Student wins first in poster competition

Brandon Lutze won first place in the Graphic Arts Education and Research Foundation Student Design Competition for his "Rethink Print" poster. Lutze said he used a simplified design to better communicate his message.

Study finds alcohol is most dangerous drug

Alcohol is the most dangerous drug compared to cannabis, heroin, lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) and other drugs, British scientists concluded in a study released last week.

According to a CBS article published on Nov. 1, David Nutt, a professor at the University of Bristol in the United Kingdom, headed a research study held by the Independent Scientific Committee on Drugs (ISCD) which was published the same day in The Lancet — one of the oldest weekly peer-reviewed general medical journals.

As stated in The Lancet, members of the ISCD scored the effects of 20 drugs using 16 criteria. Nine of the criteria were related to the harms that a drug produces in the individual and seven to various harms the drugs have on others.

The harms to others category included crime, environmental damage, family conflict, international damage, economic cost and damage to community cohesion. The harms to the user category included things such as damage to health, drug dependence, drug-related death and loss of relationships, as stated in an article on Yahoo News.

The group found that heroin, crack cocaine and methamphetamine were the most harmful drugs to individuals with scores of 34, 37 and 32 respectively. Alcohol, heroin and crack cocaine were the most harmful to others with scores of 66, 21 and 17 respectively — all scores are on a scale from one to 100 with 100 being the most harmful.

When both the individual harm and the harm to others scores were added together, alcohol was the most harmful drug with an overall harm score of 72.

Heroin received a score of 55 with crack cocaine coming in a close third with 54.

Based on the study results, alcohol is significantly more harmful than many other illegal drugs.

Kinesiology junior Shannon Roberts said she was surprised by the outcome.

"I think because the media gives (alcohol) such a fun image, it kind of sways your view of it," she said. "You see alcohol, page 2"
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importance.
"(This walk proves) we can stop
our lives for a minute, even with the
dirtier," Ruz said. "If the word
'orphan' is on someone's mind (af-
terward), we've accomplished (our
mission)."

The group met at Mission San
Luis Obispo de Tolosa dressed in red
shirts with the group name on the
front and "Give Love" on the back.
The group, huddled in coats and
donning umbrellas, paraded through
downtown with Ruz's voice leading
across walkways and around obsta-
cles despite the weather.

Participant Nick Bourgaut said
he walked because he wanted to raise
awareness.

"We donate (our time) because it's
just the right thing to do," Bour-
gaut said.

John Call, another participant,
mirrored Dyska-Ruz's message when
he said the group has to do some-
thing about the orphan problem.

"There are a million problems in
the world," Call said. "This is fun
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State

LOS ANGELES (MCT) —

Three months after California declared whooping cough an epidemic, cases have soared to levels not seen in 60 years and health officials say the potentially deadly disease has yet to peak in many areas of the state.

The California Department of Public Health last week reported 6,431 cases and 10 deaths in 2010 from whooping cough, compared to a record 6,613 cases six decades ago.

The last significant outbreak of whooping cough was in 2005, when 3,182 cases were reported. Beginning next year, all children entering seventh grade will have to be immunized against whooping cough, according to a state law recently signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

... MARYSVILLE (MCT) —

Airfare, hotels, rental cars and whooping cough, according to a recent legislative battle over how to fund for teachers in the Marysville Unified School District.

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Briefs

ILLINOIS (MCT) —

After Natasha Shinno heard about the massacre of more than 50 Iraqi Christians in Baghdad at the end of last month, she knew she could not stay.

A minority in Iraq, Assyrians are Christian — among the first peoples to accept the faith. Forced to assimilate to Arab culture, many Assyrians have fled Iraq.

"We're going through a silent genocide," Shinno said. "We are near extinction."

Shinno and other young Assyrians have joined forces to organize rallies on Monday calling on the American and Iraqi governments to protect Iraqi Christians.

Dubbed "The Black March" because protesters will wear all black, the Chicago rally will start at noon Central Standard Time. Thousands of Facebook members say they plan to attend similar rallies in other cities.

WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) —

Faced with increasing political attacks, hundreds of climate scientists are joining a campaign to push back congressional conservatives who have vowed to kill regulations to rein in man-made greenhouse gas emissions.

The experts reveal a shift among climate scientists, many of whom have stayed out of politics and avoided the news media. Many now say they are willing to go toe-to-toe with their critics, some of whom gained new power after the Republicans won control of the House in last Tuesday's election.

The political climate was shaped by a summer of severe storms and tornadoes.

Of the more than 100 new Republican members of Congress, 50 percent are climate-change skeptics, according to an analysis of campaign statements by the Center for American Progress.

International

GREECE (MCT) —

Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou ruled out calling early national elections on Sunday after his party was projected to win local elections, saying he would continue reforms to pull the country out of a severe financial crisis.

Partial official results in eight of 13 races for regional governors, including in the country's largest administrative region of greater Athens, showed the Socialists to be ahead.

"The Greek public voted us to power a year ago and today confirmed that they want us to proceed with the necessary changes," Papandreou said in a televised address to the nation.

The vote was seen as a referendum on the austerity measures imposed by the government to ward off bankruptcy.

PAKISTAN (MCT) —

Two U.S. drone strikes killed at least 13 militants on Sunday near Afghanistan, intelligence officials said.

The attacks took place in North Waziristan, a mountainous district known as a hotbed of Taliban and al-Qaeda militants conducting cross-border raids into Afghanistan on NATO international forces.

An intelligence official said an unmanned drone fired two missiles into a house in the village of Ghulam Khan, killing nine people and wounding two.

About an hour later, a similar attack destroyed a vehicle in the Datta Khel area, killing four. All three had been shot and a letter attached to their bodies warned that "everyone spaying for the Americans will meet the same fate," a local official said.

House Republicans vow to stand firm on tax cuts

Republican leaders in the House and the Senate said Sunday that there would be no compromise with Democrats on whether to extend Bush-era tax cuts for the nation's wealthiest taxpayers.

President Barack Obama has said he wants to extend the tax cuts for taxpayers with a combined annual income of less than $250,000, but the cuts should be eliminated for people making more than that. He's suggested there might be room for compromise in discussions with Republicans on other tax issues.

But Rep. Eric Cantor, R-Va., who is expected to become majority leader in the House when the new Congress is sworn in next year, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on Sunday news programs that they would insist on extending tax cuts for wealthy citizens. McConnell said higher taxes on upper-income earners would harm small businesses.

"We can't negotiate it this morning, but our view is don't raise taxes on small business," McConnell said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Cantor said Republicans plan to make spending cuts a priority when they take control of the House in January.

"We're going to embark on a regular diet of spending-cut bills being brought to the floor weekly," he said.

Cantor said Republicans could achieve their goal of 22 percent spending cuts and rejected Democrats' objections that reducing spending that much would cut such things as preschool education for poor children.

"We're going to have to make some tough decisions," he said, dismissing the Democrats' list of possible cuts as a "tactic."

Both leaders said they expected to be able to work well with new members of Congress who were elected with tea party support.

Many analysts believe the tea party will force Republicans to work with the Democrats.

McConnell said that although he didn't support Rand Paul in the Republican primary in Kentucky, he expected to work with him and that Paul would have an opportunity to offer his ideas.

"I think he's an exciting new member," McConnell said.

Cantor said that the tea party movement helped Republicans pick up about 60 seats in the House. About one-third of all House Republicans will be tea party supporters.

But Cantor said he would not support tea-party favorite Michelle Bachman, R-Minn., for the party's No. 4 leadership position. Instead, he said he would back Jeb Hensler, R-Texas.

While he described both as conservatives, he said he supported Hensler because he had a history of working closely with him.
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California real estate remains mostly unaffected by national foreclosure crisis

Bonnie Lee

When Bank of America announced a stop on foreclosure sales nationwide, it added to concerns in the Valley, which has been hit hard by the housing downturn and has seen more than its share of foreclosures.

"I need one class that's only offered at 7 and I have another commitment, so I can't take it this year," said Juan Robledo, architecture freshman.

"It makes more confusion than anything, with a slight slowdown in foreclosures but nothing major to make a difference according to real estate experts.

The only noticeable change seen by some real estate agents so far is fewer buyers looking at foreclosed properties because of concerns raised by the foreclosure moratorium.

Widespread media reports about the foreclosure moratorium have suggested that lenders have stopped foreclosing on homes.

Even if that's not the case, the moratorium only affects the foreclosure sales at the auction stage, when a foreclosed property is sold to either a third party, repossessed by the lender or cancelled.

Lenders have continued to serve notices of default, the first step in the foreclosure process that states a homeowner is behind in mortgage payments.

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Scordino said homeowners don't have to worry about foreclosed homes they have just bought if they have title insurance, which is required for most foreclosure sales.

Title insurance protects the buyer of a home against claims that prior owners still legally own the property.

Guarantee Real Estate broker agent Bill Pfeif, who specializes in selling foreclosed property, has sold more than 2,000 foreclosure properties and has never had a transaction come back with claims that the foreclosure was illegal, he said.

"I have not seen any long-term effects on the local foreclosure market."

Don Scordino, a Fresno real estate agent, sells foreclosure properties for Bank of America.

He had two foreclosure sales close the week after the bank announced that it would stop foreclosures temporarily.

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When the lenders announced a stop on foreclosure sales, Pfeif took a proactive approach and called his clients immediately to discuss what was happening before they got too worried.

"I believe the foreclosure moratorium is another bump in the road that will delay the recovery of the real estate market."

He is already noticing fewer inquiries about foreclosed homes as buyers worry about the potential consequences of attaching to a foreclosed home.

"You have a cloud over the market, and people are unwilling to make an investment," Pfeif said.
Freshman Column

Homesickness hits hard freshman year

Home — this word means something entirely different to me now than I ever thought possible. I always pictured my home as being the house I grew up in. The two-story blue and white house my parents own in Fresno, Calif. is what I imagined would always feel like home to me.

Little did I know, "home," when in reference to this house, would soon feel funny to say. Now to me, home means my apartment on Cal Poly's campus. It is where I spend most of my time and it is almost a part of me now.

Coming from someone who eagerly anticipated moving away to college since I was able to comprehend the idea, I never thought I would see the day when homesickness would hit — but when it does, it hits hard.

"I can totally handle this, no problem," I reassured myself. But I was wrong — I found myself saying, "You were wrong, very wrong."

Maybe it was spurred by a lovely weekend spent with friends visiting from home, maybe it was just a matter of time or maybe it was the heartbreaking realization that while I have been in college and away from home, the entire network of people I know — acquaintances, friends and family members alike — is growing, changing and moving on. It seems as though my friends and family are continuing on with their lives without me.

It is a lonely feeling, to say the least. The thought that Mom and Dad aren't just around the corner waiting at the dinner table with welcoming arms after I finish class each night is beyond intimidating.

Accompanying the loneliness comes questions like "Have I been forgotten?" and "Do people miss me?"

While to friends and family on one side of the issue it may seem obvious a person's presence is missed, but to me — the person on the other side — I am often left wondering whether or not those at home miss me too.

Just the thought of a home-cooked meal from my mother makes me salivate. The good times and memories my friends from home are having without me cannot be replaced. To watch my younger brother and sister grow up and become adults themselves is something I would now pay anything to see.

Although I have a whole new and wonderful life here in San Luis Obispo, leaving behind what I have known for the last 18 years is no easy feat. I have had to adapt to my new surroundings and learn to do it all on my own — for the first time ever.

What I've found to be especially difficult is the transition phase back and forth between a weekend at home and a week at Cal Poly. It is too much to ask a person to jump between two vastly different lifestyles twice within a matter of days. Once I begin to feel adjusted to my "actual" home again, it's already time to leave.

But this is what life is about, right? Moving on, growing up and learning to do things all by myself are some of the most important lessons I will learn in life — or so I'm told.

Nobody likes to feel lonely but sometimes it is necessary to make a person stronger. In my own case, I have learned I cannot rely on my family to take care of my needs now. My family is at home and I am here, so I have no choice but to become self-sufficient.

Sydney Ray is a journalism freshman.
Every Monday, cut out this fridge for the week's happenings.

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Mary McNamara
LOUIS ANGEL TIMES

So will they be doing a special rehab episode on “Sonny With a Chance”? The news that Demi Lovato, the 18-year-old star of the Disney Channel sitcom and the “Camp Rock” TV movies, recently checked into a treatment facility to deal with “physical and emotional issues” was surprising only in its failure to surprise. In the wake of a trail of young stars who flashed brightly only to bottom out — Lindsay Lohan is now officially more famous for wrecking her career than for her actual career — Lovato’s troubles are remarkable only in that they appear to involve eating disorders and cutting rather than the more ubiquitous drugs and alcohol.

The only people who don’t seem to understand the perilous nature of being an 18-year-old pop culture star are the people who keep making TV shows about them.

Even as Lovato, Lohan and Britney Spears prove to a new generation the deleterious effects of early fame, an alarming number of kid shows these days are celebrations of early fame. On “Sonny With a Chance,” Lovato plays the Super-Talented But Grounded Girl from Wisconsin who has landed a spot on a teen comedy show where she quickly learns some Hard Lessons — (other) actors can be shallow and spiteful, some fans can be pesky, the media can be mean and other kids (or more important, boys) might like you just because you’re famous.

But of course it is all worth it in the end because nothing beats being a star.

That, of course, was the theme of Disney’s “Hannah Montana,” the multimedia juggernaut that followed on the heels of the enormous popularity of “High School Musical” and our nation’s increasing belief that fame and fortune is but an “American Idol” audition away. “Hannah,” in turn, launched “Jonas,” which follows the exploits of the boy band the Jonas Brothers and “Sonny With a Chance.” Lovato and the Jonas Brothers also starred in the two “Camp Rock” movies, which were about summer camp for future rock stars.

Meanwhile, over at Nickelodeon, “The Naked Brothers Band” gave way to the teen star-turn shows “Big Time Rush” and “Victorious” and “Jonas” and “Sonny With a Chance,” which were about summer camp for future rock stars.

Kids with grown-up attributes are nothing new and have long been the bases of young adult fiction and television — and certainly teen idols, troubled or not. But now the medium has become the message. We have teen idols who play teen idols. Disney’s Gary Marsh has said that all Disney shows are to do is encourage kids to “follow their dreams,” but how narrow have those dreams become? What happened to kid inventors or kid detectives? What happened to Doogie Howser?

If there is anything I’ve learned about kids today — and I’m not saying this is good or bad — it’s that they all want to be stars,” Dan Schneider, creator of “Carly” and “Victorious,” told the Los Angeles Times last year.

And why wouldn’t they? These TV characters are dream stars, the kind who skipped the local gigs and the cattle calls, who were never pushed by desperate parents or wily agents. These are kids who just like to sing/play/tell jokes/design dresses and hope someone is going to pay them for it. For adult fans, there’s a parental “Antiques Roadshow” thing — sure, that might look like an ordinary, rampled and irritating 10-year-old lying on your couch, but under the right circumstances she could be a rock star.

Vastly, these fictional stars cope with the difficulty of balancing their fabulousness with “normal,” getting into scraps with their friends and occasionally an authority figure. But little mention is made of the actual work performing life requires of young actors — the auditions, the travel, the meetings, the publicity tours or even the rehearsals. None of the young women are obsessed with their weight or their appearances, and diva behavior in-variability receives its just rewards (as opposed to a bigger trailer and a personal chef). Drugs, alcohol, cigarettes and sexual behavior beyond kissing simply do not exist.

Most significant, no mention whatsoever is made of money. Of the fact that Sonny and Hannah and all those boy bands make lots of it, for themselves and a bunch of adults. That they are, in fact, businesswomen, with employees and pay checks, with executives, lawyers and accountants all watching the bottom line and fine-tuning the show, the performance and the image to boost it.

So the real pressure of young stardom — that you are earning hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of dollars at a time when most of your peers are still babysitting — is resolutely ignored.

Who’s going to argue with a show that encourages kids to follow their dreams? But it would be nice if there were some sense of how absurd that path can be. None of these fictional kids work as hard as the actors who portray them — although “Sonny With a Chance” was on production hiatus, Lovato was touring with the Jonas Brothers (and mere months after publicly breaking up with Joe Jonas) when she decided to enter a treatment facility.

Ironically, a show that explored the real lives of kid stars probably wouldn’t be fun, or appropriate, for their teen viewers. Too many tax attorneys for one thing and rehab for another. One hopes that Lovato will overcome whatever difficulties she is having, even if it means giving up the rigorous schedule her “so far so great” stardom requires. And wouldn’t that be a fine and fresh premise for a kids’ show?
Pouring money into Apple getting tiresome

Jessica Tam is a Mustang Daily reporter and journalism junior.

Is it that time again? When Apple Inc. starts promoting a new, updated product and times are improved and better than before? As I waited for Wednesday night’s episode of “Modern Family” to resume, the newest promotion from Apple Inc. for a MacBook Air started playing on my television screen. With their enthusiastic background music and standard voiceover, the camera slowly moves and captures the appearance of the silver laptop. The voiceover promoting the notebook then says, “Everything we’ve learned has come down to this. The next generation of MacBooks,” as a hand demonstrates the light weight of the product by holding it up with just an index finger and thumb. In other words, the laptop is being held by a pin of the fingers.

The newest version of the laptop is not only thinner and lighter but also contains a multi-touch track pad, a longer-lasting battery life of up to five to seven hours (depending on which model you get) and all-flash storage.

I thought to myself, “Are you serious?” Another one? How many ‘new and updated’ laptops do they need to come out with? I can never escape an Apple commercial whenever I turn the TV on; it’s non-stop and inevitable. I guess I shouldn’t be surprised; considering Apple Inc. is dominating the technology industry.

But it seems like right after you pay for an Apple product, a newer version of it comes out within a short time span. Don’t get me wrong, I’m an Apple fan. I’m interested in what new products they are selling and how it’s improved from before. But I’m tired of constantly being bombarded with new generations and updates when it seems like I just bought the latest Apple product.

Maybe I’m just a bitter Apple customer. Okay, I am a bitter Apple customer. I bought the second generation Touch not too long ago. I was beyond elated with this device. I could surf the web via Wi-Fi, listen to music and play various applications, all in the palm of my hand. How cool and convenient is that?

Except for my happiness disappeared on Sept. 1, a little less than a year after I purchased my Touch, when the fourth generation was released. Now, the iPod comes with FaceTime, two built-in cameras, a new accelerometer and improved retina display. I can’t help but jealously look at other people with the newer version of my portable device. But I’m not willing to spend $229 for an upgrade when mine works perfectly fine.

And since I’m on the topic of iPod touch, I might as well mention the iPhone. Walking around campus, I notice plenty of people who have iPhones. People in general have one. Doesn’t it burn you out that the iPhone 4 comes with all of the features of a new Touch plus a multisking function that allows you to switch between applications and a five megapixel camera with built-in LED flash? But if you want to get it all, it will cost from $199 to $299, depending on which memory size you prefer.

I understand things cannot stay the same forever: technology changes and products need to improve to stay up-to-date. But the price of an Apple laptop and the endless generation upgrades, it seems unnecessary to me.

Sorry Apple but as a college student, I don’t have $1,199.00 to buy an iPhone. In response to “Poly students should eliminate barefoot trend.”

I’m pretty content with my 15.6-inch 3GB memory HP laptop that costs half of what the company expects me to pay.

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Men's soccer secures post-season berth

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Three days after clinching a spot in the Tournament with a 2-0 win over Cal Mustang Daily earned a date with the Gauchos on Santa Barbara on Saturday, Cal Poly State Northridge on Saturday night. Warren connected with Will Powell Wednesday at 7 p.m. The match will provided the spark the Mustangs (8-6-3, 5-3-2 Big West) cemented its place as the third seed in the Big West Tournament with a 2-0 win over Cal State Northridge on Saturday night.

With wins from UC Irvine and UC Santa Barbara on Saturday, Cal Poly earned a date with the Gauchos on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The match will mark the third time the teams meet this season, as both teams won a 2-1 match at their respective home stad­iums in October.

The last time Cal Poly and Santa Barbara met in the post­season was in 2008, when the Gauchos defeated the Mustangs on penalty kicks. Forward Junior Burgos started the scoring against Northridge minutes before halftime with his third penalty kick goal in his career. The penalty kick was also the eighth in a row converted by the Mustangs. Burgos registered seven shots in the game, leading the Mustangs to their fourth playoff appearance in four years.

Senior David Zamora tied Clay Harry (1995-96) for the Cal Poly career goals record as he netted his 25th in the 63rd minute to put the Mustangs ahead for good. Goalkeeper Patrick McLain stopped five shots to register his 10th career goals record as he netted his 25th in the 63rd minute to put the Mustangs ahead for good.

“With a setter you have to get her rhythm and you have to get the timing and the nuances of her play,” Stevenson said. “You have to learn that over the match.”

With Vargas effectively neutral­ized, setter Sarah Cawrse confused the defense by dishing the ball to the foursome of Holly Franks, Catie Smith, Keddy and Graven, as the quartet of Mustangs combined for 57 kills.

The win keeps Cal Poly's playoff outlook optimistic as the team tries to earn a spot in the post­season for the first time in three years.

“We believe we are an NCAA tournament team. We believe we should be in that tournament,” Stevenson said.

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Five players came off the bench for Cal Poly but only one, Drake U'u, scored any points. In his first collegiate game with Cal Poly, U'u scored nine points on three of five shooting.

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Through the air, quarterback Tony Smith was 2-12 for 47 yards. Take away running back Gabriel Umoh's 34-yard reception and Smith only had 13 yards passing.

For the third-straight week, fel­low quarterback Andre Beaudous still seemed to be bothered by his shoulder injury as he did not play against South Dakota.

On the other side of the ball, defensive lineman Gavin Cooper tallied seven tackles and two sacks, earning Great West Conference Player of the Week honors as well.

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Volleyball rallies to defeat UCSB

After falling to UC Santa Barbara in five sets earlier this season, the Mustangs defeated the Gauchos in five sets Saturday.

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With the Cal Poly volleyball team down two sets to one and their playoff hopes on the line, the Mustangs rallied around senior Dominique Olowolafe in the middle of the court.

“She told us we had nothing to lose,” outside hitter Kristina Graven said.

From that point on, the Cal Poly women’s volleyball team (19-7, 9-4 Big West) won 4 of the final 67 points to cool off the Gauchos (14-12, 8-5), winners of five straight.

In a five-set comeback win at UC Santa Barbara.

Despite Cal Poly winning the final two sets, the Gauchos controlled the beginning of the match. The Mustangs did not lead at any point until Graven slammed home a kill to put the team up 11-10 in the second set, starting a back-and-forth game with no team asserting control.

At game point with Cal Poly in jeopardy of going down 2-0, sophomore Jennifer Keddy hit the ball out of bounds, but a Gaucan finger tip touched the ball, giving the Mustangs the point. A Santa Barbara error followed by a Mustang block at the net tied the match at one game apiece.

The Gauchos rallied back for a 25-23 third set win with the help of Kara Sherward and her seven kills to put the Mustangs backs against the wall.

“We just said, if we don’t win this we’re done. We don’t have a chance,” head coach Jon Stevenson said.

His urgency struck a cord with the team, as the Mustangs picked up their energy and began to read the Gauchos’ setter, Dana Vargas.

Football keeps playoff hopes alive with victory over South Dakota

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Cal Poly running back Mark Rodgers seems to be adjusting to his new team quite nicely.

The West Virginia transfer rushed for a career-high 235 yards on 15 carries to push the Mustangs (7-3, 2-1 Great West) past the South Dakota Coyotes (4-6, 1-3) Saturday night.

With the performance, Rodgers becomes the first Mustang to rush for more than 200 yards in five years. In his first year at Cal Poly, Rodgers boasts a team-high 817 rushing yards on the season — nearly double the next closest rusher.

At West Virginia, he didn’t see nearly as many touches. Rodgers was primarily used on special teams, averaging 22.9 yards per kick return. On the ground, he had a total of 89 yards in 2008 and 2009.

Now at Cal Poly, he has become an integral part in helping his new team make a playoff run.

Running back Mark Rodgers rushed for a career high 235 yards on Saturday.

Men’s basketball wins exhibition in Mott Gym

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The Cal Poly men’s basketball team began its season with a 70-63 exhibition win Saturday night against Division II Cal State East Bay.

Starting for Cal Poly was returning senior Shawn Lewis as well as juniors Will Donahue and David Hanson. Starting and playing for the first time for Cal Poly were sophomore Chris O’Brien and freshman Jamal Johnson.

Cal State East Bay, which finished 6-23 last season, was able to contend early in the game Saturday night, shooting 60 percent in the first 10 minutes of play and holding a 22-20 lead.

Cal Poly managed to play through the first half and grab a 35-29 lead despite shooting 41 percent and two of 11 on 3-pointers.

However, too many unforced errors and missed free-throws kept East Bay in the game and prevented Cal Poly from opening up its lead.

Cal Poly committed 18 turnovers, 11 in the second half and shot 58 percent from the free-throw line, making 15 of 26.

After halftime, Cal Poly came out with strong performances from Hanson and Donahue who combined for 24 points and 14 rebounds following the break. As a team, they shot 50 percent from the field and 3-point range.

Cal State East Bay threatened to take control, when a jump shot by guard Dominique Jackson narrowed Cal Poly’s lead to three with eight minutes remaining. But O’Brien answered with a 3-pointer on the next play, ensuring that Cal Poly would never relinquish its lead.

Head coach Joe Callero, in his second season coaching the men’s basketball team after a 12-19 season last year, said he was glad the team got the win, but it needed to learn vital lessons from their mistakes.

“I thought we had way too many turnovers ... those are the kind of mistakes you can’t make on the road,” Callero said. “We were pleased that we can learn and still win it. We’re going to be able to win a game, learn from our mistakes and move on.”

Lewis finished the game with 21 points, two assists, one block and one steal and Hanson led the team with 25 points including 6-of-6 free-throws and 3-of-6 on 3-pointers.

Hanson, who had an all-around night adding 11 rebounds, two blocks and two steals, said the win was an important way to start the season, especially at home.

“I think it’s huge to start winning here at home,” Hanson said. “I think that’s one of the biggest crowds I’ve seen for an exhibition game. It’s important to set the precedent here at home and develop home court advantage and keep the fans coming.”

Callero said he liked what he saw from veterans Lewis and Hanson but wanted to see more from the bench.

“We looked good when Shawn had touchrives, and driving and David had in-and-out plays and was able to get to the free-throw lines, some post action and get some take-and-hit threes,” Callero said. “But