Health advice now available after hours

Megan Havler  
ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

The Cal Poly Health Center started a free after-hours nurse hotline in response to the rapid spread of H1N1. It will help students who have health inquiries when the Health Center is closed.

This program will not affect health fees this year or next year. There are similar products that are online and feature live chat with medical professionals. However, Bragg said there is something lost when you don’t hear the personal voice in communication. He felt that the Nurse Response’s phone service would be more beneficial.

“There have been times when I wished the Health Center was open on the weekend,” said Tyler Whipple. “It will be helpful for quick questions rather than going into the ER.”

Although the hotline was started because of H1N1, it is not only for flu cases. Students can also use it for symptom-specific questions, learn if they should wait to treat their symptoms when the Health Center opens or ask general health questions.

“I won’t really use the nurse hotline because my sister is a doctor, so I just call her for help. I think for most people who don’t have that family member it is a really good idea,” biology sophomore Misty Moyle said.

The service has been available for many years. “We had explored the nurse hot line as a possibility several years ago,” Bragg said.

With this extraordinary year we are going through, we thought it would be helpful to have one number to advertise for students.

—Dr. Martin Bragg  
Director of Health and Counseling Services

The program cost between $35,000 and $40,000, which came from an emergency funds reserve. These funds are similar to a savings account, which the Health Center keeps for unexpected costs. This year the reserve started with about $500,000. The money is also used to purchase software and computers to maintain staff during budget cuts.

H1N1 Vaccine at Cal Poly

Kevin Diaz  
STAR TUESDAY

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as an egg base.
Dr. Martin Bragg, the director of Health and Counseling Services, said the Health Center is hoping to administer 1,000 doses per day to students.
Health Center officials know the vaccine was on its way and were told they would receive a 24-hour notice prior to its arrival.

Another shipment of 3,500 vac­
cines is expected to arrive in the next week.
Students who have diabetes, asthma, heart problems or compro­
mised immune systems are encour­
ged to come tomorrow. All other students are encouraged to wait until Wednesday and Thursday, but will not be turned away on tomor­
row even if they do not have these conditions.
Bragg’s advice for students is not to put off getting the shot.

The Health Center ordered 19,000 vaccines originally in hopes that everyone could be vaccinated.

More information can be found at www.atl.calpoly.edu/ehs/h1n1/.

Megan Hader contributed to this re­
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All-U.S. diplomat and former Iranian hostage L. Bruce
Laingen speaks to the audience during the “2006 A Time of Remem­
brance” in Washington, D.C.

Longtime U.S. diplomat and former Iranian hostage L. Bruce
Laingen’s memories of his long cap­tivity remain sharp: “An exper­
ience like that, of being a hos­
tage, doesn't totally fade,” he said.

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Farmers fight climate bill, but warming spells trouble for them

How much hotter will it get?
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- Lower emissions, 2080-2099: 20, 25, 30
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WASHINGTON — Farm state senators and others soon will get a taste of what their colleagues from Missouri already have piled high on their desks: thousands of letters from farmers urging them to vote against the climate and energy bill.

The Missouri Farm Bureau started the letter campaign early, weeks before the bill was fully written and the number of days projected for 2080-99 under low emission and high-emission scenarios.

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court is considering, for the third time, the case of a California murderer who was sentenced to die in 1982 for the brutal killing of a young woman in the state’s central valley.

Twenty years ago, the California Supreme Court affirmed a death sentence for Fernando Bel- montes, but since then, his case has bounced back and forth in the federal courts. Three times in this decade, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has overturned his death sentence as flawed.

The case is the latest skirmish in the long-running war between California prosecutors and the 9th Circuit over the death penalty, and it helps explains the oddity of capital punishment in California. While death sentences are common, executions are rare.

California has by far the largest death row in the nation, with 685 inmates. Yet, only 13 condemned prisoners have been executed since capital punishment was restored in 1977; far fewer than the 38 death row inmates who have died of natural causes.

By contrast, Texas has carried out 441 executions during the same time and has 358 inmates on death row. Though a much smaller state, Virginia has executed 103 murderers during that time and has only 18 inmates serving death sentences. Among them is John Allen Muhammad, who is scheduled to die on Nov. 16 for one in a series of sniper shootings in the Washington area in the fall of 2002.

The stark differences in execution rates reflect the contrasting approaches of the regional U.S. courts of appeals. In the South, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals based in Richmond, Virginia and the 5th Circuit based in New Orleans are dominated by conservative judges who are inclined to reject appeals and to uphold death sentences.

The 9th Circuit, based in San Francisco, has a core of liberal judges who see it as their duty to carefully scrutinize capital cases.

“There is no greater burden than falls on a member of the judiciary than to sit in judgment on whether an individual shall live or die, and no greater see Death row, page 5
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hander on livestock.

Finally, warning will be good for something pets and ponds.

Climate scientists, in reports such as those used in the government study, say that while the weather will fluctuate from year to year, the long-term warming trend that's already being observed will continue and accelerate. The severity of the warning will depend on the amount of heat-trapping gases that build up in the atmosphere.

Richard Oswald, 59, grows corn and soybeans and raises cattle with his son, on 2,000 acres in Rock County, in Missouri's northwest cor-

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er. He's the chairman of the board of the Missouri Farmers Union, which is part of the National Farmers Union, a group that supports a mandatory cap on emissions and a trading scheme for pollution permits, as long as farmers' concerns are met.

"We can either get behind this and push this legislation in a direction that will help farmers, or we can sit back and fight all the way and get something we really don't want," Oswald said.

Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Geor-

gia, the Agriculture Committee's ranking Republican, said he'd op-

pose the bill because it would bring "economic pain for no benefit" and would "only hurt farmers, ranchers and forest landowners and provide them no opportunity to recoup the higher costs they will pay."

"The huge taxes on carbon would be devastating to Mid-

The bill would charge large source of emissions, such as power plants, for the amount of greenhouse gases they produce. Farmers wouldn't be required to reduce their emissions.

As the Obama administration's trade, businesses would have to find ways to comply or pay more.

Some of those penalty pay-

ments would be used to help vul-

erable industries and consumers. Energy costs were certain if the legislation passed. It left the White House without the necessary consensus and consumer support to win a vote in the Senate.

Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., who was the secretary of agriculture for several years during the Bush administration, said that high-

er energy costs were certain if the bill passed. He wasn't convinced by the government study that climate changes are equally certain.

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responsibility than to make certain that every capital defendant re- ceives the full protection to which he is entitled under our Con- stitution and our laws," said Judge Stephen Reinhardt of Los Angeles, deciding his decision to set aside Belmontes' death sentence again.

In a 2-1 decision last year, Reinhardt and Judge Richard Paci, also of Los Angeles, ruled the law for Belmontes provided "infe- citive assistance of counsel" because he failed to tell the jury of the "traumas that Belmontes faced as a youth." Given this evidence, the jury might have spared his life, they said.

Eight conservative judges of the 9th Circuit decided and said the full appeals court should reconsider this ruling. However, it takes a majority vote of the circuit's 27 judges to re-hear such a case.

In 1981, Belmontes broke into the home of 19-year-old Sae's McCormick and beat her to death with a barbell. He stole a stereo and sold it for $100.

In two earlier rulings, Reinhardt and Paci overturned the death sentence for Belmontes on the grounds he was not thought they could not consider his con- version to Christianity as prison a reason for lenience. Police and prosecutors said Belmontes had shot and killed a man two years earlier, but this evidence was kept from the jury.

After each of these rulings overturning his death sentence, the California attorney general appealed to the Supreme Court. Twice before, the justices set aside the 9th Circuit's decision, once in brief order and once in full opinion.

The state's lawyers have been waiting for several weeks, anticipating the high court will act soon on their latest appeal. They are not waiting, however.

"A great many people are frustrat- ed by the pace at which these cases are resolved," said Ronald Matthias, a California assistant at- torney general, who oversees lit- igation on the death penalty. He noted other Western states "face the samelogan." The 9th Circuit hears cases from nine states, several of which have large numbers of prisoners on death row. They include Arizona (122), Nevada (79), Oregon (35) and Idaho (18). None of these Western states has carried out an execution in the past two years, according to the Death Pen- alty Information Center in Wash- ington.

In Arizona, "We've had just one execution since 2000," said Steve Wilson, a spokesman for the state attorney general.

Critics of the death penalty have cited the high cost and seem- ingly endless litigation as a good reason for abolishing capital pun-ishment. Last year, the California Commission on the Fair Administra- tion of Justice called the state's death penalty system "broken" and "dysfunctional" and estimated it costs the state $157 million a year.

The justices met Friday to dis- cuss pending appeals, including the Belmontes case, and may act Monday.

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Washington's Lottie Baldridge, who was the top aide to first lady Jacqueline Kennedy, said the mentor- ing program was "definitely" a first for a presidential spouse. She called it "wonderfully imaginative," but cautioned it will be difficult in part because of the ongoing com- mitment it requires.

"This is not just a nice lecture or community gathering," she said. "Mentoring for their careers, gosh, that's a big commitment."

Participants "are going to have to put their heart and spirit and soul to it," she said.

Baldridge, a Republican, is a fan of Mrs. Obama and thinks the pro- gram will only burnish her reputa- tion.

"She'll set a tremendous ex- ample," Baldridge said. "She'll be looks up to and revered all over the world for doing this. She is go-
ing to be delayed by burdens."

The latest effort comes after Mrs. Obama has tried to set an ex- ample for young people, promoted healthy eating and exercise, lent support to military families and hosted high-profile musical events.

"She's really gone in many di- rections," Baldridge said, "and I think it's fantastic that she has the energy."

Carl S. Anthony, a Los Ange- les author and a historian for the National First Ladies Library in Canton, Ohio, agreed the mentor- ing program is a first. He observed the cause builds on her leadership at Public Allies Chicago, which aims to groom a new generation of leaders.

He predicted it could grow much bigger, noting Lady Bird Johnson began a committee to beautify the nation's capital, trig- ering a nationwide effort to plant wildflowers, beautify highways, space up parks and erect clean air and land initiatives.

WORD ON THE STREET
"What do you think about the Health Center's new nurse hot line?"

Well, I've personally never used the one on campus so it's not really helpful to me but it's nice to know it's there.

Matt Ann, civil engineering se- nior

I think it's helpful. People always need advice, I don't always know about different sicknesses.

Cameron Walters, mechanical engineering junior

"I think it's cool you can do it, but it might be hard just talking (on the phone) as opposed to urgent care. It could save time if it's a little problem."

Haley Mccown, wine and cul- ture sophomore

"I think it's good considering all of the swine flu stuff all over the news." 

Julia Dean, chemistry fresh- man

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Every Monday, cut out this fridge for the weeks happenings.
Drum solos taken to the extreme in “To The Breathing World”

I really wish I could reference the Brontë sisters right now without a trace of irony. It would be nice, perhaps, to speak of “Wuthering Heights” and the sincerity of the text, its characters and love and all that. But it would just be a stupid joke that would inadveritently alienate the earnest readers of the gothic novel among you, and this review is intended for the sincere.

This album is so sincere, in fact, that by the end of the article, I will have exhausted my thesaurus’ synonyms and antonyms of the word “earnest”, because to hell with it.

When I first heard Neal Morgan’s “To The Breathing World” released on Drag City, I thought it was a sort of male equivalent of Newsom, with lyrics that, when taken out of context, seem like pretentiously incomprehensible clutter of hipster mumbo jumbo. But, in the grand scheme, they are earnest and poignant lyrics about “a butterfly that carelessly liked singing, paused in midnight, stuck around to stay with the slave whale for a time, in its time of shame and loneliness.”

No! Taken out of context, it sounds like a whole bunch of nothing. But watch him play that song in “The Basement” on YouTube, and you’ll see the heart of the natural world. Morgan is just a boy with his drums and voice. No need to look any further.

The whole album is a sort of day trip from Indiana to California in order to get a gram of sand. The two men were meditating together in the Los Angeles Airport terminal. “They were sitting next to each other as if they were on the ride,” he said.

Priest said the Ferris wheel lights had a spiritual element to them and that the motion of the wheel was very similar to meditation. Priest shut the video near to closing time when the wheel had stopped spinning but the lights were still on.

He said he likes for his viewers to have an immediate response to his work. His philosophy can be seen in his other piece at the exhibit, an

Faculty art showcase brings research out of the classroom

Tim Miller

A number of new faculty members featured their work at the Art and Design Faculty Creative Research Triennial.

Jeff Van Kleeck, University Art Gallery coordinator, said that while most people don’t think about art as research, it is an important part of faculty development. It can also take a good deal of time, which is why the show only happens once every three years.

The show had a variety of mediums including glass sculptures of sea creatures, photos, paintings, aroma art and a variety of multimedia pieces.

Sky Bergman said the diversity of mediums reflects the diversity of the faculty. Bergman said this year’s show was particularly interesting because of the number of new faculty who had worked on display. While many of the faculty members do show their work locally, it can be hard to see everyone’s work, Bergman said.

One of the new department members who showed their work is full-time lecturer Brian Priest, who has two multimedia sculptures.

One of his pieces titled “LAX Shaman” was a video display split in half with two men sitting next to each other on one side of the screen and a static, lit-up Ferris wheel on the other. Priest said he edited the video together while he was on a

The University Art Gallery’s opening exhibit features a number of art and design faculty members’ ongoing research in a variety of mediums.
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guitar or bass or anything, just a
raw recording of the artist hun-
ing along in structure, but in
no way standard or simple beats.
Think an early acoustic, "Animal
Collective" type of drum, it’ll help
with the theatre nerd ap-
peal of Newton’s lyrics but more
personal and less devoured by a
good, high-pitched, chirp voice.

Even if you are not a fan of
Newton, the album is still defi-
nately worth a listen just to hear
this unique take on what a solo-
singer-songwriter can be. It’s ac-
cessible without being a cookie
out of the dough with his


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audio clip of him reciting every-
try in a Dollar Store Webster’s dic-
tionary:

“I liked that you could buy the
English language for a dollar,” he


guitar struggling with basic chord
progression. There is some tech-


Michael Miller, a professor of stu-
dio art who has been at Cal Poly for
more than 12 years, said that the fac-
ulty research show is a way for fac-
culty members to code their work
and show off the new directions they
are exploring.

Miller showed two watercolors
done on vellum, a very thin material.
He placed around with his pieces
and painted on both sides of the ma-
terial in order to capture light in dif-
ferent ways. He is now working with
a similar technique by painting the
wall behind the vellum and letting
the color show through.

Within Cal Poly, the art depart-
ment might not seem as important
as some of the larger programs, but
Cal Poly has a great reputation in the
design world. Bergman said this ex-
hibit is just one of many that allow
the department to showcase their
talent to students, fellow faculty and
the university as a whole.

ABC’s “V” gives aliens a new look

Chuck Barney
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

When it comes to terrifying
mankind, space aliens have been
overshadowed lately by vampires
and zombies. But on Tuesday night,
the extraterrestrial launch
an inspired rally in “V,” a capti-
vating new science-fiction drama
from ABC.

Based on a 1980s miniseries,
“V” (for "Visitors") tells of a close
counter with an alien race, which
arrives via massive space-
craft that hover ominously over
every major city on Earth. Natu-
 rally, their presence triggers mind-
numbing panic. This is followed
by an intense desire to blow those
big metal orbs to smithereens.

But hold your fire. Amazingly,
these aliens look just like us — or
at least the really attractive folk
among us. And, in a nice twist, they
came bearing a message of peace.
Not only do they want to be our
BFs: they promise to use their
advanced technology to solve the
world’s problems and — get this
— provide universal health care.

All this Summer of Love-like
bliss is conveyed by Anna (Morena
Baccarin), the gorgeous leader of
the aliens, and priest Jack Landis
(Thad Luckinbill). It all makes for a
suspenseful, scary conception. The
fast-paced pilot sucks you in from
the start and keeps you wowed to
your seat right up through a couple
of shockers near the end of the
hour.

ABC will introduce “V” with
four episodes and then pick up
with more in the spring. If the se-
ries can maintain the pilot’s mo-
tenent, TV viewers can happily
brace themselves for an alien ab-
duction.

With some deciphering, they
discover there’s a secret hidden
neath the skin of every V. They
also learn that many stealthy aliens
have been living among us for
tears, apparently just waiting to
unleash some sinister deeds. Sud-
ddenly, Erica and others are looking
over their shoulders, wondering
who they can trust.

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Bankers dislike pay cuts?

Take a number, join the club

Michal Atwood

It's a bank gives you a mortgage; it sets the rates, right? If a credit card company issues you a Visa, it tells you the terms, correct? Then why do financial institutions bulldoze by the government cry foul when that goes above the line? Bankers - want to set the rates? But isn't that what they do? Right? Right.

Keith of America sells or offers something to people that they routinely sock up on.

One of the most pithy and succinct remarks, I think, is when the Wall Street Journal noted that, in the view of a Citigroup employee, the risk of the mortgage crisis is perceived as being too high for someone trying to get their head above water.

It's amazing how much business generators. In today's world, in this economic quagmire, in a company that had to be bailed out, you can't go on.

The ghosts of speak up. Of course, bankers will insist you don't understand. You don't get it. I'd like to see you try to explain how much riskier things are.

The Journal says it's all about the idea that their top dogs may get their bowls downsized. That instead of hundreds of millions, they get their bowls downsized. That they don't have the luxury to take for which they routinely sock up on.

This much we know. We all think trades in the Journal owns a 60-year-old house. His problem is hard enough to get to the use of alternative transportation, with no skateboarding, no crossing at night or strap a flashlight to it.

This is absurd. The fines are way too expensive for someone trying to bike to school. Do you think any college kids can afford these? Campustrip is already hard enough to get to with ridiculously expensive parking passes, a commodity of parking spaces, commodity of bike parking, no skateboarding, no crossing the train tracks and over-crowded buses.

These laws in no way support the use of alternative transportation at a school that claims to be green. People know how to ride bikes and I'm sure that they already know in dangerous; it should be up to them to enforce their own safety, not the campus police (on a case to case ba

Out number and yield to pedestrian traffic. I'm tired of being almost run over by assholes who have no respect for anyone. Do we want to pay for running a stop sign? Don't run the stop sign. Don't want to ride your bike unsafely at a light and endangering other people who can't see you! Don't ride your bike at night or strap a flashlight to it. Common sense people, quit bitching about how much these tickets cost. They cost that much to teach you to stop breaking the law. How can you possibly argue against this?

So I'm a little amused (at least before I get furious) that banks are whining when the people who let them money - you are one - must on some responsibility. Think about it. If these same Wall Street firms buy your company and start making sales - sell off this division, close it, buy your company and start making money from a Cal Poly e-mail account. Do not write a letter as an attachment. Please write a letter. The right place, the right time, the right tone, the right length. Letters should include the writer's full name, phone number, major and class. Letters may be cut from a Cal Poly e-mail account. Do not send letters as an attachment. Please send the text in the body of the e-mail. By e-mail: mustangdailyopinions@gmail.com

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to commend the efforts and actions of Dr. Cornel Morton, vice president of student affairs. The "Proactive Perspectives" series of speakers to be brought to the Cal Poly campus this year is an impressive collective panel with vibrant topics. It was quite moved by the "Aurora Forms" series at Stanford University, which brings light to many controversial issues through speakers such as the Honorable Dala Lama, a Rabbi and a Cleric. Now for discussion about the death penalty.

Simon Jacob

I am a senior aerospace engineering student.

Thank you so much for including the book review on "Sarah's Key." It is one of my favorite books.

Lisa Coe

political science senior

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California Dreamin’: Trojans’ BCS hopes diminish

Bud Withers

SEATTLE — The belief here last week was that for the well-be­known Pac-10 Conference, an Oregon victory over USC would be a good thing.

Youth is the history of the league, as well as the national perception: USC reigns, with no accompanying job for the rest of the Pac-10. While the Trojans have won or tied for seven straight conference championships, the league hasn’t had two BCS entries since 2002.

But the theory was somewhere else with it, and the national story USC holds will carry it along to a BCS bowl too.

Fine job then, Ducks. But did you have to pound the Trojans, punish the Trojans, please them, so needlessly that Sugar or Fiesta Bowl officials might look at USC as good as gone?

Maybe it’s too early to say the king is dead after Oregon’s 47-20 victory Saturday night in Eugene. Ore. But it’s safe to say he’s feeling nauseated. If that wasn’t a back­off, it was cloy by a disassociation.

The Ducks had 613 yards, 10 off the opponent record Notre Dame put up on USC in 1946. In a week’s time, Oregon and Oregon­ State put up 83 points on the Trojans, four to no back in late 1986, Ted Tollner was coaching USC then, to find a total as big as Oregon’s.

Oregon played hyper-fast, cer­tain of itself. USC looked ponder­ous and unsure, increasingly flun­ged by the speed and diversity of the Ducks’ offense.

Oregon unleashed players in space. USC seemed lost in space.

There was a simple play that captured it all. Oregon’s five-yard touchdown from LaMichael James, running left, to make it 34-20 in the third quarter. Left tackle Ben Tatum blocked down on USC end Nick Perry, caving him in. Tight end Ed Dickson rushed into that hole and cleared out safety Will Harris toward the back of the end zone.

Right guard Mark Aper pulled and mashed USC safety Taylor Mays aside at the 2. The middle line­backer, Chris Galippo, bought quarterback Jeremiah Masoli’s move to the right and ran himself out of the play.

James just pranced into the end zone. The guy for whom the field is named, Rich Brooks, would have scored on the play, and he’s 66.

November came too late for the Trojans. This is the month in which coach Peter Carroll is 27-0 at USC.

But it’s a tricky climb back into another co­championship for the Trojans (6-2, 3-2), requiring that they win out and Oregon (7-1, 5-0) lose twice.

Arizona (3-2, 1-1) is still a fac­tor, were the Ducks can hardly e x­hale. They go to Tucson Nov. 21, but travel this week to meet a good Stanford team (5-3, 4-2), packing whatever distraction might come of the possible reinstatement of running back LeGarrette Blount.

That September night in Boise that seemed so surreal has now ac­quired an added element of ex­plosivity. It’s almost incompre­hensible that the Oregon offense through USC began in opening at Boise State with seven consecu­tive three-and-outs before it got a first down.

The USC Trojans went from national title contenders, to BCS bowl hopefuls after Saturday’s loss.

Now Oregon is ranked seventh by AP eighth in the BCS standings. best of the one-bowl teams. Win out, and it’s not unrealistic that the Ducks, with help, could complete a who-knew comeback and play for the national title.

Toned happily in Oregon’s wake is Boise State, still unbroken and grateful for the reflected glo­ry of the Ducks’ resurgence. The Broncos are No. 5 in the polls and hopeful of sending off a better­ credited TCU team for a BCS bowl.

As for the Trojans, BCS bowls are hardly the issue right now. It’s apparent that even at USC you don’t always just restock, like Home Depot when it runs out of sprinkler heads.

The Trojans replaced a quarter­back now starting in the NFL with a true freshman. No matter how Carroll wanted them, the linebacker replacements for first-day draftes Clay Matthews, Brian Cashing and Rey Maualuga have been merely OK. nothing extraordinary.

Lately, they’ve lost to injury right end Anthony McCoy and fullback Stanley Havill, and before that, running back Stafon Johnson.

In Eugene, it all rolled up and they lost big. And a dynasty ree­ned.

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creed a Jordan Youen fumble on the North Dakota 16­yard line. The Fighting Sioux then re­taliated with two touchdowns in the second half to turn the game around.

Sutton ran 10 yards for the go­ahead score with three min­utes elapsed in the third quar­ter, capping a 91­yard Fighting Sioux drive.

Brandon Hellevig kicked a 47­yard field goal with 13:24 to go in the game, and Sutton capped the scoring with a 5­yard run around the right end with 3:38 to go.

Landry completed 14 of 22 passes and the North Dakota running game netted 230 yards on 48 carries to build the scoring advantage.

Cal Poly junior quarterback Tony Smith completed five of his first eight passes, twice for touch­downs, as the Mustangs con­structed their 17-7 lead in the first quarter of the contest.

Junior Chris Pinto booted a 47-yard field goal early in the first quarter following a 60­yard pass play from Smith to junior wide receiver Dominique John­son.

The Mustangs increased their lead to 10-0 on a 10-yard touch­down pass from Smith to senior slotback Jon Hall with five min­utes remaining in the first peri­od. The short 18­yard drive was set up by Asa Jackson’s 34­yard punt return.

North Dakota scored its first points on a scrambling 26­yard run by Landry with 12:35 to go in the second quarter.

Cal Poly answered with a 30­yard pass from Smith to Hall. Two minutes later the Fighting Sioux reduced the deficit to three points again on an 8­yard touchdown pass from Brent Gosa­ki to Ryan Kornuth.

Senior Jons Grayson was Cal Poly’s top ground gainer, netting 27 yards on four carries. Johnson caught six passes for 121 yards while Hall had three grabs for 48 yards and two scores.

North Dakota finished with 427 yards in total offense to Cal Poly’s 265 yards. The Fight­Ing Sioux ran 21 more offensive plays than the Mustangs.

Cal Poly’s defensive leade­r was safety Scotti Gordon with eight tackles, and linebacker Marty Mohamed with seven stops. Cal Poly, plus-12 in turns enter­ing the game, lost the turnover battle, 3-2.

Cal Poly plays another Great West Conference game on the road next week, visiting UC Da­vis. 4-1 (1-1 Great West) for a 2:­p.m. game on Nov. 7. UC Davis fell 56-35 to Southern Utah on Saturday in Cedar City, Utah.
**SANTA BARBARA** Cal Poly's Kaitlin Ciummow scored her team-leading fifth goal of the season in the 71st minute, leading the women's soccer team to a Big West Conference regular season title and a 2-0 win over UC Santa Barbara in the regular season finale for both teams.

With the win, Cal Poly moves into a tie for the Big West title with a 7-1-1 record in conference play. UC Santa Barbara fell to 9-9-2 and 5-2-1 in the BWC.

Senior's match marked the sixth regular season conference title the Mustangs have won in school history (1997, 1999, 2000, 2002 and 2003). Ciummow's goal was the third seed and will travel to UC Santa Barbara for the Big West semifinal.

Cal Poly concluded the regular season with a 13-5-0 record and a 7-1-1 mark in conference play, while UC Santa Barbara falls to 9-9-2 and 5-2-1 in the BWC.

The Mustangs have won in school history (1997, 1999, 2000, 2002 and 2003). Ciummow's game-winner came after she beat a UCSB defender and fired the ball into the left side of the net. Ciummow received the ball from Afton Tihlin, who lobbed a cross from the right side.

The Mustangs looked to add to their lead with just under four minutes remaining, but Miller fired an uncontested ball from 20 yards out, but UCSB's Torrey Lembard made the stop.

Kristina Condon-Sharrow put the Mustangs up 2-0 with her second goal of the season when she fired a shot off a free kick from just outside the goal box into the top left side of the net. Condon-Sharrow's goal came after Bianca Barratt was brought down trying to beat a UCSB defender.

UC Santa Barbara outshot the Mustangs 26-13, while both teams had six shots on goal. UCSB was whistled for just one foul (10:54), while the Gauchos had nine corners compared to two for the Mustangs.

Goals came after Bianca Barratt was brought down trying to beat a UCSB defender. UCSB's Kaylin Kugler, defended by a Mustang defender, put a shot wide left.

Mustangs 24-13, while both teams took the games first corner kick. Kaleena Andruss picked up the goal, but her shot from 13 yards out was blocked by a Gauchos defender.

To open the game, Cal Poly had one first scoring chance when Julie McKee fed Miller on a cross, but was defended by a Gauchos defender.

Eight minutes into the game, the Mustangs took the game's first corner kick. Kaleena Andruss placed the ball perfectly in front of the goal, but no Mustang was able to get a header on it and the attempted cleared ball was picked up by Shandon Rovetta who put a shot wide left.

UCSB's Kaylin Kugler, defended on the next possession, splitting two Cal Poly defenders, driving for the goal, but her shot from 15 yards out was blocked by a Gauchos defender.

**Cal Poly marches on to No. 4 seed UC Irvine on Thursday at home, after defeating UCSB 2-0 Sunday.**

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**MEN'S SOCCER MUFFLED AT UC DAVIS**

DWAY - UC Davis senior forward Chris Lernter watched the eventual game-winning strike midway through the first half and a second goal three minutes after the restart to help the Aggies deal the Cal Poly men's soccer team a 2-0 defeat Saturday afternoon at Aggie Soccer Stadium.

Junior goalkeeper Patrick McNamara managed three saves in net for Cal Poly (8-9-1, 6-3-1, 18 points), which saw oustour by UC Davis (9-2-1, 13-3-3, 16-7), and received just a solitary shot on goal by junior defender Daniel Gray in the 55th minute. Cal Poly, who entered the match as Big West Conference co-leaders along with UC Santa Barbara (12-3-1, 6-1-0, 18 points), will depart Saturday no worse than second place in the league table as the fourth-ranked Gauchos host No. 19 UC Irvine (12-4-0, 5-2-0, 15 points) at 7 p.m.

Lernter tallied his third goal of the season in the 25th minute as he received a feed from freshman midfielder Riley Newport and, following a single touch, deflected a shot off of McNamara from 12 yards. Cal Poly, meanwhile, failed to record a shot until senior forward Daniel Cunningham headed an attempt wide following a 38th-minute corner kick from sophomore midfielder Jacob Hunsaker.

Lernter doubled the Aggies' advantage in the 48th, unleashing a goal into the lower right corner of the Mustang net from eight yards. Cal Poly continued its final regular season match against UC Santa Barbara Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m., inside Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Last year's series between the two programs in San Luis Obispo drew 10,075 spectators -- the third-largest crowd figure in NCAA Division I history. The match result versus the Gauchos will directly influence not only the seeding for the Big West Tournament, but also hosting rights for the semifinal and championship game.

**Cal Poly loses conference game to North Dakota**

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**FOOTBALL**

Junior quarterback Jake Lanyon passed for 181 yards and ran for 92 more yards, scoring once. Cal Poly, 4-0 at home and now 9-0 on the road, fell to 4-4 on the year. North Dakota also is 4-4 overall. The Fighting Sioux improved to 2-1 in Great West games, while the Mustangs, who captured the Great West title a year ago, fell to 1-1.

Freshman running back Mitch Sutton scrambled for 143 yards on 30 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns as North Dakota beat Cal Poly for the second time in the series. The only other meeting between the two schools was a 38-21 Fighting Sioux victory in the 1972 Camellia Bowl at Hughes Stadium in Sacramento, Calif.

Trailing 17-7 just before halftime, the Fighting Sioux recovered a Mustang kickoff. Kaleena Andruss placed the ball perfectly in front of the goal, but no Mustang was able to get a header on it and the attempted cleared ball was picked up by Shandon Rovetta who put a shot wide left.

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**Muscle Monday**

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**Futball**

Dominique Johnson caught 6 passes for 121 yards in Cal Poly's loss to North Dakota Saturday.