Vandalism in the San Luis Obispo area has been on the rise compared to last year’s police reports, and officials attribute the crime to alcohol consumption. The majority of these crimes occur on weekends, when parties and alcohol consumption is elevated.

"A lot of vandalism that happens in this city, particularly in the downtown area, involves alcohol," Sgt. Rick Crocker of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said.

"While the number of people involved is very small, it creates a lot of damage and makes people very unhappy." 

There have been 646 vandalism cases reported to the San Luis Obispo Police Department since Jan. 1, 2007. Between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2006, a total of 710 cases were reported. It seems as though this year's number will exceed last year's number, officials said. At Cal Poly, there have been 73 reports of vandalism between Jan. 1, 2007 and Oct. 16, 2007. In the same period last year, there were only 63 vandalism cases reported.

"College is stressful and sometimes a little destructive behavior is a way for some people to vent," Detective John Eds of the Cal Poly University Police Department said.

Reasons for this destructive behavior are broad and varied, but Eds said the entertainment value for those committing the crimes is probably a strong motivator. While there is no way to tell whether the rising numbers are attributed to an increased number of vandalism acts or simply an increase in the number of reports, officials said that many incidents still go unreported. Vandalism comes in various forms, including but not limited to graffiti and destruction of private or public property, officials said. Unfortunately, most cases do not get reported until the next morning or not at all, Crocker said. "Vandalism is incredibly prevalent," Crocker said. "I cannot count the number of vandalism acts that we take — or the number that we don't take that I hear about.

Vandalism in the San Luis Obispo area is considerably higher this year than previous years.

In comparison to 2006, the number of reported acts of vandalism is considerably higher in the San Luis Obispo area this year.

McCarthy's Irish Pub has a new location but keeps its comfortable atmosphere as well as its old employees and regular customers.

The red glow of a familiar neon sign illuminated the night air, laughter and chatter boomed, and a line of at least 20 patrons anticipated their entry into the new location of an old favorite at Marsh and Nipomo streets. That's right, McCarthy's is back.

The grand opening was held on Oct. 19 to pay tribute to the closing of the previous address at 1019 Court St., management said. "The only thing that's different is the geography," said the pub's managing partner Ron Meier. "It's the same as it ever was."

McCarthy's Irish Pub officially opened on Oct. 5 at 600 Marsh St., the former location of Old Country Deli, management said. The bar closed in doors at the Court Street location exactly eight months before the grand opening of the new location on Friday.

Many guests will notice the familiar bar stools, tables and Irish decorations adorning the walls, including enormous green four-leaf clovers and pictures. The crew even installed old wood paneling on the walls to give it an authentic McCarthy's look. Meier said. 

Now patrons can relax in an enclosed 400-square-foot outdoor patio at the new location, but the music remains the same.
McCarthy's
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add a new depth.
"We always had two TVs, but because of the low ceilings (in the new location), we now have flat screens," Meier said.
The pub's home was at 1059 Court St. for 55 years before it moved to its new location in March.
The Court Street building was one of several downtown structures to undergo retrofits earlier this year, causing many businesses to change locations or close altogether.
The cost to refurbish and reuse the original bar top, doors and other fixtures was about $50,000, owner Bill Hales told the Tribune earlier this month.
"Here, it's all the same people — the same staff, the same regulars," said McCarthy's manager Daryl Copie. "That's what makes McCarthy's great. It's the same place, just a new house."
Many familiar faces returned, including 10 employees, and management anticipates even more new patrons.
"The customers are tried and true. So many people love it so dearly and we never turn our noses down at a new patron," Meier said. "However, this is not a place to get drunk and throw up. This is a conversation bar."

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we are also overconsumers," he said.
In a question-and-answer session, a student asked how to respond to those who do not believe in global warming and how to confront them.
"For unreasonable skeptics, have the facts ready — but you don't want to be dogmatic," Tomanek said.
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systems.
Tomanek correlated the fatalities from recent heat waves in Paris and Chicago to global warming and emphasized human impact on the earth.
"We are not just overpopulated;
MALIBU (AP) — More than a half-dozen wildfires driven by powerful Santa Ana winds spread across Southern California on Sunday, killing one person near San Diego, forcing hundreds to evacuate north of Los Angeles and San Diego, and destroying several homes and a church in celebrity-laden Malibu.

No details were immediately available about the death in San Diego County, but four firefighters and at least 10 others were injured and taken to hospitals, said Matt Streck, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Britney Spears has regained temporary visitation rights of her sons, her attorney said Sunday.

"Yes, she has visitation with the children," her lawyer, Anne Kiley, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press without elaborating.

Spears was spotted driving with the boys, Preston, 2, and Jayden James, 1, on Saturday in the San Fernando Valley. People magazine reported on its Web site.

A presumed court-appointed monitor was in the passenger seat of the white Mercedes convertible and her sons were in the back seat.

SAN JOSE (AP) — The mayor of San Jose supports a new plan to block library patrons' access to online pornography.

Mayor Chuck Reed says it's the right way to keep children from viewing sexually explicit material on library computers.

Library officials say they've gotten few complaints under the current policy. Right now, librarians give adult patrons a privacy screen if someone else complains they're viewing offensive images. If children are caught looking at explicit sites, librarians let them know that's inappropriate.

When the issue came before city leaders a decade ago, the council rejected blocking online access for fear that it would lead to censorship. Councilman Pete Constant wants the council to consider a new plan next month.
Peptide could stop HIV progression

Lana Groves  
DAILY CHIEF CRONICLE (C. UTI)

A new preventative measure de­
volved at the University of Utah
could block HIV progression in
women. Biochemistry professor Mi­
chael Kay and his team of research­
ers have developed a way to prevent
HIV from spreading and infecting
cells.

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KEY LARGO, Fla. (AP) — Not content to carve their
pumpkins in the traditional way, several divers carved jack-o-lan­
ters more than 30 feet below the
ocean's surface. Ken and Linda Smith of Sebring, Fla., took top honors Sat­
ursday for their "scary pumpkin" at the 10th annual Amory Dove Re­
sort Underwater Pumpkin Carv­
ing Contest at the Florida Keys
National Marine Sanctuary. Their prize was a free dive trip.

Carving underwater wasn’t easy. Ken Smith said.

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“...the sacrament of our culture,”
Hager said. “We are good people and
we deserve some respect.”

Bob Stutman spoke next, giving
his reasons that marijuana should not
be legalized. Before he even began refuting
Hager’s arguments, though, Stutman
asked the audience to be a skeptical and
intelligent group.

“I expect you to challenge every­thing
I say because that’s intelligent,”
Stutman said. “I also expect you to do the
same for (Hager’s) arguments.”

“Stutman said that he thinks there are
two chemicals in marijuana that
are beneficial in medicines and be­
lieves they should be extracted and
used.

He argued that although these
should be used, the entire product did
not need to be legalized to do so.

He also agreed with Hager that
people should not be sent to jail for the
use of marijuana.

“I do not believe anybody should be thrown in prison for the use of any drug,”
Stutman said.

He said marijuana should be legal­
ized the day a majority of Americans,
or the court systems, can agree that it
deserves to be legalized.

He said this would not happen un­
til scientists and doctors had enough
evidence to show its worth and this has yet to happen.

After their opening statements, Hager and Stutman answered student questions which ranged from ques­
tions on whether activists should be
managing or not and whether marijuana is
merely a “gateway drug.”

Students at the debate seemed
largely interested in hearing both sides
of the argument and learning all they
could about the issue.

“Bob Stutman did an excellent job of representing each side and I wanted to see
who had stronger points on the issue,”
said Daniel Palmer, forester and natu­
ral resources management junior.

“I want to understand why it’s il­
legal and what steps need to be taken
to get it legalized, and what are the
benefits of having it legalized,”
said Nicholas Estrada, forestry and natu­
ral resources management sophomore.

Other students were in favor of one
side, mainly Hager. Many students were
hoping to hear the other side of the
argument.

“Hager’s been supporting legalization so long I’ve never heard the other side,”
said Jerry Mizrowski, math ju­
ior.

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A powerful blast ripped through three floors of a shopping mall in the heart of Manila’s financial district Friday, killing nine people and wounding more than 100, authorities said.

Police bomb investigators told President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo at a Cabinet security meeting covered live on local radio that they had detected the high explosive BLX9 on the site of the blast in the Glorietta 2 mall.

“It’s a bomb, but as to what kind of bomb we are still trying to determine,” national police chief Armando Razon told The Associated Press. “Likely it’s a terrorist attack, but what terrorist group we have no indicator.”

Al-Qaeda-linked Abu Sayyaf militants have waged a years-long bombing campaign in the southern Philippines in their aim to establish a state for the majority Muslims in the region. Abu Sayyaf and the Indonesian-based Jemaah Islamiyah network have also launched attacks in Manila.

National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales stopped short of directly blaming Abu Sayyaf but said that the group has aired appeals on the Internet for international support.

“The most ominous here is that they may be planning a bigger attack,” he said.

Arroyo said the military went on high alert after the explosion and deployed an additional 2,000 personnel to secure public areas “to prevent a similar occurrence.”

Razon said he has ordered additional road check points and deployed more officers to secure malls, shopping centers, airports and seaports, and bus terminals.

Police Chief Inspector Raynold Azomo, deputy chief of the Philippine Bomb Data Center, said no bomb parts or fragments such as a detonating cord, switch or power source were immediately found in the area, which was taped off because of broken pipes.

Officials said the blast, which appeared to have originated close to the mall’s ground-level loading dock for delivery vehicles, ripped through three floors of the mall, covering shops and restaurants with dust, glass splinters and other debris.

Taxi driver Mario Ena said he had just dropped off two female passengers at the mall when the blast hurled the two women against his vehicle, killing them instantly. He said he pulled one of the victims, who was pregnant, from underneath his car.

Mac Arni Sison said her sister, Angelica Cortez, was on an escalator going down from the second floor when the blast tossed her in the air.

“She landed on the escalator and her right foot got caught in the escalator chain and she was hit by glass shards from shops around her,” Sison said.

People inside the mall ran toward the exits when the blast went off.

“One man who was in front of me was already dead. There was a child but we don’t know where the child is now,” said Denice Inigo, who was shopping at the time of the explosion.

“The man’s wife was with me a while ago, and her leg was shattered. Many people were falling on top of each other,” she said. “It was loud, and then it became dusty.”

Several months ago, authorities were alerted to an alleged terror plot to plant bombs in Manila’s business districts of Makati and Ortigas, a government counterterrorism official said on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

In 2000, five bombs exploded nearly simultaneously around Manila, killing 20 people and wounding about 100. The attack was blamed on Abu Sayyaf and Jemaah Islamiyah.

In 2004, Abu Sayyaf militants blew up a passenger ferry in Manila Bay, killing 116 people in the country’s worst terrorist attack. The following year, four people were killed and dozens wounded when a bomb exploded on a Makati bus and two southern cities.

** Why Is lam o-Fascism Awareness Week? **

October 22 - 26

Concerned students at Cal Poly hold events to raise consciousness about the global threat of Islamo-Fascism.

Like the Nazis before them, the Jihad believe in their racial superiority, considering all “non-believers” to be “infidels” worthy of annihilation.

The Islamo-Fascist group al-Qaeda slaughtered nearly 200,000 fellow Muslims between 1990 an 2002. In fact, they’ve murdered more Muslims than any other group in history.

These groups not only oppress women in radical states such as Iran, they routinely and cold-heartedly execute them in front of their families.

Islamo-Fascism Awareness Week is an effort to give moderate Muslims support against the dangerously radical forces that have hijacked their religion.

David Horowitz Freedom Center

Please contact Jeffrey Wiener at Jeffrey@HorowitzFreedomCenter.org for more information or visit our website at:

www.IslamoFascismAwareness.org

** International Briefs **

** MOSCOW (AP) — ** A Soyuz craft veered off its designated landing course Sunday, coming down more than 200 miles short of its original destination on the steppes of Kazakhstan. It arrived safely, bringing two Russian cosmonauts and Malaysia’s first space traveler to end up about 210 miles west of the designated site near Arkalyk, Kazakhstan, Russia’s Mission Control spokesman Valery Lyndin said.

** JERUSALEM (AP) — ** Cities around the world are facing the danger of rising seas and other disasters related to climate change.

Of the 35 cities predicted to have at least 8 million people by 2015, at least 21 are highly vulnerable, says the Worldwatch Institute.

They include Dhaka, Bangladesh; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Shanghai and Tianjin in China; Alexandria and Cairo in Egypt; Mumbai and Kolkata in India; Jakarta, Indonesia; Tokyo and Osaka-Kobe in Japan; Lagos, Nigeria; Karachi, Pakistan; Bangkok, Thailand; and New York and Los Angeles in the United States, according to studies by the United Nations and others.
Jennifer Ingar

While living in the dorms their freshman year at Cal Poly, business senior Kyle Dozeman talked and dreamed about starting their own band because, to Marshall, it seemed like "the cool thing to do."

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Journalist gives lowdown on war coverage

*In the Hot Zone: One Man, One Year, Twenty Wars* by Kevin Sites

Kevin Sites signs copies of his new book, "In the Hot Zone: One Man, One Year, Twenty Wars," Friday at Borders.

“If you can’t feel emotion about this work, then you shouldn’t be doing it. Part of the reason I do it is because I’m so emotional about it. I don’t want that emotion to prevent me from doing it either, though, when I’m covering someone’s suffering or misery or triumph,” he said.

“It’s my job to be professional and not show them that because I need to honor what they’re going through. You can’t have a reporter crying when someone’s lost their child because that’s their loss and you’re there to humble yourself out, but not to take away from it because they have to be strong for you. That’s not the job. The job is to be strong for them and report their story. I take a lot of that emotion with me and certainly respect it and feel it, too,” Sites said.

Sites is currently Yahoo’s first news correspondent and is working on the program People of the Web (pomces_news@yahoo.com).

“I want to be relevant; I want the work that I’ve done to be relevant. … These people deserve to have their stories told and I was, in a lot of cases, the only one telling it. That’s a huge responsibility and a huge privilege. So being relevant as a journalist is my career goal. That’s what I like to do—tell stories that mean something to people, that potentially have solutions.”

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Looking for a Halloween costume? Take note of this advice

It's Halloween, ya'll. Hello Halloween, ya'll! What are you gonna be? Halloween costume trends change year to year, and for the most part they are reflections of current pop culture. Well, it's time for some changes.

Ladies, Halloween is definitely your time to shine. But check it, your costumes aren't that surprising anymore. You just take something and then "slut it up" for the occasion. For example, you might choose to be not just a nurse but a sexy nurse. Or maybe you want to be the sexy version of Abraham Lincoln and emancipate yourself from non-revealing clothes and boring underwear. The fact is, you're not dressing up as a sexy nurse or Baberaham Lincoln, you're dressing up like a stripper on her way to a bachelor party, meaning you'll have the same costume.

So what to do? How about leading us to the next level of costuming by making something wholly unseen, sexy. For instance: the food pyramid. Did you have your recommended servings of sexy today? The costume could be a really short dress with the food pyramid enlarged and taped on it. Or try this: As a group of friends, pick a theme (reptiles and office supplies are two good ones) and fight over who gets to be what. Just imagine your whole crew rolling up to a party as sexy toiletries. You can't tell me a toothbrush costume wouldn't be sexy. And the girl who dresses up as toilet paper, she's your best friend if the bathroom's taken and you can't wait. But really, here's a good idea: a sexy version of Strawberry Shortcake. Pop culture from when we were kids always makes a good costume. Now let's "slut up" that culture and really make it pop. Be careful, though; don't take this idea too far, because no matter how you do it, My Little Pony will never be sexy.

And if I see a lady who isn't showing off a ton of skin, I'll give her a high five, and you should too, because she's actually wearing a costume. Some of the things that pass as costumes these days are really just lingerie (I also condemn giving anyone wearing lingerie a high five).

For us guys, costuming is a little easier, we don't have to try and be sexy. But don't be that guy that shows up as a beer keg we've seen it before and were disappointed the first time we realized that your tap didn't dispense beer (not that we trust every random beer keg we see on the street enough to drink from it). Also, don't be a pirate. "Pirates of the Caribbean" is over and swashbuckling costumes have been done to death. Instead, let's lead a new trend and start being vikings because, if for no other reason, they have really sweet beards and grunt a lot, which means it's not that hard to stay in character when you're drunk.

Another possible trend: inter-gender group costuming. Why not dress as toilet paper; she's your best friend, and the girl who dresses up as toilet paper, she's your best friend. As a group of friends, the bathroom's taken and you can't wait. But really, here's a good idea: a group of friends, pick a theme (reptiles and office supplies are two good ones) and fight over who gets to be what. Just imagine your whole crew rolling up to a party as sexy toiletries. You can't tell me a toothbrush costume wouldn't be sexy. And the girl who dresses up as toilet paper, she's your best friend if the bathroom's taken and you can't wait. But really, here's a good idea: a sexy version of Strawberry Shortcake. Pop culture from when we were kids always makes a good costume. Now let's "slut up" that culture and really make it pop. Be careful, though; don't take this idea too far, because no matter how you do it, My Little Pony will never be sexy.

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That's all the advice I can give. Keep it classy, wear something classic and let the TRENDASAURUS fight off the pirates.

Brian McMullen is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily columnist.
As I write this, the death toll continues to climb.

It is Thursday evening, the time I set aside to write my column every week, and I have been watching the reports on the number of dead from a suicide bombing in Pakistan increase all day long.

During the 10-minute break during my feature writing class, the death toll was 93. After classes and before my walk home, reports confirmed 110 deaths. Following the chili dinner my roommate cooked, 136, with countless injured.

My day remained unchanged, like any other Thursday, while the day of hundreds of others was dramatically and suddenly transformed.

At around midnight, half a world away, a bomb exploded on the busy streets of Karachi, Pakistan during a peaceful procession welcoming home former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto from an eight-year self-imposed exile. Even with a police motorcycle and other security details, Bhutto's party, the Pakistan People's Party, was unable to deter attacks.

In total, 136 people died in the assault, and over 300 were injured, making it among the top 10 deadliest terrorist attacks in nine years.

The media has shown us scenes of death before and our overexposure to these horrific tragedies has left a lot of us too numb to respond. As critical as I am about what happens in the United States, I still can't fathom how people here can watch the reports on the number of dead and not know how to respond.

Though 136 is just a number to us on the outside, think of the thousands of families members and friends affected by the loss of individual human life. The impact of the deaths of these human beings is just as great and horrific as the little death we have been exposed to firsthand in our lives.

Following the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, our national community came together and mourned. Pop stars sang as the names of victims were read, movies were made and people grieved. Children of firefighters lost in rescue efforts received scholarships and families were given extraordinary compensation. These are all wonderful deeds, celebrating the lives of the people that died, but there won't be anything like this for the 136 in Pakistan.

It is wrong to compare a national tragedy to something that occurred abroad, in a region riddled with political and social unrest, but it is difficult to see the deaths of 136 people turn systematically into a statistic for a news report.

As critical as I am about what happens in the United States, I still can't take for granted the life I am able to have here. I spent far too much time thinking of myself, my grades, my friends, my future, my life and too little time stepping back and gaining some perspective.

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took their first double-digit lead at 15-5 via one of sophomore outside hitter Gabby River's 11 kills. The Mustangs closed to within five points of the Cal Poly lead at 27-22 but the Mustangs' .325 hitting percentage proved a decisive advantage.

The two squads battled 10 lead changes and posted 17 deadlocked points. The Mustangs closed the Long Beach State lead to 27-26 but the Mustangs took three of the game's final four points to tie the match.

In another game played with fluctuating advantages, neither side led by more than three points in the third set. Long Beach State claimed the final of eight lead changes at 29-28 and took the match advantage behind a Nicole Varga ace.

The Mustangs dropped their fifth game with a kill, but the Mustangs never trailed in building an early 9-2 lead.

Tom Withers

BOSTON — His reputation, his clean-cut image, his stature as one of baseball's good guys, they all take a hit. And Paul Byrd, the soft-throwing pitcher who prides himself on control and control, couldn't stop it.

Just hours before Game 7 of the AL championship series Sunday, Byrd acknowledged using human growth hormone for a medical condition. But the Cleveland Indians' right-hander claims he never injected the banned drug without a doctor's prescription.

"I have nothing to hide," Byrd said about two hours before his team's biggest game of the season against the Boston Red Sox. "Everything has been done out in the open. I have a reputation. I do not want the fans of Cleveland or honest, caring people to think that I cheated."

"Because I didn't."

Byrd, the key Game 6 win of the ALCS moved the Indians into one victory of the World Series, bought nearly $25,000 worth of HGH and syringes from 2-02-05, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Sunday.

HGH was not banned by baseball until Jan. 13, 2005. Byrd made his final purchase of HGH a week earlier, the newspaper said.

The Chronicle said Byrd made 13 purchases of HGH between Aug. 2002 and January 2005. During those seasons, he was with Kansas City, Atlanta and the Los Angeles Angels.

Byrd said doctors prescribed HGH after he had "very low" hormone readings.

"There is no way I would have taken the world series if I didn't have the drugs available to me," Byrd said.

The 12-year veteran said he had "very low" hormone readings. "I never took any more than what was prescribed. I was trying to think of a way to prove that to people."

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The Chronicle said it reviewed records of shipping orders and payment information of Byrd's alleged sales to his Social Security number. The records were provided to the paper by an unidentified source. Based on the paper's review, Byrd had some shipments sent to his home in Alpharetta, Ga., and $1,050 worth of syringes and HGH to the Braves' spring training facility in Kissimmee, Fla., and a $2,100 order to the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York, when the Braves were in town to play the Mets.

Byrd didn't deny using his credit card to buy the drugs or having them shipped to him.

The Palm Beach Rejuvenation Center, the clinic where Byrd made the alleged purchases, is part of a network of anti-aging clinics and online pharmacies targeted by the Albany, N.Y., district attorney for illegal sales of steroids and growth hormones.

"If that pharmacy did something wrong," Byrd said, "I didn't know about it. I never received anything in a shipment that wasn't prescribed to me.

The Chronicle said one of the prescriptions Byrd used to buy growth hormone was written by a Florida doctor whose license was suspended in 2003 for fraud and incompetence. Byrd was slowed by an elbow injury in 2003, when records show he bought six purchases of HGH.

Byrd went 5-8 with a 4.59 ERA this season, his worst with the Indians. They signed him to a two-year, $14 million contract in December 2005, and Cleveland holds a club option for 2008.

Byrd has a .97-1 career record, relies on location and off-speed pitches to get outs. Following Game 4, Byrd, who is listed at 6-foot-1 and 190 pounds, joked about finding some extra speed on his fastball.

"I hit 90 mph," Byrd said, "which happens a few times a year."

Byrd clears the air about his HGH use

Cleveland Indians pitcher Paul Byrd speaks to reporters outside the Indians clubhouse before Game 7 of the ALCS Sunday at Fenway Park in Boston. Byrd admitted to using human growth hormone.

Byrd maintains he's been working with Major League Baseball officials, however, they said they want to speak with him before the start of the World Series if Cleveland advances.

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Reid earns Big West Conference Player of the Week honors

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA — Cal Poly’s Phillip Reid was named the Big West Conference Athlete of the Week for the second time this season.

Reid led the Cal Poly squad to a 10th place finish at the Pre-Nationals White Race this past Saturday against a field that had 12 nationally ranked teams.

Reid returned to form in leading the team with a 22nd place finish in the 8k race. Reid, an All-American in 2006, crossed the line with a time of 23:47.

The Mustangs entered the race ranked 36th in the nation and finished ahead of William & Mary College (16th) and Weber State (26th).

While all the teams finishing in front of the Mustangs were all ranked above them.

Reid earned his first athlete of the week when he won the UCSB Lagoon Open the first week of the season.

Reid’s selection has continued the sweep this season for the men’s team.

Cal Poly has earned every athlete of the week this season.

Reid has won twice while Evan Anderson and Roy Swyer have each won once.

The Mustangs return to the course when they host the Big West Cross Country Championships on Oct. 27 at the Fairbanks Memorial Course.

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Nov. 16-18.

The tournament will be the last of the year for the Mustangs before beginning their spring 2008 schedule on Jan. 13.

Men’s tennis finishes 4-12 at Pepperdine

The men’s tennis team finished the Dec. 1 ITA Regional competition in Malibu with an overall record of 4-12.

Blake Wardman lost in the quarterfinals to the No. 9 seed, Matt Brookman of Arizona State University. In the quarterfinals, 6-2 and 10-5.

Darryl Young was the stand-out for the Mustangs, defeating Troy Aiken of Pepperdine University and Tim Schubert of San Diego State University before losing to Kase Van Hof of USC in the round of 32.

Cal Poly returns to play Oct. 26 through Oct. 28 in the Santa Clara Invitational hosted by USC.

The minute as Kyle Schmidt received a red card. In all, six cards were given out. Two yellow cards to each team and a red card to each squad.

The Mustangs remain in first place in the Big West standings with 14 points to UC Santa Barbara’s 13.

Cal Poly will return home on Oct. 27 to play UC Riverside at 7 p.m. in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

The Mustangs are 6-0 at home this season.

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first 100-yard game for both players as Mustangs.

Daly completed seven of 17 passes for 115 yards and one score. Baridon and Tredale Tolver each caught three passes for Cal Poly.

For South Dakota State, Berry completed 15 of 23 passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns while Koeng amassed 259 yards in 21 carries and four scores. Koeng is the second Mustang opponent to rush for over 200 yards. Deonte Jackson of Idaho rushed 214 yards on Sept. 8.

Chirs Doblar caught four passes for the Jackrabbits.

Defensively, Cal Poly was led by linebacker Marty Mohamed with 17 tackles. Safety Mark Condes and linebacker Jason Relyea each had 11 tackles. Linebacker Martin Graef had 13 tackles for South Dakota State.

Cal Poly plays the third of four consecutive road games next Saturday at Idaho State, and concludes the long road trip Nov. 3 at Southern Utah.

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Poly fumbles 48-35 win to 'Rabbits

Cal Poly loses to South Dakota State for second year in a row. The all-time series is now 2-2.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

BROOKINGS, S.D. — South Dakota State converted two Cal Poly fumbles and a blocked field goal attempt into three touchdowns and went on to beat the No. 19 Mustangs 48-35 in a Great West Football Conference game Saturday night in Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Cal Poly, which had a four-game winning streak snapped, fell to 4-3 on the season and 1-1 in Great West games. South Dakota State improved to 3-4 and 1-0.

The Mustangs had the advantage in numerous offensive categories, including first downs (25-20) and total offense (502-433), but couldn't overcome the pair of lost fumbles deep in South Dakota State territory as well as the blocked field goal attempt in the third quarter.

Adam Monke returned the game-opening kickoff 91 yards for a touchdown, but Cal Poly answered with a two-yard run by sophomore fullback Jon Hall, capped a 68-yard, 10-play drive.

Cory Koenig ran 31 yards on a third-and-one play for a touchdown early in the second quarter.

Again, Cal Poly answered quickly, with the Mustangs only goal late in the first quarter. It was her first goal of the season.

Koenig scored his third touchdown on an 11-yard run by Koenig, his fourth score of the game.

Cal Poly established two school records. Andrew Gardner made five PAT kicks, extending his streak of successful kicks to 36 and breaking the mark of 31 set by Navid Niaoun in 2001.

Borden's touchdow catch in the fourth quarter was the 26th of his career, tying the mark set by Kamil Loud from 1994-97.

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Cory Koenig, above, rushed for a career high 259 yards and four touchdowns to lead South Dakota State to a 48-35 victory over No. 19 Cal Poly in the Jackrabbits' Great West Football Conference opener Saturday night at Coughlin-Alumni Stadium.

Mustangs tie 1-1 at Irvine

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

IRVINE — Cal Poly had a win snatched away from them at UC Irvine Saturday night as the Mustangs relinquished a goal with two scores remaining off of a free kick taken by the Anteaters. The game eventually ended in a 1-1 draw.

With the draw, the Mustangs are unbeaten in their last nine matches. During the stretch, which dates back to a 1-0 win over Cleveland State on Sept. 16, Cal Poly is 7-0-2.

Kyle Montgomery scored his fourth goal of the season in the eighth minute of play to put the Mustangs (9-1-2 overall, 4-0-2 Big West) on the board early. Montgomery's goal was Cal Poly's only shot in the first half.

Scoring pass from Ryan Berry to break the deadlock and Koenig ran 46 yards on another third-and-one play, giving the Jackrabbits a 9-2-4 advantage 97 seconds before halftime.

Cal Poly received the football to start the third quarter and marched 74 yards in just five plays to close the gap to seven points. Dally capped the drive with a 20-yard run.

But the Jackrabbits scored the next two touchdowns to open up a 20-point lead and coasted to the win. Koenig scored his third touchdown on third-and-short, a 52-yard romp, and Jakeon Harris caught a 25-yard scoring pass from Berry for a 41-21 South Dakota State advantage with 12:30 to play in the game.

Cal Poly scored two more touchdowns in the final nine minutes, but it was too little, too late. Remes Borden caught a 22-yard scoring pass from Dally with 8:20 to go and Dally sneaked one yard for the final Mustang score with 4:08 to play.

In between those scores, South Dakota State scored a touchdown on an 11-yard run by Koenig, his fourth score of the game.

Cal Poly opened a pair of 100-yard rushers Saturday. Dally finished with 153 yards on 30 carries while Ryan Mole added 112 yards on a dozen trips. It was the 28-14 advantage 97 seconds before halftime.

It appeared as if the Mustangs would win their fourth consecutive match, but with five seconds remaining Mario Fernandez was whistled for a foul and given his second yellow-card of the match. Fernandez was sent off and Matt Murphy netted the ensuing free kick to force overtime with 89:58 showing on the game clock.

It was her first goal of the season.

The Gauchos outshot the Mustangs 15-11 in the first half and 16-7 in the second half.

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Cal Poly's Casey Cordray dribbles the ball in Cal Poly's game against UC Irvine on Oct. 10. The Mustangs won the game 2-1.

Poly beats 49ers in close match