First doctoral program introduced at Cal Poly

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Erica Drummond

Cal Poly made history this quarter as students arrived on campus for the university's first joint doctoral program.

Seven adults, ranging from school principals to librarians, enrolled in classes this fall to take part in a new degree program in educational leadership.

The program works with University of California, Santa Barbara, where the students spent their first year of the program before beginning the second year at Cal Poly.

"We are creating a new graduate culture where students blend Cal Poly's mission of "learn-by-doing" with the strong research traditions of UCSB," said Jim Gentheuci, co-director of the program and a faculty member in the College of Education at Cal Poly. "We believe this research-practice nexus will create new answers to educational problems that have plagued schools for decades."

Combining the talents of the two universities is appealing, said UCSB's Michael Gerber, co-director of the program.

"UCSB is classified as being a major research institution with a great reputation," Gerber said. "And Cal Poly has an excellent reputation in the field, one of the finest of that sort. Blending these two things will result in the betterment of the students."

Cal Poly is the second California State University school to offer a joint doctoral program with another UC campus. According to

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GrC department honored

Ji Jun

After a trend-setting year for Cal Poly's graphic communications department, including an achievement in database imaging, the list of accolades and achievements is still growing.

Just recently, a program earned one of three Excellence in Education Award winners presented by the Electronic Document Systems Foundation.

The non-profit organization which has its roots in the document communications industry, hands out the award annually to honor achievements and efforts related to printed media and graphics.

"Haven't they won enough awards?" graphic communication sophomore Cynthia Chen said.

As a student in the department she already knows what kind of education she has received.

"The award recognizes that Cal Poly's graphic communication department is on the cutting edge of graphic communication education," see Graphic, page 2

Bush touts U.S. backed anti-drug efforts

Jennifer Loven

Historic five-day visit to Colombia set to renew anti-drug efforts

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Santa Lucia hall battles best

Emersona Cisneros

Santa Lucia hall emerged as the victor of the "Battle of the Halls" competition Nov. 19.

The competition was between Cal Poly's residence halls. For each of the activities, points are awarded, and tied up at the end to decide the winner.

Some of the activities included Simon says, red light/green light, dodgeball, tug of war, basketball and soccer. The two halls with the most points won a free pizza party.

Shila Bobotik MUSTANG DAILY

Bush touts U.S. backed anti-drug efforts

CARTAGENA, Colombia — President Bush showcased American drug-fighting aid in Colombia and boosted a conservative Latin American leader with a stop Monday in the Andean nation where thousands of security forces deployed to safeguard his brief stay.

Bush's four-hour visit with Colombian President Alvaro Uribe in the seaside city of Cartagena was the final stop of a three-day Latin American trip.

Uribe planned to ask for continued U.S. aid to fight rebels and drug trafficking under Plan Colombia, which expires next year.

"It is very important that we are clear that we can't leave this task halfway completed," Uribe said on Colombian radio.

Briefing reporters on Air Force One before it landed in Cartagena, a senior administration official made no commitment that the Plan Colombia program would be renewed. The official left no doubt that Colombia would continue to get aid, perhaps even an increase, although it might be restructured.

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Columbian protesters burn an American flag beside a poster that translates as 'Bush out.'

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The encouraging speed along winding streets across inlets and past pastel-colored colonial buildings. Many seemed less restored, with lower rates and kidsnaped. An island colonial estate jutting out into the glittering bay. Bush and his wife, Laura, were greeted by Uribe before a dozen troops in white dress uniforms. Both countries’ national anthems were played.

Over the five years, Washington has given more than $3 billion in aid to Colombia to combat cocaine production and the leftist rebels that finance themselves through drug-trafficking, kidnapping and extortion.

As part of a broader effort to improve the Colombian armed forces, the U.S. is highlighting progress in the nations that the American aid has helped to foster. The trip was also meant to underscore Bush’s commitment to Colombia’s war against drug trade as part of the war on terrorism, officials said.

The average time it takes students to begin and finish the program as a group. Although the program is new, plans for it were discussed more than a decade ago.

"We began talking about (the program) in 1998, but the idea was because a new joint doctoral program was established between UC Davis and Fresno State, the first of its kind," Gerber said. "And that one never got off the ground."

In 2001, when Cal Poly faculty reapproached UCSB with the idea, it was well-received with few issues to work out. "We were all wanting this to happen," Gerber said. "These are two very different institutions. The big ideas were easy to agree upon but it was the day-to-day basis of the program that was complicated.

Gerber explained that differences in financing policies, administration and faculty involvement sparked the most deliberation. After a year of negotiations and the approval of several committees, the universities got the green light to start the program.

However, not everything came glitch-free. One of the biggest obstacles program directors faced was the distance between San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara.

"Anything we can do to make that trip a little less of a burden, the better," Gerber said. "Last year we had video conferencing for some of the courses, or we tried to schedule classes so students had to come only one day a week."

Gerber said that the program still has a few kinks, but they are being worked out. After establishing the program, the main goal now is to focus on the students.

"We don’t think of this as just an interesting new training program," Gerber said. "We want this to be something important in our relationship with the local schools. We want local schools to be interested in building talent for themselves."

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A county sheriff’s department watch commander said there were no reports of damage or injury.

SAN DIEGO — A lawsuit that could determine the outcome of the San Diego mayoral election is in the hands of a judge.

The lawsuit by the League of Women Voters of San Diego asks that all votes cast for a presumed write-in candidate be counted, including ballots on which voters failed to fill in the circle next to her name.

Mayor Dick Murphy declared victory after he finished with 22,205 more votes than Councilman Donna Frye, the San Diego County registrar of voters said Friday.

The lawsuit by the League of Women Voters contends that “thousands” of voters wrote Frye’s name but neglected to fill the optical-scan bubble. The registrar says state law prohibits such votes from being counted. But a judge could order the registrar to count write-in votes with no bubbles, which could tip the election in Frye’s favor.

Bakersfield — The last free-flying California condor is back in the wild and recently fertilized a chick.

The mature condor, known as Adult 9 or A9C, was captured for breeding 17 years ago and released in May 2002. Keepers of the 24-year-old bird track him from a transmitter on his wings. Since then he fertilized a condor chick, born in April.

— Associated Press

STATE NEWS

YORBA LINDA — A small earthquake struck Orange County on Sunday, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injury, authorities said.

The magnitude-3.0 quake hit at 9:39 p.m. and was centered about two miles southeast of Yorba Linda and about five miles northeast of Orange, according to a preliminary report from the U.S. Geological Survey.
Thanksgiving travel forecast to be back to pre-Sept. 11 level

Even with record-high gas prices, experts expect holidays travel this week to be busier than 2000
Brad Foss
ASSOCIATED PRESS
Consider these journeys: Dallas to Sante Fe, N.M.; Salt Lake City to Las Vegas; and Daytona Beach, Fla., to Washington, D.C. — in a car. These are the kinds of road trips some Americans are gearing up for as Thanksgiving approaches.

Even with gasoline prices almost a third higher than a year ago, 86.5 million people, or 3 percent more than in 2003, are expected to hit the road for a turkey dinner before the week is up. Another 6.6 million are likely to travel by plane, train or bus, adding up to what will be the busiest Thanksgiving for the transportation sector since 2000, according to a telephone survey conducted for the American Automobile Association by the Travel Industry Association of America.

Thanksgiving is traditionally the peak business period for the airline industry, but passenger traffic fell sharply after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, accounting for the overall decline in holiday travel in 2001 and 2002. Auto traffic fell slightly in 2002 but, along with air traffic, has risen steadily since then.

Guillermo Font will drive his Lincoln LS 1,600 miles from Delray, Fla., near Daytona Beach, to the nation’s capital and back, to spend the holiday with his daughter. “I like to drive,” said Font, a 71-year-old architect, who likes “SOul around” with his GPS system while listening to Latin ballads and classical music on the road. He figures on spending $300 round trip for gasoline (including food), and an overnight stay in Lumberton, N.C.

Paula Sibby of Portland, Maine, said as long as there isn’t a snowstorm, she looks forward to the annual three-hour pilgrimage north to her parents’ home in Ellsworth. The 55-year-old Justice Department lawyer said she finds comfort in the routine.

“There’s usually very little traffic,” said Sibby “I take my mug of tea and a bottle of water. It’s a very Zen thing going home for Thanksgiving.”

fill up quickly and predictable screening lines are likely to be longer than usual, industry officials said. The steep drop-off in air travel that followed the 2001 terror attacks has gradually been reversed and AAA says this will be the first year since then that total Thanksgiving traffic — estimated to be 37.2 million Americans — will exceed the level of 36.8 million set in 2000. The heaviest Thanksgiving travel — 41.6 million Americans — occurred in 1995, according to AAA, the Orlando-based travel agency.

The Transportation Security Administration, which oversees passenger screening, has set up a Web site that gives estimated wait times for every airport, http://www.tsa.gov/index.html.

Spokesman Greg Martin said the nation’s aviation system, which has seen a 52 percent spike in delays this year because of bad weather and rising demand, should operate more efficiently than it did a year ago. That’s because some of the largest airlines, including AMR Corp.’s American Airlines, UAL Corp.’s United Airlines and Delta Air Lines Inc. have “de-peaked” their schedules, or smoothed out the flow of traffic more evenly throughout the day, particularly in busy cities such as Chicago, Dallas and Atlanta.

That said, American, the nation’s largest carrier, is advising travelers to get to the airport more than 90 minutes before flight time due to the anticipated long waits at security checkpoints and check-in. For those riding the train, Amtrak is warning that ridership the day before Thanksgiving will be 80 percent higher than a typical Wednesday and that passengers should expect trains to be crowded. It’s not uncommon for Amtrak passengers on the busiest unserved trains between Boston and Washington to stand in the aisles.

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Cold War relic, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, gets facelift

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — Ronald Reagan used it to reach out to the Soviets during the Cold War. Lech Walesa, the leader of Poland's Solidarity movement, likened it to the sun lighting the Earth. Rock band R.E.M. immortalized it in a cynical hit song.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty is trying to woo new listeners in Russia with a controversial overhaul that former dissidents contend will compromise its reputation and influence as a beacon of democracy. "We're becoming just another bunch of blah-blah on the air," Lev Roitman, a senior commentator for the private U.S.-funded station, said Thursday. "They must be idiots to do something like this at this critical time in Russia."

Officials at RFE/RL's football field-size newsroom, housed in Prague's communist-era parliament building, an imposing edifice of black granite circled by heavy concrete barricades and machine gun-toting guards, say they simply want to modernize the programming and expand its reach.

The station's primary target is urban, employed, university-educated Russians aged 35 and up. Key changes include more call-in shows, a Web site overhaul to appeal to the 18-plus crowd and a shift from longer evening programs to shorter morning programs on human rights.

"It's about our survival, not our mission," he said. "Listeners in Moscow tell us our programming is a little old-fashioned, that we still sound like a dissident radio. We're just revamping. We want to be a local radio with a global perspective." The broadcaster, which gets $75 million a year from Congress, has moved key positions to Moscow and now broadcasts 70 percent of its material from the Russian capital. Critics say that exposes the station known Radio Svoboda, Russian for "Liberty," to government intimidation and the threat of censorship.

"If anything similar to the current plan of the RFE/RL management would have been suggested in Soviet times, there would have been no doubt as to the source of inspiration: the KGB," Elena Bonner, the widow of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Andrei Sakharov, wrote earlier this month in an open letter to Western media.

"Can anyone think of a more Cold War-type operation than one that pretends to disguise a radio funded by the U.S. Congress and based in the Czech Republic as a local Russian radio?" she said, denouncing the plan as superficial and "a stupid gimmick."

The station also airs broadcasts in Iran, Iraq and Afghanistan.
Louise Dolby
MORNING MAIL

Three theater seniors are realizing the "American Dream" as their senior projects reach completion with the opening of a play Dec. 2 on campus. Director Evan Pohl, set designer Lindsey Kronmiller and costume designer Michelle Cannon joined forces to bring Edward Albee's 1966 black comedy, "The American Dream," to life.

"Working on this production was a great way to knock out three senior projects in one quarter," Kronmiller said.

In January, Pohl noticed a trend in American pop culture (from watching reality shows) like "Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire" and "The Bachelor." He noted Americans are looking for the perfect house, perfect spouse and a perfect life that includes an abundance of money. Americans are searching for these ideals to create the "American Dream."

As he began thinking about his senior project, Pohl re-read Albee's play and noticed it strangely paralleled the phenomenon in today's culture, even though it was written in 1963. "The American Dream" is a farce of American reality, a black comedy reflecting the society and culture of the nation. "I chose this play to show people that the popular ideal of the 'American Dream' is picking up more steam and coming back in another way," he said. "I wanted to bring it up again to make a comment on society and hopefully make an impact on the audience."

Pohl is a theatre arts major with an emphasis in film. He has worked on more than 15 short films in the past three years and directed his first play last spring.

After he graduates in December, Pohl plans to move to Los Angeles to work for "Entertainment Tonight" before starting graduate school in the following fall. In the future, he hopes to direct major Hollywood films.

"Stage directing is not what I plan on doing after graduate, but a senior project is supposed to be challenging," Pohl said. "It's been an extremely long process."

After Pohl decided to direct a play for his senior project, his adviser recommended he collaborate with Kronmiller and Cannon, who were also looking for senior project ideas. They read the play and agreed to contribute their talents to the production.

"The first couple times I read the play I liked it, but you have to look past it," Kronmiller said. "It's an absurd, dark, black comedy, but at the same time it is truthful about American culture."

Kronmiller went to an arts magnet high school in North Carolina where she helped with seven productions in one year. Her emphasis has been set design, but after college Kronmiller wants to apply her knowledge to event planning and design.

"I'm taking what I've learned in theater and am going to apply it to event planning," she said. "I feel like I'm having a different college experience since I get to learn about something I love, but the end result isn't always a lot of money. Unlike Kronmiller, Cannon plans to stay in theater after she graduates in June. She plans to continue acting, dancing and costuming for theater productions and possibly attend graduate school. Cannon jumped at the idea of collaborating with Pohl and Kronmiller on "The American Dream" since it would be a great opportunity to have her costumes used.

Since "The American Dream" is set in the 1950s, Cannon researched the decade to figure out what the characters would have worn. She used cultural icons like Marilyn Monroe for inspiration in building two original costumes and gathered the rest from thrift shopping to match the look of the show.

"The nice thing with theater is you can play with things a little bit," Cannon said. "I'm looking forward to seeing the final show to make sure everything I had in mind actually works."

"The American Dream" features a cast of five Caucasian actors that Pohl feels reflects the lack of diversity in society and more specifically Cal Poly. He expects this production will create dialogue and controversy since it addresses the question, "Are we getting what we really want? or just what we think we want?"

"The 'American Dream' runs Dec. 2, 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. in the H.P. Davidson Music Building, room 212, known as the 'Black Box.' Ticket reservations can be made by calling 805-487-2961. "They talk about a senior project being the capstone of the college experience, and that's what it has been," Kronmiller said. "It's been a lot of work but there's a point where you have to stop and say 'this is what we've created.'"
Muslims' challenges increase in post-9/11 world

Muslims throughout America, including San Luis Obispo, face prejudice which has led them to feel closer to one another.

Erica Dummond
3:10 PM

After Sept. 11, 2001, Americans feared for their lives, loved ones and the future of our country, but one group in particular suffered the brunt of the attacks: backsliding America's Muslim community.

Talk of Islam and the ways of the Muslim faith was splashed all over the front pages of newspapers and magazines in the months following the attacks, usually linked to terrorism and the hijackers.

In these critical months, many feel the media created a mass misrepresentation of Islam, one that snowballed into bigotry and hatred in some Americans' minds.

"The media display things in a way where people think the war on terror is a war on Islam. The media has such an influence they could have used it to display the truth," said Farhan Dani, Vice President of Cal Poly's Muslim Student Association and electrical engineering sophomore.

Naiyarah Kolkailah, biology junior and former president of Cal Poly's MSA agrees.

" Ninety percent of the information the media give about Islam is incorrect," she said. "Everything you hear about Islam is in supposed relation to terrorism, but 'Islam' as a word means 'peace.' Islam says that if you kill one person unjustly, you kill all of humanity. If you look at that and what the media say, they're completely opposite."

MSA's president and electrical engineering junior Hashir Boqai feels Muslims are being stereotype as terrorists.

"Granted, a lot of the terrorists were Muslim," he said. "But the problem is the media focuses on their religion, so people associate (the terrorism) with the whole religion."

"The KKK are a group of Christians doing something bad," Boqai said. "Now, I don't know much about Christianity, but I could associate it with the bad things the KKK do, but I don't."

Many feel this misrepresentation of Islam allowed bigotry to spread, resulting in numerous hate crimes across the country. Mosques have been burned, people's houses have been vandalized and Muslims have been brutally attacked.

The acts have grown less frequent since Sept. 11, but nonetheless, they are still there. Just last year someone broke the window of the mosque on Santa Rosa Street.

Kolkailah said her sister had a knife thrown at her while she was in a Laundromat but came out unhurt.

Despite attacks like these — or even perhaps because of attacks like these — studies have shown that the Muslim community has grown more united since the Sept. 11 attacks.

In fact, there was an increase in the amount of people converting to Islam after Sept. 11, more so than ever before.

"More people because Muslim just because they were interested," said Kolkailah.

The MSA holds several events to keep people interested in the religion and to try to give people a deeper understanding of it.

Earlier this month, MSA hosted their first "Fast-a-thon," in honor of the month of Ramadan. They invited Cal Poly students to fast from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m., ending the day with a feast at Chumash Auditorium. For each person who signed up, Calyem Laboratories donated $5 to the San Luis Food Bank to help feed the hungry. A total of $409 was raised.

"It's humbling towards the end of the day [of fasting] when we realize how dependent we are on our provisions," Boqai said during the fast.

He said the point of the fast is to experience what it's like for other people without food and to discover humility and insight.

"Today's hunger was an ache in your side," he told the Fast-a-thon participants. "Real hunger is an insecurity — not knowing where or when your next meal will be."

The event sparked a large turnout from Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

"We got a pretty good response," Dani said. "More than we expected."

He said larger campuses have held the same event and got a little over 100 volunteers. Cal Poly had over 80 participants, which he said was "a good size for our campus."

Nutrition freshman Hannah Espedal said she decided to fast because she likes getting involved in interesting things.

"It was really hard (to fast) because I couldn't even drink water," she said. "I mainly wanted to do it because I knew it was a charitable event for the homeless."

Next quarter MSA will continue to host events to create a better understanding of the religion, such as "Islamic Awareness Week."

Dani said a lot of events the club hosts are specifically for non-Muslims.

"The MSA is trying to clear up any misconceptions," said Boqai.

"The MSA is definitely a dividing barrier — people feel like Islam is a distant other religion."
Nervous mishaps happen to us all

Dee Kristin

This is going to sound really stupid, but I am literally the clumsiest person alive when I get nervous. Most of the time I don’t care, but it’s starting to really affect me. Last week I was in the UU and I fell down the stairs right after I saw this guy I like. Another time I had to give a presentation, and I blanked for a good minute. It was awful. The list goes on and on. I know these aren’t panic attacks or anything, but what should I do?

Dear Dee, you are stressing too much over little things. What’s probably happening to you is that you become completely overwhelmed and you lose your bearings. Does everything get a little fuzzy, and you’re not sure exactly what is going on around you? You need to focus on the catalogs of your nerves, instead of letting them get the best of you. Pull yourself together, and get through these situations.

However, if you’re just a clumsy person in general, blame defective genes. But seriously, there will be times when you can’t control the way you react. The best thing to do is just to walk away and pretend nothing happened.

For example, I took speech my first quarter. The class was in the spider building and I got lost finding the room almost every time. I usually allowed myself extra time to get to class, but I was running late the day I had to give my speech. To make a long story short, as I was running to class I tripped. As mortified as I was, I approached and walked with him to the office. Everyone does dumb stuff once in a while. Some things you just can’t help. The moral of the story is that shit happens, and sometimes you just have to suck it up and move on.

Dear Kristin,

Hypothetically speaking, say my roommate came home really drunk one night, and proceeded to pass out next to me in my bed. After about 10 minutes, he relieved himself all over both of us. Does this mean that we are gay?

Dear Nearly Naked Neighbor,

No, it means that you woke up smelling like urine, and you should wash your sheets.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

MARGARET SCOTT

GRANDMOTHER’S HOUSE

CARRIE MCCARTY

Almost every religion has a place, but don’t believe in a single God. However, I also believe in moving forward. After seeing the display on Deer and Lions, “Know Your Role,” I began feeling that people are now just out to hurt every minority group at Cal Poly.

The message appears to state that women should only be mothers, housewives or housekeepers. It is obviously a message that moves women backwards. I enjoy the freedoms as a woman and as an individual. I don’t appreciate someone telling me that I don’t have a place in colledge, and that I am only worth my husband makes or what a man will do for me.

The messages that Cal Poly students are sending out in their displays are very derogatory and rude, and I know that Cal Poly students are smart enough to create less derogatory ways to spread their message.

Lastly, the displays have already spread their message toward homosexuals and women. What is next? Minorities and Jews.

How about a message that is hurtful to white men? That’s probably something that we’ll never see at this campus.

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Nervous mishaps happen to us all

Dee Kristin

This is going to sound really stupid, but I am literally the clumsiest person alive when I get nervous. Most of the time I don’t care, but it’s starting to really affect me. Last week I was in the UU and I fell down the stairs right after I saw this guy I like. Another time I had to give a presentation, and I blanked for a good minute. It was awful. The list goes on and on. I know these aren’t panic attacks or anything, but what should I do?

Dear Dee, you are stressing too much over little things. What’s probably happening to you is that you become completely overwhelmed and you lose your bearings. Does everything get a little fuzzy, and you’re not sure exactly what is going on around you? You need to focus on the catalogs of your nerves, instead of letting them get the best of you. Pull yourself together, and get through these situations.

However, if you’re just a clumsy person in general, blame defective genes. But seriously, there will be times when you can’t control the way you react. The best thing to do is just to walk away and pretend nothing happened.

For example, I took speech my first quarter. The class was in the spider building and I got lost finding the room almost every time. I usually allowed myself extra time to get to class, but I was running late the day I had to give my speech. To make a long story short, as I was running to class I tripped. As mortified as I was, I approached and walked with him to the office. Everyone does dumb stuff once in a while. Some things you just can’t help. The moral of the story is that shit happens, and sometimes you just have to suck it up and move on.

Dear Kristin,

Hypothetically speaking, say my roommate came home really drunk one night, and proceeded to pass out next to me in my bed. After about 10 minutes, he relieved himself all over both of us. Does this mean that we are gay?

Dear Nearly Naked Neighbor,

No, it means that you woke up smelling like urine, and you should wash your sheets.

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**Mission top 10: Accomplished**

The Mustang cross country runners stuck together as they’ve done all season, and it worked again. Hoping for a top 10 finish, Cal Poly placed in top four runners within three seconds of one another as the team finished 10th in the nation at the NCAA Nationals in Terre Haute, Ind.

Colorado won the 10,000 meter race with two runners in the top five and five scoring members in the top-35.

Cal Poly’s 10th place finish is the best in school history at the Division I level and is an improvement of three spots from last year’s 13th place finish.

Cal Poly entered the nationals ranked ninth in the nation. The Mustangs finished with 333 points with five Cal Poly scoring runners finishing within one minute of each other.

Junior Brandon Collins led the Mustangs for the second year in a row and five scoring members in the top-10. Collins led the team with a 58th place finish and a time of 32:44, respectively.

Ked-shirt freshman Phillip Reid was the second Mustang to cross the finish line in 66th with a time of 32:27 followed by Blake Swier in 67th with a time of 32:28.

Andy Doughlin and Jeff Porto rounded out the scoring members for Cal Poly in 68th and 84th place. The two finished with times of 32:29 and 32:44, respectively.

Ryan Moorcraft and Luke Llamas also competed for the Mustangs and finished with times of 32:22 and 34:09.

Wisconsin entered the race as the top-ranked team and finished second with a 58th place finish and a time of 32:20 and 33:22 respectively.

Cal Poly moved through Chico State and later defeated Santa Barbara in the Championship race.

The Mustangs were unscored the Midshipmen 25-4 over the first 133/4 minutes and built a 59-advantage with 8:37 to play in the game.

The run was capped by a pair of five throw from Jennifer Dooley. The Mustangs trailed 22-22 at the time and Navy won a 33-30 lead into halftime. Navy opened up a 42-34 lead early in the second half, but Cal Poly countered the Midshipmen 22-4 over the next 8 1/2 minutes and built a 59-46 advantage with 8:37 to play in the game.

Cal Poly made 40.3 percent of its floor shots.

**Women’s basketball storms back to win**

What a way to open the season. Storming back from a 13-point deficit, Cal Poly women’s basketball made up the difference and more to defeat Navy 72-65 in its regular season opener in Mott Gym.

For the Mustangs, it was the bench play that had the biggest effect.

Off the bench, sophomore guard Jessica Eggleston scored 11 points to complement Katy Paterson’s 10 points.

The win entered the series with the Midshipmen at 1-1. Two years ago, Cal Poly has scored a total of 43 goals with only two goals scored against them.

After the game, and a quick team meeting, the women gathered to take team pictures — a fitting end to a winning season based on team unity and friendship.

“We’re going to miss our team,” said social science senior April Matthews. “We worked together. We feel great.”

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It was finally a champion. Winning 4-0 over UC Santa Barbara, the team won the field hockey championship and finished the season undefeated for an overall record of 15-0-2.

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