Men's soccer vs. UC Irvine ends in draw.

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Graphic communication to print with UCSB

Graphic communication senior Aaron Alino at the delivery of the new GrG Heidelberg sheet-fed press in September.

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Cal Poly's graphic communication department, along with University of California Santa Barbara's Associated Students Department (AS UCSB) formed a partnership to provide an exchange of marketing and publishing services. The partnership consists of University Graphic Systems (UGS), a student managed and operated publishing enterprise within Cal Poly's graphic communication department since 1968, and AS UCSB, a student-run marketing and advertising agency. Both programs provide projects to its respective campuses. Now they are coming together to collaborate services.

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Cal Poly alumnus dies in Baja plane crash

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Cal Poly biological sciences alumnus Andrew Ihiel died Friday, Oct. 15, when a single-engine plane went down in Baja California, Mexico, killing its crew which included members of the non-profit organization Flying Samaritans.

At this point we're not sure what happened or why the plane went down.

— Victor Jones
Flying Samaritans president

The weather in the area on Friday evening was foggy, local media said. Contact with the plane was lost around 7:30 p.m., according to the news site Ensenada.net.

"This was a routine trip — trips like this are made between 60 and 90 times every month," Flying Samaritans president Victor Jones said according to the organization's website.

Indecision over labor terms may cause SLORTA drivers to strike

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The San Luis Obispo Regional Transit Authority (SLORTA) and its drivers' labor union, Teamsters Local 381, met with a federal mediator on Oct. 7 to reach a satisfactory agreement and avoid a potential strike. The agreement is said to still not reflect the wants and needs of the drivers.

Ed King, the executive director of the SLORTA, said the meeting was productive and would lead to an agreement from the drivers.

"Based upon our discussion on Oct. 7, we are confident that the outcome of the vote will be positive and (we) look forward to presenting this agreement to the RTA board for their approval at our Nov. 4 meeting," King said.

Lynn Swenson, the secretary-treasurer of the Teamsters Local 381, did agree that the union recommended the offer, it was not a satisfactory one and was done to avoid a strike. Swenson said it was a choice between the "lesser of two evils."

"There's some issues that weren't totally resolved, but the union committee felt that to accept this was better than to have a strike," Swenson said. "Now, again, will the employees be happy with it? Probably not, but they may accept our recommendation."

Swenson said problems began when the Regional Transit Authority (RTA) moved from private ownership to county ownership, causing staffing policies to change. This included RTA desire to count seniority of drivers up until the county took ownership and, instead of paying medical insurance premiums in full, forcing the employees to pay a part of them.

Wages also were an issue to the employees. Swenson said having drivers pay for their insurance was an added insult. These issues are at the heart of the year-long negotiations between employees and the RTA and it has reached an impasse.

Swenson said the RTA improved on its wage offer; however, the offer was "basically (rear-

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Larry Bray, an RTA bus driver and employee committee member, said the employees were disappopointed by RTA's offer.

The three main issues for the drivers are recognition of seniority, wages and benefits. Yet Bray said seniority was the biggest issue for the drivers. As a result of the change in ownership, RTA wanted the driver's seniority to be considered when RTA took ownership, even though many drivers have worked for many years.

"That hurts a lot of people when you say ... you have to start from scratch again," Bray said. "We have drivers who've been driving for them 12 or 13 years, and it's kind of a hard pill to swallow to have somebody say, 'Yeah, we'll just throw those 13 years away. It doesn't mean anything. We'll start from scratch now.'" Bray also said the RTA should offer the drivers what they had budgeted to pay them.

"When a company up there says (we have) a wage scale that goes to $7.50 an hour, they're paying their top drivers who've been with them for 13 to 14 years $14.35, you know they've got a lot of flexibility to go ahead and pay that $15.50 an hour," Bray said. "Bray said because of the lack-luster offer, the employees may reject it and strike.

"Well, I'm really not sure, but my gut feeling tells me that ... the majority will vote no, and we will probably be looking at some hard times these next couple weeks," Bray said. "But I think it's going to be very close."

The strike may lead to a dis­arming of the RTA and provide an inconvenience for county bus riders.

Swenson said this depends on how effective the strike is. In order for bus services to stop, re­placement RTA workers would have to agree to not work and the community would also not apply to take the jobs.

"Even though the employees may walk out, we have to make sure that the strike is effective, that we are stopping the buses from rolling," Swenson said. Swenson and Bray said it was the community that would suffer if the strike was effective.

"With an issue like this, there's a direct impact on the community," Swenson said. "And the ones who bear the burden are the people who would like to see the drivers paid more."

Tom O'Malley, the president of the RTA board of directors, said it is RTA's mission to provide for the community, especially the stu­dents — not to make them suffer.

"I can say that as a Cuesta Col­lege alumnus (and) student body president, UCSB and Cal Poly alumnus, I know how important transportation is to students and our need for transportation options," O'Malley said. "Support­ing our students in our coun­try has always been a priority of the RTA board and staff."

"At visiting UGS, I saw that UGS had great equipment, an established program, a committed de­partment and most importantly, a program which supported student learning and experience," Dutcher said. "With all these components in place, it made sense to partner with UGS."

UGS started jobs with bus­ness cards and brochures for AS UC Santa Barbara within the past several months and are working to­ward meeting any of AS UC Santa Barbara's printing needs.

"I appreciate the customer ser­vice, the good communication, the good pricing and the final prod­ucts," Dutcher said. "It has been a pleasure to work with UGS."

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Samaritans President Victor Jones said, "At this point we're not sure what happened or why the plane went down."

The plane's destination was San Quintin, a small coastal town, and the wreckage of the plane was found about 25 miles from the town of Ensenada, according to the Diario Rotativo article.

Lyons raided the plane's posi­tion after 10 miles but no further contact was made, Jones said.

According to Andrew's father Mark, Andrew had graduated from Cal Poly in June and planned to at­tend medical school in the hopes of going into the field of plastic surgery. This was Andrew's first trip with the Flying Samaritans. Mark said. Andrew's brother Garrett planned on going as well but changed his plans at the last minute.

"He was everything a parent could ask for," Mark said. "Andrew was someone who helped other people without ever being asked."
Republican advocacy groups, candidates threaten Democratic House with spending

James Oliphant
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

Fueled by a surge of outside money, Republicans have begun gunning for Democratic House seats once considered safe and beyond GOP reach. And while that threat means to reshape the electoral map and raises the specter of a historic rout in the midterm election barely two weeks away.

Advocacy groups such as American Crossroads and the American Action Network said last week that they will spend more than $1 million into House races to back Republican candidates, on top of the more than $50 million already spent by the GOP’s House campaign arm.

At the same time, even some Republican House candidates chafing in their races raised more than $1 million in the last three months, suggesting they may be better poised to close the gap in the coming weeks.

Some Democrats now fear an onslaught in which the party loses more than 30 seats in the House, with a Republican takeover of the Senate remaining a possibility as well. The last such electoral shock wave struck in 1994, when the then-Democratic House lost 54 House seats and the Senate. It was dubbed the “Republican Revolution.”

But across the country, campaigns remain fluid, if not volatile, and Republican leads have narrowed in some races. Democrats have argued for months that 2010 would not be another 1994.

And experts maintain that the most likely test for both parties is how well each has picked up close to the 39 seats they need to control the House, or the 10 needed to take the Senate.

Still, the prospect of more party insiders tantalized. "The question is, how good is it going to be," said Ron Kaufman, a longtime GOP adviser and fundraiser in Wisconsin, who is said to be trying again in 2010.

As the Democrats were pooling their resources, the GOP was borrowing its offensive, dumping cash into races in Wisconsin, Ohio and Tennessee once considered long shots for Republicans.

Outside GOP-allied groups did the same, going after incumbent Democrats in seemingly safe districts in southern Minnesota, suburban Denver, rural Virginia and elsewhere.

Republicans are hoping to make inroads in the Northeast, particularly in New York state — where some are predicting the GOP can win three or four seats — as well as in suburbs across the nation that had been trending Democratic.

A poll of the nation’s suburbs released last week gave the GOP some reason for optimism.

It showed independents breaking toward the GOP, while suburban minorities who voted Democratic in 2008 appeared to be dispirited and unmotivated.

The "tsunami scenario is looking more and more likely," said Lawrence Levy, executive director of the National Center for Suburban Studies at Hofstra University, which conducted the poll.

Some Democratic titans in the House, such as Reps. Barney Frank of Massachusetts and James L. Oberstar of Minnesota, were said to be in trouble, but campaigns for both men dismissed that as speculation.

"The reality on the ground is inconsistent with what I consider pandit gossip," said John Schiavi, a spokesman for Oberstar, the chair of the House Transportation Committee.

An NPR survey last week showed that in key battleground House districts, the GOP lead has fallen since June to three points from eight points.

"We’re not going to lose 50 seats," insisted a Democratic strategist in Washington, pointing to the House defensive effort. "That’s out of the question."

But some veterans were indeed facing the kind of fight they hadn’t anticipated.

One is Rep. Gene Taylor, a 10-term incumbent from the Mississippi Gulf Coast, who has tried to keep out of the Democratic agenda at almost every turn. Still, his opponent, Steven Palazzo, has been drawing closer.

"If Gene Taylor is in trouble, then every Democrat is in trouble," said Hunter Lipscomb, a Palazzo spokesman.

In Georgia, Democratic Rep. Jim Marshall, seeking his sixth term, is facing off against a tough opponent, Austin Scott, along with the Republican Party and a slogan that the 16th president would have trouble winning the Republican nomination today.

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And last week he spoke to young people at a televised town hall event staged by MTV, BET and CMT.

Not since the 2008 campaign have Obama and his wife campaigned side by side. Michelle Obama introduced her husband to the 350 people gathered on a tent outside the home of Carolle and David Cast, owner of Berman Industries. Tickets ranged from $750 to $5,000, according to the Strickland campaign.

The first lady described her husband as "a very handsome young man, the love of my life — even though he doesn’t always think it and, more importantly, the president of the United States."

When it was his turn to speak, Obama rushed to correct her.

"It’s not true. Not more important, I am the president of the United States," he said. "More importantly, I am Michelle Obama’s husband, and Malia and Sasha’s father.

Obama has visited Ohio, a perennial swing state, 11 times as president. Democrats now face tough odds in the election on Nov. 2.

The Ohio Poll conducted by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati showed Kasich leading Strickland by eight points.

The same poll found former U.S. Rep. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, was leading his Democratic opponent, Lt. Gov. Lee Fisher, by 22 points in the race for a U.S. Senate seat.

Mindful that some of his early supporters are feeling deflated, President Barack Obama offered a frank admission Sunday that the sour economy has made it tough for Democrats to retain the sense of optimism touched off by his election victory nearly two years ago.

Obama, accompanied by the first lady, spoke at a fundraising event for Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland, who is in a tough race against former Republican congressional John Kasich.

"I know there are times when probably it’s hard to recapture that sense of possibility,“ Obama said, re­calling the night of his election vic­tory. "It’s hard sometimes to say, ‘Yes we can.’ You sit thinking, ‘You know, maybe, I don’t know. It’s not as inspiring a slogan.’"

He warned at Republicans, invoking Abraham Lincoln at one point and pointing that the 16th president would have trouble winning the Rep­ublican nomination today.

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VENICE (MCT) — The Alliance of Independent Big-Santa Cruz (MCT) — all drivers to remember to lock was smashed and the contents ran­sacked: a report of a car alarm around a community crime alert for Lem­mings and evidence were pre­served: two people running away from the vehicle’s window found that the vehicle’s window was rolled up, the contents ran­sacked. The vehicle’s window was rolled up, the contents ran­sacked.

ORLANDO (MCT) — IHOP has served up a federal lawsuit against a church, alleging International House of Prayer is violating its trademark. The suit asks International House of Prayer to stop using “IHOP” and similar phrases, and seeks to have the court give the Web address ihop.org to the restaur­ant chain. IHOP spokesman Patrick Lenoe said it is unusual for most people to have their animal killed by ritual butchers, cartidges intended to control the crowds collapsed under, creating a massive human pileup. Four women and six men were killed in the melee, and at least 11 others were injured.

MISSOURI (MCT) — Some 3 million people took to the streets throughout France on Sat­urday to protest President Nicolas Sarkozy’s pension reform, unions said, as a strike by transport and oil refiners workers went into its fifth day. The demonstrations in 260 cities took place as strikes at all 12 of France’s refineries raised fears that airports would run out of fuel. On Friday, fuel stopped run­ning through a pipeline feeding Paris’s two major airports, Orly and Charles de Gaulle. While only has reserves for 17 days, the stockpiled fuel at Charles de Gaulle could run dry by Monday or Tuesday, the jus­tice minister for transport, Domin­ique Bussereau, said.

FRANCE (MCT) — For about three days, we were one-third free.
Immigration officer hailed as 9/11 hero called to Florida disciplinary hearing

Scott Powers
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

For years, customs agent Jose Melendez-Perez was hailed as an American hero of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Now, after making what he says was his first major mistake in 44 years of public service, Melendez-Perez is fighting to get his old job back.

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Lessons learned when alarm fails

It's 8 a.m. on Thursday as I think, "Good morning world" — about to drift back into a light sleep. Then reality hits: "Oh my gosh, it's 8 a.m. on Thursday morning!"

Class begins in 10 minutes, and I'm still pajama-clad and sleep-eyed. What a wonderful way to begin a morning — with the realization I have once again slept through the six alarms I put on the snooze setting last night. I now have 10 minutes before I'm expected to arrive at my class and the journey there takes me an average of 15 minutes when walking briskly.

I jump out of my warm bed, scramble around and throw on the first pair of jeans I find. They might have been from last night, but at this point it doesn't matter. With no time for breakfast, I almost run out the door but screech to a halt as I remember to load my backpack with books necessary for class.

By the time I actually get out the door, it has become apparent the only way to possibly make it to class within the eight minutes that remain until the clock strikes 8:10 is to run. I throw my hood over my tangled hair and begin jogging.

After 30 seconds, I am out of breath. I keep my head down to avoid the stares of on-time bystanders, but the stares persist. They are clearly wondering why on earth this crazy girl in wrinkled jeans and an old sweatshirt is running like a maniac.

My cheeks burn pink — I can feel the humiliation. I try to avoid thoughts of embarrassment, but my head is filled with irritated thoughts directed at me and others. My thoughts are almost as messy as my appearance.

"If only you had gone to bed earlier," I think to myself. "I must start my homework ahead of time. How in the world did I sleep through six alarms again? I wish people would stop looking at me."

After what feels like an eternity, I arrive at the Graphic Arts building and dash inside. I sit down in class — surprisingly with one minute to spare — and attempt to catch my breath from the tiring and disgraceful journey.

My teacher stands up, commanding the attention of the now silent classroom. He begins taking roll. To my astonishment, the punctual teacher decides to delay class for 10 minutes while we wait for two tardy students to show up.

Furthering my frustrations, the absent kids never showed. In other words, I ran to class and made myself look like a buffoon for no reason.

To add salt to my already bloodied and battered ego, I was stopped on my walk home by a student in need of help for her class. The persistent girl needed me to answer a couple of
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‘Jackass 3-D’:
Not all things get better with age

Roger Moore

The third movie from the “Jackass” television show hits theaters Friday, Oct. 15 in 3-D.

Funny is funny, and 20 years of “America’s Funniest Home Videos” and a decade of “Jackass” proves it.

A shot to the groin is as reliable a laugh as there is. And if the shot comes from a baseball on a tee, a football place-kicked or a ram, bull or buffalo aiming for a man’s center of gravity, so much the better.

“Jackass 3-D” fires paintballs and dildos right into our faces and gives three full dimensions to projectile vomiting and the after-effects of a heavy dose of laxatives.

Yeah, they run out of really interesting things to do to each other and themselves pretty quickly, and out of things that look cool in 3-D pretty much after the opening credits. But they’re still here, suffering for their art. Now it’s our turn.

A mix of stunts gone awry, sketches and sophomoric gross-outs, “Jackass 3-D” can be as simple and stupid as having a dog bite Johnny Knoxville on the rump or having a Lamborghini pull a willing subject’s tooth. And it can be as elaborate as Bee Hive Tether Ball — scantily clad grown men swatting a hive around a tether ball pole, collecting stings as they do.

The funniest line from the TV show and all three movies is never “Hi, I’m Johnny Knoxville and this is Electric Avenue” (a stun-gun obstacle course). It’s the opening disclaimer — that these stunts are "performed by professionals." That’s what makes them funny. They’re not professional anything.

The sketches are what work best in this film.

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Knoxville also does convincing old age makeup to do assorted “bad grandpa” gags with his scooters, his sexual tastes and his bowel movements.

But those Jackasses from “Jackass” aren’t getting better, they’re getting older. Their teeth have all been fixed. Their growing paunches just mean more territory for them to cover with tattoos.

A lot of what was considered cute when the Jackasses were comic losers willing to try anything for a laugh a decade ago can seem a little desperate nowadays. The peals of laughter by Knoxville, Steve-O, Bam Margera & Co. motley crew can feel forced, like the sidekicks on a radio “Morn­ing Zoo,” cackling at the boss’s limp jokes.

It’s faintly amusing to see Knoxville trampled underfoot when he rolls skates in a buffalo herd, though the sight gag isn’t quite as funny as the Roger Miller tune that accompanies it.

And this fixation on feces isn’t juvenile. It’s disgustingly infantile, pun- and gag-inducing. Cast members and even a cameraman lose their lunch in this one, not exactly comic pay dirt.

At least with every expected prat-fall, somebody in that large ensemble — from the blimp-sized Preston Lacey to the Wee Man — has the presence of mind to ask, "What did you think would happen?"

Although at the time I would bicker with my mom for waking me up, I now wish I had not taken her for granted. It is apparent now her determination to get me out of bed each morning was more helpful than I’d ever realized.

But this is college. Now that I am independent, I must attempt to wake up earlier on my own. Even if it takes six alarms.

Sydney Ray is a journalism freshman.

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The sketches are what work best in this film.

A staged dwarf brawl surprises unsuspecting bar patrons with a Little People love triangle, then a fight, dwarf cops coming in to break it up, dwarf paramedics arriving the haul out the injured.

Knoxville also does convincing old age makeup to do assorted “bad grandpa” gags with his scooters, his sexual tastes and his bowel movements.

But those Jackasses from “Jackass” aren’t getting better, they’re getting older. Their teeth have all been fixed. Their growing paunches just mean more territory for them to cover with tattoos.

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Up in smoke: when flag burning is OK

Fire and flag.

Many people don't like to think of those two words together because they conjure up images of protests and dishonoring one of the nation's most meaningful symbols.

But flames play an important role in one of the most reverent ceremonies involving the Stars and Stripes, and last Saturday morning I was present for one of those moving events.

The fire was burning when I arrived on the grounds of the Texas Civil War Museum in Fort Worth where a crowd — including several people dressed in Civil War-period clothing — had gathered.

Museum employee Cindy Harriman approached gingerly carrying a tattered U.S. flag that was flying at the Colleyville Heritage High School baseball field when the remnants of Tropical Storm Hermine came through last month and severely ripped it.

School officials had removed the damaged banner, folded it and put it away for a couple of weeks.

That flag, along with about 30 others, would be burned as part of the U.S. Flag Retirement Ceremony sponsored by the General J.J. Byrne Camp #1 of the Sons of Union Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans.

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not saw in the last minute. Those are the opportunities you hope you get as a keeper.”

There were mixed feelings about the resulting tie after the game. The Mustangs were still hungry for a win and a much needed three points for the standings.

“IT's a little bittersweet I guess. Obviously we would like to have gotten our three points, but we got a result and I guess that's OK,” junior Patrick Sigler said, who led the team with two shots on goal.

“We wanted to win,” McLain said. “The positive is we still shut out the No. 8 team in the country. That's a really big plus for us … and a boost for our whole confidence to be able to play with a team like that.”

Head coach Paul Holocher said he was proud of his team and, despite shutting out UC Irvine, there are still things to work on offensively and defensively.

“I thought the guys battled hard and a shutout performance against that team is definitely a positive,” Holocher said. “I thought there were some moments where we played well and passed the ball, and there were moments where we weren't composed enough and just weren't sharp enough … we've got to review the film and try to get better next week and really focus on a good performance.”

Cal Poly will have time to rest up with an eight-day break before its next game against UC Davis.

The rest comes at a time when Cal Poly will be fighting for a spot in the Big West playoffs. Cal Poly is currently fifth in the Big West standings and needs to secure a spot in the top four to advance to the playoffs.

Cal Poly plays UC Davis on Oct. 24 at 1:00 p.m. at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Volleyball beats UC Davis, falls to Pacific

Mustang Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team (15-6, 5-3 Big West) defeated UC Davis to start the weekend but fell to Pacific in five sets Saturday night.

Against Pacific the Mustangs went up 2-0 on the Tigers, winning by a combined score of 50-28. With Pacific on the ropes, the Tigers forced a 29-27 decision. This extended the match to a fourth set, which the Tigers dominated 25-11.

The final set saw five ties and two lead changes before Pacific won the final two points for a 16-14 victory. Freshman Kristen Graven added 21 kills and 16 digs for a double-double in back-to-back nights. She leads the team with 326 kills for the season — nearly four per set.

Caric Smith was second on the team in kills with 16 and 20 digs. Against UC Davis, the Mustangs won in four sets after dropping the first.

Even though the Mustangs lost the first set 27-25, they outhit the Aggies .341 to .250. The constant hitting eventually outmatched UC Davis as Cal Poly won the next three sets 25-15, 25-23 and 25-18.

The second set saw the Mustangs hold their opponents to a .026 hitting percentage, and the Aggies did not improve much in the final two sets, hitting .222 and .103.

Graven, Dominique Olowolafe, Jennifer Keddy and Smith all had double-digit kills, totaling 43. Graven also had a double-double, adding 10 digs to her total.

Alison Mort led the Mustangs in digs with 26, aiding Cal Poly’s 64-58 advantage in that statistic.

The Mustangs return to action this Friday against Cal State Northridge at 7:00 p.m. in Mott Gym.

Alison Mort was one of two Mustangs to have 20 or more digs against Pacific Saturday night. She finished with 27.
Men’s soccer ties nationally ranked UC Irvine in conference match

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Cal Poly men’s soccer (4-5-3, 1-2-2 Big West) held No. 8 UC Irvine (10-1-2, 3-0-1) to a scoreless draw through two overtimes Saturday night.

The Mustangs entered the match with two late losses, including a 2-1 loss to UC Santa Barbara in the 90th minute and a 2-1 loss from their first game against UC Irvine in the 88th minute. But from the start of the game to the last minute in overtime, the Mustangs battled with one of the nation’s best teams.

Cal Poly outshot UC Irvine five to four in the first half and put up a record four shots on goal for the game. A scoring opportunity came in the 57th minute as junior Jake Hustedt faked out his defender with a turn-around break toward the Anteater goal, centering to senior David Zamora, who dove for an attempted header on goal.

UC Irvine, which leads the league with the fewest goals given up all season at four, held down the Mustang offense. Cal Poly couldn’t put one past standout goalie Andrew Fontein, who recorded his tenth shutout of the season.

McLain, who started his first home game since missing four straight with a hand injury, said he was excited about his performance.

“Well I don’t want those shots ideally, but at the same time it’s my job and I love my job,” McLain said. “Those are the moments you kind of dream about — making the upper corners.”

Cal Poly returns home to host North Dakota Saturday.