The grand old Saint--Nicholas
Don't jeer at good cheer

For those who haven't noticed, it's the holiday season. Whether you've been hunkered up in a cabin in Frohbite Falls, Minn. or stranded in Myrtle Creek, Ore., you can't miss the tinsel and glitter of Christmas time.

Don Luis Obispo managed to beat the most other communities in the decoration contest. The city has a fascinating assortment of lights in the downtown area—thus, the traditional start of the holiday season here.

There are other indications of the upcoming holidays. Christmas trees are appearing in the dining halls, and soy sauce is a staple of our Christmas meal.

It is quite likely that the holidays of Dyas' other season may visit during July. The long, endless winter is now an interlude to his usual Christmas vacation.

The holidays have another meaning for many people. It is a time of religious celebration for Christians and Jews. Christians celebrate Christmas as the birth of Christ, and Hanukkah is the Jewish holiday commemorating the victory of the Maccabees.

To football fans, the holidays mean bowl games. There is the Rose Bowl, the Orange Bowl, the Peach Bowl, and, yes, even every kind of bowl except the Finger Bowl—and that may be coming soon.

The holiday season ends at the beginning of the year. The editors and staff of Mustang Daily hope that your New Year is happy, and joyful, and may your holidays be the same.

Guest editorial

Parking: A common problem

It seems that the problem of parking spaces and vehicles on campus is a perennial one, and that the editorial page of Mustang Daily is not alone in encountering such concerns. The problem is a common one, but not one that is easily solved. The privilege of use and the regulations are ignored. I ensure to you that more staff are not staff instructors and students, but they are Cal Poly parking officers.

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I observe drivers attempting a right turn from the left lane at the intersection of Grand Ave. and Perimeter Road even while a truck battle is on its way to the intersection. I see drivers not only making a foot lane for the truck, but also making an extra lane to suit their needs. I observe drivers cutting a car on the wrong side.

The attitude of safety and legal respect is the posture of the students.

In all the Teutonic literature on the word originally carried the meaning of human being and the meaning of man. In the first English meaning given, and the prevailing usage of the word in Old English, it was a being, irrespective of sex or age. In the second, dating from the 13th century, the writer's sources, is the distinct or generic sense, without article of human being or species.

The word may nevertheless refer to our perception of the human, either because of a thousand years of custom. No doubt influences our own perception in ways we are unawar of, and I will happily accept insinuation from anyone including Anne Zerrien, who is a student and good one.

Bob Reardon

Editor

In response to the "I Found It" column, whether Christ is the Lord of this planet, a great many people believe in the point of view that "I Found It" would have you believe that they have the one and only truth and that a neat little formula you can have it all. This formula is tradition written and established by the church to maintain its authority. It is old, it is dead. "Only one who has the heart and mind of a child can come upon truth," a soul that is fresh and free. They who are afraid to let go of beliefs, traditions and formulas cannot possibly find truth of a greater reality because they have chained themselves to such a limitation of what they believe that reality to be. The power of the way is within all people to know, to know God. But it cannot be forced, sold, or given to one. Only One. Only One. Only One.

Kathy Hufudd, Christ, Mohammed, Beulah U's all watch for love so the Christ. I ask you to consider what we may lose on the process—especially before yielding to the "I Found It" column. I am unaware of what we may lose on the process—especially before yielding to the "I Found It" column.

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Tony Hertz

Editor-in-Chief

"I Found It"

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Sick of seeing "I Found It" everywhere I look, it's like getting sick of hearing Mr. Whipple say "Please don't squat the chainsaw." Richard Becker

Concerning the editor by Greg Zaller in the November 30, 1978 issue of the Mustang Daily.

GREG

Editor: Despite the outward appearance of the "I Found It" campaign as an advertising folly, it is something much more meaningful. It is the honest expression of many Poly students wanting to share something important in their lives, something they wish to give to others, for the simple reason that they love them. They receive no praise, no brownie points for their efforts—their only approval comes from God.

Christians aren't perfect. I'm living example of that! We stumble too, yet with God's help our lives are guided to the light in the darkness. It is true as you say, many have hidden their light under a lamp. Yet, there are many on this campus burning with the love of God in their lives. I ask you to "continue in (your) search for a real God," for I am confident that it won't be long before you'll realize that these people have truly "found" something.

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New gift idea? Say cheese please

by BETTY LOVELAND
Daily Staff Writer

Last minute Christmas shoppers don't despair yet. If you're still frantically trying to find the right gift for that person who has everything they may be a solution. You can buy a different, delicious Christmas present without even leaving Cal Poly.

Poly Pak cheese gift boxes are being sold to help you with your shopping problems for those hungry students and friends.

The paks, a part of a student project in cooperation with the Dairy Department, are a collection of Cal Poly cheeses in decorative packages. Three sizes of paks available, range in price from $8.11 and $15.

The cheese paks project is being done single-handedly by Mark Sottana, a senior Dairy Manufacturing major, for a student project. Although this is the third year the paks have been sold at Cal Poly, it is the first year it has been done by just one person, according to Sottana.

The project was previously handled by the Dairy Plant Management class which is only offered every other year.

"I was in the class last year where we sold the cheese as a class project. But it was so unorganized. I wanted to see if I could do it better myself," Sottana explained.

Sottana said he started planning to do the paks last spring and actually has been working on the project since the beginning of this quarter.

"I buy the cheese in 20-pound blocks from the Dairy Plant, then cut it with a wire and paraffin it myself," Sottana said.

Besides preparing and packaging the cheese, Sottana is responsible for all the paperwork, such as writing and organizing the order forms, a time-consuming process.

But it's not all bad. Sottana will receive some of the profits made from the cheese paks with the remainder going to the Cal Poly Foundation.

"So far the response to the cheese paks has been good," reported Sottana. "I've gone 115 order forms already!"

"I'm only going to sell 500 boxes of cheese. I just don't want to have to turn down any checks, but I think there will be enough cheese for everyone."

The deadline for orders and payments is this Friday. These can be delivered to the campus produce store or Dairy Science Department or can be mailed to the Cal Poly Dairy Plant.

The paks may then be picked up in the campus produce store from December 11 to 19 just in time to give to some lucky person as a truly unique Christmas gift.

Cuesta to put on Nutcracker Suite

A traditional favorite of the Christmas month is Peter Tchaikovsky's ballet "The Nutcracker Suite," which will be performed by the Santa Barbara Ballet Company at Cuesta College on Saturday, Dec. 4. Tchaikovsky was commissioned by the Imperial Theatres of Russia to write the music for E.T.A. Hoffman's fairy tale of "The Nutcracker Suite" which will be danced in 180S by the Imperial Plum Fairy and a Cavalier. The ballet was first danced in 1892 by the Imperial Russian Ballet.

The Cuesta College production will be two performances in the college auditorium: a matinee at 2 p.m. and an evening show at 8 p.m. For the second year the ballet is co-sponsored by the Civic and Fine Arts Association and Cuesta College Community Services.

Admission to the matinee performance will be $5 general, $2.50 for students and $1.25 for children. The evening performance tickets will be $5 general, $2.50 for students and children.

Tickets are on sale at Brown's Music in San Luis Obispo, Ascension Pharmacy, Arroyo Drug, Paynor's Music in Morro Bay and Paso Robles and the Cuesta College Community Services Office.

Holiday mail is piling up

by BETSY SUBMAN
Daily Associate Editor

The mounds of mail bringing holiday cheer bring one thing to the post offices crowded with the packages, cards and letters: chaos.

This one-word definition of the Christmas mail rush was offered by Richard Winn, supervisor of mails at the San Luis Obispo Post Office.

"We get about five times the normal amount of letters," said Winn, "and 10 times the number of packages."

According to Winn, this year's rush may be different because outgoing mail will not be sorted by hand at the San Luis Obispo branch as it was in previous years, but will be sent to Goleta to be sorted electronically. Parcel post packages will be sent to Los Angeles for sorting. Winn expects this to aid in handling the 100,000 placed mail that are processed each day during the three-week period before Christmas.

In comparison to the city's mail boxes, the Cal Poly Mail Center experiences a slack in mail flow comparable to the summer months. According to Supervisor Jerry Maggioni, the on-campus departmental mail remains about the same, but mail to students decreases because they are at home for the holidays. Winn said there are other peak periods such as Mother's Day, Easter and tax time," said Winn.

Sales of stamps and other postal services also increase at this time of year.

 couldn't come up with a better picture, but emails jump up," said Winn. "The increase concerning such as mailing packages, although I'm sure why we urge people to mail early."

Winn said one complication at Christmas is that the 80-year-old building is too small. While most post offices have separate areas for handling incoming and outgoing mail, the local branch must shuffle both loads on alternate shifts in the bare-bones office the San Luis Obispo Post Office employs 15 people. Until 1972, the branch handled extra people at Christmas but with more efficient mail handling methods, this is no longer necessary.

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The Original Hofbrau Oktoberfest Beer has arrived in the United States

by Mark Sottana

"A bigger celebration," says Jack Weisberger, "that's what the Hofbrau Oktoberfest Beer represents." Weisberger is the owner and president of the Hofbrau Brewery in Munich, Germany, the world-famous Oktoberfest. The working company, it is now available through all licensed outlets from your local Coors distributor.

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Painting the town with holiday cheer

by BETSY LOVELAND
Daily Staff Writer

When most people talk about "painting the town" visions of wild parties and overindulgence are usually conjured up.

But when Mike Brady, architect and part-time Cal Poly instructor, says he's going to paint the town he means it literally.

For the past five Christmas seasons Brady has painted elaborate Santa Clauses and holiday scenes on many of the downtown store windows in San Luis Obispo.

Brady, a Cal Poly alumnus, got started in the window painting business by helping a friend who was doing it while they were both architecture students. After his friend left, Brady took over the business, now called "Snowjobs, Unlimited."

Now Brady paints between 50 and 60 windows each Christmas, with the scenes ranging from Santa Claus stamping grapes on a liquor store window to Santa with his hair in rollers for the window on a hairdresser's shop.

"I try to tie the decoration in with the theme of the store," explained Brady. He also tries to paint something different each year.

Brady admits he thoroughly enjoys painting the windows. "It puts me in the Christmas spirit. I like to hum Christmas carols while I'm painting," Brady said with a grin.

Although Brady is not the only person who paints store front windows in San Luis, he doesn't seem worried about his competition. "I'm the only one who can guarantee my windows won't run in the rain," Brady added with a twinkle in his eye. The reason is a secret ingredient in the paint he uses which Brady refuses to divulge.

This year he hopes his nine scenes on 50 to 60 windows in San Luis Obispo and his business is known as "Snowjobs, Unlimited." (Photo by Mary Reardon)

Mike Brady, architect and part-time Cal Poly instructor, concentrates on a cheerful Christmas version of Snoopy. Brady is responsible for painting holiday scenes. (Photo by Mary Reardon)

Majors and the Minors and the Women's Ensemble will direct the direction of Storm Malinowski. They will join the Christmas Band, make-up of musicians from the Symphony Band and a group of jazz musicians called the Collegians in presenting an evening of Christmas music. It takes place in Chamash Auditorium this Friday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Caroling party in Chumash Auditorium this Friday, Dec. 4, at 7:30 p.m. There is no admission charge.

It's quite an undertaking getting so many musicians geared in the same direction, especially with the quartet approaching its end.

According to Malinowski, problems encountered have been no worse than usual. Still it does take a great deal of work.

"It has required a lot of extra time going into various productions." (Continued on page B/)

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With a smile.

And in case you're wondering, Brady does not scrape off all the paint himself! The storeowners get to take it off themselves," he laughed.

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Mistletoe: Parasite with favored pucker power

by ELENA BOSTER
Daily Staff Writer

Mistletoe is a parasite. Like any parasite, it has a very strong life from its host. It’s one fact about mistletoe.

Another fact about mistletoe is that it is the one of the most popular Christmas customs. In Scandinavian myth of the Norse god, Balder, the whitest of all noracters, was killed by Loki. Balder feared that he would be lost to his son, Freyja, who changed it into a symbol of friendship and love.

Druids are more often associated with mistletoe than Scandinarians. Their use of mistletoe was for medicinal and religious purposes. A ceremony, complete with sacrifices and festivities, was enacted in the middle of November by Druid priests.

In contemporary times, mistletoe is not associated with the Christian church in some situations and is not allowed in the church.

According to Scandinavian customs, mistletoe only has power potential as long as there are berries on it. Every time a man kisses a woman under mistletoe—woman shouldn’t kiss a man—he should pluck a berry and give it to her. When all the berries are gone, the kissing privilege is gone, too.

Mistletoe in the wild rarely grows berries. So when mistletoe in the San Luis Obispo area probably has no power potential to begin with, if you believe in strict adherence to customs.

Mistletoe feeds off of apple, poplar, hawthorn, lime, maple, ash, cedar, labezoon and laurel trees.

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Don’t put homemade ornaments or any combustible material near lights.

Keep all candles in a wide-based holder (a good rule-of-thumb is the width of the candle should be one-half the height of the candle). Make sure candles are supplied with fuel. Also, keep all candles away from curtains.

Don’t leave the house with candles burning or Christmas lights on.

The proper way to string outside Christmas lights is not to nail the light wire to the house, but to hammer nails to the facial board of the house and lay the wires on top of them. This won’t create pressure on the wire’s plastic insulation and will prevent a fire.

If one or more light cords have to be spliced together, use an extension cord with a multiple adapter. But fire officials warn this can be dangerous and should be disconnected at night.

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To prevent this, a portable fire detector can be bought for $20 to $60. It will detect smoke early and set off an alarm, enabling you to escape.

For tips on how to avert tragedy

by RANDY MAX
Daily Staff Writer

The Christmas season is a time for families to enjoy togetherness and join together in a joyful spirit and to a special time of joy.

But this joy can become real danger if certain rules are not followed.

The Christmas season, according to the San Luis Obispo Fire Department, is a time of increased fire hazards.

We will treat about people everywhere in the United States who will be hurt or killed or suffer dollar damage from a fire ignited from Christmas decoration.

To be sure it isn’t your Christmas tree which goes up in smoke and makes the headlines in your local papers, here are some simple common sense rules to follow:

—Set your Christmas tree in a cool area and don’t allow it to touch any flammable materials.

—Flame proof the tree.

—Check every Christmas tree light cord and make sure it has the Underwriter’s Laboratories (UL) label on it.

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To uncover the main behind the Christmas myth, a newspaper reporter—who without ado had been a good boy all year—approached the task of cornering and questioning San Luis Obispo's own Santa Claus.

San Luis Obispo's Own Santa nella tor of the facilities. At the same time, his belly doesn't bounce like a bowl of jelly when he laughs. When he sits, his lap doesn't seem wide enough to comfortably support good little boys and girls.

According to Callaway, this Santa is minus the traditional roly-poly voice and his Ho, Ho, Ho have a distinct Spanish accent.

Yes, Joe Call, director of the Senior Volunteer Program (SVP), who hired Higuera for the second season calls him "Santa Claus." Callaway, Higuera was the only person in 1975 who worked for the nerve-wracking job of playing Santa to nearly 15,000 children. But now he's paid the holiday сез.

Of course, Higuera and Call.

But somehow, he doesn't fit the truck driver or Santa Clause image. He isn't tough talking. His hips don't ripple when he moves. And a cigar doesn't dangle from his mouth as some people stereotype a truck driver. At the same time, his belly doesn't bounce like a bowl of jelly when he laughs.

One of the most unexpected things that happened during the nine-day Christmas run was the appearance of a reporter who took an interest in the program and wrote a story about it. The reporter's name was Randy Arsenault, and he became intrigued by the idea of finding out what makes a man turn into Santa.

Higuera was asked if he had any idea who the bald man who had taken up residence in the little brown house in Mission Plaza during the Christmas season was. He was a 57-year-old retired San Luis Obispo truck driver. The truck driver turned Santa—Joe Higuera.

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This year Joe's wife Matt got like an efficient Santa's wife, ha*
* her Christmas shopping almost completed. The
wrapped gifts overflow in a large box in the living room of
their San Luis Obispo apartment.

Santa himself has yet to do his shopping; He admitted he
doesn't care about it

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**Few bars on inmates' Christmas**

by FRANCES C. JENSEN
Daily Free Waler

What's Christmas without a stocking over the fireplace? Without a glass of eggnog and rum? What is it without the freedom of choosing whether a white Christmas in Aspen or a sunny day in Palm Springs suits you better. For 4,600 men locked up behind the barbed-wire fences, washing rags, trapping rust and guard in Christmas, is just another break in an otherwise routine life.

The California Men's Colony, north of Cal Poly plans activities for the men, but with the little extras they do get. Apples and oranges on Christmas Eve, free Christmas cards and a Sunday to worship together with their families—are small consolation to men who must otherwise be watched, guarded and commanded constantly.

Christmas is one of the few times the prisoners are allowed to receive a package, candy, cigarettes, books, and homemade cookies start filtering in before Christmas, but after the holiday packages are no longer accepted and the men must either work for the little luxuries or do without them until next Christmas.

"We try to get the men to work and support themselves," Rev. Stanly McGuire, chaplain of the Men's Colony said. "If we allow someone on the outside to send them packages every week they would have all the things they could want. We encourage them to work and earn those things for themselves. That way they stay busy and are not listless.

Visiting rights on Christmas day are the same as on a Saturday or Sunday. Family and friends may visit from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. All who visit—little children as well—are required to pass through a metal scanner.

"We have a few individual cases occasionally where a man will become upset and try to fight a few guards. But on the whole the men have a good attitude," McGuire said. "We don't have the tough guy syndrome so many other penal institutions have where a few guys try to run the whole prison."

McGuire does admit that many of the men get very depressed during the holidays.

"Generally, the worst situation of the men during the Christmas season is down. Of course they naturally feel depressed. They think of being home for Christmas instead of being behind walls. The first-timers, especially, have a hard time of it. It's their first big holiday inside and it gets them down. The old timers, on the other hand, have already gone through it all before and are used to it."

The men have the choice of sitting around in their cells with their wash basin, toilet, bunk, desk, lamp and footstool or attending any of the high school or college classes that are offered. They also can go to work in one of the vocational programs such as auto mechanics or sheet metal working.

"Most of the men take advantage of the opportunity given to them. A lot are truly sorry for their crimes and feel that they had it coming to them. And then there again are others who keep saying that they are in on a bum rap—that they didn't deserve what they got," McGuire said.

On Christmas morning inmates are allowed to sleep in an hour later than usual. Breakfast is served at 7:30 and at 8:30 they have the choice of working out in the gym, spending time on a hobby or taking it easy in their cell.

"The time is theirs. It's a day off and they can spend it in any way they want. Most choose to sleep in and day off. Today at 2h she is a
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For 2,400 men locked up behind the barbed-wire fences, washing rags, trapping rust and guard in Christmas, is just another break in an otherwise routine life.

"The truly violent men are medicated. They are pre-medications before they are taken anywhere," McGuire says. "Sometimes they come to church while medicated and the only thing I can say to do is reflect communications with them on their own level."

Many men have turned to religion, said McGuire, although some of them use it as a way to get out of prison.

"Out of the 4,600 men that are in the Colony, about 12 of them are regular church-goers. I'd say about 10 of the men are probably active. You can tell whether a man is sincere in how much he gets involved. The man who says he doesn't want to do anything but to go home to the rest of the family but at the same time is not doing anything about it, is one who is not sincere."

Christmas Sunday is one of the special allowances the men are able to take advantage of during the holiday season. Friends and families of the inmates (who are over 18 years old), are allowed to attend religious services, come to the chapel with the prisoners. This is allowed only on Christmas Sunday and Christmas. Little children are barred from the chapel for their own protection.

To many wives, mothers, girlfriends and boyfriends of the inmates, visiting on Christmas is just a small consolation. "Naturally as a mother I want my son home with me for Christmas," said a woman who asked to be unidentified. "But it's far better to spend a week with him here and have his cell as a home than to spend a year away from him. It's worse for him. He pictures his brothers knocking on his door and day out. He's paying for what he did, sure, but it is with more than just time. He pays with his heart. And that's what breaks my heart."

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Traditional Christmas geese grown on local farm

by GINA BERREYESA
Daily News Writer

"Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fatter," said one of the geese that live on George and Martin Dewey's farm. The geese are at their "ultimate tenderness" for eating, according to Mrs. Dewey.

"Our son talks the babies out of the shell," Mrs. Dewey says. "They are also a little calmer," she adds.

"I sell them for breeding," says Mrs. Dewey, "but I didn't want to sell them for meat." She found that when she was selling the geese ready to be roasted for the holiday meal, a lot of Europeans bought from her.

"I told geese to a lot of German people and everyone gave me different ideas and recipes," she says.

"They are a powder grey, and the males are a brilliant yellow," Mrs. Dewey finds that geese have cute personalities, and she is charmed by their talking and muttering.

"Chickens can turn out like cranks," she comments. "I sold geese to a lot of German people and everyone gave them.

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The performance of "Lohengrin" announced yesterday will be broadcast over KCFB, the campus station at 10 p.m. on Saturday. The opera is part of the 1976-77 Texaco-Metropolitan Opera radio season.

Marriott's audition

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by KEVIN FALLS
Daily Staff Writer

In a little cafe on Higuera Street, two men were sitting in a booth having coffee, reading their favorite sports pages.

"What's wrong?" asked the fellow who was still leaning over his green paper.

"That's right," said the middle-aged man, who was now shaking his head.

"Understand what?" asked the fellow who was looking at the rundown of the latest free-agent signing.

"That baseball-re-entry-free-agent-whatever-draft," said the younger man.

"Ah, yes. It is confusing."

With that, his friend, who could have been the older man's employer or son being that he looked half his age, folded his paper neatly and then looked into his coffee.

"Well, first of all you got this group of players that are not happy with the contracts for their old teams," said the younger man. "This year it was ruled that a player is not bound to a club even if the club and the owner don't come to terms. So, at the season's end all the disappointed players, the ones who didn't sign, were put in kind of pool and drafted by the other professional teams. Just like the college draft: worst team, first pick."

"But didn't look good, probably," said the younger man looking at his watch. "You know, all these players, these humans, go to the highest bidder. So I guess the draft cancelled the fact."

"That's it," smiled the older man. "It was a damn auction. Kind of like what they do at the fair with the pigs and cows."

"So now let's see that Reggie has signed with the Yankees, which he has. Can an owner afford that kind of price?" asked the younger man. "No,", said his companion. "But the owner pays."

"In most cases," said the younger man, "but a lot of times the fan will have to pay."

"I don't get no three million."

"Well, neither do the owners, but the ticket prices can be raised to help set off that big chunk of money. You just raise prices from say, $3.50 to $4.50 in the next year."

The older man sat a big gulp of coffee and tried to gather his thoughts.

"Okay, let's see if I get it."

"First they have this draft for these financially unhappy players. But it's not really a draft, but kinds like an auction. The team that has the most bucks gets the player. Cips not like an auction. The cow, or the player in this case, gets the money. Now the owner who buys the player in this case, gets the money."

"Well the owner who buys the player bit off more than he can swallow."

"Come again," said the younger man. "If he can't afford the guy."

"Oh."

"Then he will make us pay for him in the long run by raising the ticket prices. Is that what it's all about?"

"Yeah, roughly I guess."

The older man gathered his paper together, tucked it under his arm and stood up to leave.

It was evident that he was not because he was pouring cream in his ice water.

"What's wrong?" asked the fellow who was now shaking his head.

"I see here where Reggie Jackson was picked by every club," said the younger man pointing to his sports page. "In fact there are quite a few players here that were picked more than once."

"Yeah, I know. See, Jackson couldn't come to terms with Montreal, the first club that picked him, so the other teams had a shot. Montreal offered $4 million, but the 'Yanks got him for $1 million through the Los Quin Valley native."

"Wow wait a second, said the older gent with a little impatience in his voice. "What it really boils down to is the team that has the most money gets the player. Then who has a draft?"

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Hitchcock pays off as bonafide grappler great

Hitchcock was successful in getting the team into NCAA Div. I competition after winning Div. II national titles became almost old hat. So far in Div. I action with the bigger schools, Cal Poly has had two national champs including Tom Kline at 191 lbs. in 1969 and 13 additional place winners nationally.

Ironically, this may never have happened if the 45-year-old coach had followed an early desire to quit the wrestling team his freshman year at Hayward High School, located in the Bay Area. But Hitchcock wasn't a quitter and he went on to become a two-time state wrestling champ and also gained high school All-America honors as a running back for the football team.

Hitchcock continued his dual sport success at Washington State University where he lettered for three seasons in football and wrestled all four years, only losing two dual bouts and becoming Pacific Coast Champion twice.

After receiving his BS in Physical Education from Washington State in 1968, Hitchcock pondered several professional football offers from such teams as the Cleveland Browns and Washington Redskins.

"It was a real decision at the time," said Hitchcock. "I really enjoyed playing football. But I had been married since my sophomore year in school and with my oldest son being born my senior year, I decided upon a coaching career as the route to undertake."

Hitchcock began his coaching career with a bang at Castro Valley High School, where his team never lost a dual meet in his three years and was Northern California State Champs in 1969. From there he returned to coach a fine team at his alma mater, Hayward for three years and compiled a 38-1 won-loss dual meet record.

"I'm very excited about this year's team," Hitchcock said of the Mustangs. "In last month's intra-squad match the wrestlers looked very highly skilled and this could be the best team we've ever had. It was very pleasing that no injuries occurred, which was the first time that has happened in a long time."

Besides establishing wrestling at Cal Poly's wrestling program. Hitchcock has been very active in the sport at the AAU and Olympic levels. He served as assistant coach for the 1975 AAU Wrestling Committee and was chairman in 1974 to develop rules for the 1976 US Olympic wrestling team.

Hitchcock is married and has four children. His son

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It's no Christmas for players as basketball set for holidays

According to most of the team, there is a party after every game. "The roadtrips are not all fun and games, however," Wheeler recalled some of the things that have gone wrong. "In New York, all the players and myself lost our plane tickets, so I ended up writing a check for $1,700.

Hitchcock's dedication and his younger son, Terry, is also keeping up the family tradition as a fine grappler in high school. Hitchcock's national wrestling family lives just outside San Luis Obispo where they raise chickens, keep several horses Mustangs, and work with bees. In addition, Hitchcock operates a successful summer wrestling NCAA Div. I camp in its eighth year located at Sycamore, California. Hitchcock's dedication and his younger son, Terry, is also keeping up the family tradition as a fine grappler in high school.

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