**Artists get people talking at Culture Talk**

**Susan Kanga uses personal experiences to increase understanding of different cultures**

*By Jannine Frederiksen*

She found the perfect way to get people talking:

Susan Kanga, a performance artist from Los Angeles, not only got people talking at the Multi-Cultural Center's first "Culture Talk" of the quarter last Thursday, but also got them thinking about difficult issues through some honest and painful truths about herself and her experiences.

Beginning a discussion called "Immigration, Racism and Cultural Identity," Kanga tackled the problems of racial integration in America, and racial integration inside herself.

Kanga, whose father is Pakistani, and whose mother is German, warmed up her audience with an original piece of performance poetry.

Dressed in a short, flowered dress and black combat boots, Kanga's attire revealed as many contradictions as her words.

Called "Contract on America," the piece described the many different faces of America's "Melting Pot," including Kanga herself. Her most poignant message was the reality that all the different races, heritages and cultures in the pot do not melt together well at all.

The room was silent after Kanga finished her performance and sat down. It was time for the group to talk, but first it needed time to absorb.

"This is the first "Culture Talk" of this kind," Director of the Multi-Cultural Center Everardo Martinez-Inmum said, breaking the silence. "I think you are all awed."

Soon, however, the discussion began, and the first of the eight talks planned for the quarter may be the most exciting one.

Before the group gathered, Kanga talked about her back­ground and the evolution of her work.

"Both of my parents are immigrants," she said. "I grew up in a culture of immigration." Kanga said she encountered many problems growing up as a child of immigrants, and with the children of other immi­grants.

"There was always a real frustration about not having a cultural identity," she said. "I was always envious of people who had a very clear sense of their own identity."

Kanga gathered all her See KANGA page 6

**Rainstorm blasts Northern California**

Associated Press

Wind-driven rains pelted Northern California and fresh snow dusted the upper Sierra Nevada as a fast-moving storm cut power Tuesday to about 20,000 people and slowed traffic from the mountains to the sea.

The storm was expected to ease by early Wednesday, and a new storm was forecast to hit on Thursday.

"It's 'slushing' right now — it's kind of raining and snowing at the same time," Truckee service station worker Gary Hutchinson said at midday as temperatures hovered above freezing. "An inch or two of snow fell last night, but the rain this morning turned all that to slush."

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Nine inches of snow fell at Echo Summit, and seven inches at Castle Peak in the Donner back country. More snow was forecast Tuesday as temperatures dipped and the snow level dropped to 5,000 feet. In the inland valleys and along the coast, rains fell most of the day, accompanied by winds gusting to 40 mph and intermittent lightnings.

Chains were required on Interstate 80 between Kingsville and Truckee, and on U.S. Highway 50 between Twin Bridges and Meyers.

"Temperatures are relatively warm, and that's why we're getting this rain," said Pat Lord, a California Highway Patrol spokesman in Meyers. "Road conditions are precarious, and you should use reasonable care and caution and have chains available," he said.

At Donner Summit, the rain snow mix soaked the highway, but road conditions in Truckee are good. There's not really a lot of snow and ice. Of course, those See STORM page 5

**Players frustrated with tennis coach; over 14 quit teams**

*By Matt Berger*

In 1991 Chris Eppright left a coaching job in Southern Califor­nia to come to Cal Poly. He brought enthusiasm and high hopes north with him, hopes of leading Cal Poly's tennis program to an NCAA championship.

In his four years at Cal Poly, he has coached both the men and the women's tennis teams to top five finishes in the nation and was the recipient of numerous coaching awards.

But during this past season period a disturbing trend developed. Despite the numerous successes, members of both teams, including scholarship and All-American players, began to quit because of developing morale problems.

What started out as a side ef­fect to a changing program evolved into an unusual pattern of resignations that several players — both past and present — say directly relates to Ep­pright's behavior.

Although current players con­tacted for this story would not comment on the record, former players tell the story of an over­bearing coach whose poor coach­ing ethics, manipulation, and verbal and mental abuse con­tributed to over 14 players resigning.

"I don't know why he has gotten away with so much for so long," said Sheri Holmes, a Cal Poly graduate and former player. "He's not healthy for the team."

Holmes, along with several former players including recrea­tion administration senior Emily Schach, gave detailed accounts of incidents starting in 1992 when Eppright supposedly abandoned the women's team at Cal Poly, Pomona after a match.

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**Ticketing for events may go high-tech at Cal Poly**

By Jessica Tennis

The foundation for Board of Directors

Ticketing for public events has never been state-of-the-art at Cal Poly, however that may change soon.

Representatives of Cal Poly Athletics, ASI and the Perform­ing Arts Center are hoping to in­stall a campus-wide ticketing system by April.

John Stipicevich, ASI director of Programming and Facilities, said that with this computerized sys­tem, students and the public will be able to buy tickets for campus shows and events with more con­venience. Purchasing tickets will be faster and easier, he said.

Tickets will also be printed on demand. This means that "stu­dents will be able to choose what particular seat they want to sit in and what price bracket they want to pay," Stipicevich said. "Right now we don't have the system to do that."

Currently, ticketing for public events sponsored by Cal Poly Athletics and the Performing Arts Center is done manually with hard tickets.

The Cal Poly Theatre, however, uses a modest computerized ticket system.

The new system will provide more sophisticated software that would efficiently serve the ticket­ing needs of all three organiza­tions. It will not only improve ac­countability, accuracy and ser­vice to the customer, but also expand marketing options as well, Stipicevich said.

Managing Director of the Per­forming Arts Center Ron Regier and Athletic Director John McCutcheon are working with Stipicevich to get financing for the project.

In November of 1995, they submitted a proposal to the Foundation Board of Directors requesting a line-of-credit of up to $250,000 to pay for a system and its start-up costs.

With the completion of the Performing Arts Center and ex­pansion of programs in ASI, ath­letics and elsewhere on campus, Regier and Stipicevich agreed that an updated system is a must.

"With the increased ticketing volume that the Performing Arts Center is expected to produce, it would be difficult to run a success­ful operation without such a system," Regier said.

Schools such as UC Berkeley See TICKETS page 6

**OPINION**

William E. Crook takes yet another sentimental look at the final adventures of Cabin & Hobbes. See page 4
Environmental Council Beach Cleanup and Barbecue is taking place Saturday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. in the University Union. Everyone is invited to participate.

Today
Environmental Council is meeting in building 52, room E-29 at 7 p.m.

Upcoming
The first meeting for Open House is Jan. 18 in Building 3, room 213 at 11 a.m. This meeting is mandatory for all club representatives. For more information, call 756-7576.

A health professionals seminar titled "Writing your Application Essay/Statement of Purpose," is being offered Jan. 18 at 11 a.m. in building 53, room 201.

A workshop providing bereavement support is being offered Jan. 20 by the Hospice of San Luis Obispo Inc. For more information, call 544-2266.

Financial Aid Sunday, a workshop to provide information about applying for financial aid, is taking place Jan. 21 at Cuesta College. Another workshop is being offered at Cal Poly Jan. 17 at Chumash Auditorium at 7 p.m. For more information, call 756-5891.

Agenda Items: c/o Natasha Collins, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Phone: 756-1796 Fax: 756-6784

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U.S. increases agents at border

"I feel sorry for their situation and what they have to deal with in their country economically, but we have to distance ourselves or we'll have a hard time doing our jobs." — Mark Moody

U.S. Border Patrol veteran

"We pushed traffic out there to the east, but we didn't beef up Chula Vista," Moody said. "Once we have Chula Vista covered, we'll have the upper hand. The important thing is not how many we catch, but how many get away."

Although federal officials have tried to downplay the role of the military at the border, immigrant advocates and Mexican officials say the latest plan amounts to a dangerous militarization of the border and is downright unneighborly.

"This is a hostile move against Mexico," said Jorge Bustamante, president of El Colegio del la Frontera Norte in Tijuana, Mexico. "It's like a revolving door where immigrants try to cross in the flatlands and not in hilly terrain where they can hide in the brush and canyons. Now that the once high-traffic region of Imperial Beach is under control, agents here are focusing east on a five-mile stretch between the San Ysidro and Otay Mesa ports of entry."

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— Amanda Covarrubias

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Sachch explained that after the match, as both teams were preparing to leave, Eppright got upset with the players.

"I don't even remember why he got so mad, I think we might have lost," Schuch said. "He rode off in one van and left us there. He didn't even let us follow him."

He went back without the girls' van and we ended up driving ourselves, luckily we knew the way home," Holmes said.

Another complaint against Eppright is that he made decisions that jeopardized players' eligibility and ranking.

Several players said they were victims of this kind of treatment, including Holmes.

"He would threaten to not let me play and then minutes before the match he would have me get taped up," she said.

The most recent incident occurred last season in a plane ride back from a road match. Cal Poly graduate Alissa Bailey was on the trip and described the incident.

"The plane to San Francisco was delayed and we were planning to arrive at 11 p.m. Bailey said.

"On the plane they offered complimentary drinks and wine to the players, " she said. "I decided not to drink, but Chris and some other girls decided to get drunk."

"By the time we got off the plane Chris was completely drunk. I thought it was poor behavior on his part, to be so drunk," Bailey said referring to McCutcheon.

"The team decided together that everybody would agree to the letter," former player Britt Stenstrom said. "If we didn't all agree then we weren't going to live it at all."

"I had a conversation with some of the members of the boys' team who voiced their concerns," he said.

"Eppright responded to the players' complaints with a prepared statement. "

"There were some concerns within the tennis program last fall that year that were expressed to me through the Athletic Director," he said in the statement. "I subsequently discussed these concerns with the team."

Team members contend that Eppright's response to their complaints was not satisfactory. They also criticized the lack of action taken by the Athletic Department.

"We understood that we couldn't just walk in there and get someone fired, but nothing was done," Bailey said referring to the complaints made to the Athletic Department.

Eppright and McCutcheon both agreed that the complaints by the players should be dealt with internally.

"I am not going to discuss the nature of the concerns in a public forum," McCutcheon said. "I am not going to get into specifics."

The appropriate place to deal with the concerns is internally and not in a public forum," Eppright said in the statement.

The transition to Division I has been difficult, he continued, "but as the head coach, I've had to make some very tough decisions and just like any other athletic program, you can't possibly make everybody happy all of the time."

Players say, however, that those "tough decisions" created more problems than they resolved.

The team would definitely be better off with Eppright," said former women's player Noriko Nakamura. "I hated going to practice... It was just a bad experience for me."

McCotcheen said he could not comment on how the matter would be resolved. He did say that in a situation in which players have concerns, the department has no explicit procedure. He attributed this to the fact that each complaint is unique and has an independent solution.

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**EDITORIAL**

How 'bout that Poly Plan?

by Jason D. Piemans

Cal Poly is going through a lot of changes at this time, and Mustang Daily is moving in some new directions as well.

However, let's begin with the changes that are taking place at our beloved institution first.

President Warren Baker is selling his vision of Cal Poly's future with the Cal Poly Plan. After tremendous efforts to get students on the bandwagon, it appears the students, are the customers buying an education from public universities.

People in the lowest economic brackets and minorities are already grossly underserved here, and increasing fees would only increase the disparity. President Baker has some silly ideas on how to counteract this position by creating a unique type of funding for eligible students. It ultimately amounts to a type of discount, often used at private institutions.

But what if the state doesn't go for this student-discount idea? The answer is nowhere to be found in the Cal Poly Plan.

The ultimate aspect of the equation is that we, as students, are the customers buying an education from the state. Thus state, however, seems to be decreasing the quality of its product, yet charging more each year. To his credit, Baker wants to change the system to benefit students. He mentioned in his speech, and in interviews I've had with him, that he wants to create a sort of 'compact' with the students attending Cal Poly.

The problem is that this doesn't seem there are any guarantees in this so-called compact. The proposed environmental impacts on San Luis Obispo and the surrounding communities. This is not a shortcoming of Baker per se, but of the California Legislature and Governor Pete Wilson.

How is a community as small as San Luis Obispo supposed to absorb the amounts of new residents who will be attending Cal Poly in the future? The whole point in the plan that the increased student fees "would not go to compensation and it would not go to capital improvements on campus." So this doesn't benefit anyone on campus in regards to housing.

Some aspects of the Cal Poly Plan sound great, but unfortunately, the impression is that it leaves a lot of unanswered questions. At the same time, ASI and the Academic Senate ignore their responsibilities of informing students and acting in the best interest of all students.

New on to Mustang Daily: I hope all the sports fans out there enjoy reading The Sporting Journal. The spectacular sports insert is something new to the journalism department and marks Mustang Daily's first venture into full pagination. Soon, all of Mustang Daily will be produced electronically and The Sporting Journal will appear every Wednesday.

Unfortunately, due to space and money, the sports coverage will no longer appear every day. Mondays and Fridays will be regular sports days and The Sporting Journal will appear every Wednesday.

However, the Opinion page will become a double-upread on Tuesdays. That's a lot of space to fill for our opinion editor, but with some good commentaries from our fans, she'll fill it. Hopefully, the Opinion page will become a place for serious political rhetoric to be changed and people's views of the upcoming election will be allowed to clash. It should also be an area for discussing the Cal Poly Plan.

Jason D. Piemans is the Daily Editor-in-Chief.

**COMMENTARY**

I just finished reading Shari Coffenberry's commentary on the demise of Calvin & Hobbes by Bill Watterson. While I agree with her on the addictive power of the strip, I would like to offer another point of view on it.

Calvin & Hobbes was easily the most prominent strip on the market based on quality. Its freshness, attention to detail and unique perspective allowed it to be a labor of love for Watterson. Few strips today have the potential to draw faithful followers the way Calvin & Hobbes did.

It entertained millions of readers of all ages. In the 100 years of comic strips, few can make the claim that they actually took a nation as a daily hostage. Peanuts, Garfield and Calvin & Hobbes have all had that mantle.

I strongly disagree with Coffenberry's report that the final Calvin & Hobbes was "so stupid" and that "it wasn't even funny." For every "funny" strip of Calvin & Hobbes there was also a thought or emotion provoking strip that followed. This is what made it so unique and refreshing.

For the record, the last Calvin & Hobbes strip was published on Sunday, Dec. 31. It was not a daily black and white, four-panel strip published by the Mustang Daily. The final strip appeared in the color format of the Sunday comic supplements in local papers. It showed Calvin & Hobbes with their faithful sled in a fresh snowfall. Hobbes remarks, "It's like having a big sheet of white paper to draw on." Calvin ends the strip exclaiming, "It's a magical world, Hobbes of this. It's getting lighter." They sled away out of our lives.

It was the perfect ending to the adventures of a little boy and his stuffed tiger. Coffenberry was aggrieved that "it was no ending at all." Why does it need an end at all? Why must there be some final solution? Today, children are forced to grow up all too quickly, it was refreshing to see one little boy who will remain young and innocent (as Calvin could ever be forever).

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If a strip evokes some emotion in you, it has served its purpose. Some strips thrived on political statements (Doonesbury), some will make you laugh hysterically (The Far Side), some show the innocent humor in family values (The Family Circus), and some strive to entertain another generation (Beetle Bailey). Watterson's strip, at one time or another, touched all the bases.

Coffenberry accuses the industry of offering no quality strips and cites The Family Circus and Beetle Bailey as examples of strips that have outlived their usefulness. Although neither strip is geared to university readers, she may have a point.

I believe some strips have not aged well over the years. I am happy to say no one will ever accuse Calvin & Hobbes of this. It retired before becoming obsolete. It reminds me of some professional athletes who disaspire a sterling career because they just don't know when to quit. Bill Watterson was driven by quality. He had maintained strict creative control over his product. How many Calvin & Hobbes licensed items do you see on the market? Only one — the books reprinting his newspaper strip. Unlike Garfield and Snoopy, you will not find any Calvin & Hobbes pajamas, TV specials, dolls, toothbrushes or shirts. Watterson was very protective of his creation.

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I am glad he chose to retire Calvin and Hobbes. I will miss them as I am sure you all do. I thank the Mustang Daily for bringing them to us every day. Along with Calvin & Hobbes, I hope there is a future in other Watterson-produced projects for Calvin & Hobbes. But, if there isn't, I thank Watterson for his efforts. He was and is a pioneer in the comic strip industry. He brought back some of the lost art of comic strips. Although they have been unfairly labeled "comix," now we are starting to see that strip needs to get you laughing.

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**OPINION**

Time to go, Hobbes o' buddy

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Also: California's Shareef Abdur-Rahim

Arizona tries to rebound after Bay Area trouncing

Green Bay, Indianapolis shook up the NFL's elite

Cal Poly's Ben Larson stealing his way to the top
Stewart’s TD cries for instant replay

BY MIKE LOPEZ/TIMES NEWS NETWORK

First, let us decide the degree of larceny perpetrated upon the Indianapolis Colts by the officials during Sunday’s game against Pittsburgh. Yes, they deserved to win. But still. Playoff touchdowns are supposed to be 100 percent pure, no matter who scores them, or when. Receivers are not supposed to be able to break open by taking a couple of steps in the general direction of the popcorn stand. The white lines are not there for decoration. Kordell Stewart got away with going out-of-bounds. One step, two steps, maybe three. The touchdown should never have happened. There should have been a penalty, a loss of down, a field goal, four fewer Pittsburgh points.

Most of all, there should have been a reversal from instant replay. Reversal? Instant replay? Oh, excuse me. There I go living in the past again. It was a six-year fad, voted in 1983 by the NFL. But still. Playoff touchdowns are not supposed to be able to break open. Would the officials have broken open knowing it was just for a one-minute extra period? No, the blown call by the officials that gave the Steelers a gift touchdown did not decide the game. It was simply too early to be the make-or-break play.

Yes, the Colts still had abundant chances to win. Their lead did not melt in the last two minutes of the game. So take a look, let us know, and enjoy the “show” we call the world of sports.

The Sporting Journal

By Steve Moore

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Arizona gets wake-up call

**By Monty Phan**

**Special to The Spokesman-Review**

After its worst loss of the season — Arizona is still attempting to bounce back from back-to-back losses to California and Stanford two weekends ago. And what better way to do it than against a top 10 leader and defending national champion UCLA.

The Bruins roll into town Saturday after sweeping California at Stanford for the 10th straight time.

With a 32-point win over Arizona State last Wednesday, the 18th-ranked Wildcats (11-3) looked to be returning to early-season form, when they were ranked as high as fourth before their losses to Stanford and California in the Bay Area.

Entering their third week of Pac 10 play, the Wildcats (11-3, 1-2) will face a UCLA team which is on a nine-game winning streak. The Bruins men handled California, 93-73, last Saturday. Their last loss came against Kansas Dec. 2, when they blew a 26-point lead.

After being ambushed by many of the preseason polls, Arizona began the season by winning the preseason NIT, blowing by Georgetown in the final. Lute Olson, who was on the sidelines that night, joked that Arizona was tired of playing UCLA, a team that has been Arizona’s bane in recent years.

Koger said that Arizona is now in the first and possibly the last chance for the Wildcats to knock off the Bruins.

Koger also echoed a remark made by Lute Olson in his last game against Arizona.

"It was definitely a team kind of effort," he said. "I’m not individually having your greatest game. We definitely needed this type of game."

By the Bay Area sweep — when California handled Lute Olson’s team, Arizona’s worst loss ever as a coach — the Wildcats’ vocal leader, senior point guard Kelly Guerrieri, blamed himself for the recent downfall.

"I probably him myself for the recent downfall," Guerrieri said. "I had eight assists against Stanford, only one of which were drive-and-dishes to McLean, who hit five 3-pointers.

"During the Bay Area trip, we got away from what we were at earlier in the season," said Geary, who averages 9.9 points and a team-leading 7.1 assists per game. In fact, the senior from Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana, Calif., is the only starter not averaging double figures in points. Senior center Joseph Blair leads the team with 14.7 per game.

After the win over Arizona State, McLean, suddenly in the spotlight after three years of wait­ ing in the shadows, reminded everyone that it was still early to specu­ late.

"At the beginning of the season we weren’t getting any respect," he said. "We got a little bit more tonight. It was a big wake-up call for us."

And with the defending national champions up and playing UCLA, the Wildcats are sure to get a lot of attention.

**Trevor Strong**

**Staff Writer**

**INSIDE THE NCAA**

**It was a week to forget in the Big "Chill" East**

**By Ken Davis**

**The Hartford Courant**

The Big East highlight pack­ age this week would be more realistic if it included scenes of crowded airports, empty area­ nas, and more watching tele­ vision in their hotel rooms.

Those teams had the most routine — minus the game — to get through.

That was because the hottest last week played college basketball games, left teams stranded, and created numer­ ous complications.

They think you have problems? Georgetown Coach John Thompson returned home at 3 a.m. Thursday after his fifth-ranked Hoyas lost at Pittsburgh, 75-56, Wednesday night. The game had been scheduled for Tuesday, and he returned home to an unpleasant car problem anyone could relate to.

"Everybody, whether you are playing basketball or not, knows how depressing (a storm delay) can be," Thompson said Thursday afternoon. "I’m sit­ ting here (in the press conference) with a dead battery. .. freezing like hell."

Before last week, only two Big East games had been post­ poned because of the weather. That’s two games in 16 sea­ sons. Four were postponed last week.

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It was quite a week for Penn State. The Nittany Lions moved into the Associated Press rankings — at No. 20 — for the first time in 31 years. Then they christened the 15,000-seat Bryce Jordan Center with a 76-61 victory over Minnesota Thursday night.

"Quite frankly, I don’t know why they want to give it up," Wisconsin Coach Dick Bennett said. "With a club like they have this year, I’d think you’d want to bring anybody in here and play them. They’ll appreciate their new place, but by the same token, they’re going to miss this place."

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Exhausted from the barrage of questions and eager to finish with the proceedings, Georgia Tech senior Drew Barry approached the next table of reporters. It was the seventh of nine such tables he was to visit, and only then would he be halfway through with Atlantic Coast Conference Media Day.

Story by Todd Graff
Photos and cover photo by Toni L. Sandys

Since this was Barry's chance to sit in the limelight as Georgia Tech's leader, he could bear the onslaught. After all, he was the ACC's returning assist leader and one of the conference's top guards.

But as Barry neared the table, he offered a furtive glance, starting ahead, but looking at no one, attempting to steer the conversation away from the repetitive questions he faced all morning.

"I don't know why (Georgia Tech head coach Bobby) Cremins didn't bring Marbury," Barry said.

Marbury? Would that be the new freshman who had yet to play a college game?

Indeed it was. Barry realized that the media attention was not so much on him as it was on his new teammate, Stephen Marbury.

Granted Barry is one of the players to watch in the ACC, but it was the 18-year-old New Yorker who everyone was interested in.

The highly touted recruit was regarded as a child prodigy who grew up on the basketball courts in Brooklyn. By the age of three, he already had the strength to throw shots off the rim, by six he could dribble and shoot with both hands and as a 12-year-old, Hoop Scoop magazine dubbed him the best sixth-grader in the country.

"A lot of his talent is God-given," said Bob Hartstein, Marbury's coach at Lincoln High School in Brooklyn. "He's extremely blessed, but he's always worked so hard. He'll never be satisfied." Marbury propelled Lincoln to the Public Schools Athletic League Championship game the last three years, losing the first two before capturing the title last season.

Luring Marbury to Georgia Tech was not as hard as it would seem for Cremins. Marbury was always enamored with the success of another New York City guard who starred at Georgia Tech, Kenny Anderson. And he knew the freedom Cremins allowed his point guards.

While it is a legacy of point guards that drew Marbury the player to Georgia Tech, it is the ill-fortune that drives Marbury the man.

Stephon is the fourth of five Marbury boys, each highly acclaimed and destined for NCAA stardom. But for various reasons each of the first three brothers failed to reach their aspirations of a professional career. So when Stephon has become the next vessel of hope, playing not only for the love of the game, but for division.

Some call him the best point guard ever to come out of high school. Others question his readiness for the NBA. But Stephen Marbury's quest ends at the dotted line of an NBA contract.
Tech's need for his scoring. He began looking for his shot and burned the Blue Devils for 23 second-half points in Georgia Tech's 96-81 come-from-behind victory.

"Marbury had a sensational second half," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said after his team's first look at Marbury. "It's one of those halves that you don't see very much. I think it's one of the best halves that I've seen in Cameron (Indoor Stadium) against Tech by then are minimal whether it be here or wherever, but they'll be better."

Chances of Marbury still playing at Georgia Tech by then are minimal at best. Marbury has made it clear that he may not stay that long. Bolting to the NBA after one season is a possibility if he is a lock to go in the top five of the draft this summer.

Whether he can play in the NBA is a foregone conclusion. "I believe that point guards are made," NBA Director of Scouting Marty Blake said. "Marbury is an exceptional talent, and he's one of the best point guards I've seen."

For all of Marbury's talent and unlimited potential, scouts are naturally showing skepticism about his ability to play in the NBA next season, not many, if any, are overlooking the possibility of drafting him if he chooses to make himself available.

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At the Cable Classic tournament in San Jose in December, 22 NCAA scouts were on hand to watch Georgia Tech.

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Todd Griff is a senior at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in Assistant Sports Editor for the Daily Tar Heel. He can be reached via e-mail: tgraf@ UNC.com. So far, Georgia Tech guard Stephon Marbury has lived up to all the hype. He is averaging 19 points per game and has many believing he'll be running with the pros next season.

Cal's Abdur-Rahim taking teammates for a ride

BY SEAN KARANS
SPECIAL TO THE SPORTING JOURNAL

From the first time California Coach Todd Bevins saw Shareef Abdur-Rahim at a basketball camp, comparisons of NBA stars came to mind.

"To me, he just played with such poise," said Bevins upon his first look at Abdur-Rahim. "I think the things that have inner peace like (Hakeem) Olajuwon and Mahmoud (Abdul-Rauf) are really at peace with themselves."

"The key is, you see through Abdur-Rahim's faith in God. His basketball skills come from the playgrounds of Marietta, Ga., and Wheeler High School where he has become the best because of the way he plays the game."

"The big key," coach Bozeman said, "is Marbury's, and he chooses to make himself available."

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Those are solid credentials for a college player but bona fide credentials don't always turn a player into one of the most dominating freshmen — make that players — in the nation.

Abdur-Rahim used California's season opener against Northern Arizona as his coming out party scoring 32 points, grabbing nine rebounds and blocking five shots. After 25-point performances against Cincinnati and Illinois, notice was served — Abdur-Rahim was one of the best freshmen in the nation.

He has become the best because at 6-foot-10 Abdur-Rahim can post up, hit the ball away from USC's Avondre Jones, and out-sprint Jones for the ball. He then made a dash for the hoop with guard Cameron Murray in pursuit. Murray had the angle and went for the steal but Abdur-Rahim, in one motion, picked up his dribble, put the ball around his back and then into his right hand for a lay-up.

"I think I make (my moves) as I go along," Abdur-Rahim said. "That's one of the things you practice in the park by yourself.

The practice has resulted in Abdur-Rahim ranked among the top 10 in the Pac 10 in points, rebounds, blocks, steals and field goal percentage. His 22.8 points per game ranks him 10th in the nation in scoring. The Blue Devil.

"I think I've shown that I'm the go-to guy," Abdur-Rahim said. "I feel one strong point I have is that I can score. I feel even if I don't score, teams are focusing so much on me right now that when the ball is coming to me, I can help other people get open. I try to make the guys around me better."

With the kind of season Abdur-Rahim is having and the skills he has displayed so far, one wonders if it's already time for him to take the next step — the NBA.

But for now, Abdur-Rahim is in his world. He is on the inside, the outside and in the open court. The only problem he might have is if the load he is carrying on his back gets too heavy.

"The poor guy's back," said teammate Randy Duck following Abdur-Rahim's 28-point, 13-rebound performance against USC. "He carried us all night."

So far, it has been a pretty good ride in Abdur-Rahim's world.

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Cavs exceeding expectations

By Shaun Powell

Once again, the Cavs are winning and defying all logic. Ravaged by injuries and key departures, they've taken a step toward another productive season under Coach Mike Fratello. This was supposed to be a rebuilding year, but Fratello and his overachieving players didn't receive the memo. After going 0-7, they won 18 of 26 and put themselves into playoff contention. The players were reading the papers and listening to TV and radio and hearing what I was hearing, which was: They're best to lose what I was hearing, which is: "Hey, it's best to lose..."

Dennis Rodman is starting to gripe about playing fewer than 40 minutes a game. Seems Rodman is worried about losing the rebounding battle. Chicago Bulls Coach Phil Jackson told Rodman he's not as good at the box out. Chicago is a good way to get Rodman to execute other things, such as scoring and defense. Michael Jordan said he wouldn't have rejoined the Bulls had they made the Scottie Pippen-for-Shawn Kemp deal. "I'm pretty sure Seattle would be a better team," Jordan said. "Chicago would still be rebuilding. That would have been a dumb trade." Karl, who pushed for it, now agrees with Jordan, sort of. "Shawn has developed into a player that will never be traded and shouldn't be traded," Karl said. "I'm not here to hurt Gary Payton, during a recent visit to Miami, made sure he autographed his sneakers for a certain hallboy. The kid happened to be Heat Owner Arvydas Sabonis' son. Payton is at the top of Riley's list for a point guard. But Riley shouldn't be so certain about Payton coming to Miami. If the dollars are equal, Payton prefers to stay home on the West Coast, and may bolt to Sacramento, which is near his Oakland home and has a better team than the Golden State Warriors.

Kasper enraged over criticism

By Michael Arace

Brusis Coach Steve Kasper: Enough already. Kasper and his family reacted angrily over Don Cherry's sharp criticism of the benching of Cam Neely. "You really have to see the tape to get an idea of how far (Cherry) went through a still-unre­alized act of new arenas."

In Cherry's "Coach's Corner" segment on "Hockey Night in Canada" eight days ago, Cherry, who has often been critical of the Kings, called Kasper a "twit" several times. Cherry also said that, if he could get through the TV screen, he'd 'take care of (Kasper)." Kasper's parents live in Montreal, taped the telecast and sent it to their son. Kasper told The Boston Globe, "You really have to watch the tape to get an idea of how far (Cherry) crossed the line, and my family was subjected to that. That's OK, I can take it. Besides, Cherry had his moment in the sun and he couldn't figure out the right number of players to put on the ice."

Last week, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman said the sale of the Los Angeles Kings and Dallas Stars, the move of the Quebec Nordiques to the Pacific Coast, and the planned shift of the Winnipeg Jets to Phoenix next season, remove "pockets of instability." Bettman said the movement of Quebec and Winnipeg resulted because there were no prospective local owners and no likelihood of new arenas. "Leaving Winnipeg and Quebec, as much as we hated to do it, they're two of the smaller mar­kets in North America," Bettman said. "Edmonton is probably a question mark in the Southwest, but I don't know, to tell the truth, what other Canadian franchises are in jeopardy."

As for Florida, which may be sold, and Hartford, which needs to solve attendance problems (and other things) — those situations will be revisited before there is a resolution. —

Jeremy Roenick, who went through a tough injury-riddled and very public contract controversy last season before injuring a knee, vowed he will sit out next season if he doesn't get a contract he likes.

Roenick of the Chicago Tribune, "Believe me, I'll do it if I have to."

Out of my way: Pat Verbeek's 30 goals are part of the reason the Rangers sit atop the Atlantic division heading into the All-Star break.
Still going: In his 23rd year as head coach, George Mason's Paul Westhead is the only current NCAA Division I coach to have won an NBA championship.

Karen Booker never expected immediate success when she inherited the Cal Poly women's basketball team in April. But, I'm sure she wasn't anticipating immediate failure.

Under Booker, Cal Poly has accumulated a 1-14 record. The team has scored an average of 54.1 points a game and allowed opponents to average 74.4 points a game.

At her first press conference, Booker emphasized that defense will be her focus. Instead Cal Poly's defense has plagued the team.

Opponents are dominating the floor by capitalizing on Cal Poly's mistakes. With much attention placed on her defense, Cal Poly's offense has suffered and is in desperate need of adjustments. The Mustangs are shooting only 38 percent from the field and under 60 percent from the foul line.

An aching statistic that stands out is the number of Cal Poly turnovers. The Mustangs have averaged 26.6 turnovers a game resulting in several lopsided defeats to San Diego State, University of Arizona and Cal State Fullerton.

After a 6-20 season last year, Athletic Director John McCutcheon went shopping and found Booker, the former University of Kentucky assistant.

Unfortunately for Booker, she didn't arrive until after the recruiting deadline, leaving her with former coach Jill Orrock's players.

Regardless of the fact that Booker has yet to have her own recruiting class, the team is worse than last year. She admitted at her first press conference that the rebuilding Cal Poly's program will take time.

Granting a program from almost scratch can be a slow process. But it helps to move forward rather than backward.

The Losing End

Larson a steal for Cal Poly

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When Larson brings the ball up the court, fans move with him, shifting in their seats, expecting something excited to happen.

Larson's game is his ability to run the show like a four-year player. He looks for the play from the bench, yells it out, his team reacts, and he hits the three.

He makes it look easy. But the easier he makes it look, the higher the expectations will rise. And the more Larson will have to answer.

Where will Larson go from here? Will he surpass the greats of NCAA history and be remembered as one of the best? Or will he be overlooked once again?

But for now, no matter how small he is, he can't be overlooked. Not when he is stealing center stage in San Luis Obispo.

Upcoming Cal Poly Men's Basketball Games

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A program once searching for its identity found a centerpiece for its future.

The Hoosier kid from Elkhart, Ind. barely pushing six feet holds a tall order for a small-framed freshman.

He arrived at Cal Poly in August only happy to be playing Division-I basketball, and to get out of Indiana.

Now he finds himself at the cross of the construction of a men's basketball program. A job description which entailed rejuvenating life in a 1-26 team.

The progress report on Ben Larson reveals straight As for the business major.

The team is 8-7 and on the verge of becoming the most improved NCAA men's basketball team in the nation.

And Larson is leading the way. In 15 games, he is averaging 10 points and four steals a game. He already surpassed Cal Poly's steal record of 54 set by Keith Wheeler during the 1982-83 season.

And the students recognize it.

When Larson walks on campus people recognize his face buried under a dirty Boston Bruins hat.

"There's the man," they say. Larson chuckles by the compliment and carries on with his business.

One year ago, Larson led his high school basketball team to the Indiana High School Final Four. Playing on the Hoosier Dome court, Larson ran the floor much like he now does at Mott Gym.

His quickness has opponents watching his back and his three-point shot leaves the net swinging.

"The beauty of the arch on his shot developed in high school where he was sidelined only once in his career after suffering a broken hand. There Larson learned his most important skill. It is not his cross-over dribble or the rotation on his shots, that Larson considers his most sacred weapon. It is his attitude.

Playing against some of the best high school players in the nation built an attitude that doesn't back down to anybody. "I don't think I've ever been intimidated," he said. "In high school I (developed) a lot of confidence in myself."

Larson is proving he can play at the Division I level, even though he has had doubters.

Several Division I teams passed him over. Larson's small frame overshadowed his ability on the court. Fortunately for Cal Poly, many ignored the size of his heart.

But when the recruiting deadline neared last spring, his heart began beating pretty fast.

Larson agonized over the possibility of never playing Division-I basketball. But when a newly-hired coach called last April, the agonizing ended, the heartbeat returned to normal.

Head Coach Jeff Schneider was the first and only coach to offer him a full scholarship. Larson accepted, and the rest is Cal Poly history, albeit a short one so far.

Schneider heard of Larson while in Southern California recruiting Larson's fellow teammates Russ Bryden and T.J. Norris.

Fran McCafferty, an assistant at Notre Dame University, told Schneider that Larson would be a perfect point guard for the system he was running.

"When Jeff told me of the system he was running and that he needed a guard to run free, I knew that Larson would be a perfect match," McCafferty said.

Indeed he was. His name is now being mentioned in the same sentences as former college stars Jason Kidd and Mookie Blaylock.

While he may not have head-turning moves, dazzling passes and rim-rocking dunks, Larson is quietly putting up comparable numbers in his freshman year.

Larson is on pace to finish with over 100 steals. Only three other players have done that in their freshman year.

Cal Poly Sports Information Department
STORM: More than 20,000 left with no electricity

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conditions could change if the temperatures drop," said CHP
spokesman Ron Wolf.

Pacific Gas and Electric
Company spokeswoman Diana
Gapuz said more than 20,000
customers were without power
across the north state. Most
outages were caused by trees or
debris falling onto power lines,
she said.

More than 9,000 customers in
the Los Gatos and Los Altos
areas were without electricity.
About 1,200 people remained
without power in the Almaden
Valley and another 700 in Santa
Cruz. In both those areas,
thousands of people were
reported without power the night
before, but emergency crews
restored service.

Thousands more were without
power in Lake and Sonoma
counties, and there were
scattered outages across the
north state, Gapuz said.

In the mountains, traffic
slowed to install chains at
highway checkpoints, and on the
lowland freeways, the driving
rains slowed the morning and
afternoon commutes. There were
numerous fender benders, Wolf
said.

The storm was pushed by
strong winds.

"One hilltop gage above Los
Gatos has gusted to 54 mph ...
with brief wind gusts to near 40
mph at San Francisco and other
airports," the weather service
said in a statement. However, it
added that the storm did not
have the potential of the winds of
the December wind storm in
which two people were killed by
falling trees.

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“I don’t think it’s realistic that overnight there will be an absolute solution,” McCutcheon said. “It wasn’t like this thing was swept away or anything.”

As long as the conflict between Eppright and his players remains unsolved, the future success of the tennis program is uncertain. The incidents described by present and past team members coupled with the number of players who have resigned has created serious morale problems for the squads Eppright had hoped to build into a championship program.

After being a part of the team he coached I’ve lost all interest in tennis, I haven’t put up a racket in almost two years,” Schuch said. “He was the only reason that I quit.”

KANGA

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experiences together to create and stage a one-woman perfor-

mance, from which the poetry

she performed at the talk was just a taste.

Her show, titled “Currywurst: Not For Europeans Only,” was performed at Cal Poly Friday, Jan. 12.

Kanga explained that Cur-

rywurst is the name of a fast

food in Germany, and consists of liverwurst sausage with curry sprinkled over it. She used that

name, she said, because so much of our culture today is wrapped

around, and served up as, fast food.

The show, Kanga said, was
designed to reach as many people as possible.

TICKETS

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and Penn State have similar ticketing installations on their campuses.

Foundation has yet to approve the funds to implement the project, which may come out of the current operations budget.

Staff from the Foundation ex-

ecutive office said that no
decision has been made on the subject.

Even if the funds are granted,

Stipicevich said, Foundation has not yet determined how it plans to repay the debt.

According to the proposal, it is

possible that a service charge for every ticket bought will be used to cover the cost.

“If there is a ticket fee, it will be a modest price,” Regier said.

Stipicevich also mentioned

that the team proposing the change in ticketing is aware of

and will consider the low income

of students when it comes to

pricing the tickets.

“It sounds good as long as the

fee isn’t too much,” said graphic

arts senior Amy Reid. “Our fees

are already too high as it is. But

if it increases quality at the

theatre, I guess it could be worth

it.”

Although no definite meeting
date has been set, Regier said, the

team will meet with the

Foundation Board of Directors and decide on the issue within the next couple of weeks.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tuesday, Morning, a nationwide retailer, is recalling more than 1,100 toy cobbler sets because children under 3 years old may choke on parts from the set, the govern­ment said Tuesday.

The wooden cobbler set, item number PO-419, contains a bench, mallet and four different colored balls. About 1,164 of the items were sold between Oct. 12 and Dec. 1, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said.

The small balls, which measure less than 2 inches in diameter, and pieces of wood that may splinter off the toy if it is dropped, present choking hazards for young children, the agency said.

Neither Tuesday Morning nor the CPSC was aware of injuries involving the toys, but the government urged consumers to immediately take them away from children and return them to stores for a full refund.

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**SCHEDULE**

**TODAY'S GAMES**

- There are no games scheduled today.

**TOMORROW'S GAMES**

- There are no games scheduled tomorrow.

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**From the editor...**

Right now you are probably wondering, “Hey, where is the sports page?” Don’t worry, just open the Mustang Daily and check out the first edition of The Sporting Journal — an eight-page sports insert which will run once a week on Wednesday’s. From this edition additon to the Mustang Daily, there have been a few changes to the sports page.

Previously, the Mustang Daily sports page will only run bi-weekly, on Monday’s and Friday’s. The Sports Bar will continue to run daily in its usual place to give all sports fans a daily dose of Cal Poly athletics. The other change in the sports realm is that of editors. Francisco Castañeda is no longer sports editor at the Mustang Daily. He is now co-editor of The Sporting Journal and figures that is enough work for him to do during the week. The new sports editor is Melissa Gerlis. If you have any complaints or comments you now know who to send them to.

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**POLY’S ROTC SEES FIRST FEMALE COMMANDER**

By Jessie Miller

Cal Poly’s ROTC sees first female commander

The first female battalion commander of Cal Poly’s Army ROTC took command Thursday in a military-style ceremony on Dexter Lawn.

Suzie Burrow, 25, gained the title of battalion commander, which changes every quarter, due to outstanding performance in both ROTC and academics.

Burrow is working toward a master’s degree in materials engineering, having already received her bachelor’s degree in physics from Cal Poly.

Her duties as battalion commander include delegation and supervision of the training for advanced camp, and improving the physical fitness of all of Cal Poly’s cadets.

“She understands the rules of delegation,” said Major John Bauchmann, head of ROTC. “She delegates to others so that everyone has ownership in the mission.”

Burrow has attended several ROTC camps, which offer both leadership and tactical training, throughout her career as a cadet. At Air Assault school in Hawaii, she learned how to rappel out of a helicopter. Airborne school at Ft. Benning, Georgia, taught her how to skydive.

Leadership is an area in which Burrow excels, according to Bauchmann.

“She’s very efficient, very sensible, very proactive. She’s good at getting people to work with her,” he said.

“She’s an outstanding leader. I’ll look for her anywhere,” said Cadet Karen Harris, who has been in ROTC with Burrow for several years.

The fact that Burrow is female doesn’t bother the cadets at all, Bauchmann said.

“My cadets understand that in the Army they’re going into, there’s no room for that,” he said. “They’ll have to judge people on leadership ability.”

Last quarter’s battalion commander, Will Gentle, agreed.

“The Army doesn’t see sex. It’s how you perform. She’s highly capable,” he said.

Burrow’s performance at last summer’s advanced camp, the culmination training camp for ROTC, played a significant role in her acquisition of the new position.

Bauchmann said advanced camp is “a grueling test of physical stamina and ability.”

Burrow earned the highest ratings possible by scoring in the top 10 percent of her advanced camp class. She’s also ranked second in Cal Poly’s ROTC program.

Advanced camp included everything under the sun,” according to Burrow. Tactical training, rifle marksmanship and grenade-throwing were balanced with leadership training.

Burrow addressed the battalion as its leader for the first time at Thursday’s ceremony.

“I’m planning on staying in the (military) for a while,” she said. “If I still really like it when my end of service comes up, I’ll stay in.”

Thursday’s ceremony also saw Burrow’s good performance at R.O.T.C. camps is important because the higher someone scores, the more control she gets in deciding what branch of the Army she’ll be assigned to, according to Bauchmann.

Burrow’s good performance throughout ROTC helped her get into the aviation branch of the Army, where she will learn how to become a helicopter pilot.

The training she will receive will be valued at close to a million dollars, Bauchmann said, and he expects she’ll do well in aviation.

“There’s nothing I’ve ever seen her fail at,” he said.

Burrow isn’t sure if she wants a military career, however.

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