Relay for Life unites 800 people to fundraise for cancer cure

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Relay for Life brings community members affected by cancer together to celebrate survivors, remember those who have died and raise money for a cure.

It is an annual event sponsored by the American Cancer Society to raise money for cancer research. The relay lasts for a full 24 hours to symbolize that cancer doesn't sleep.

Like many of the 800 people who participated, co-chair of the event and cancer survivor Kyle Jackson, has battled the disease. At 7 years old, he was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

"It wasn't genetic, it was an enemie-miney-moe cancer," Jackson said.

After undergoing several chemotherapy treatments he recovered when he was 8 years old, and that same year was chosen to speak at a Relay for Life event in Sonoma, his hometown. He said coordinators always invite survivors and those diagnosed to speak to give a face to cancer.

"We want all the participants to see the lives they are saving. It is a motivation thing," Jackson said.

He stayed for the rest of the event and returned every year. It is the sense of community that keeps him coming back, Jackson said.

"The vibe at these events are usually high energy and there is a lot of communion because there are a lot of different things going on," he said.

The festivities began at 10 a.m. Saturday, when Jackson and co-chair, Cal Poly child development junior Alyssa Keller kicked off the event by explaining the significance and history behind Relay for Life.

During the opening ceremony, Keller said the first relay started in 1985 when a colorectal surgeon in Tennessee, Dr. Gordy Klatt, walked around a track for 24 hours to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

She said the event has also become the largest movement to end cancer with more than 3.5 million people in the United States and 19 communities in other countries participating.

It was Keller's first time coordinating Relay for Life in an annual 24-hour event benefitting the American Cancer Society. Dozens of people walked around Dorrance Lawn to raise money for cancer research Saturday and Sunday. More than 800 people participated.

Death toll rises to 30 in Thailand protests

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BANGKOK, Thailand, and NEW DELHI — The toll in four days of streetfighting in Thailand's capital rose to 30 dead and 232 injured, autho­rities announced Sunday as the government set a deadline of Mon­day afternoon for protesters to vacate a glitzy shopping district.

The latest fatalities marked a grim day for the bloody protests, which erupted to negotiate if the army ended its crackdown and appealed to the government set a deadline of Monday afternoon for protesters to vacate a glitzy shopping district.

Government spokesman Panitan Wannasangyan said Sunday there was no reason the army should withdraw since "authorities are not using weapons to crack down on civilians." only on "armed terri­rorism." He also urged red-shirted protesters, who have adopted the color as a virtual uniform, who are threatening security forces to "stop streetfighting in Thailand's capital.

The government on Sunday rejected any negotiations that in­cluded pre-conditions following talks last week that broke down af­ter protest leaders upped the ante.

The Cal Poly Society of Civil Engineer­ers has won the prestigious Robert Ridgway Award from the American Society of Civil Engineer­ers (ASCE) for the most impres­sive student chapter in 2010. This is the second consecutive and fourth time overall Cal Poly has won this award over the past 20 years.

The ASCE chose Cal Poly out of 280 student chapters nationwide based on its activities and commu­nity outreach. The chapter has ex­celled at Cal Poly for nearly 30 years. Faculty adviser and civil engineer­ing professor Dr. Gregg Fiegel said the club has been successful because of the quality of the members.

"The typical Cal Poly student is hardworking, humble and team-oriented. These kinds of traits are really apparent in SCE members," Fiegel said.

A plan to impose a curfew in a neighborhood known for its rauc­ous nightlife was abandoned for the moment," said Li Gen, Ak­kers Kondhib, the army's assistant chief of staff. "We are still able to control the situation.

The red-shirt occupation since March of one of Bangkok's swankiest neighborhoods has been a dis­ruption for businesses and embas­sies and interfered with shipping and transportation.

But a heavy downpour Sunday morning allowed both sides to

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Cal Poly's Society of Civil Engineers named most impressive student chapter

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Cal Poly alum

However, he said remaining educated on the disease was vital to his recovery. "I went bald and I don't look remarkable to see how the relay at Cal Poly写 whatever they felt and to not hate losing my hair," Judd said. "It is something you can fight.

However, the tone of the day was upbeat and positive. "It is a great day to celebrate," said Judd. "We are in the fight against cancer and we are winning.

The day started with a rally at 8 a.m. at the Luminaria Ceremony that took place around 9 p.m. During the ceremony, bags with names of those who have passed away because of cancer were illuminated by glow sticks inside. The bags were then placed along the path walked by friends and family of those suffering or who have died from the disease.

"It is a chance to remember all those lost and celebrate the survivors who succeeded in their fight against cancer," said Judd. "We are in the fight against cancer and we are winning.

The demonstrators, mostly poor and made up of farmers or those of the working class, are demanding that Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva resign immediately, dissolve parliament and call early elections. They say the government is illegitimate, came to power by manipulating the courts and by courting up to the army and embodies an elite indifference to the plight of the poor.

Analysts said indications were that hardliners had gained the upper hand within the government, and the army was ready to storm the protest area soon. Authorities had shut off power, water, food and some cellphone coverage to the area and repeatedly warned the ragtag group to disperse, with Monday declared a school holiday.

The siege is "slow but sure," said Paul Chambers, a research fellow at Germany's Heidelberg University. "It seems the government has now gotten the green light to go in.

Authorities also appeared intent on blocking any financial support the protesters might have been receiving from former Prime Ministers Thaksin Shinawatra, a telecommunication magnate who was ousted by the army in 2006.

Thailand's National Security Council said Sunday it was monitoring 106 bank or stock accounts held by Thaksin's family members and business associates. If any were being used to fund anti-government protesters, they would be frozen, warned Tawit Plesnot, the council's secretary-general, adding that banks and other financial institutions would be banned from making any transfers.

Officials Sunday also urged the Red Cross and other civic groups to assist protesters in Long Kham, a national emergency spokesman, said in a televised address that those who left would not face charges.

Some protesters appeared to take the advice. Dozens of tents standing under the elevated railway tracks Saturday had been packed up.

"I'm tired, I feel like I haven't slept for two months," said Wasana Kongkhogkua, 58, a papaya-seller from the northern city of Chiang Mai who had been in the protest camp since March. She pulled up her T-shirt to reveal rashes on her back, "I want to go home," she said, before quickly adding the toll still supported the cause and would consider returning soon.

Red-shirt leaders advised women and children inside the encased area to move into a nearby Buddhist temple, hoping this would offer some refuge against well-armed troops.

Analysts said protest leaders might escape the can庸 and demonstrate outside Bangkok, a concern the government apparently shared when it extended emergency rule Sunday to five more of Thailand's provinces, bringing the total to 23.

A resistant core of red-shirt supporters inside the protest area remained defiant, however. Hundreds of people sat on plastic mats before a large sign warning against entering the area. The sign read: "We are not just sitting in air-conditioned rooms. We are sleeping in the middle of the street and the rain.

"The government is not listening to us. If they were, this would be finished already."
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cal expediency. The candidate who best exemplifies the anti-establishment message Tuesday is Paul, a no-nonsense doctor from Bowling Green, who is making his first run for political office.

More Libertarian than Republican, Paul, 47, opposes the Iraq war and the Patriot Act, favors legalizing medical marijuana and would leave the issue of same-sex marriage up to the states. He swears he would hold a special election to fill the Senate. "That's not a good way to run your government," Paul said in an interview. "Robert Byrd has been in office for 50 years and paved every inch of West Virginia," Paul went on, referring to the senior-most member of the Senate. "That's not a good way to run your government."

Paul's main opponent is a square-jawed, buttoned-down Trey Gray­ton, Kentucky's secretary of state and a former corporate lawyer from the Cincinnati suburbs. He was tapped by McConnell, who helped shove Kentucky Republican machine, said Brandon White, 30, an independent-leaning Republican whose in-laws hosted Paul for a house party last week at Louisville's Glen Oaks Country Club.

"Rand Paul is something different. He thinks on his own. We need more people like that in Washington, who don't follow the party line."

The election season is early, but already two well-entrenched incum­bents, Republican Sen. Robert F. Bennett of Utah and Democratic Rep. Alan B. Mollohan of West Virginia, have fallen. Other lawmakers have quit rather than face wrathful voters. The results Tuesday will dem­onstrate just how hot the country's anti-Washington fever is burning.

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instead with malathion.

The study has some obvious de­ficiencies. Unlike DDT and certain other pesticides, malathion is cleared from the body quickly, in three to five days, and levels can fluctuate widely, because the government uses a nutrition survey is a "snapshot" of urine levels at one point in time, it says little about long-term exposures. Weisskopf conceded.

But if the children's diets remain relatively constant over a long term, he said, then the findings are probably a reasonable estimate of normal levels. Various factors in the long-term long-pods would make it hard to find an association, he added, so the fact that they found none is not significant.

Other researchers are finding simi­lar links between pesticides and develop­mental problems. Epidemiologist Virginia A. Rauh of Columbia Uni­versity has been finding links to the pesticides chlorpyrifos and diazinon in urban dwellers, and Konisamy is see­ing similar results with malathion.

"Ideally we would like to get popu­lations with this level of exposure and follow them over time to get (causal­ly) correct," Weisskopf said. But stud­ies like this one "should raise eyebrows and get people concerned enough to want to follow up intensively."
Tuesday primaries to show voters' wrath

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. — With anger all around, voters in three states will signal on Tuesday the depth of the country's anti-establishment mood, which threatens lawmakers in both parties and raises prospects for an even more polarized Congress after November. On the left, two veteran U.S. senators, Democrats Blanche Lincoln and Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, are fighting for political survival, despite the support of party leaders from President Obama on down. Their opponents say neither is a true Democrat.

On the right, the hard-picked candidate of Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell, the GOP leader on Capitol Hill, is struggling to rally against a "tea party" insurgent who spends nearly as much time criticizing Republicans as he does Democrats. Rand Paul, son of presidential hopeful Ron Paul and the frontrunner in the Senate race, won't even commit to backing McConnell for party leader if elected.

"We'd have to know who his opponent was and discuss it at that time," Paul said.

The Kentucky race will offer the clearest test yet of the loo-dy knit 'tea party' and its small-government, anti-Washington message, unlike other candidates who have tapped the so-called tea party movement for support. Paul is one of the founders here in the Bluegrass State.

More broadly, Tuesday's primaries could test President Obama's campaign to achieve a more harmonious Washington.

Stuart Rothenberg, who analyzes congressional races for his nonpartisan Political Report, said many conservative and liberal activists have one thing in common: unhappiness with the president and Democrats running Congress. One side feels they have gone too far, the other not far enough. The upshot, Rothenberg said: "Both think they need to elect people who are going to be louder, more ideologically motivated and more confrontational."

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Pesticide linked to ADHD in children

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Children with higher levels of the pesticide malathion in their urine seem to be at an increased risk of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, or ADHD, researchers reported Monday.

Several previous studies have linked neurodevelopmental and behavioral disorders such as ADHD to exposure to pesticides, but generally in children of farmworkers and others exposed to abnormally high levels of the chemicals.

The new study is the first to focus on "a population sample more representative of the United States, and not one selected for being at high exposure," said epidemiologist Marc G. Weisskopf of Harvard University's School of Public Health, the senior author of the paper in the journal Pediatrics.

The study is "interesting and provocative...because the levels of pesticide are very low," said epidemiologist Brenda Fakheri of the University of California at Berkeley, who was not involved in the research. "We need to build up a body of evidence linking pesticides and neurobehavioral development...and we are building it."

ADHD is thought to affect 3 to 7 percent of children in the United States, with boys affected much more heavily than girls. Its prevalence is generally assumed to have increased sharply in recent years, but controversy exists about whether the incidence has increased or diagnostic standards have broadened.

Weisskopf and his colleagues studied data on 1,139 children from the government's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey for the period 2000 to 2004. Among the information collected in the survey was the level of malathion in urine and, through a structured interview with the parents, whether a child had been formally diagnosed with ADHD. There were 119 children diagnosed with ADHD.

Accounting for factors that could confound the results, the researchers concluded that a tenfold increase in malathion levels in urine -- still a very low level -- was associated with a 55 percent higher risk of having ADHD. For the most commonly detected metabolite, dimethyl thiophosphate, children with levels higher than the median of detectable concentrations were twice as likely to have been diagnosed with ADHD as those with no detectable concentrations.

Forty organophosphate pesticides similar to malathion are registered in the United States, with at least 73 million pounds used in agricultural and residential settings.

Weisskopf and his colleagues speculated that for most of the children in their study, exposure came through food. The 2009 U.S. pesticide residue program found, for example, that 28 percent of frozen blueberries, 25 percent of strawberries and 19 percent of celery were contaminated in 2009.
Writing event invites community members to dust off typewriters

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Eight people sat in Sally Loo's coffee shop in San Luis Obispo, drinking coffee and working on their computers. One man sat and typed on an old-fashioned typewriter. The sounds of the machine joined the chorus of chatter, clicking and ding- ing away.

Sally Loo's was just one of six locations for Typing in Public, an ongoing writers collaboration of celebrity writers, artists and locals, said Catherine Trujillo, one of the project's creators.

At Steynberg Gallery, Francesca Nemko looked on as people sat and typed by the window. At the San Luis Obispo Public Library, Anna and Dan Gold ushered people over to a typewriter sitting on the table in the middle off the room.

"This project belongs to the community," Trujillo said. "It's important that people know that San Luis Obispo has things like this. EVENTS like this don't just happen in big cities."

Trujillo got the idea for Typing in Public after her project last year. Reading in Public was such a success, she said. People read passages from books and poetry aloud in various places downtown.

This year, Trujillo wanted to do something slightly different, she said. The project has received online responses from people in Florida, Michigan and even parts of Canada.

"It's our way of celebrating the written word," Trujillo said. "The way people write might be changing but it definitely isn't going away."

In hopes of encouraging the public to write, Trujillo received prompts from Dr. Paul Frommer, creator of the Na'vi language for the movie "Avatar," Paulo Coelho, author of "The Alchemist," Gerald Count from Texas, and more.

Last Saturday, Trujillo, along with a team of volunteers, took Typing in Public to the streets of San Luis Obispo. Typewriters were located at BlackHorse Expresso, Linnaea's Café, Sally Loo's Café, the San Luis Obispo Public Library, Steynberg Gallery and the Sanitarium.

Volunteers sat at the six different locations in San Luis Obispo, where members of the public sat and typed their thoughts and responses to writing prompts from celebrity writers and community members on old-fashioned typewriters from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Feel free to sit and type," read booklets placed at each location. "It can be something you've authored, or if something in this booklet piques your interest, please build on it. Type your own version of how it should continue."

It's difficult being a singer-songwriter. I realize that. It's awkwardly lonely up there, and there is so very little to hide behind during a performance. The singer-songwriter must bear his/her soul to ingratiating friends and overly cruel critics who have a personal vendetta against the genre as a whole because they met a singer-songwriter once and said singer-songwriter turned out to be a self-righteous douche and since then it has been easier to ridicule than to be a sincere sympathetic audience.

So you have to admire the courage of the singer-songwriter to put him/herself out there. That being said, I present to you, The Tallest Man On Earth along with the argument that he is the epitome of good singing and songwriting. His second, most recent album "The Wild Hunt," his first with can-do-no-wrong record label Dead Oceans, is a beautifully crafted specimen that hides behind nothing.

The guitar sounds rustic, old, classic. Finding a balance between powerful strumming and masterful picking, the music is beautiful and subtle. It is confident without being overwhelming and supports our Swedish troubadour's articulations of loneliness and life outside city limits.

As he plays, the words he sings seem to belong to the music, like they wouldn't exist without each other. And the words, though inseparable, make The Tallest Man On Earth a singer-songwriter that truly understands the nature of the game. He teys with the words so that he is not so much singing about the signified but rather is exploring what the signifiers can do for themselves.

But that's complicated (and possi-

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ably wrong as I have a very limited understanding of Derrida) and I just want to get across that The Dallest Man On Earth is doing more than singing narcissistic, autobiographical songs. I hate his songs aren’t just relying on clichés; they are engaging the listener openly as a self to a self, like a good singer songwriter, as opposed to a self to an other, like

And "I'm Not Hams" is more than an exploration of self, but the self in relation to the world. In my personal opinion, it’s absolutely exhilarating to hear his "I could rise from the harness of our goals. Here come the tears. But as always, I let them go" or "My house made from spider webs and the clouds rolling in. I bet this mighty river is both my savior and my sin."

I mean, can’t you just feel that? Well give it a listen and get back to me.

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- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Nu Alpha Kappa
- Panhellenic Association
- Poly Con

These organizations completed a SAFER orientation and three events during “SAFE Orgs Week” which takes place every year in April.

If you are interested in more information about becoming a SAFE Org or getting involved with SAFER, please contact cpsafer@gmail.com or www.safer.calpoly.edu.

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In addition to responding to the prompts, people sat down and wrote poetry, famous quotes and letters to loved ones.

Everyone that sat down had a chance to go back in time and work on a piece of history.

Psychology freshman Stephanie Seiss sat down in the library to type a letter to her pen pal.

Because of e-mail and other technology advances, she said she hasn’t written a letter in ages.

“The typewriter is much more tactile,” Stein said. “I have to be more methodical with it. Computers are much more frantic.”

By the end of the day, typing in Public had collected more than 500 hand-typed poems, quotes, letters and other writings from the typewriters, Trujillo said.

Trujillo, who said she has been working on this project for months, contacted approximately 20 celebrity writers to send in prompts. Of the 20 celebrity writers and artists she contacted, approximately 12 responded to the project with writing prompts.

Over the past few weeks, people have been responding to the prompts via Twitter, text messaging, and posting on the Typing in Public website, Trujillo said.

At 6 p.m., Trujillo, along with several of the project’s volunteers read selected responses from people who sat at the typewriters throughout the day at the Sanitarium, a local bed and breakfast.

“We had so many responses we couldn’t read them all,” Trujillo said. “We had to pick out some of our favorites.”

At the end of the day, volunteers collected the typewriters and headed over to Sally Lee’s for the public reading.

Trujillo’s daughter Elizabeth was one of the readers at the end of the day. Her favorite was a letter a girl named Sara wrote to her sister, she said.

“It was really sweet that she could sit in public and share that with us,” Trujillo said. “I wouldn’t know what I should write.”

"Tick-Tock"
Government should draw a line and stick to it

- Anonymous
In response to "Dairy Club cancels opposite-sex couples-only formal"

Even if the club is not directly involved, it's discouraging to see a promoting bigoted, ignorant points of view on their public facebook page, it's disheartening to see that people should be aware that their actions are tied to the clubs they are in, if they post things publicly on that page, regardless of that party being a private non club sanctioned event or not, they are now bringing the same into play and bringing the club bad press. It's time for people wearing a club shirt while committing a crime. The club is not approving the actions, but it represents the club. It's like that way I think people forget that they represent the club, and should think about their own actions in a bigger context instead of selfishly assuming that nothing they can do can tarnish a clubs image. Just like all the frats on campus now have to fight to show that they're not all a bunch of having idiots and raising children; setting rules can help the kids. It's the same thing as wearing a corset, you make them involved. Members promoting bigoted, ignorant points of view on their public facebook page, it's the same thing as wearing a corset, it's hard to imagine it makes them involved. Members are in clubs are in. They should be punished, and barred from any club events.

- Melvin
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NOTE: The Mustang Daily features a letter from the author in response to articles posted online. Though not all the responses are printed, the Mustang Daily is committed to providing a diverse and fair platform for discussion.

When the founding fathers came up with the Constitution, they set lines in the sand for what the federal government can and cannot do. These lines are very important, once you start moving them, they're likely to continue to move. The concept is similar to raising children: setting rules can add structure to their lives, but when you start letting them bend the rules, it's not hard to imagine that they'll soon just ignore all the rules completely.

We find that this has been the case over the years, with incremental changes in the functions of the government. As Ben Franklin said, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety, deserve neither liberty nor safety." Some of the most severe violations of the Constitution have been made under the guise of "safety" or "emergencies." As White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel said, "Never let a serious crisis go to waste." The government loves to pounce on crises and carry out actions they would otherwise have never been able to carry out.

There are so many examples of this, but let me at least go through a few. The first one that comes to mind is the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII — what a huge fundamental violation of the Constitution that was. It's hard to imagine that the U.S. government would have been able to get away with internning people based on their race outside of wartime and without the claim of making Americans safer. The Constitution however is not to be suspended in times of war. Similarly, with today's Guantanamo Bay Detention Center, we see a modern example of our government interning people without due process.

Another recent example of blatant violations of the Constitution in the name of safety is all the internal border patrol checkpoints that we have, that are somehow allowed to be anywhere within 100 miles of the border. Now I'm all for border checkpoints, but having a "border" checkpoint inside the United States and not on any border is clearly unconstitutional. The attitude seems to be that if they're effective, then they're okay. That sentiment seems to also apply to the TSA body scanners, which take images of peoples' naked bodies. I don't know about you, but I'm not okay with being virtually stripped-searched. There are better ways to keep airplanes secure and without compromising passengers dignity.

Not all bad incremental changes deal with our physical security though. The housing crisis comes to mind with all the bailouts, even for GM. Since when was government supposed to (or more importantly, allowed to) give public money to private companies who were going through tough times (up to and including otherwise going bankrupt)?

Sometimes people think failed policies won't directly affect them. Take our failed drug war as an example: if you don't do any illegal drugs you might think the war on drugs isn't a problem. The fact is that you are helping to fund it though, and by you not standing up against the war on drugs you are allowing cops to mount up in their paramilitary gear and go after drug users, with (cops, criminals, and innocents) losing their lives in the process.

We must remember that as the Declaration of Independence says, "Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," and for a government to be legitimate it must have the consent of the governed. If a government does not have the consent of the governed, it is the duty of the governed to speak up for themselves and right the wrongs. When too many people turn too many blind eyes to abuses, those abuses can grow in both number and severity. Each and everyone of us has a responsibility to make sure that we are governed justly.

I'm guessing not everybody who reads this agrees with all of it, but I'm sure nearly everybody can at least point to one current abuse of government power. Imagine how much better off we all would be if people took just one topic upon them to try to improve. What a difference we could all make.

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allowed four runs and eight hits in 7 1/3 innings with no walks and five strikeouts. He received no decision. Sophomore right-hander Jeff John­son (3-3) tossed 4 2/3 scoreless in­nings for the Mustangs, in relief of Leonard for his third win. Johnson struck out one, walked two and fanned one, allowing one hit. UC Davis starter Dainey Quist al­lowed the one run and four hits in seven innings, striking out five and walking three. Leonard allowed two runs and five hits in 2 1/3 innings. Frankie Reed pitched the final 1 2/3 innings. The Aggies scored on Van Ostrand's RBI groundout in the fourth inning as Melker came in from third base, scoring the tying and season-high 131 pitches.

Senior Carl Dargitz paced the three Mustangs that finished in the points of the 5000. Dar­gitz finished third with a time of 14:32.62 while senior Joe Gaul was fifth with a time of 14:46.32. Senior Nathan Huerta was the third Mustang to score points with his seventh place finish and a time of 14:46.84.

Freshman Taylor Herrera scored for the Mustangs with two 3rd place finishes. Herrera was third in the 200 with a time of 21.50 while duplicating his finish in the 100 and a time of 10.61. Junior Tony Hodges finished fourth in the 400 with a collegiate best of 48.62. The Cal Poly 4 x 100 meter relay team posted their fastest time of the season and a third place finish anchored by junior Jarred Houston (Herrera, Manny Af­fentanger, Hodges) in a time of 41.38.

In the 4 x 400 meter relay the team of Suprenant, Affentanger, Hodges and Quentin Green­law finished fifth with a time of 3:15.62. Other Mustangs scoring in running events included sopho­more Eric Suprenant with his sixth place finish in the 400 hur­dles (52.02), Blake McDowell and Aric Champagne finished seventh and eighth in the 800 with times of 1:51.81 and 1:54.06. Sophomore Jordan Goiffen was seventh in the 110 hurdles with a time of 15.26 while Brandon Shirk was sixth in the 1500 with a time of 3:53.80. In field events the Mustangs posted two point scorers in the shotput with sophomore Dan­iel Erdman finishing third with a mark of 53-feet, 2 inches and freshman Korben Boar sixth with a mark of 53-feet, 1.75 inches. Boar backed it up with a fifth place finish in the discus with a mark of 159-feet, 2 inches.

In the pole vault, sophomore Kyle Inks finished third when he cleared 16-feet, 2 inches and teammate Kevin Jones finished eighth at 15-feet, 8.25 inches.

Cal State Northridge won the men's championship with 173 points followed by Long Beach State with 145. Cal Poly was third (134), nosing out UC Santa Bar­bara with 132.50. UC Davis took fifth (91) with UC Irvine sixth (58.50). UC Riverside (43) and Cal State Fullerton (42) rounded out the teams.

The women's team led in the field events with two finishes in the point of the triple jump. Ju­nior Jasmine Pickett finished sec­ond with a leap of 42-feet, 4 inches. Denise Brewer was fourth with a mark of 40-feet, 3.90 inches. Sophomore Whitney Sider fin­ished second in the high jump. She cleared 5-feet, 10.75 inches.

In the track events, freshman Kayleigh Tyerman finished second in the 1000 in a time of 3:38.31 while Brewer scored points in a second event with her third place finish in the 1000 meter hurdles with a time of 1:39.11. Senior Erinne Benny finished sixth in the 100 with a time of 12.33 with Kristen Sanzari finishing seventh in the 800 and a time of 2:14.13.

The 4 x 100 meter relay team of Benny, Oganna Agu, Pickett and Brewer finished fifth with a time of 46.40.

Cal State Northridge won the women's championship in a tight battle with 193 points followed by UC Santa Barbara with 188. UC Davis was third (115) and Cal State Fullerton fourth (97). UC Riverside held down fifth with 71 points with the Mustangs sixth with 60 points. Long Beach State finished seventh (53) and UC Ir­vine eighth (43).
Softball ends season with series win over Aggies

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Seniors Krysten Cary, Helen Pena and Sara Cryza ended their Cal Poly careers with a series win against Pacific, but the cheers from a season-closing win may be tainted by a sense of disappointment for the Mustangs. After holding first place in the Big West for the majority of its conference schedule, Cal Poly lost two key series at the end of the season to send them tail spinning from their No. 1 spot.

Cal Poly was eliminated from playoff contention after failing to grab a win against the Aggies last weekend, and the weekend before that the Mustangs lost two of three to Cal State Northridge — all coming after Cal Poly compiled eight wins in nine games.

This weekend, with all post-season scenarios out the window, the Mustangs got back to just playing softball in the final series of the season.

Saturday, the Mustangs won 12-2 at Bill Simoni Field in Stockton after splitting their double header Friday night.

The Mustangs opened the scoring spree with Shea Williams continuing her hot streak at the plate. She hit her third home run in two days, this time a three-run shot to right field in the third inning. Along with Williams, junior Anna Cahn helped her own cause by nailing a two-run home run to right in part of a three-run fifth inning to put the Mustangs up 6-0.

Pacific scored single runs in both the fifth and sixth innings, but Cal Poly erased with six more runs in the top of the seventh to put the game away.

Cahn, who allowed five hits and one run over five innings, picked up her 13th win of the season (13-13). Helen Pena finished up the final two innings allowing one run and five hits.

Similarly, Armagost (13-12) took the loss for the Tigers one day after allowing just two runs and three hits in the win on Saturday. In the loss she was tagged for six hits and six runs over 4 1/3 innings. Shauna Bock entered in relief and did no better, allowing five hits and six runs over the final 2 2/3 innings.

On Friday, the Mustangs won the opening game of their double header 12-3, but fell in the second 8-2.

The Mustangs flexed their muscles at the plate in the opener, pounding 17 hits en-route to the win while Cahn allowed seven hits and three runs for Cal Poly. Offensively, Shea Williams hit two home runs and three RBIs. Cary added a three-run shot while right fielder Dana Perez had four hits and scored four runs.

Shauna Bock took the loss for the Tigers, falling to 7-10.

In the second game, the Mustangs opened the game with a pair of runs in the first, but Pacific answered back with two of its own.

With the score tied 3-3 entering the top of the fourth, Pacific pieced together nine runs over the final four innings with four coming in the seventh.

Nikki Armagost (13-11) shut down the Mustangs the rest of the way, allowing two hits the rest of the way. For the game she allowed two runs on three hits striking out four.

Rebecca Patton (8-7) took the loss for the Mustangs allowing seven runs and 10 hits over three 2/3 innings. Pena took over and allowed one run and four hits over the final two 1/3 innings.

The Mustangs finish the season (23-24, 12-9) third in the Big West.

Baseball continues late-season surge with series win

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