voice being denied? We are just a part of this campus as Dean David Welner. Why does he get to make decisions that affect students and the environment? What upsets me the most is his lack of knowledge in what student want. In the article it says "Welner says that these students (protectors of compost removal) don't understand the problem." You're right Mr. Welner WE DO not understand. We're ignorant. You relocated the compost without even looking up a source or doing any research. Seems hypocritical. As for us being ignorant wasn't you the one who refused to meet with students and hear our opinion? Weren't you the one who refused to listen to an expert in compost, Mr. Bolander? Bolander proved in a recent test that the compost was in compliance with the US Composting Councils Test Methods for the Examination of Compost. So I suggest next time you make a decision you get your high horse and do some reading. And while you're at it talk to a student. Changes are we're not stupid, or unformed like you so kindly stated.

Michelle Fox

That's What She Said

by Rachel Newman

Taco Tuesdays: The new best day of the week

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006: My freshman year. I remember the day perfectly. It was dinner time. I was enjoying Gar- dent's College's piece de resistance: a grilled cheese sandwich. Back then I thought of it as delicious. I couldn't imagine a better dinner on a Tuesday night. I prepared it myself. There was little else on the menu. It's etched into my memory. It was so listless. Saturdays don't stand a chance. If you want my food, but I don't feel guilty for eating out.

Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2007: My sophomore year. It's etched into my memory. It was dinner time. I was enjoying a delicious cheese taco with asparagus. I had prepared it myself. There was little else in the dinner world I could imagine for my Tues- day dinner.

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2008: My junior year. It was a little fuzzy. It was pretty late. I was enjoying two chicken tacos. I remember friends sitting with me at a table with upwards of six tacos. I'm getting served this food, but I don't feel guilty for eating it. Duh, it's Tuesday night.

You haven't heard the news! Fridays are so last year. Saturdays don't stand a chance. If you want my seasoned opinion, Tuesday is the night to look forward to the most.

In the college world it is considered sacrilegious to de- scribe the weekend as the best two, three, or four days of the week. It's what we live and study for. Without the weekend, every college student would either burst into flames or go into hibernation every winter.

So what then? I'm not even 21, I can't go to a bar, and don't worry, there aren't a ton of parties that I've been missing. What is there, then, that could be so great as to even come close to the magic of the weekend? Two words: Taco Tuesday.

I know that you must be skeptical, really, can you think of anything better than Chino's dollar tacos and, if you're not enough to be 21, or know someone who is, $2 beers. It's not only a break from studying, but a beer for my banks account.

It wasn't too long ago that I was a freshman who lived for first parties and binge drinking Thursday through Sat- urday, but if I may rear you away from an indulgence for just a moment; Taco Tuesday offers something that no other night can: a chance to sit down with friends, drink a little and procrastinate.

Of course, Taco Tuesday comes with a warning label: Not for those with midterms, finals, papers or alcohol prob- lems. Taco Tuesday may cause those of the thrifty persuasion to do an embarrassing victory dance in the face of several workaholics and peers. Side effects of Taco Tuesday may be, but are not limited to, hearing glamorous, beer pong games, taking unexpected trips to the bars, eating twelve tacos because you can finally afford it, giving death stares to groups who have been sitting at a prime table for too long, and of course the unexplainable urge to eat every round of beers. Don't go unprepared, always designate a frugal friend. Taco Tuesday is here, and it is the perfect night to break from whatever it is that plagues you during the day.

Still not convinced? Come to Chino's tomorrow, find me, I'll buy you a taco.

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Leads Mustangs to sixth Big West title in a row

The Mustangs' run continued as they defeated UC Riverside in the regular-season finale, capping off the regular season with a sixth straight Big West Conference win.

The win sets the Mustangs up for the conference tournament, where they will face Cal State Fullerton and UC Irvine. The conference tournament will be held in Fullerton.

The Mustangs finished the regular season at 14-0, 8-3 in conference play, and are currently ranked No. 1 in the Big West Conference.

Musumeci said, "We had a couple mistakes, but that's expected in a game like that, especially when you're playing the No. 1-ranked team in the nation."

Branagan-Franco said, "There were some games I thought that we didn't win that we should have," Cranor said. "Overall, I think that the team played pretty well and we are still getting better." Musumeci agreed the record doesn't reflect the Mustangs' potential.

"We started off slow and we started building up," she said. "I honestly feel that from freshman year to senior year, this is the strongest team we've ever had and we've got what it takes. We just need to do those little things and it will all come together.

Cal Poly lost 4-2 at home against the Gators on Oct. 19. "We felt like we didn't play that well when we played Santa Barbara last time and made some mistakes," Cranor said. "Vallis is confident Cal Poly will come out strong against themselves.

"That's what we are going to be working on this whole week — 60-90 seconds," the said. "We need to show that we are No. 1. It doesn't say it in the standings but we know it."
Cal Polys Jon Hall (center) runs at Idaho State's Ryan Pilppis at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Saturday night.

Scott Silvey

Last year the Cal Poly football team relied heavily on the connection between Jonathan Dally and Ramses Harden in its victory over Idaho State. On Saturday Dally completed just five passes for 88 yards, Barcen caught just four balls for 77 yards. But it didn't matter.

Cal Poly's offense used a little role-reversal in a 49-10 win over the Bengals on a rainy night at Alex G. Spanos Stadium, rushing for 459 yards, as Yocum recorded his first career touchdown on a 39-yard run, tying the school record held by Louis Jackson.

"They decided they wanted to try to shut down Tre' and Ramses today — which isn't really easy," Cal Poly fullback Jordan Yocum said of the Mustangs' starting receivers. "They gave us the running game and we are going to take what the defense gives us and be good at it."

On just his second carry after returning from a hand injury that sidelined him for two games, senior running back James Noble took a pitch and ran into the corner of the end zone for his 32nd career rush for a 42-yard touchdown to widen the Mustangs' 17-7 lead to 28-7 at the half. After a three-and-out, Cal Poly put the game out of reach for the winless Bengals.

The Mustangs (6-1) continued to pound the ball on the ground, as Yocum recorded his first career touchdown on a 39-yard run straight through the middle of the Bengal defense. "It felt great, the (offensive) line blocked great," Yocum said. "They made it very easy so I could just cut back and run as fast as I could, but they did all the work." In the second quarter, Idaho State's (1-9) running back Kenyon Blue dizzled with a 20-yard run, breaking three tackles to move the ball to the Cal Poly 24-yard line. An ensuing pass interference call on the next play set up the lone Bengal touchdown, as Clint Knickerbocker scored on a 1-yard touchdown run to cut the Cal Poly lead to 14-7.

With the aid of a crucial fourth-down official penalties against Idaho State's sideline mon Vs, the Mustangs responded with a 4-yard touchdown run by Ryan Mole. "We get after each other a little bit," Mole said of a Mustangs rushing attack that had five players rush for at least 40 yards. "Everybody is going to make plays for us — everybody wins the ball."

Not even Mother Nature could get in the way of the Mustangs, "With the rain, you've got to expect there to be more of a running game out there, Mole said. "The ball is slippery and bad things can happen with that kind of wind and rain. It seemed like it was raining every time we had the ball, and stopped when we were on defense."

After a three-and-out, Cal Poly put the game out of reach for the winless Bengals. Barden caught a 25-yard pass and Mole added a 30-yard rush before Mole added a 30-yard rush before eventually scoring on an 8-yarder to put the Mustangs comfortably ahead 28-7 at the half.

"They give you a lot of different looks and stunts to discourage the run game," Cal Poly head coach Rich Ellerson said. "Our guys did a great job of handling it — both in terms of blocking and Jonathan getting the ball in the right hands, and those guys who got the ball did something with it."

Yocum got the Mustangs going to start the second half, as he ran for a 42-yard touchdown to widen the margin to four touchdowns. "We knew we could do it," Yocum said of the rushing attack. "That's a top defense — everybody can run the ball."

After the defense forced a fumble near midfield, Barcen continued the onslaught for the relentless Mustangs, adding a 27-yard touchdown reception. The catch gave him a touchdown in 16 consecutive games, leaving him just one shy of the Football Championship Subdivision (then Division I-AA) record held by former Mississippi Valley State star Jerry Rice.

The Bengal offense was held to just 278 total yards a week after the Mustangs gave up 41 points to Southern Utah.

"(The defense) stepped up tremendously," Mole said. "They've been doing a lot of work just getting their things right, getting their calls right. I hope they keep doing it for the rest of the year because we're going to keep putting points up. So if they keep stopping teams there is no way we should lose."

Cal Poly senior goalkeeper Eric Brumagan-Franco (left) makes one of his five saves Sunday afternoon at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Mustangs take over first place in Big West

Samantha MacConnell

Kyle Montgomery scored the first goal for the Cal Poly men's soccer team just 22 seconds into its Sunday afternoon match against No. 11 UC Davis at Alex G. Spanos Stadium, leading to a 2-0 victory.

"I actually thought I had one of my better performances, but the goal definitely helped boost my confidence," said Montgomery, a sophomore midfielder.

With the win, the Mustangs (10-3-1, 5-0-1) will visit UCSB in tournament semifinal Thursday. With the loss and UC Santa Barbara's 3-2 loss to Long Beach State, the Mustangs still have their sights on the Big West Conference Tournament.

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Cal Poly drops finale, will visit UCSB in tournament

Bridget Veltri

The Cal Poly women's soccer team's regular season came to an end Sunday afternoon at Alex G. Spanos Stadium with a 1-2 loss to Long Beach State, but the Mustangs still have their sights on the Big West Conference Tournament.

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Cal Poly's Carissa Voegele (right) looks for room against Long Beach State's Kristen Kiefer on Sunday at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

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