**Body found in marina could be missing baby**

**Sean Maher**

**OAKLAND TIMES**

BERKELEY, Calif. — A child's body found near the Berkeley Marina Sunday morning may be Jashon Williams, the missing 17-month-old son of a woman found beaten and shot to death Friday.

Police declined to publicly speculate on the body's identity until a coroner's investigation is finished, but several members of Jashon's family rushed to the scene when they heard of the discovery and said they were sure it was him.

"We put two and two together," said Karim Toney, whose sister, 23-year-old Zoelina Williams, was Jashon's mother. "We just wanted the baby back."

Police launched a search for the boy after his mother's body was found in a parking lot near Berkeley's Aquatic Park around 4 a.m. Friday. About a mile away Sunday morning, two kayakers near the marina spotted a child's body floating near the shore and called 911.

The marina had not been included in the police search, but waterways and large pipes do connect the two areas, Berkeley Police Lt. Andrew Greenwood said. Police scoured the area after the body was found but turned up no new evidence, he added.

Representing the family to a group of news reporters, Toney said police had not confirmed much about the body, "but we all know it's Jashon."

As Toney spoke, several women from the family gathered near the shoreline, watching police work around the scene of the body's discovery. Those women broke into screams and sobbing when an officer lifted a small bundle from a docked boat, carrying it into a nearby coroner's van.

"It was so small. It looked like a bag of trash," said Veronica Ellis, Williams' cousin. "That's not one murder, but two. That's a person with no heart. I just don't understand it: an innocent little baby that didn't do anything."

On Friday afternoon, police arrested 38-year-old Curtis Martin for Williams' killing. Police and family members later said they discovered Martin had been in a relationship with Williams.

Malcolm Lewis, Williams' uncle, said a sister of Martin's had been watching the toddler since the night of Oct. 31. Oakland police believe Jashon was with his mother when she was killed, Officer Jeff Thomason said.

Martin has a criminal record dating back to the early 1990s. In 1994, he was arrested in the beating death of 3-year-old Devin Brewer of Oakland, the son of his girlfriend at the time. He served six years in prison for the crime. In 2008, he was arrested for violating a court order to prevent domestic violence. He was never prosecuted.

"What is he doing on the streets?" said Atarah Toney, a relative in Williams' family. "He shouldn't have been free. Who was watching him? Where was parole? He's just roaming the neighborhood, chilling."

Martin is scheduled to be arraigned in Alameda County Superior Court Tuesday morning, Greenwood said.

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**Bill would give CSU $600 million**

**CSU chancellor and President Baker do not have a position on a bill that would give a total of $1 billion to Californian higher education.**

**Will Taylor**

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Furloughs, funding shortages and bigger class sizes have impacted students, faculty and staff throughout the California higher education system this year. With a $564 million shortfall for the year, legislators, faculty and students are all scrambling for ideas on how to keep the quality of education in California's school system at its current level while cutting the deficit.

One of those ideas is Assembly Bill 656, introduced by state Assemblyman Alberto Torrico (D-Northridge). The bill is a 9.9 percent severance tax on oil and natural gas, which could result in a projected $1 billion revenue to California's higher education system, said Richard Saenz, the president of Cal Poly's branch of the California Faculty Association (CFA).

Sixty percent of the money would go to the CSU system, 30 percent to the UC system and 10 percent to California's community colleges. For the CSU system, that equals roughly $600 million; Cal Poly could receive between $215 and $30 million.

Saenz said an alternative to income funding would be crucial for maintaining Cal Poly's academic standards.

"To keep access available to students and to keep student fees reasonable, we need a fund other than the state fund," he said. "No one votes to raise taxes on themselves."

The bill hasn't gained support from the CSU Chancellor's Office. Chancellor Charles B. Reed argued that the money wouldn't cover the entire deficit. Erik Falls, media relations specialist for the CSU, said the system doesn't generally weigh in on legislation.

"The severance tax would not have any impact, since we are well below the state fund," he said. "The bill is a good option, but the idea of using tax dollars for this purpose is not the ideal approach.

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**Poly gives back H1N1 vaccines**

**Megan Hassler**

**MUSTANG DAILY**

After the two-week vaccine drive at the Health Center about 4,000 of the 7,000 vaccines will be given back to the county for redistribution. The vaccines will be given to other priority populations including children. The school district of San Luis Obispo County are preparing to give the vaccine to children. The County Health Agency is assessing the need of the people of distribution vaccines where necessary according to need. Cal Poly needs the vaccine has decreased.

"We are discontinuing it because the demand for it has fallen," Dr. Martin Bragg, the director of Health and Counseling Services said. With early expectations the Health Center ordered more than necessary.

The Health Center received an additional 3,500 vaccines on Nov. 10, the second of two shipments expected from the county.

"We originally ordered 19,000. We thought we might have to give everyone two doses," Bragg said. Bragg said that officials were unsure if recipients would require two doses of the vaccine. With 19,000 vaccines he thought they would be able to serve the populations who wanted the vaccine and give them two doses.

The County Health Dept. only allotted 7,000 of the 19,000 requested vaccines for the county.

After receiving the vaccine Health Center officials organized a vaccine drive, which began Nov. 3. The Health Center closed normal operations and was only open to give the vaccine. The vaccine was also offered to students during breakfast and lunch. The Health Center closed normal operations and was only open to give the vaccine. The vaccine was also offered to students during breakfast and lunch. The Health Center closed normal operations and was only open to give the vaccine. The vaccine was also offered to students during breakfast and lunch. The Health Center closed normal operations and was only open to give the vaccine. The vaccine was also offered to students during breakfast and lunch.

"Those who didn't get it (the vaccine) have in a sense decided that the risk isn't worth the shot," Bragg said.
Illinois prison being considered as new home for some Gitmo detainees

Kristen Schorsch and Andrew Lahn
CHICAGO — A delegation from U.S. Bureau of Prisons is scheduled to tour and inspect Illinois' Thomson Correctional Center Monday as part of a White House proposal to move some terror suspects now detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, officials said Saturday.

Speaking today at news conferences in Moline, Ill., and Chicago, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn called the Obama Administration's interest in the prison near the Mississippi River a "great, great opportunity for our state." Housing the detainees here would be "good for our state, good for our economy and good for our public safety," the governor said.

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, who also spoke, estimated using Thomson to hold some suspects would generate more than 2,000 local jobs directly related to the facility and an additional 1,000 in the surrounding community.

"People are struggling to keep their homes. They're getting desperate. With the recession and the loss of jobs, they're not sure which way to turn," Durbin said. "Now they've got a chance, a fighting chance."

Republicans on Saturday warned of the security risks posed by housing terror suspects in Illinois.

"As home to America's tallest building, we should not invite al-Qaeda to make Illinois its number one target," said Senate candidate and current U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk in a letter circulated Saturday.

Republican U.S. Rep. Donald Manzullo, whose district includes Thomson, was among several members of Illinois' congressional delegation to sign the letter.

Durbin said his view was consistent the detainees would not be threat.

"We are currently 35 people serving in the prisons of Illinois convicted of terrorism. They're all in our prisons and they're being held safely," he said. "There hasn't been a single escape from a maximum-security prison in the candidate States of America. This prison will
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SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal- if. (MCT) — County public health officials are offering free doses of the radiation-blocking drug potassium iodide to people who live and work downhill of Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

The pills, also known by their chemical name KI, are available at six locations. They are only to be taken at the direction of public health officials in the event of a radiation leak at Diablo Canyon.

The county has enough doses to cover hundreds of thousands of people, said Michelle Shoresman, spokesperson for the county public health department. They will be available in long as supplies last, which should be a year or so.

WALNUT CREEK, Cal- if. (MCT) — The University of California at Berkeley is set to ask the state for $913 million more in next year's budget, the 10-campus system announced Sunday.

UC President Mark Yudof said in a written statement he would ask the university's Board of Regents this week to approve the request, which follows last week's announcement the California State University system would seek nearly $900 million more in the 2010-11 state budget.

International

SEATTLE (MCT) — The owner of a bakery in Seattle said Friday that a knife blade found in a muffin bought at a QFC store in Mountlake Terrace, Wash., got there by accident when one of her workers dropped the blade in a vat of batter.

Molly Wilmot, owner of Mostly Muffins, said a longtime employee was using the blade last Sunday to open bags and boxes when it fell into a giant mixing bowl. He lost it in the batter and was afraid to tell his manager.

The employee has been suspended until the company completes an internal investigation, and all Mostly Muffins products have been removed from QFC stores until the bakery completes an independent audit of its facilities.

CAPE CANAVALERA, Fla. (MCT) — Space shuttle Atlantis and its crew of six astronauts are scheduled to blast off from Kennedy Space Center at 2:28 p.m. Monday on the fifth and last shuttle mission of the year — the most missions NASA has launched in a single year since 2002.

The blastoff begins the final completion of the International Space Station. After today, only five more shuttle flights remain before construction of the $100 billion station is finished and it's fully stocked with supplies and spare parts.

The U.S. to try Sept. 11 suspects in New York criminal court

Josh Meyer and David Savage

The U.S. puts tariffs on trade, China will prevail, Wang Ciuanjun said. About 42,000 people were surveyed by Takeshi Fujimura, chief of the institute's behavioral science section, and the results were announced Friday in a British journal specializing in epidemiology.

Based on data from a 2001 Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry survey of 50,000 6-month-old infants, Fujimura analyzed the self-evaluated degree of the father's involvement in six child-rearing activities, including babyfeeding and changing diapers.

— ChANDIGARSH, India (MCT) — For the first time, human trials for the malaria vaccine and drug development program will be conducted in India.

This was revealed by Dr. Vinod P. Singh Chauhan, director of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi, during the 25th National Congress of Parasitology at Parjub University Saturday.

Talking to Hindustan Times, Chauhan said, "The vaccine has been prepared. The Indian Regulatory Authority has been reviewing it so that necessary precautions can be taken at the time of testing. After getting approval from the authority, testing will be started immediately."

Obama unlikely to play hardball during China visit

The U.S. and China both benefit when they compromise, but if the U.S. puts tariffs on trade, China will prevail, Wang Guanjun said.

V. Phani Kumar

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HONG KONG — President Barack Obama will use his maiden visit to China this week to discuss a range of contentious issues, but may stop short of pushing the largest buyer of U.S. debt too hard.

On the economic side, trade imbalances between the two economic heavyweights and protectionism should feature prominently, with China responding to any pressure to let its currency appreciate or to open its markets to U.S. products by raising the issues of recent punitive tariffs imposed on Chinese exports of steel pipes and tires.

A number of political issues also offer possible disagreement, and the world will closely watch how China responds to Obama's overtures on topics such as Tibet, human rights and freedom of expres-
Report says 75 percent of Americans unfit to serve in military

The U.S. Army's 4-23 Infantry Regiment of the 5th Stryker Brigade uses the new version of the Land Warrior Strike System during a training session in Regensburg, a mock village at Fort Lewis, Wash. The Land Warrior System gives leaders a hands-free, up-to-the-minute map of the battle space showing the positions of friendly units and enemies.

Rick Montgomery
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Chalk up another national-security threat — this one looming with each extra pound, failing grade and drug bust affecting young adults.

An alarming 75 percent of Americans ages 17 to 24 would not qualify for military service today because they are physically unfit, failed to finish high school or have criminal records. So says a new report from an organization of education and military leaders calling for immediate action.

Some survivors and family members of the nearly 2,900 people who died on that September morning also welcomed the news. Several indicated that they want to bear witness to the public trials of Mohammed and four other suspected al-Qaida operatives, whom Holder said will soon be indicted over their alleged roles in the attacks.

Others shared the concerns of some legal experts that such a public trial will give Mohammed and his associates a very public soapbox to exhort sympathizers to join in their jihad, or holy war, against the United States.

Rick Montgomery
U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder announces that the self-described mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, Khalid Shaikh Mohammad, and four other Guantanamo detainees accused in the plot will be tried in federal court in New York during a news conference at the Department of Justice in Washington, DC.

The trial could also turn into a propaganda forum for the accused, legal experts said. "That's almost a certainty," Waxman said. "We hold our trials in the open, and that gives defendants an opportunity to sway propaganda. They'll try to use the trial as a vehicles to be overshadowed by details of alleged CIA torture of the men after their capture, and by "the prospect of these barbarians being turned into victims by their attorneys."

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China has yet to adopt a clear policy towards China. But it is also clear that the White House wants to maintain a constructive relationship with Beijing. Soled on primarily gaining Chinese support for US policy towards North Korea and Iran, CUSAS China strategist Andy Rothman wrote in a note to clients.

Referring to the recent imposition of punitive tariffs on some Chinese exports, Rothman said during his trip to Beijing, “The White House needs to reassure his Chinese counterpart President Hu Jintao “that the White House is not falling back on protectionist policies and that the trade cases can be resolved through non-political World Trade Organization processes.”

Washington had recently imposed anti-dumping duties of as much as 99 percent on Chinese-made imports of steel pipe for use in the oil and gas industry, following allegations by U.S. Steel Corp. and other producers that the products are being dumped at unfair prices. The move came under harsh criticism from Beijing.

Rothman said Beijing’s response so far to such moves shows China understands such cases “are the usual background noise to a large, complex bilateral trade relationship.”

Furthermore, Hu should understand that Obama is far more interested in Chinese cooperation on strategic issues than in imposing measures as an excuse for economic problems back home,” he added.

The growing trade imbalance between the two countries and the value of the Chinese yuan are expected to become another major bone of contention.

China has increasingly come under pressure to stop keep- ing its currency almost unchanged against the US dollar for more than a decade, more by China, likely aimed at protecting the na- tion’s exporters and the jobs they produce in the aftermath of the global financial crisis, has been criticized as giving the country an unfair competitive advantage against rival exporters, while making US products more expensive for Chinese consumers.

“Hardly expect this to be a watershed event in terms of US-China relations or China’s currency policy specifically, China is so accustomed to being lectured on its currency, that one more bout of it from the U.S. president should hardly make a difference,” HSBC Global Research currency strategist Robert Lynch wrote in a note to clients.

But with foreign exchange re- serves at the end of September of $2.27 trillion — the world’s largest — China is also the largest foreign holder of US Treasuries, which makes it more difficult the Washington to take a very hard stance on Chinese policies.

“At the end of the day, China’s massive holdings of US debt and the critical need to keep them as ready buyers of US Treasuries suggest the Obama administration will not be overly antagonistic on virtually any issue of substance with the Chinese. And the outcome should be neutral for financial markets,” Lynch wrote.

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**WORD ON THE STREET**

“Do you think San Luis Obispo should ban smoking in public places?”

“I don’t think so. It’s people’s prejudices. They just have to be really respectful.”

-Michael Horwitz, environmental management and protection senior

“Tobacco is still legal. I don’t speak of it, but people have the right.”

-Joseph SanDiego, computer engineering senior

“Yes, because it’s like a 20-foot radius. I have to smell it. Not very considerate.”

-Hyle Horjus, business freshman

“No, I don’t think so, as long as people are respectful and not smoking right outside a door.”

-Stephanie Henning, mechanical engineering senior

“No, I think it’s a choice as long as they stay away from eating places then I don’t have a problem.”

-Becky Burnside, psychology senior

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n on the early-education front.

While some experts voiced doubt that obesity and other societal ills would keep three out of four young adults out of the ranks, the report titled “Ready, Willing and Unable to Serve” was endorsed by U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, former NATO commander Gen. Wesley Clark and top retired admirals and generals.

The armed services are meeting recruitment targets in 2009, but those of us who have served in com- mand roles are worried about the trends we see,” retired Rear Adm. James Barnett said. “Our national se- curity in the year 2030 is absolutely dependent on what’s going on in kindergarten today.”

Military recruiters in Kansas City report turning away prospective re- cruits “in every office, every hour, every day” for reasons including girls too large and credit ratings too low.

Increasingly, applicants are dis- qualified for having asthma or for taking pills for depression or atten- tion disorders. Nearly one-third of all young adults have health issues other than weight that could keep them from serving, according to the report of the group Mission: Readiness.

If you’re the single parent of a dependent child without a support network, you’re out. If you’re carrying too much debt, you’re out. The military doesn’t want recruits who will be bonded by creditors and lawyer.

Some applicants without a high- school diploma can get a waiver to serve if they earn a GED or score high on the military’s entrance exam. But such waivers are granted to fewer than 2 percent of applicants.

“What we allow waivers for, and for whom, is like an opening day of recruiting the way we used to,” Barnett said.

While some experts have voiced defi- ciencies are contacting recruiters.

“We’re no longer so much say- ing, ‘Try back in 60, 90 days and see if you can qualify,’ Smith said. ‘It’s more like ‘We’re sorry ... and don’t come back.’ Even after signing up, 7 to 15 percent of enlistees return home for not meeting all that basic train- ing demands.

Obesity alone disqualifies 27 per- cent of all young Americans from serving. About one in four in the 17- to-24 age group lacks a high school diploma.

Delaware, Florida, Georgia and Texas posted unusually high rates of obesity, juvenile crime and dropout rates.

“To say 75 percent of an entire age group would be ineligible to serve, that sounds too high,” said John Pike of the defense think tank GlobalSecurity.org, echoing the ini- tial reaction of other military watch- ers and some recruiters in Kansas City. “But it wouldn’t be off the mark in some communities,” including low-income areas historically attracted to career and education opportunities offered by joining the volunteer fighting forces.

“When looking for officer can- didates, they’re trying to recruit the high-school quarterback, not the slacker under the bleachers smoke- ing a cigarette,” Pike said. “Someone who dropped out of school and got superseded? You have a hard time seeing a soldier there.”

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50 Cent

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50 Cent releases new cologne, “Power by 50”

Luis Arroyave
Chicago Sun-Times

CHICAGO — Curtis Jackson — better known as 50 Cent, the gangsta rapper who broke onto the scene wearing bulletproof vests and rapping about guns and drug deals — had one question for me Monday when we met at Macy's.

“Have you smelled this?” asked 50 as he held his new fragrance, “Power by 50 Cent.” “You have to smell it.”

50 Cent’s new cologne, “Power by 50 Cent,” can be found at Macy’s stores nationwide.

In 2003, the world at large met the art punk rockers the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and their first full-length album, “Fever to Tell” on Interscope records. In general the album was well received across the board. Though it seems to be forgotten, “Fever to Tell” was an internationally gold-selling album gaining much positive press, including being named the New York Times album of the year.

What made the album so accessible to so many was not a pleasant melody or optimistic lyrics, but rather a loud wall of sound from simple but forceful drums beats with stabbing guitar riffs by Brian Chase and Nick Zinner, respectively, and a brutal and savage sexuality that is Karen O’s. Their music is unapologetically apocalyptic with no delusions about the future.

The album perfectly captures the doomed sentimentality of the decade and the desire to go out with a bang. “Fever to Tell” was released in April of 2003, just over a month after President Bush declared war on Iraq and just as I was moving to my third high school.

The change from Los Angeles County to Ventura County was disorienting, and I couldn’t get any grip on reality. I became friends with a couple of girls who helped me through some of my most emotionally tender moments.

I spent the majority of my time dressing in girl’s clothing, wearing eyeliner, mascara and a crispy, over-gelled devil-lock, all while wrestling on my school’s varsity wrestling team. This odd behavior was just two years in a decade-long therapy session in which most of my generation tried to come to terms with a looming Armageddon.

When you listen to the album, you will hear recurring themes of failed relationships, which feel as if they are blanket in artificial red lighting, failed masculinity or femininity, sex and hell. But the album doesn’t treat these as bad things. To The Yeah Yeah Yeahs and the rest of us, these are the things that make us alive.

As Karen O sings in “Man,” the decade is defined by a hopelessness that are-you-gonna-do-about-it mentality. We are surrounded by friends we hate, lovers who demand too much, God is dead, and there’s Darfur, the economy’s collapsing, and our president lied to us and we’ve all gonna burn it all.

So what is there to do other than see Decade, page 7
Reform for Public Education needed more than ever

On Nov. 4, President Obama published his plan to revitalize education in America through $4.35 billion in federal grants.

Applying the "Race to the Top" program guidelines have not been finalized, but will offer competitive grants to those states who create policies for education reform in four specific areas, as put forth by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Department of Education's Race to the Top Fund has created general guidelines for receiving the funds that focus on the following "assurance" areas: implementing standards and assessments, improving teacher effectiveness and achieving equity in teacher distribution, improving collection and use of data and supporting struggling schools.

There is an added increase of individual attention on teachers. Attracting, improving and retaining high quality teachers through monetary incentive is an integral part of the plan. If one has no qualms with giving teachers bonuses and pay raises, as a recent study by the National Association of Colleges and Employers estimates the average national starting salary for a teacher to only be around $30,377. Teaching is by no means an easy task. Especially in high-risk neighborhoods where supplies are low and structural problems are many, teachers deserve to be well compensated for their time and labor.

However, linking teacher pay to student test scores seems faulty. The package includes $258 million to help states track information through data systems and multi-factor formulas to track student performance and rate teachers. While tying base pay on performance may encourage teachers to drive for student achievement, it doesn't seem that even the value-added formulas could fairly isolate the influence of teaching from other factors, such as a child's socio-economic background.

There is also a lack of firm evidence supporting the idea that changing the pay structure actually improves the quality of teaching. While some teachers have voiced concerns that now teaching to the test will become even more of a problem. Schools will be looking for gains on the long-term incentives offered by this package by simply educating students on how to take a specific standardized test. It also leaves out the creativity, imagination and enthusiasm that are all integral in captivating youth to the point that they are excited about learning. This emphasis on standardized tests is strikingly familiar to No Child Left Behind's one-size-fits-all solution.

Strongly lacking in this plan is the creation of a framework for an effective curriculum. Since curriculum varies statewide, it becomes hard to set a standard by which to receive the grant. This begs the question, how comparable will these standardized tests even be, as a 99th percentile may fall into the 79th depending on what test is taken? This is aside from the fact that stress on standardized tests will undoubtedly take away from emphasis on other activities. Research on how children learn shows that many social and common sense skills are acquired as the result of being engaged in other ways. Facts and concepts are effectively retained when they are presented in a real world context or are of interest to a student. Setting around and being taught to fill in bubbles is likely to be more of a challenge, as students are robbed of the opportunity to develop beyond A, B, C and D.

President Obama or Secretary of Education Arne Duncan don't have it all wrong. This program also sets aside at least 50 percent of the award for special ed for charter schools and other local educational agencies. Setting aside money for, lifting caps off the number permitted, and even changing laws to allow charter schools at all, is a huge step in the right direction. I just think the weight should be put more on outside factors including reducing poverty, which is shown to impede a child's ability to learn.

It will be a long and expensive process for the United States has let its public education system become. Obama's race to the top is by far the largest sure of unrestricted funding for K-12 education reform in the history of the United States and will set a standard by which to receive the grant.

We just need to make sure this race is a meticulous process that allocates power and funding to assure that this time no child is left behind.

---Anonymous

In response to "Health care reform; funds should not go toward abortion"

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---David

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In response to "Mustang season ends in double overtime"

This is a great idea. I'm definitely going to stop by... I feel like it's so hard to get accurate information on what is going on with the fees, furloughs, etc. especially with what is going to occur next year. I'm glad student government is doing this.

---Kara C.

"ASI to host four-day debate"

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Men's basketball falls to Stanford

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Cal Poly falls to South Dakota in fourth-quarter thriller

Cal Poly receiver Dominique Johnson (9), hauled in a single-game record five touchdowns against South Dakota.

Brian De Los Santos

South Dakota (5-5,2-2 Great West) held off a 13-point fourth-quarter rally by Cal Poly (4-6, 1-3) to defeat the Mustangs 50-48 on Saturday.

After Cal Poly fell to as large as a 23-point deficit, twice, the Mustangs mounted a comeback that left them 3 points shy of a victory.

With 20 seconds left in the game, trailing 42-50, Cal Poly quarterback Tore Smith lofted a 42-yard bomb to the left corner of the end zone. The pass was tipped by a South Dakota defender and then caught by Donnie Johnson to put the Mustangs within two points of tying the game.

On the two-point conversion, Cal Poly put the game in Smith's hands, resulting in a tipped incomplete pass.

“A defensive player made a good play, you got to tip your hat off to them — they snuffed it out,” Smith said.

The failed two-point conversion left Cal Poly with one more chance.

After recovering the ensuing on-side kick with 18 ticks left on the clock, the Mustangs couldn't punch in the final blow, marking their first losing season since 2002.

“We were just trying to pull (the game out), and send our seniors out of this stadium with a victory, but we came out with the short end,” Johnson said.

Cal Poly's defense struggled to stop the South Dakota offense for most of the game. The first punt by South Dakota didn't surface until the opening minutes of the fourth quarter. South Dakota held eight consecutive scoring drives.

The offensive showcase wasn't one-sided. Cal Poly's 535-yard outburst featured many notable connections between Smith and Johnson, remnant of last season's offensive threats.

Johnson finished the game with 13 catches for 273 yards and five touchdowns. He set a school record for most touchdown receptions, one more than the four-touchdown game Ramie Barden had against Weber State in 2007.

Johnson had just one other touchdown reception all season.

“I've been waiting for our opportunity all year, and they finally came,” Johnson said.

Smith aired out 407 yards and six touchdowns, tying the school record set by Jonathan Daly against Weber State in 2007. Smith also tallied career highs in passing yardage and pass attempts.

Overall, the teams combined for 98 points, the highest point total since last year's game against Southern Utah when both teams combined for 110 points. Cal Poly's defense allowed its highest point total since 2002, when UCSB ensigned 62 points.

The teams combined for 1,886 yards of total offense.

The bulk of both teams' offense came in the third quarter; the two teams were able to mount 42 points total, with six touchdowns in 13 minutes.

“We played probably our best game on offense all season,” head coach Tim Walsh said. “That's all I can ask our football team.”

In his final game as a collegiate athlete, Coyote quarterback Noah Shepard put forth arguably his most memorable performance in his career at South Dakota against the Cal Poly secondary.

“We did what we wanted to do, we got out to a fast start,” Shepard said. “I felt whatever they threw at us, we could counteract it... It's definitely a good way to go out.”

Shepard passed for 238 yards and two scores in the first half.

The Mustangs added 12 penalties for 72 yards to combine with the already hefty offensive numbers South Dakota accumulated.

With its first loss inside Alex G. Spanos Stadium all year, Cal Poly will finish last in the Great West and will end its six consecutive winning season streak.

“I'm not pleased with it and (we're) going to have to deal with it, but that's life,” Walsh said. “You're going to have pick yourself up sometimes when you're knocked down — and we're knocked down.”

Cal Poly players Jon Hall, Jono Grayson, Ryan Showell, Carlton Gillspie and Xavier Gardener were among the 10 seniors who will re-member a loss during their last bout at Alex G. Spans Stadium.

Next week the Mustangs will square off against Weber State in the final game of the 2009 season. Weber State ended Cal Poly's season in the first round of the playoffs last season.

Kick-off is set for 11:05 a.m. Sat­urday.