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 تمام البرية 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 owner Gary Hutchins 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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Players frustrated with tennis coach; over 14 quit teams

By Matt Berger

In 1993 Chris Eppright led 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's and women's tennis teams to top five finishes in the nation and was the recipient of numerous coaching awards.

But during that span, a period a disturbing trend developed. Despite the team's 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 Sherri Holmes, a Cal Poly graduate and former player. "It's not healthy for the team.

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

Ticketing for events may go high-tech at Cal Poly

By Jessica Yoneda

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 Athletics, Facilities and Programs, 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 handled 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 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 and Stanford have also implemented similar ticketing systems.

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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 workshop providing bereavement support is being offered Jan. 20 by the Hospice of San Luis Obispo Inc. For more information, call 756-5911.

Financial Aid Sunday, a workshop to provide information about applying for financial aid, is taking place Jan. 21 at Veterans College. Another workshop is being offered at Cal Poly Jan. 17 at Chumash Auditorium at 7 p.m. For more information, call 756-5911.

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

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U.S. increases agents at border

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Mark Moody
U.S. Border Patrol veteran

By Amanda Cverventakes

SAN DIEGO — Border Patrol agent Mark Moody muscled his Ford Bronco over a dirt road parallelling the steel fence and thinks about why so many illegal immigrants try to cross the border into the United States.

"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," says Moody, a nine-year veteran of the U.S. Border Patrol who remembers the days when no one cared about the border and illegal immigration.

But all that has changed in the past two years as the Clinton administration makes a renewed effort to fortify the U.S.-Mexico border and to demonstrate its seriousness about combating illegal immigration.

The most recent action came Friday when officials announced that hundreds more agents, inspectors, soldiers and police would be deployed to the border to defat an expected tide of illegal immigrants trying to cross the border into the United States.

The first of those reinforcements arrived in Southern California and Arizona on Tuesday, transfers from the Canadian border who will be replaced in the next three months with new recruits fresh from training at the Border Patrol Academy.

The new agents will not start working the border lines until Wednesday. But Moody and his colleagues said they welcome any assistance they can get.

The latest Border Patrol strategy is to push illegal immigrants 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.

"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 of work. More FK jlice?" Villa said softly in Spanish. "That's not good. We want to cross over. We want jobs."

"We'll stay as long as it takes."

="ilfe Wilson showed that to bash Mexico brings votes," Bustamante said. "He (Clinton) needs to win California if he wants to be re-elected."

The military has traditionally performed duties, such as operating infrared nightscopes, building and maintaining roads and staffing surveillance posts. The roles that police and sheriff's deputies will play is still being worked out.

For the talk of increased border forces, the word has not filtered down into the interior of Mexico.

On Tuesday, Antonia Villa leaned against a gradation-scratched section of steel fence separating Tijuana from San Diego. He was surrounded by more than half-a-dozen relatives and friends who had arrived from the Mexican state of Zacatecas three days earlier with the goal of crossing the border into the United States in search of work.

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Eppright: Players say coach's behavior on road trips was irresponsible

Schuch 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 drove off in one van and left us there. He didn't even let us follow him."

"He went back without the girl's 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 on 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 people over 21," she said. "I decided not to drink, but Chris and some other girls decided to get some drinks."

"By the time we got off the plane Chris was completely drunk. I thought it was poor behavior on his part, to be responsible for all those girls in that state of mind."

Assistant Coach Tracy Prince was also on the trip and seemed unknown with Eppright's behavior, Holmes said.

"Tracy went to John (Athletic Director John McCutcheon) because she was concerned with what happened," Holmes said. "Chris turned the story around to make it sound like she (Prince) wasn't in her right mind."

Prince, now head coach of the women's team at Cal State San Bernardino, would not comment about the incident.

Players said that when Prince became the team, Eppright told the players that she left because she didn't feel comfortable with the women on the team.

Prince would not confirm or deny Eppright's explanation, but players said they didn't believe it.

"She was the greatest," Corrette said. "She's helped us do drills, we all liked her."

"Years of seemingly ignored complaints and anguish passed as players exhausted their efforts to find a positive solution to the ongoing problem. Prompted by many incidents and conflicts with Eppright, both the men's and women's teams sent a letter of complaint to the Athletic Director John McCutcheon's last February."

According to several sources, all of the players endorsed and signed the letter. The most recent incident occurred last season.

"The teams 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 deal with it at all."

Bailey said no action was taken after McCutcheon received the letter.

McCutcheon said he responded to the players' concerns by talking to all parties involved.

"I had a conversation with members of the teams 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 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 understand 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 are 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 without him," said former women's player Noriko Hopkins. "I hated going to practice..."

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How 'bout that Poly Plan?

by Jason D. Piemont

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 Poly Plan. After tremendous efforts to get students on the bandwagon, the public relations aspect of this plan has fallen short. More students probably know what happened on Friday than know about the Cal Poly Plan. President Baker gave his first live broadcast on KCPK and tried to persuade students that by raising fees, students will ultimately save in the future. Unfortunately, this seems to be an all-too-common ploy for more money. Raising student fees at Cal Poly, already one of the lowest in the country, would not go to increasing enrollment, it is supposed to absorb the amounts of new residents who create a sort of 'compact' with the students attending Cal Poly.

The problem is that it doesn't seem there are any guarantees in this so-called compact. Some students are concerned with the environmental impacts on San Luis Obispo and the surrounding communities. This is not a shortcomings 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 influx of new residents who will be attending Cal Poly in the future?

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.

The Mustang Daily is undergoing a change in the plan that the increased student fees "would not go to increasing enrollment, it 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. This means that the people who rent housing in San Luis Obispo could earn a lot more money off of renting if they are further increasing the cost of an education at Cal Poly.

Some aspects of the Cal Poly Plan sound great, but overall the impression is left 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 the 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 foray into full pagination. Soon, all of Mustang Daily will be produced electronically and The Sporting Journal is leading the way. 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- spread 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 thumped 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. Piemont is the Daily Editor-in-Chief.

Time to go, Hobbes' buddy

by William E. Crook

I just finished reading Shari Coffenberrry's column 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, the Far Side, Garfield and Calvin & Hobbes have all held that mantle.

I strongly disagree with Coffenberrry'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 explaining, "It's a magical world, Hobbes, it's just exploring..." as they sled away out of our lives.

It was the perfect ending to the adventures of a little boy and his stuffed tiger. Coffenberrry was aggravated 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 innocent as Calvin could ever be forever).

I applaud Watterson for his efforts. He was and is a pioneer in the comic strip industry. I thought back to some of the lost art of comic strips. Although they have been unjustly labeled "comics," nowhere is it written that strips need to make you laugh.

If a strip evokes some emotion in you, it has served its purpose. Some strips thrive on political statements (Doomsday), 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.

Coffenberrry accused 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 despair a 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 Snuffy, you will not find any Calvin & Hobbes pajamas, TV specials, dolls, toothbrushes or shirts. Watterson was very protective of his creation.

After 10 years of chronicling their adventures, Watterson finally told their last story. When he decided he no longer wanted the pressures of producing a daily strip, he left himself with three options. He could keep doing it, letting the quality suffer, condemning Calvin & Hobbes to a fate similar to the aforementioned strips; he could hire someone else to carry on in his place, which would more than likely bring about the same result; or he could retire our little friends.

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 Coffenberrry, I hope there is a future in other Watterson-produced projects for Calvin & Hobbes. But, if there isn't, I know that somewhere out there is a little boy and his stuffed tiger exploring a brand new world.

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TO OUR READERS

Welcome to the first issue of The Sporting Journal. You may be wondering, who are we and what this publication is about.

We are two former sports editors of Mustang Daily. We have attempted to put together a weekly sports newsletter section to Mustang Daily. We aim to gear this publication for the ultimate sports fan, the casual fan, and the person whose only attention to sports comes during the Super Bowl.

Being in a community so far away from big-market sports, we saw a challenge to bring to you sports features and news stories that catch the attention of the entire nation. After months of researching sports pages and consulting with sports editors from around the country, this is what we have come up with.

We are a part of an era when sports pages are attempting to be more innovative, trying to keep pace with ESPN and other television networks who televise hundreds of sporting events. We have attempted to create a sports publication that combines the entertainment value of sports with an innovative way of bringing it to you.

You may have to be a little patient with us, as we will continually try to improve The Sporting Journal. From providing you with more statistics, the latest news, to eventually creating a World Wide Web site so you, as well as the rest of the country, can read The Sporting Journal at any time, anywhere, we will strive to meet the needs of all our readers.

We hope to keep you updated with what's happening in professional sports with our National Basketball Association/National Hockey League page and our Major League Baseball page — to be introduced in February. On our NCAA page, we hope to let you in on all the happenings at other Universities. We will maintain a local angle by dedicating our back page and page seven to sports news coming out of Cal Poly.

We hope we can give you what you ask for in a publication geared to sports. What we ask from you is your feedback. Because no matter what we write about or how we design our pages, we are not doing our jobs unless we are entertaining you and informing you.

So take a look, let us know, and enjoy the "show" we call the world of sports.

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"YES... QUESTION?"

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Stewart's TD cries for instant replay

BY MIKE LOPRESTI

First, let us decide the degree of larceny perpetrated upon the Indianapolis Colts on a fated Sunday in Pittsburgh.

Or more simply, to coin a phrase, was they robbed?

No, the blown call by the officials that gave the Steelers a gift touchdown did not decide who got the plane tickets to Tempe, Ariz. It came in the first half 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.

COMMENTARY

Some say there are no sensitive areas, but rather a first down Lamont Warren needed and didn't get, and an interception Quentin Coryatt should have caught but dropped. That, and some pretty good football by the home team.

No, the Steelers are not flying to Arizona on the wings of a yellow flag that was never thrown.

Yes, they deserved to win.

Matter of fact, both teams did. But still. Playoff touchdowns are supposed to be 100 percent pure, not watered down, or broken into 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 fade, voted in 1986, voted back out in 1991. Or more precisely, not voted in enough. The count among owners was 17-11 in favor, but it needed 21. So out went instant replay, and in came the possibility of plays such as Kordell Stewart dancing on the back line before catching a touchdown pass with a Super Bowl berth at stake.

What six years showed us is that the officials are pretty good. The average reversal rate per season was about 80, out of maybe 40,000 calls. The number of reversals in six Super Bowls could be counted on one hand. So the game is left to seven men and 14 eyes, who see a lot but not everything. The field judge and the back judge were both in the back of an end zone jammed with receivers and defenders on the play late in the first half. They had much to watch for, and neither had his head turned toward Stewart — or, more precisely, his feet — when he went over the line.

Which is what instant replay was supposed to be about. Not as an indictment of the officials but an extra tool. To catch what might fall through the cracks. To make sure.

Return, it certainly should. Maybe in a new form. Maybe limited to two or three reviews per team per game. Maybe only for the post-season. Let the rulers of the game decide.
Arizona gets wake-up call

BY MONTE PHAN
SPECIAL TO THE SPORTING NEWS

After its worst tour of the Big Ten Area in 17 years, Arizona is still attempting to bounce back from back-to-back losses to California and Stanford two weeks ago. And what better way to do it than against No. 10 leader and defending national champion UCLA. The Bruins roll into town Saturday after sweeping California, Stanford at home last weekend.

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 in their home area. University of Arizona officials decided against playing in St. Joseph's game against St. John's, resulting in the first canceled Arizona basketball game in the modern era.

Eager to show that its narrow loss to top-ranked Massachusetts last season was a one-off disappointment, the Wildcats were unsobered by the game's outcome. The school would receive national exposure against a top-flight program. In fact, according to the Wildcats' Friday edition of the Arizona Daily Star, St. Joseph's athletic director Don Dublin wanted Arizona to forfeit the game, thereby resulting in a win for the Hawks, but Arizona AD Jim Lavender didn't want to talk him out of it. But it means the loss to Arizona for the Wildcats head coach Lute Olson was a more painful pregame hit for USC and UCLA, the two schools the Wildcats face this weekend.

Although the Wildcats got a career night from senior guard/legal Meiburn— a reserve who scored 30 points, his high event ever at Arizona— Olson said the "share the wealth" concept was nice to see in the win over Arizona. "It was definitely a team kind of effort," he said. "Having fun is not individually having your greatest game. We defi- nently needed this type of game." According to the Bay Area sweep — where California handed Lute Olson a worst loss ever as a coach at Arizona — the Wildcats' vocal leader, senior point guard Reggie Miller blamed himself for the recent downfall in the 64-43 defeat. He received eight assists against Arizona, many of which were drive-and-dishes to Meiburn, who hit five 3-pointers.

"During the Bay Area trip, we got away from where 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 fig- ures in points. Senior center Joseph Blair leads the team with 14.7 per game. After the win over Arizona State, Meiburn, 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 time. It was a big wake-up call for us."

And with the defending national champions up next, it couldn't have come at a better time. Monty Phan, a senior at University of Arizona, is the Sports Editor for the Arizona Daily Wildcat. He interned last summer at the Orange County Register. E-mail: mphan@gus.azcentral.com.

Back at you: Jalen McCoy and his UCLA team­ mates face off against Arizona Saturday.
All That Hype Can’t Deflate Brooklyn Bomber

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.

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 men’s basketball Media Day.

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 forlorn 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 Xavier 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 bounce 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 as 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.

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

dends it could provide his family.

“Getting my family out of Coney Island is what has always motivated me,” Marbury said. “Living a better life than I lived before is something I’m searching for. I love Coney Island, and I’ll always go back there, but I want something better for my family.”

But for various reasons the ACC title this season wasn’t reached. Instead, Marbury was named the ACC’s returning assist leader and one of the conference’s top guards.

“I think we come out of high school, we have that type of pressure,” Barry said. “But where I am right now, I am in a position where I can make it, so I just don’t amount on the negative.”

Despite the attention, predictions and expectations, Marbury has yet to let it effect him. He is averaging 19 points per game. “I don’t know if there’s been a kid with bigger hype than him,” Hartstein said. “With ESPN and all the games on TV, college basketball hype is almost unreal. He’s almost lived up to it all. I don’t think he has disappointed anyone.”

The 6-foot-2, 180-pound point guard has terrorized college defenses, weaving in and out of pockets of defenders, setting his own alarm course, until he can receive a pass in the clear, at which point he has two blustering options. He can spring past pursuing defenders almost at will, or he can explode into a jump shot, waiting until the apex of his loop, where virtually no defender can reach him.

“He’s got great speed and explosiveness in terms of being able to blow by people,” Atlanta Hawks scout Pete Babcock said. “He can go inside or outside. He can blow by his man or shoot right over his man.”

He has shown an indelible ability to distribute the ball to the right player at the right time, whether keeping it himself or spying the open man for an easy bucket.

In his second conference game, Marbury put on a spectacular exhibition in the second half of a game against Duke. Resisting the temptation to dominate from the start, Marbury scored only four points in the first half, allowing his teammates to get involved. But as time dwindled, Marbury realized Georgia
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 us in 16 years."

Four days later, Marbury torched North Carolina for 17 points and eight assists in an 89-77 defeat of the visiting Tar Heels, then ranked No. 10.

"It's an exceptional talent," North Carolina coach Dean Smith said. "As with every one of these freshmen, you wonder what they're going to be like when they're juniors, they'll be a lot better -- whether he 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. Belting to the NBA after one season is a possibility if he is a lock to wind up 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 turned off by his lack of experience. Sure, he has played in dozens of summer tournaments to supplement his improvement during the regular season, but gaining experience is not a process that can be quickened.

"There's a maturity process that you go through both physically and mentally, and you can't speed it up," Babcock said. "You can't artificially do it and say, 'Okay, I'm going to become a five-year older over the summer.' You can't manufacture those five years of experience."

While many pro scouts are showing skepticism about Marbury's 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.

At the Cable Car Classic tournament in San Jose in December, 22 NCAA scouts were on hand to watch Georgia Tech. Ultimately the decision is Marbury's, and he admits that college is a mere stepping stone to the pros for him.

"College is a way to prepare yourself for the draft," Marbury said. "If I'm in the top five or six, there's no way I'm going to turn it down. Could you?"

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Marbury File

| Age: 18 | Pts: 19.1 per game | B F % : 77 |
| Born: Brooklyn, NY | FT%: 45 | Assists: 4.1 per game |
| Year: Freshman | FG%: 35 | Steals: 2.1 per game |

So far, Georgia Tech point 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 KEARNS

Special to the Racing Journal

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

"To me, he just played with such poise," said Bozeman upon his first look at Abdur-Rahim. "It's a point guard's world. He is on the inside, the outside and those things you practice in the park by yourself."

Jerry Stackhouse said that college is a stepping stone to the pros next season.

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 30 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 jump shot and dribble the ball coast to coast with skills like a point guard.

"His versatility (was surprising)," Cal guard Jelani Gardner said. "He can dribble pretty well. He can step out and shoot the jump shot. I think the thing about his game that makes him so good is that he can adjust his shot. It's very rare that you see him get his shot blocked."

Case in point: In last week's game against USC, Abdur-Rahim slapped the ball away from USC's Averdo Jones, and out-spirted 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) up as I go along," Abdur-Rahim said. "That's one of those 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.

"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 his own world. 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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### Games of the Week

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### Player Highlights

- **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**: Led the Lakers with 27 points and 13 rebounds against the Knicks.
- **Isaiah Thomas**: Had a double-double for the Celtics, scoring 21 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.
- **Orlando Woolridge**: Scored 29 points for the 76ers in their win over the Heat.
- **Tim Hardaway**: Registered a triple-double (32 points, 10 assists, 10 rebounds) for the Heat.

### Notes

- **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**: "We came out of the locker room and knew we had to win today. We played with a lot of intensity and passion."
January 17, 1996

Booker may have program in reverse

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 an 11-14 record. The team has scored an average of 54.1 points a game and allowed opponents to average 71.4 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 achingly statistic that stands out is the number of Cal Poly turnovers. The Mustangs have averaged 18.6 turnovers a game resulting in several tepid 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 rebuilding Cal Poly's program will take time.

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

The Losing End

Cal Poly women's basketball overall record: 1-14*

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By Greg Manifold

Billy Crystal, Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor...George Mason basketball coach Paul Westhead?

"I'm a little bit like a standup comedian, if I can get an audience that will laugh, I may show up," said Paul Westhead, the former NBA coach, now in his third season at George Mason.

With five trips to the NCAA tournament and an NBA championship ring to boot, Westhead's coaching career has been a glorious one. He has a combined college and NBA coaching record of 542-369.

One of those wins came last Saturday when George Mason defeated Cal Poly 110-106.

"Sometimes my profession has taken me to college and sometimes it has taken me to the NBA," Westhead said. "I just kind of gravitate to where I can get a running game."

A career that began at Lasalle University, Westhead, in his 27th year of coaching, is long removed from his glory days when his Los Angeles Lakers won an NBA title in 1979-80 and when his Loyola Marymount team made it to the final eight of the 1991 NCAA tournament.

At George Mason, his running game has been a step slow. Since Westhead took over the program in 1993, the Patriots are 55-45.

"The biggest loss this year for Westhead was losing his leading scorer to academic eligibility. But losing his best player is nothing new for Westhead. In 1991, Westhead watched his best player, Hank Gathers, collapse on the court during a game and later die of a heart attack.

Many believed Loyola Marymount could have won the National Championship that year. Instead, they almost decided not to accept an invitation to the tournament. They ended up falling to UNLV in the Western Regional finals.

After an unsuccessful stint with the Denver Nuggets, Westhead returned to the college game. For the last three years at George Mason University, he has been building a team that can play his unique up-tempo style of basketball.

"The only thing I can say about the running game is it is a kind of double-edged thing," Westhead said. "On the one hand if you do it well you can beat anybody. I even write the other team is better than you. If you don't do it well, you lose to anyone and look sluggish and look ragtag."

There's no in between, it either really works, or it really doesn't.

"I believe in a speed game. It's the hardest thing to defend, the only hitch is, it's the hardest thing to do. It demands a great effort from your own players for forty straight minutes," Westhead said.

But so far, Westhead has yet to attain the type of success he had at Loyola Marymount where his team averaged a record 122.4 points per game during the 1989-90 season.

Now, staring at a possible third straight losing season at George Mason, Westhead's glory days of success he had at Loyola Marymount where his team averaged a record 122.4 points per game during the 1989-90 season.

"Sometimes I am sitting on the sidelines watching Larson play. But Larson is ho-hum about his performance in the first half of the season."

He shrugs his shoulders and breaks a smile, slightly amused that his name was mentioned with Kidd, now a starter with the Dallas Mavericks. Does that mean Larson is thinking about the NBA? Well, if he is, he is not letting anyone in on it.

"It's hard to say what you're going to be able to do," Larson said. "I'm just happy to be here."

So is much of Cal Poly.

Unlike last year when there was an average of 300 fans a game at Mott Gym, the community and student fans have flooded the doors.

Some of them come out of curiosity and some come to especially watch Larson play.

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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 recognized 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 over-looked. Not when he is stealing center stage in San Luis Obispo.

Upcoming Cal Poly Men's Basketball Games

Jan. 20, 1 p.m. Sacramento State at Sacramento
Jan. 23, 7:05 p.m. Loyola Marymount at Los Angeles
Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m. M State Idaho State at Pocatello, ID.
Feb. 3, 1 p.m. Sacramento State at Mott Gym
Feb. 6, 7 p.m. Cal State Northridge at Mott Gym

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Overlooked by nearly every Division I team, Cal Poly point guard Ben Larson now has opponents looking over their shoulders. With four steals a game, the former Indiana high school standout is now looking to steal some records.

By Franco Castaldini

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.

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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 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.

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.

No one quite knew what to expect. 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.

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STORM: More than 20,000 left with no electricity

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

Pacific Gas and Electric
Company spokesman 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 6,000 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, Wolfe
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
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“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 unresolved 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 performance, 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 Currywurst 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 executive 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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Poly's ROTC sees first female commander

By Josie Miller
Daily Staff Writer

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 in 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’d follow 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 nothing I’ve ever done that you can’t do,” she said.

Performance at ROTC camps is important because the higher 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 hand-to-hand-throwing were balanced with leadership training.

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

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Head of the ROTC

time at Thursday’s ceremony.

She told the group that she was proud of the turnout at physical training, and encouraged all members to continue working hard. She also reminded them to begin getting in shape for future advanced camps.

Since she recently returned from camp, she said she knows exactly what to prepare them for.

“What you see here is going to reflect what you see at camp,” she said.

Performance at ROTC 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 is 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.

“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 awarded the members of Cal Poly’s Ranger Challenge Team, led by Shane Carpenter.

Also recognized were nine ROTC members who completed last quarter’s eight-mile Leadership Run.

Suzie Burrow, the first female battalion commander of Cal Poly’s Army ROTC, takes command in a ceremony on Dexter Lawn last Thursday / Daily photo by Shashi

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