Senate bill to make transfers to CSU schools easier

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Senate Bill (SB) 1440 was signed into law by Governor Schwarzenegger yesterday, allowing community college students to have an easier route into California State University (CSU) schools.

With "baby-boomers" on their way to retirement, the bill addresses a faster way for students to get into the workplace, according to a SB 1440 fact sheet. In fact, according to the fact sheet, "the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics estimates that 43 percent of the U.S. private labor force is also eligible to retire between 2004 and 2012."

Erik Fallis, the media relations specialist for the CSU Chancellor's Office, said the bill aims to make the transferring process easier in order to allow students to graduate faster and fill that void.

"In brief, this bill provides a clearer pathway from the community college to a CSU bachelor's (degree) through the associate's degree for transfer within a specific focus," Fallis said. "Students who complete the transfer associate's would have 60 units of transferrable credit, enter as a junior and usually only need to complete an additional 60 units for most university degree programs."

The bill also would help ease the frustrations of transferring. "(SB 1440) would also reduce the number of unnecessary, non-transferrable or redundant courses a student takes during their undergraduate education," Fallis said. Rachael Acosta, 22, a Cuesta College student who hopes to major in political science and has been trying to transfer to Cal Poly, said she finds the bill a relief.

"After three years of being in college, (Cal Poly) said they were not accepting transfers for the spring," Acosta said. "That put my education on hold another year. I tried applying for the spring and (Cal Poly) frees up seats for other students allowing CSUs to fill that void.

Community college students should have to work as hard. It's not fair to the university students who already got in."

— Alexa Kuster
Cuesta College student

Senior project helps feral cats find a home at Cal Poly

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It appears as if Cal Poly not only has a soft side for mustangs but for cats as well.

The Cal Poly Cat Program (CPCP) was started in 1992 as a senior project to minimize the amount of feral cats roaming around on campus. Since Garrett Quindimil took off with his idea years ago, the program has saved the lives of more than 650 cats.

The "Test, Trap, Vaccinate, Medicate, Alter, and Release (TTVMAR)" method, as named by the National Feral Cat Resource Center, was used by the program to prevent and care for the miscellaneous cats wandering around.

"When we first started, there were over 400 cats running around campus and a majority of them were sick or not fixed," said program director Eddie Griffin-Shaw. "Now, there are 30 or so around campus and about 50 in the shelter."

As a way of determining which cats have been cared for and which haven't, the program uses a clipping system.

"Once the cats have been taken care of, their ears will be clipped," Griffin-Shaw said. "(This is) when the tip of the ear is taken off. It's a universal way for people to see that the cat has already been neutered."

After the cats have been spayed (female) or neutered (male) and vaccinated, they are either released back onto campus or put into the shelter. There are 12 feeding stations throughout Cal Poly, which provide the feliner with dry food. Volunteers of the Cat Program monitor each station a minimum of twice a day to record any problems the cats may have or to find new ones. Primarily, the program is looking for non-transferable or redundant classes, (SB 1440) frees up seats for other students allowing CSUs to fill that void.

Journalism’s PR concentration in new hands

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Cal Poly's journalism department recently promoted part-time lecturer, Dan Eller, to be the new head of the public relations (PR) concentration.

"The doors opened and things happened to line up," Eller said. "For me, this is a dream come true to be in a full-time teaching position as well as the head of PR."

With the recent departure of former PR head, Doug Swanson, the journalism department was faced with the challenge of finding someone to take his place. Eller, who has been at Cal Poly for six years and has nearly 20 years of PR experience, believes he is ready to take on the task.

Eller graduated from California State University, Northridge with a bachelor's and master's degree from the College of Communications.
"I think (SB 1440) is specific to the CSU system and community colleges. Another bill, Assembly Bill 2302, relates to the UC and the alignment of programs," Fallis said. AB 2302 is similar to SB 1440 with providing an associate's degree that is transferrable, according to the bill. It also urges these programs to be more readily available and to have students more thoroughly informed about them. In addition, the bill also aims for UC schools to address which courses are beneficial to a transfer student and for CSU schools to address which community college majors are similar to their own. With more opportunity for transfer students, Küster said she is excited about the possibilities.

"I like it," Küster said. "Education should be more of a priority."
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**State**

**SAN JOSE (MCT) —** A high-profile Los Angeles attorney is calling a news conference today with a woman she described as Meg Whitman's housekeeper of nine years to describe her treatment.

But the Whitman campaign says the woman was fired nine years after she started working for Whitman because she revealed she was an illegal immigrant.

Glen Allen's firm declined to release any documents before the 11 a.m. news conference.

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**Al-Qaida senior commander is killed in Afghanistan attack**

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An airstrike in eastern Afghanistan killed a senior al-Qaida commander who had helped smuggle Arab fighters into the country and an explosives expert who worked with him, the NATO force reported Wednesday.

Separately, security sources in Pakistan reported that an even more high-ranking al-Qaida figure may have been killed in a weekend missile strike.

Taken together, the strikesunderscored the fact that not all insurgents fighting Western troops in Afghanistan are Taliban. Loose alliances exist among many militant groups, including al-Qaida, which draws foot soldiers from the Middle East and Central Asia, and the Haqqani network, a violent insurgent faction based in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area.

NATO's International Security Assistance Force said the precision bombing of a compound in Kunar province, close to the Pakistan border, killed Abdallah Umar al-Qurayshi, who had led al-Qaida-affiliated Arab fighters operating in two eastern provinces, together with Abu Anas al-Kuwaiti, an al-Qaida explosives expert.

The airstrike, in Kunar province's Korengal Valley, occurred Saturday, but it took until Tuesday to ascertain that al-Qurayshi was among the dead, the NATO force said. Officials said the compound was the scene of a meeting by high-level insurgent commanders, but it was not yet clear whether any other senior figures were among the dead.

The strike killed "several" others thought to be Arab fighters, the NATO force said.

Western troops, nearly all of them American, pulled out of the remote, rugged Korengal about six months ago after suffering heavy losses over a period of several years. Fighters led by al-Qurayshi had staged attacks on Western forces in Kunar and Nuristan provinces, where insurgents have targeted isolated American outposts with devastating results.

In Pakistan, authorities were looking into whether another senior al-Qaida commander was killed in a suspected CIA drone missile strike over the weekend.

Pakistan security sources said they had credible reports that Shirkh Farid al-Masri was killed Saturday near the village of Doga Macha Madakheh in North Waziristan, which had long served as a safe haven for al-Qaida and Taliban militants.

The sources said they were still trying to confirm that al-Masri was killed in the attack. If confirmed, his death would mark another victory in Washington's ongoing campaign of drone attacks against al-Qaida and Taliban commanders in Pakistan's largely ungoverned tribal areas.

Al-Masri was believed to have replaced Mustafa al-Yazid, another senior al-Qaida figure, described as the group's No. 3 commander. He was killed in a U.S. drone missile strike in May.

Pakistani intelligence sources said al-Masri was in a car when the missile struck. Three other suspected militants in the vehicle also died in the attack.

So far this month, the U.S. has carried out 21 drone strikes in Pakistan's tribal regions, the highest monthly total ever in Washington's ongoing drone campaign against militants. Most of this month's strikes have focused on suspected stronghold compounds in North Waziristan belonging to the Haqqani network.
Obama holds discussion with group of residents in an Iowa neighborhood backyard to address concerns and policies

The event carried echoes of Obama's televised town hall session last week, in which one of the participants, Velma Hart, said she was tired of defending him and disappointed that more hasn't been done to help middle-class families.

Returning to the state that launched him on a winning path toward the Democratic nomination, Obama spoke to an audience that had clear misgivings about some of his policies.

The first question came from Mary Stier, mother of a 24-year-old college graduate who is still struggling amid a tough economy to find full-time work. While Stier said her son had "campaigned fiercely for you and was very inspired by your message of hope," he and his friends are now "struggling" and "losing their hope," she said.

Obama has been taking part in such forums for two main reasons: to show empathy for Americans struggling amid tough economics and to make the case for Democrats in advance of the midterm elections.

Aides said Obama enjoys meeting with small groups of people outside Washington as a way to escape the insularity of the White House. While audiences have been respectful and polite, they've used the rare encounter with a sitting president to make their known their displeasure with current conditions.

Obama spoke to a small group of residents in Albuquerque, N.M., on Tuesday and he was scheduled to appear at a similar forum in Richmond, Va., later on Wednesday.

Obama, not wearing a jacket or tie, his sleeves rolled up, gave a broad defense of his policies and denounced proposals coming from Republicans.

"When you look at the choice we face in this election coming up, the other side, what it's really offering, is the same policies that from 2001 to 2009 put off hard problems and didn't really speak honestly to the American people about how we're going to get this country on track over the long term," he said.

In reply to Stier, a former publisher of the Des Moines Register newspaper, Obama said he was impressed with her son's generation. He talked about the severity of the recession and segued into a discussion of what he had done to ensure that young people "get the best education possible."

"The economy is growing. it's just not growing as fast as we'd like — partly because there are still some headwinds," he said.

A businessman questioned Obama's plan to let the Bush-era tax cuts expire for Americans earning more than $250,000 a year. The man said taxation and increased government involvement in the economy is "strangling job creation vehicles that are available."

Obama was unmoved. He said he has repeatedly cut taxes for small business.

"So your taxes haven't gone up in 10 years," Obama told "the president," the president said. "Your taxes have gone down in this administration. I want to be clear about this. The notion that, 'He's a Democrat, so your taxes must have gone up' — that's just not true."

Obama also defended his view that the country can't afford the $700 billion it would cost to preserve the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. At a time when Americans are worried about rising deficits, he would be hard-pressed to cut enough spending to offset the $700 billion price tag, he said.

"People say, 'Well, why don't you eliminate all those ... pork projects,'" he said. "'That's members of Congress are getting out there?'" he said. "'Now, I actually think that a lot of that stuff needs to end, but even if I eliminated every single ... pork project by members of Congress, that's 1 percent of the budget. So finding $700 billion is not easy."

Another man questioned U.S. war strategy, saying that "decade-long conflicts have had an enormous cost in terms of people killed and wounded ... and they've had a gigantic cost in terms of money and resources and people diverted to the war."

In reply, Obama said he has ended the combat mission in Iraq. And the U.S. troop commitment in Afghanistan is not "open-end," he said.

Next July, he said, "we're going to begin a transition of shifting from U.S. troops to Afghan troops in many of those areas."

Pointed though the questions were, Obama had reason for hope. Asked about the event afterward, Stier said her son remained an Obama supporter.

Of the president's performance Wednesday, the added that he "continues to inspire."
Federal judge reverses last week's decision to execute a California criminal

Carol J. Williams
Los Angeles Times

A California federal judge Tuesday ordered a halt to the execution of convicted rapist and murderer Albert Greenwood Brown, saying there was "no way" the court could conduct a proper review of new lethal injection procedures before the inmate was scheduled to die Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Jeremy Fogel reversed a decision he handed down Friday that the execution could go forward if the state of California gave Brown the option of dying by a single-injection method used in other states, rather than the three-drug cocktail that was prescribed by California's new regulations.

A federal appeals court rescinded the case to Fogel late Monday, saying he had "erred" in offering Brown an execution method unauthorized in this state.

In his Tuesday night ruling, Fogel said Brown had raised serious questions about whether the state had addressed all problems with the former execution protocols Fogel found to be flawed in a 2006 ruling.

He also noted that the state has so little of a key drug needed for lethal injections — and that it has expires Friday — that no further death sentences could be carried out this year after Brown's. But he said that supply issue was "hardly a reason to forgo proper examination of the new procedures, which the inmate expects so very late by the end of the year. Brown is one of 708 prisoners on California's death row, and his execution would have been the first in California in nearly five years.

A spokesman for the state attorney general's office, Christine Gasparac, said that Fogel's ruling would be appealed and that her office would be representing Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger in the 11th-hour challenge.

Brown's execution had been set for 9 p.m., just three hours before the state's only supply of sodium thiopental expires. Fresh supplies are unavailable until next year.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals asked Fogel late Monday to reconsider his refusal to stay the execution and examine whether the state's new lethal injection procedures comport with conditions set down by a U.S. Supreme Court ruling 98 years ago.

Brown's lawyers said in court filings that they couldn't answer the complex questions posed by the appeals court "in such a compressed time frame" and asked for delay of the execution. Calling the state's drug shelf-life problem a "fiasco" of its own making, the prisoner's pleading said "so much for the solace and final dignity and thoughtful consideration deserved by Mr. Brown and his family, the victims family and the courts."

In testimony in Fogel's San Jose courtroom in 2006, witnesses conceded that some of the 11 inmates executed by lethal injection in California in recent years may not have been fully anesthetized by the first of the injections, a powerful barbiturate, before the other two drugs, which induce significant pain, were given.

Brown's attorneys told Fogel that the lethal injection procedures adopted in late July were "almost a rubber stamp" of the previous practices. They also faulted the regulations for training execution team members without having them actually handle the drugs involved.

The state never undertook a serious reform of the execution procedures, Brown's lawyers said, describing the revision that was adopted in late July as "a ruse, conducted grudgingly and in the shadows of fraud, incompetence and deceit."

David A. Senior, one of Brown's attorneys, said Fogel's decision seemed like "the logical disposition of the case" and one that would prevent capital punishment from becoming a political football in the gubernatorial race.

Lawyers with the attorney general's office argued that the procedures have been changed considerably, with a mandatory "consciousness check" to be conducted after the sodium thiopental is injected to ensure that the inmate won't feel the consequences of the second two drugs.

The state accused Brown of seeking to delay and avoid his execution, rather than improve the methods by which it would be conducted. The state's brief also cautioned Fogel against inserting the courts in matters of government responsibility, saying that having judges decide what method of execution is best "would embroil the courts in ongoing scientific controversies beyond their expertise."

Tom Hunter, a juror in Brown's 1982 trial in the aggravated murder of a 15-year-old Riverside girl, said he was disappointed with Fogel's ruling that halted the execution.

"I cannot imagine the anguish the victim's family must be going through knowing that justice was this close," he said.

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Alternative group Jimmy Eat World to rock SLO Friday

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Jimmy Eat World will be heating things up at the Veterans' Auditorium in San Luis Obispo Oct. 1 to celebrate the release of the band's sixth full-length album, "Invented."

Lead singer and guitarist Jim Adkins, bassist Rick Burch, drummer Zach Lind, guitarist Tom Linton, along with special guest, back-up vocalist Courtney Marie Andrews, will be playing songs from their recently released album.

"It will be an evening emotionally pummeling anthemic alt-pop," said local founder of Numbskull shows and music promoter Lady Burgos, more commonly known as Numbskull.

The quartet from Mesa, Ariz., formed in 1994. Over the past nine years, the band has sold millions of records. Mark Trombino produced the band's first three albums: "Static Prevails," "Clarity," and "Bleed America." Trombino recently reunited with the band to produce the most recent album.

"Invented," the band's first album in nearly three years marks the return of the alternative rock band. The album was released on Tuesday, September 28. So far, the album has received strong reviews for the band's musical exploration.

Business administration sophomore Nick Robertson said, "I've listened to the new album and I was impressed. I'm really looking forward to the show."

According to the Big Hassle Media website, Adkins wrote the lyrics for the album. He took a new writing approach this time around by looking at Cindy Sherman's "Completely Untitled Film Still" series as well as the image of Joaquin Phoenix.
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Adkins would then think about the character in the picture. On the band's official website, Adkins said it was only intended to be a writing exercise. Eventually, he expanded his perceptions of those images into song lyrics.

"The band's core has always remained the same and with the solid foundation comes unheralded chemistry," Burgos said, "they understand their strengths and weaknesses much more now. Their sound is more refined and concise, yet still has that raw intensity."

The band will be playing at 7 p.m. Tickets are available on the band's website for $25.

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George Lucas watched the massive success of "Avatar" and "Alice in Wonderland" in the 3-D format and decided it was time for a return of the Jedi.

"Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace" will return to theaters in 3-D in 2012 and will be followed in the stereoscopic format by the five other popular live-action movies set a long time ago in a galaxy far, far away.

Lucas' Industrial Light & Magic special-effects shop is overseeing the 3-D conversion. 20th Century Fox will release them, as it has done for all previous "Star Wars" films.

Lucas has said publicly on more than one occasion that the technological strides of James Cameron's "Avatar" persuaded him to reconsider his longtime disdain for 3-D. After the Golden Globes, for instance, he told Access Hollywood that he was investigating the possibilities of converting his Skywalker family epic into the trendy format.

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New Year’s prediction: rocky marriage between Republican Party and Tea Party to continue

It’s not too early to offer some predictions about 2011:

1. Snooki will be all sweater blithering herself on Twitter.

2. The Republican Party and the Tea Party will efface a political marriage that figures to be as volatile as the legendary union of Liz Taylor and Richard Burton.

The long courting phase has been rocky. The GOP establishment has spent 18 months trying to co-opt and channel the Tea Party’s passions without ceding control of the relationship. Republican politicians have gone to the rails and bonded with the anger, and they’ve carefully turned a blind eye and deaf ear to the most ignorant ovensites. But their wooing hasn’t worked. In the Senate GOP primaries this year, Tea Party voters stuck their pitchforks into eight establishment candidates — many of them Senate incumbents — and rendered them dead.

Regardless of whether the GOP wins big in November, its contingent on Capitol Hill will have a more influential voice in its current crew. One might reasonably ask whether the party of No could actually become even more extreme, even more intransigent, but is the answer Yes. Tea Party activists are insisting on that, and they’re calling the shots. In the words of Matt Kibbe, a prominent GOP party operative, the movement is engineering a “hostile takeover of the Republican Party.”

GOP insiders seem uncertain about how to deal with this, some are cowed, some are defiant. They ridiculed tea-party darling Christine O’Donnell during the Delaware senatorial primary, insisting that she was a lying tax deadbeat who “could not be elected dogcatcher,” but since her win, they have dutifully fallen in line. Presidential hopeful Mitt Romney — who, as an establishment type, must be living in terror — rushed to her aid and wrote her a check.

The same thing happened in Nevada. The party establishment distanced itself from Sharron Angle, the Tea Party’s Senate candidate, because she favored phasing out Social Security, declared that jobless-benefit recipients are “spoiled” and insisted that women imprisoned by rapists should be forced to give birth because it’s “God’s plan.” One Nevada GOP strategist said that Angle was “too radical” for Nevada. But now she’s the nominee, and the entire Senate GOP leadership offered her the other day at a Capitol Hill fundraiser.

As Kibber remarked to the press last week, Tea Partiers are busy “disciplining the Republican establishment.” But it’s not an easy job. Mike Castle, the moderate Republican vanquished by O’Donnell in Delaware, has refused to endorse her, worse yet, a Castle spokesman has called her a “commissar.”

A bit earlier, in response to “The secret life of squirters,” about you. Walk out of the dark ages. The fact that you find sex education “appalling” and “low” says a lot about you. You walk out of the dark ages. There's nothing wrong with openly talking about sex.

As a youth, I attended one New Year's Eve celebration. It was done right, some guy from SDS — the Students for a Democratic Society — dispensed prepackaged pomegranate at top volume, with all the sublety of a pickax hammering a steel door. Nuance was the enemy, compromise was surrender. When I speak to groups today, and a Tea Partier stands up in high dudgeon to recite his agenda, I’m reminded of that distant night.

I’ll be fascinated to witness the terms of marriage in 2011, particularly if the Republicans recapture the House (likely) and ratchet up their Senate roster with some Tea-Party fresh (also likely). Solely on the basis of their ’68 election energy, Tea Partiers will probably have the clout to dictate a more ideological response to the Obama White House. Compromise, of any sort, will be tantamount to surrender.

The prospects are already evident. Tea Partiers are demanding the wholesale repeal of health-care reform at all costs. Some House Republicans, carrying some of their new masters, are insisting that GOP leaders take a ‘blood oath’ to never even read prepackaged appropriations bills. Since President Obama would veto such bills, the sole remaining appeal would be to confront him by shutting down the government. Yet John Boehner, the likely House speaker, seems more interested in reassuring regulars that the victorious Republicans would behave like grown-ups; he said the other day, “Our goal is not to shut down the government.”

If Boehner blinks at the moment of confrontation, the way New Gingrich blinked during his showdown with Bill Clinton, would the Tea Partiers go for his scalp? Indeed, questions abound. Mark McKinnon, a Republican campaign strategist, posed a few of his own in an online column: “What if Tea Partiers demand the government shut down, and they really, truly, mean it?”

The matrimonal bonds will surely be tested. It may be marketed as a forlorn love, the kind made famous by Liz and Dick. Remember, they were married twice.

Dick Dickeron is a columnist for the Philanthropic Inquirer.

Are you serious? This is an article in the Mustang Daily? This is appalling!

— Laura

In response to “The secret life of squirters”

This is an amazing article!!! All you guys hesitate obviously don’t understand the concept of feminism or gaymzst!!

— Dana

In response to “The secret life of squirters”

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allowed her to see things from a different perspective. She has realized many of the things she works hard to do in volleyball, to her teammates.

"I'm ready to get back on the court. I've never had such a hard time sitting on the sidelines," Olowolafe said. 

Olowolafe is a standout player, even on a team full of talent. Last season, she was ranked first in conference with a .346 hitting percentage and was ranked fourth with 1.1 blocks per set her sophomore year. So how has her absence on the court affected the team?

Oddly enough, successfully. On the court, the Mustangs are 12-3. So far they are 2-0 in conference, and Cal Poly has been tough to stop since their three-game winning streak at UC Irvine and Cal State Northridge.

Walsh expected Olowolafe’s return. "I think there's always going to be a misconception she wishes to dispel, she said. "As a program our goal is definitely a national championship," Walsh said. "But we also have to be realistic and first focus on winning the Big West tournament and getting to the Final Four."

Olowolafe has no doubts they will win the Big West. For her, losing isn’t an option. Winning is a moral that she has shared with her two older brothers since she was young.

Her oldest brother, Shaw, lives in San Diego and makes it to every game he can. Growing up, Olowolafe and her two brothers always prided themselves on their academic and athletic successes. For the three of them, winning has always been crucial. Dominique and Shaw both said however, being a champion is more than just about getting the win.

"I have always wanted to be a champion."

"I think there's always going to be disappointment in losing, that's inherent," Shaw said. "At the end of the day, did you leave everything on the court? If the answer's yes and you lost, you still walk away a champion." This is something Dominique feels a lot of people probably don’t know about her, she said. Because of her success on the court, she feels people get an image of a cutthroat win or die individual which is a misconception she wishes to dispel, she said.

"I'm not too cut-throat," Olowolafe said. "I take volleyball very seriously but in the offseason I like to have fun and relax."

Volleyball is a very important part of her life and Olowolafe intends to pursue a career in the sport after Cal Poly, but it’s definitely not the only thing she considers herself able to do well, she said. If Olowolafe hadn’t gone to university of Chicago to study some form of arts like photography, she said.

Her brothers, Shaw, describes her as very artistic. In addition to photography, Olowolafe spends a lot of her off time at home drinking tea, painting and playing piano. Her attitude and demeanor has earned her the nickname "Grandma" among her teammates.

"I'm not a big party girl," Olowolafe said. "Most nights I'd rather just hang out at home."

Olowolafe is currently practicing with the team and plans on playing in the Mustangs’ next conference game against Cal State Fullerton.

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make the trip to McNeese State due to an injury. Smith started every game a year ago and started the first two games of this season before being injured. He will be making the trip this week, Walsh said.

"Probably the ball will be in Andre's hands to start out with and he needs to do something with it in a positive way," Walsh said. "The unique thing about Andre is exactly what we have been saying; everyone has strengths and weaknesses, his strengths are with the ball in his hands."

In front of Broadous will be an offensive line that has been hit with injuries. Art Munoz, who missed most of last season with a broken leg, did everything he could to come back and play this season, but remains a long shot to play in this weekend's game after an injury against UC. Walsh said. "With him, are three other linemen who will most likely not play. You can be Alabama and you can tell Nick Saban that he is going to play without his four top offensive linemen and you tell me he's going to play good, they'll go out there and do a great job.

Fresno State heads into the game with its share of injuries as well. The Bulldogs may likely be without their two top receivers, Devon Wylie and Rashad Evans, senior offensive lineman Andrew Jackson and leading rusher A.J. Ellis, who are either ruled out or day-to-day against Cal Poly.

One older player who should be on the field Saturday for the Bulldogs is quarterback Ryan Colburn, who has passed for 786 yards and nine touchdowns through three games this season. In comparison to former Fresno State standout David Carr in 2001, Colburn has a better completion percentage by 13 points and has thrown three more touchdowns than Carr in his first three games.

"Ryan has done an outstanding job for us," Hill said. "I think he's functioning and playing at a very high level; he's played against good competition." He will line up against a defense that has maybe been the reason the Mustangs are where they are this season. In all but one game, the Mustangs held their opponents to under 17 points. In every game, the Mustangs have grabbed either a fumble recovery or an interception.

On the year, the Mustangs have tallied seven interceptions and returned two for touchdowns.

"I think we have played real well," cornerback Asa Jackson said. "Just playing hard, that's the main thing for our defense. We might not be the biggest, but we are going to play hard, we are going play fast and we are going to play physical. I think with the exception of the second half of Texas State, we have done that pretty much the whole year.

But while the defense is playing well, it may take all facets of the game to pull off an upset against what people are calling a dark horse in the FBS. This win has a potential to be one of the biggest upsets Cal Poly could pull off in years, but it is going to take the team's A-game to push the Mustangs past the Bulldogs, Romanelli said.

"My expectations are simple," Romanelli said. "We go out there and play good football, and if we play good football, we can win. I truly think we can beat any team in the country if we play well. We are a good football team, no doubt about it."

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CAL POLY VOLLEYBALL
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CS Fullerton
Volleyball #21 Long Beach State

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7:00 P.M.
CAL POLY BEACH VOLLEYBALL
Volleyball CS Fullerton

WE ARE THE MUSTANGS
Cal Poly set to play Fresno State for the first time in 25 years

With the emphasis on the running game, the passing game may be open for the Mustangs against the Bulldogs.

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This is the game that has been circled on the calendar. This is the one fans have been waiting for.

The Cal Poly Mustangs (3-1) will square off against the Fresno State Bulldogs (2-1) in Fresno Saturday night for the first time in 25 years — reviving the once great rivalry between the two schools.

"We're really hungry to get this one," fullback Jake Romanelli said. "Everyone had this game circled when the schedule came out. There is no doubt about that."

This weekend will be the first time the former California Collegiate Athletic Association rivals meet, dating back to the first meeting in 1922. In the series between the two, who played regularly from 1945 to 1985, the Bulldogs have tallied 30 wins against the Mustangs, including a five-game winning streak from 1980 to 1985.

"Obviously based on the past history Cal Poly has had with Fresno State, I think it will be great to renew that rivalry," head coach Tim Walsh said at Monday's press conference. "We also have to keep in mind that was 25 years ago and their program has changed quite a bit in those 25 years ... they are looked, at the national scene, as the highest level of football as one of the top-35 teams in the country."

That tradition stems from the head coach.

Ever since head coach Pat Hill took over the program in 1997, the Bulldogs have recorded just three losing seasons. Overall, the Bulldogs are 102-67 under Hill and have been physically demanding and this will be demanding also ... We need to play hard and play at a very high level of execution this week."

Leading Cal Poly's offense will be quarterback Andre Broussard, who Walsh said will have a good chance of starting for the Mustangs. Last week, Broussard led the team to its first win on the road since 2008, in his first collegiate start of his career. He rushed for 89 yards, and went 7-10 through the air for 77 yards. "I think I did pretty good for my first time, but there is still a lot of things that I can improve on," Broussard said. "Things like footwork, fundamental things, but I think I did pretty good just managing the game. The offensive line made it look good, just on a lot of the runs I had."

Broussard's playing time came at former starting quarterback Tony Smith's expense, who failed to

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