Body found in marina could be missing baby

Sean Maher
OAKLAND TRIBUNE

BERKELEY, Calif. — A child's body found near the Berkeley Marina Sunday morning may be Jashon Williams, the missing 17-month-old son of a woman found beaten and shot to death Friday. Police declined to publicly speculate on the body's identity until a coroner's investigation is finished, but several members of Jashon's family rushed to the scene when they heard of the discovery and said they were sure it was him.

"We put two and two together," said Karin Toney, whose sister, 23-year-old Zoelina Williams, was Jashon's mother. "We just wanted to know it's Jashon."

Police launched a search for the boy after his mother's body was found in a parking lot near Berkeley's Aquatic Park around 4 a.m. Friday. About a mile away Sunday morning, two kayakers near the marina spotted a child's body floating near the shore and called 911.

The marina had not been included in the police search, but waterways and large pipes do connect the two areas, Berkeley Police Lt. Andrew Thomason said.

"It was so small. It looked like a bag of trash," said Veronica Ellis, Williams' cousin. "That's not one murder, but two. That's a person with no heart. I just don't understand it: an innocent little baby that didn't do anything."

On Friday afternoon, police arrested 38-year-old Curtis Martin for Williams' killing. Police and family members later said they discovered Martin had been in a relationship with Williams.

Malcolm Lewis, Williams' uncle, said a sister of Martin's had been watching the toddler since the night of Oct. 31. Oakland police believe Jashon was with his mother when she was killed, Officer Jeff Thornson said.

Martin has a criminal record dating back to 1990s. In 1994, he was arrested in the beating death of 3-year-old Devin Brewer of Oakland, the son of his girlfriend at the time. He served six years in prison for the crime. In 2008, he was arrested for violating a court order to prevent domestic violence. He was never prosecuted.

"What is he doing on the streets?" said Atah Toney, a relative in Williams family. "He shouldn't have been free. Who was watching him? Where was parole? He's just roaming the neighborhood, chilling."

Martin is scheduled to be arraigned in Alameda County Superior Court Tuesday morning, Greenwood said.

Bill would give CSU $600 million

CSU chancellor and President Baker do not have a position on a bill that would give a total of $1 billion to Californian higher education.

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Furloughs, funding shortages and bigger class sizes have impacted students, faculty and staff throughout the California higher education system this year. With a $564 million shortfall for the year, legislators, faculty and students are all scrambling for ideas on how to keep the quality of education in California's school system at its current level while battling the deficit.

One of those ideas is Assembly Bill 656, introduced by state Assemblyman Alberto Torrico (D-Newark). The bill is a 9.9 percent severance tax on oil and natural gas, which could result in a projected $1 billion revenue to California's higher education system, said Richard Saenz, the president of Cal Poly's branch of the California Faculty Association (CFA).

Sixty percent of the money would go to the CSU system, 30 percent to the UC system and 10 percent to California's community colleges. For the CSU system, that equals roughly $600 million; Cal Poly would receive between $21 and 30 million.

Saenz said an alternative to income funding would be crucial for maintaining Cal Poly's academic standards.

"To keep access available to students and to keep student fees reasonable, we need a fund other than the state fund," he said. "No one votes to raise taxes on themselves."

The bill hasn't gained support from the CSU Chancellor's Office. Chancellor Charles B. Reed argued that the money wouldn't cover the entire deficit. Erik Falls, media relations specialist for the CSU, said that the system doesn't generally weigh in on legislation.

"The illuminations is well intentioned but does not solve higher education's funding needs," Falls said in an e-mail. "With oil production in steady decline within California's borders, it is not a stable funding source going into the future."

A severance tax would tax natural gas and oil 9.9 percent at the wellhead. Opponents of the bill said this would put California far ahead of other states in terms of gas and oil taxation.

Saenz said he doesn't understand why none of these offices will take a stance on something that could help alleviate Cal Poly's budget woes, even if it's not a complete fix.

"The CSU is neutral, to me, it doesn't make sense," Saenz said. "If you can solve half the problems, people would take that."

Cal Poly President Warren Baker and Provost Robert Kooi are neutral on the subject as well. Saenz said he was unsure of their positions.

"This is one where we're fighting for this and they aren't," Saenz said. "Whether it's a statement on principle or not."

Poly gives back H1N1 vaccines

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After receiving the vaccine Health Center received about 4,000 doses of the 7,000 vaccines will be given back to the county for redistribution. The vaccine will be given to other priority populations including children. The school district of San Luis Obispo County are preparing to give the vaccine to children. The County Health Agency is assessing the need of the vaccine and distributing vaccines where necessary according to need. Cal Poly need for the vaccine has decreased.

"We are discontinuing it because the demand for it has fallen," Dr. Martin Bragg, the director of Health and Counseling Services said.

With early expectations the clinic was only expecting to have a 10% of the 7,000 vaccines. After receiving the vaccine Health Center officials organized a vaccine drive, which began Nov. 3. The Health Center closed normal operations and was only open to give the vaccine. The vaccine was also offered to students on Nov. 10 and 12.

During those days Health Center officials helped to administer 1,000 vaccines per day of the vaccine drive.

The first day it was offered, about 750 vaccines were given. There was a line out the Health Center door to talk trade, human rights and freedom of expression.

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I'm a little disappointed that we didn't give you more vaccines.

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Kristen Schorsch and Andrew L. Meacham

CHICAGO — A delegation from U.S. Bureau of Prisons is scheduled to tour and inspect Illinois' Thomson Correctional Center Monday as part of a White House proposal to move some terror suspects now detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, officials said Sunday.

Speaking today at news conferences in Moline, Ill., and Chicago, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn called the administration's interest in the prison near the Mississippi River "a great, great opportunity for our state.

"Housing the detainees here would be "good for our state, good for our economy and good for our public safety," the governor said. "U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, who also spoke, estimated using Thomson to hold some suspects could generate more than 2,000 local jobs directly related to the facility and an additional 1,000 in the surrounding community.

"People are struggling to keep their homes. They're getting desperate. With the recession and the loss of jobs, they're not sure which way to turn," Durbin said. "Now they've got a chance, a fighting chance."

Republican Senator Daniel Inouye, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said Monday that there would likely be agreement to set aside $119 million for repairs to the Illinois prison that would be used to house the detainees.

"It would be a very good use of our tax dollars," Inouye told reporters after the weekly Senate luncheon meeting. "This would be good for Illinois and good for the detainees."

San Diego Union-Tribune

Federal officials are still looking for an acceptable location for prisoners that are currently being held in Guantanamo Bay.

"If the federal government does use Thomson to house Guantanamo's terror detainees, it would build a more secure perimeter around the site," Durbin said.

The administration Friday revealed the largely vacant prison as a leading candidate to house a "limited number" of terrorism suspects. On Saturday, Durbin said that number would be "fewer than 100.

The administration has faced a knot of problems as it works to close the detention center on the naval base in Cuba. Thomson, a maximum-security prison roughly 150 miles west of Chicago, could be turned into a super-maximum-security facility with a unit for the Guantanamo detainees.

It remains unclear how the detainees would be housed. Fears have been raised that Thomson would be the sole domestic prison for that purpose. Several other sites have been under review by the U.S. Departments of Justice and Defense, and local officials around the country have volunteered their communities as host towns.

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Obama unlikely to play hardball during China visit

The U.S. and China both benefit when they compromise, but if the U.S. puts tariffs on trade, China will prevail, Wang Guanjian said.

V. Phani Kummar
MUSTANG DAILY

HONG KONG — President Barack Obama will use his maiden visit to China this week to discuss a range of contentious issues, but may stop short of pushing the largest buyer of U.S. debt too hard.

On the economic side, trade imbalances between the two economic heavyweights and protectionism should feature prominently, with China responding to any pressure to let its currency appreciate or open its markets to U.S. products by raising the issues of recent punitive tariffs imposed on Chinese exports of steel pipes and tires.

A number of political issues also offer possible disagreement, and the world will closely watch how China responds to Obama’s overtures on topics such as Tibet, human rights and freedom of expression in China and the response to climate change.

Analysts say both sides may use Obama’s visit to build consensus on a range of strategic issues, including regional security and nuclear nonproliferation, but don’t see a breakthrough in talks on any of the touchier issues.

“Indeed, the Obama administration is unlikely to play hardball during China visit”

Briefs

State

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (MCT) — County public health officials are offering free doses of the radiation-blocking drug potassium iodide to people who live and work downwind of Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

The pills, also known by their chemical name KI, are available at six locations. They are only to be taken at the direction of public health officials in the event of a radiation leak at Diablo Canyon.

The county has enough doses to cover hundreds of thousands of people, said Michelle Shoreman, spokeswoman for the county public health department.

They will be available in long as supplies last, which should be a year or so.

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. (MCT) — The University of California system will ask the state for $913 million more in next year’s budget, the 10-campus system announced Sunday.

UC President Mark Yudof said in a written statement he would ask the university’s Board of Regents this week to approve the request, which follows last week’s announcement the California State University system would seek nearly $600 million more in the 2010-11 state budget.

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NATIONAL

SEATTLE (MCT) — The owner of a bakery in Seattle said Friday that a razor blade found in a muffin bought at a QFC store in Mountlake Terrace, Wash., got there by accident when one of her workers dropped the blade in a vat of batter.

Molly Wilmot, owner of Moody Muffins, said a longtime employee was using the blade last Sunday to open bags and boxes when it fell into a giant mixing bowl. He lost it in the batter and was afraid to tell his manager.

The employee has been suspended until the company completes an internal investigation, and all Moody Muffins products have been removed from QFC stores until the bakery completes an independent audit of its facilities.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (MCT) — Space shuttle Atlantis and its crew of six astronauts are scheduled to blast off from Kennedy Space Center at 2:28 p.m. Monday on the fifth and last shuttle of the year — the most missions NASA has launched in a single year since 2002.

The blastoff begins the final completion of the International Space Station. After today, only four more shuttle flights remain before construction of the $100 billion station is finished and it’s fully stocked with supplies and spare parts.

International

TOKYO (MCT) — Babies have fewer serious accidents if their male parent is seriously committed to fatherhood, according to an analysis by a specialist of Japan’s National Institute of Public Health.

About 42,000 people were surveyed by Tazoe Fukuzawa, chief of the institute’s behavioral science section, and the results were announced Friday in a British journal specializing in epidemiology.

Based on data from a 2001 Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry survey of 50,000 6-month-old infants, Fukuzawa analyzed the self-evaluated degree of the father’s involvement in six child-rearing activities, including baby-feeding and changing diapers.

CHANDIGARH, India (MCT) — For the first time, human trials for the malaria vaccine and drug development program will be conducted in India.

This was revealed by Dr. Vinod Sinha Chaudhuri, director of the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB), New Delhi, during the 21st National Congress of Parasitology at Panjab University Saturday.

Talking to Hindustan Times, Chaudhuri said, “The vaccine has been prepared. The Indian Regulatory Authority has been reviewing it so that necessary precautions can be taken at the time of testing. After getting approval from the authority, testing will be started immediately.”

By Jennifer Titcomb

News Wire: Jennifer Titcomb

WASHINGTON — Setting the stage for a historic criminal trial, Attorney General Eric Holder announced Friday that the government will try the self-proclaimed architect of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and four others not in a military tribunal but in a civilian courthouse just blocks from the scene of their alleged crimes.

Americans, and especially the victims and family members of the suicide hijackings, “deserve the opportunity to see the alleged plotters of those attacks held accountable in court,” Holder said.

“After eight years of delay, those allegedly responsible will finally face justice,” he said.

Holder’s decision raised a raft of legal, political and even ethical questions, including what kind of evidence will be used against men against whom the U.S. government has used brutal interrogation methods. In Khalid Sheikh Mohammed’s case, the CIA has acknowledged using waterboarding, a technique that simulates drowning, which many legal experts say amounted to torture.

“There could be all kinds of problems with the evidence. Some of it might be linked to waterboarding. Other evidence may have come from intelligence-gathering overseas,” said Matthew Waxman, a Columbia University law professor who served as a Pentagon lawyer in the Bush administration.

That said, the government would not be moving forward if it thought there was a chance it would not get a fair trial.

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Report says 75 percent of Americans unfit to serve in military

they were not confident they can prove their case with untainted evidence, he said.
The trial could also turn into a propaganda forum for the accused, legal experts said. "That's almost a certainty," Waxman said. "We hold our trials in the open, and that gives defendants an opportunity to spew propaganda. They will try to turn the U.S. government on trial."

Holder's long-awaited decision drew immediate applause from some and harsh condemnation from others, including some key Republicans in Congress.

"It is fitting that 9/11 suspects face justice near the World Trade Center site where so many New Yorkers were murdered," New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Some survivors and family members of the nearly 2,900 people who died on that September morning also welcomed the news. Several indicated that they want to bear witness to the public trials of Mohammed and four other suspected al-Qaida operatives, whom Holder said will soon be indicted over their alleged roles in the attacks.

Others shared the concerns of some legal experts that such a public trial will give Mohammed and his associates a very public soapbox to exhort sympathizers to join in their jihad, or holy war, against the United States.

"We have a president who doesn't know we're at war," said Debra Burlingame, an outspoken representative of many victims and survivors, whose brother Charles was the pilot of one of the hijacked planes. She said that a public trial also could allow the attacks themselves to be overshadowed by details of alleged CIA torture of the men after their capture, and by "the prospect of these barbarians being turned into victims by their attorneys."

Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Tex., the top Republican on the House Judiciary Committee, said such trials in civilian court could result in acquittals, mistrials or shorter sentences, and vowed that Republicans will redouble their efforts to block them through a congressional vote.

But Holder, who said it was the toughest decision he has had to make as attorney general, said he believed the men would be convicted based on evidence that would be allowed at trial, including "information that has not been publicly released," and that prosecutors would seek the death penalty.

"I am confident," he added, "in the ability of our courts to provide these defendants a fair trial, just as they have for over 200 years."
**WORD ON THE STREET**

"Do you think San Luis Obispo should ban smoking in public places?"

- "I don't think so. It's people's prerogatives. They just have to be really respectful.

  - Michael Horwitz, environmental management and protection senior

- "Tobacco is still legal. I don't speak for it, but people have the right.

  - Joseph SanDiego, computer engineering senior

- "Yes, because it's like a 20-foot radius. I have to smell it. It's not very considerate.

  - Hyle Hortus, business freshman

- "No, I don't think they should. I think that's too many rules.

  - Stephanie Henning, mechanical engineering senior

"No, I think it's a choice as long as they stay away from eating places then I don't have a problem.

  - Becky Burnside, psychology senior

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50 Cent

50 isn't worried about the hip-hop community questioning his "street cred." He feels his past — he was arrested for drug dealing and was shot nine times in 2000 — speaks for itself.

"I think they've adjusted to me being successful in business," 50 said of the hip-hop community. "And when people talk about "street cred," I'm probably one of the people they point to as having the most street cred because I had the hardest time. But all those things are situations I felt unfortunate to have to go through."

On Monday, 50 will release his fourth studio album, "Before I Self Destruct." Although his fashion sense has changed, his lyrics are just as raw as they were on past albums (the record includes a little ditty called "Death to My Enemies").

Decade

Dress really theatrically and oversexed and scream really loudly and embrace the train wreck? Well, we could try to be sincere, hope for the best, keep putting ourselves out there despite heartbreak and hope that the world isn't going to die. We could try to reduce our carbon footprint, adopt a child in Africa and love the one we're with... But what's the point? We're just going to lose it all anyway. And O sings, "Time, time is gone/It stops/It was wrong/I was wrong/It never lasts."

Jack LaPette is an English graduate, KCPW DJ and "Hipster Bullshitter" contributing columnist.

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50 Cent releases new cologne, “Power by 50”

Luis Arroyave

CHICAGO — Curtis Jackson — better known as 50 Cent, the gansta rapper who broke onto the scene wearing bulletproof vests and rapping about guns and drug deals — had one question for me Monday when we met at Macy’s.

“Have you smelled this?” asked 50 as he held his new fragrance, “Power by 50 Cent.” “You have to smell it.”

“Power by 50 Cent,” can be found at Macy’s stores nationwide.

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So what is there to do other than:}

The Yeah Yeah Yeahs capture spirit of a decade

In 2003, the world at large met the art punk rockers the Yeah Yeah Yeahs and their first full-length album, “Fever To Tell” on Interscope records. In general the album was well received across the board.

Though it seems to be forgotten, “Fever to Tell” was an internationally gold-selling album garnishing much positive press, including being named the New York Times album of the year.

What made the album so accessible to so many was not a pleasant melody or optimistic lyrics, but rather a loud wall of sound from simple but forceful drums beats with stabbing guitar riffs by Brian Chase and Nick Zinner, respectively, and a bestial and savage sexuality that is Karen O’s. Their music is unapologetically apocalyptic with no delusions about the future.

The album perfectly captures the doomed sentimentality of the decade and the desire to go out with a bang. “Fever to Tell” was released in April of 2003, just over a month after President Bush declared war on Iraq and just as I was moving to my third high school. The change from Los Angeles County to Ventura County was disorienting, and I couldn’t get any grip on reality. I became friends with a couple of girls who helped me through some of my most emotionally strained moments.

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Reform for Public Education needed more than ever

On Nov. 4, President Obama公开发布ed his plan to reshape education in America through $4.35 billion in federal grants.

Upon named 'Race to the Top,' the program guidelines have not been finalized, but will offer competitive grants to those states who create policies for education reform. Federal grants. These funds are allocated based on the percentage of people in poverty, the number of students in low-achieving schools, and the quality of education in the state.

While these grants are significant, they are not enough. We need to see a systemic change in the way we approach education. The American education system is broken, and it is time for us to work together to fix it.

President Obama or Secretary of Education Arne Duncan don't have it all wrong. This program also sets aside at least 50 percent of the award for competitive grants for charter schools and other local educational agencies. Setting aside money for charter schools is important, and it is good to invest in local communities.

While the focus is on data and supporting struggling students, it doesn't seem faulty. The package includes $2.50 million to help states track information through data systems and forming teacher pay to student test scores. It's important to have accurate data, but linking test scores to teacher pay is not the solution. It is important to focus on improving the quality of education, not just on test scores.

Some people say that the plan is a failure. While basing pay on performance is a step forward, it is not the whole solution. We need to focus on improving the quality of education, not just on test scores.

Improving teacher effectiveness and improving and retaining high-quality teachers through monetary incentives is an integral part of the plan. The goal is to have a well-trained, motivated, and engaged teaching force.

Many states are working to create a more effective education system. This plan is one of the largest efforts to reshape the public education system in the history of the United States. While there are still some concerns, it is a huge step in the right direction.

In response to the test will become more of a problem. Schools will be looking to the long-term incentives offered by this package to simply educate students on how to take a specific standardized test. It is important to remember that the goal is not just to improve test scores, but to improve the quality of education.

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Congratulations to the Mustangs for a great season. I just managed to make it to my first few soccer games here at Poly this season and quickly became addicted. I'm curious why the field was freshly painted for Saturday's upcoming football game right before a playoff soccer game. I don't see how it couldn't be at least mildly distracting to have extra lines painted everywhere. Why not wait until Thursday to prep the field for football? I hope in the future we can show more respect for a soccer team that has certainly made me proud to be a fan. Go Mustangs!

--Jake

In response to "Mustang season ends in double overtime" This is a great idea. I'm definitely going to stop by... I feel like it's so hard to get accurate information. On what is going on with the fees, furloughs, etc., especially with what is going to occur next year. I'm glad student government is doing this.

--Kara C.

"ASI to host four-day memorial debate"

When you state that you believe "life begins at conception," I am assuming this means that your moral reason against abortion is that it is ending assumed life, and therefore life is inherently valuable. However, you make an exception for ending life due to specified circumstances. So are you saying that the life of the child or fetus at conception is not inherently valuable? Or can you explain your reasoning for it being okay to end God-given life because of circumstances around its conception (in the case of incest or rape)?

--Anonymous

In response to "Health care reform funds should not go toward abortion"

A lot of complaints about universal health care policies make it to places like Canada. If Canada isn't the ideal universal health care, then let's not be Canadians. Let's be better than Canada. Let's be the example to the world for how universal health care can work. America is good at that. At least, that's what the history books tell me. I hope we all agree that everyone should have health care. It's a matter of record that not everyone can afford it.

--David

In response to "Freedom or security?"

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South Dakota (5-5,2-2 Great West) held off a 13-point fourth-quarter rally by Cal Poly (4-6,1-3) to defeat the Mustangs 50-48 on Saturday.

After Cal Poly fell to large as a 23-point deficit, twice, the Mustangs mounted a comeback that left them 5 points shy of a victory.

With 20 seconds left in the game, trailing 42-50, Cal Poly quarterback Tony Smith lofted a 42-yard bomb to the left corner of the end zone. The pass was tipped by a South Dakota defender and then caught by Dominique Johnson to put the Mustangs within two points of tying the game.

On the two-point conversion, Cal Poly put the game in Smith’s hands, resulting in a tipped incomplete pass.

“A defensive player made a good play, you got to tip your hat off to them — they snuffed it out,” Smith said.

The failed two-point conversion left Cal Poly with one more chance.

After recovering the ensuing on-side kick with 18 ticks left on the clock, the Mustangs couldn’t punch in the final blow, marking their first losing season since 2002.

“We were just trying to pull (the game out) and send our seniors out — we came out with the short end,” Johnson said.

Cal Poly’s defense struggled to stop the South Dakota offense for most of the game. The first punt by South Dakota didn’t surface until the opening minutes of the fourth quarter.

South Dakota held eight consecutive scoreless drives. The offensive showcase wasn’t one-sided. Cal Poly’s 535-yard rushing featured many notable connections between Smith and Johnson, reminiscent of last season’s offensive threats.

Johnson finished the game with 13 catches for 273 yards and five touchdowns. He set a school record for most touchdown receptions, one more than the four-touchdown game Rameses Barden had against Weber State in 2007.

Johnson had just one other touchdown reception all season.

“I’ve been waiting for our oppor­tunities all year, and they finally came,” Johnson said.

Smith aired out 407 yards and six touchdowns, tying the school record set by Jonathan Daly against Weber State in 2007.

Smith also tallied career highs in passing yards and pass attempts.

Overall, the teams combined for 98 points, the highest point total since last year’s game against Southern Utah when both teams combined for 110 points. Cal Poly’s defense allowed its highest point total since 2002, when UC-Davis posted 62 points.

The teams combined for 1,896 yards of total offense.

The bulk of both teams’ offense came in the third quarter; the two teams were able to mount 42 points total, with six touchdowns in 13 minutes.

“We played probably our best game on offense all season,” head coach Tim Walsh said. “That’s all I can ask our football team.”

In his final game as a collegiate athlete, Coyote quarterback Noah Shepard put forth arguably his most memorable performance in his career against South Dakota against the Cal Poly’s secondary.

“We did what we wanted to do, we got out to a fast start,” Shepard said. “I felt whatever they threw at us, we could counteract it ... It’s definitely a good way to go out.”

Shepard passed for 238 yards and two scores in the first half.

The Mustangs added 12 penalties for 72 yards to combine with the al­ready hefty offensive numbers South Dakota accumulated.

With its first loss inside Alex G. Spanos Stadium all year, Cal Poly will finish last in the Great West and will end its six consecutive winning season streak.

“I’m not pleased with it and (we’re) going to have to deal with it, but that’s life,” Walsh said. “We’re going to have pick yourself up sometimes when you’re knocked down — and we’re knocked down.

Cal Poly players Jon Hall, Jono Grayson, Ryan Shotwell, Carlton Gillispie and Xavier Gardener were among the 10 seniors who will re­member a loss during their last bout against Weber State in the final game of the 2009 season Weber State ended Cal Poly’s season in the first round of the playoffs last season.

Kick-off is set for 11:05 a.m. Sat­urday.