Navy sailor becomes new Marine pilot

By Jericia Ynanez
daily staff writer

This week, a Poly graduate became a new Marine pilot. Cal Poly graduate Chris Hay, a CC-40 crewmember, plans to leave the Navy because he was recently selected for the Marine Corps Officer Candidate Program.

In October, Hay was attending classes at Cal Poly and decided he wanted to make a change. "I wasn’t happy," he explained. "I was going through a very tough time, and I knew I needed to make a real change." He then applied for the Jump Program and was accepted.

Hay will now attend the Naval Academy for a year, where he will complete his basic training. Then, he will be commissioned as a Marine Corps officer and assigned to a Marine Corps squadron.

"I'm excited," Hay said. "It's a great opportunity to serve my country and make a difference." He plans to become a Marine Corps officer and work towards becoming a commander.

President Brown is concerned about the possible ramifications of these changes. "It's important to understand the potential consequences of these changes," she said.

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The Julian McPhee Art Galerie is currently featuring the work of three talented artists. The exhibit will be three distinctive experiences and world views to see through the paintings and pastels of these powerful artists.

Upcoming

Minorities in Agriculture Natural Resources and Related Sciences is having its first meeting Feb. 7 at 6 p.m. in building 10, room 222. For more information, call Juan Gomez at 781-9763 or Carolyn Jones at 756-2577.

The Women's Studies Potluck is taking place Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at Dr. Shown Burn's house. For directions and information, call 756-1525.

Physics Colloquium is having a discussion titled, "Heavy Electron Superconductors" Feb. 8 at 11:10 a.m. in 52 E-45.

Philosophy at Poly Speakers Series is having a discussion called "The Tapestry of the Moderns: The Modern Art of India and Global Cultural Identity" on Feb. 9 at 3 p.m. in UU 220.

Dr. Steven Marx will be leading informational hikes to Poly Canyon to look at the ancient oak groves and other natural areas that would be destroyed by the state water pipeline. Hikes will take place every Fri. at 4 p.m. and every Sat. at 11 a.m. Meet in the staff parking lot across from Perimeter Road.

Student directories now available

When was the last time you were looking to call a study partner and realized you didn't have the phone number? Look no further — Cal Poly's 1996 Associated Students Incorporated directories are out.

According to Creighton Oyler, ASI student directory editor, copies are now available at the ASI executive office and the information booth. Both in the University Union and in most of the dormitories on campus.

"They are free to all students," Oyler said. "The students just have to present a current (Cal Poly) ID at the time of pickup to receive their free directory."

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Police arrest father after fire kills seven family members

By Jeff Young

GLENDALE, Calif. — A smoky arson fire in an apartment killed seven members of a family early Tuesday and police later arrested the father, who reportedly fled the scene with a box of his children's ashes.

Jorjik "George" Avanesian, who was arrested several months ago in a child abuse probe, called police 45 minutes after the blaze from a newspaper office in the San Fernando Valley, said police Sgt. Chake Khureghian.

"He informed them he was involved in the arson murder incident," Khureghian said.

Avanesian, 40, was arrested at the Ares Enrow Persian Daily News returned to Glendale. He was booked for investigation of arson and murder, said Sgt. Rick Young. Police would not speculate on a motive.

The victims were members of an Armenian family who arrived from Iran last fall and spoke little English, neighbors and police said. Four children and three adults, ages 6 to 60, were killed. Their names were not released.

The family moved into the East Harvard Street apartment Oct. 1. On Nov. 4, Avanesian was arrested for an Oct. 27 incident in which he allegedly threw a chair at his children. Young said. He was not charged, but was contacted and warned he would face charges if it happened again.

Evidence of a flammable substance was found in the living room and kitchen of the first-floor, one-bedroom unit, police said. The fire apparently spread quickly when it broke out about 5:45 a.m.

"There's no doubt that those people were trying to find every last bit of air," said fire Battalion Chief Joel Markss. "The only way out of there would have been to jump out the windows.

Smoke seeped through the 42-unit building but flames were confined to the one unit, blackening the windows. The building was outfitted with smoke detectors, fire officials said.

"This is a very unusual fire," said Battalion Chief David Starr. "It's unusual that the fire would reach that intensity without anyone knowing or without anyone being able to get out.

It appeared that four victims crowded into a bathroom to escape smoke, said City Councilman Larry Zarian, who toured the apartment.

"I saw two youngsters on top of each other for safety," Zarian said. "There were four inside a bathroom and I chose not to go inside. Their bodies were not charred."

A seventh victim was pronounced dead at a hospital, fire officials said.

Neighbors awakened by the fire fled as smoke filled the building.

"I just heard a noise and woke up. I heard a woman yelling," said neighbor Vahi Dubahldyian, who also lives on the first floor.

"There was smoke first and then thing we heard was the alarm," said Mary Kassabian, who lives on the second floor. "We couldn't see anything. We went downstairs and we couldn't see our hands in front of our faces.

Ares Enrow Persian Daily News publisher Homayoun Houshiarnejad said Avanesian called before showing up at the newspaper.

"He said, maybe could he come by and talk. I said, why not," the publisher said. He declined to reveal what Avanesian talked about.

Avanesian had fled from the fire scene to a sister's nearby home and then left, police Sgt. Jon Perkins said. The sister called police after he left.
Demonizing the past; praising the present
by Kurt Horner

Long hours. Child labor. Starvation wages. All known elements of the Industrial Revolution, especially in England. This bleak period in history has often been used as an example of laissez-faire capitalism of what happens when a market economy is left to its own devices.

But that's not the real story. In England, toward the end of the 18th century, advances were made to the point it became possible to grow crops with far less farmers. The feudal practice of tenant farming began to fall apart, and thousands of farmers were kicked off their land to live in the cities. The new created factories were their only recourse. They had to choose between work and starvation. Note the origin of this large mass of laborers. Land was monopolized by the state; only aristocrats were allowed to own land. Thus, the landed aristocracy herded laborers right into the hands of other aristocrats — the city-based industrialists. The government land monopoly took agriculture out of the competition of laborers, giving the industrialists de facto control of the entire labor market. The entire process of industrialization was corrupted by the influence of the state.

In America, industrialization took hold at a slower pace. Our vast frontier prevented the land monopoly that existed in England. Even when, by the mid-1800s, our industrial output exceeded that of Britain, the regulation of factory work was largely a non-issue. In England regulation began before 1820.

That's not to say conditions were wonderful in American factories. Horrible working conditions existed in America as well, but for different reasons. It was the tariff that created economic indiscernibles in America. But cushioning businessmen from competition, the high tariffs, especially in the Civil War period, made possible the worst of abuses by capitalists. The policy of land-grants created problems as well. The railroad companies of this period often got started, not to build rail lines, but to speculate on frontier land. Congress gave away huge strips of land to railroad companies in the expectation that the railroads would build transcontinental railways. Some incentive it was! Too many investors lost money and could not make good on their promises. Not many politicians, left and right, the President truly believed that an era of government noninterference existed in this country. The rubber barons of the 19th century did compete with one another, but not for customers, as they would in a truly laissez-faire society. They competed for government privilege.

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Scientific leeches
by Jon Paul Mahaffy

I'm glad that the Mustang Daily printed an outside opinion piece last Tuesday, written by Neal Lane, director of the National Science Foundation (NSF). It exposed the practices used by government officials to control science.

By working for the NSF, Neal Lane chose to play the government's game of give and take in which the government takes from its citizens and gives to eager recipients. The NSF is in threat of being dropped from the government's payroll and is thus losing the game. Lane's speech shows the cries of a leech as it's plucked away from its victim. In free democratic governments, the bureaucrats have no power to leech without the consent of the victims, or without popular vote, so their tactic is to propagandize and manipulate people to beg for them. Imagine that: allowing a leech to talk to you while sticking it on your body.

If I wanted to know the percentage of drivers who deliberately run over a rubber snake placed in the road, I'd help fund the project. But I wouldn't reach my hand into my neighbor's pocket claiming it was for the public good. If I had an interest in knowing the depth of the Arctic kecsaps but would rather have knee surgery, I'd have that freedom.

Lane displays his knack for this type of manipulation. He talks of the damage the government shutdown did to his department and how his staff is "trying...to make sure the science is not damaged by the disruptions." Also, he worries about future spending cuts to government science and claims that "we are not operating in a healthy environment for science." He lies the very wealth and success of this country to "Federal investment in R&D," and warns that America will likely fall behind if science is not funded.

Finally, he skilfully tosses in his trump card by appealing to the authority of scientists to know what is best for this country: "(scientists) understand better than anyone the price our nation will pay if we fail behind in science and technology in the effort to downsize government."

It may seem beneficial that the government gives grants for research, but it is not. It's a ruthless violation of the individual rights of every citizen in this country. Government does not create wealth. The government takes your earned wealth and gives it to anyone who wants to be working for the public good. Occasionally, benefits do come from government-funded science, but this speculation should come from only those individuals who choose to invest.

Science would not be damaged if the government were not involved, as Lane wants us to believe. Instead of bureaucrats deciding who gets funded, individuals would. If I wanted to know the percentage of drivers who deliberately run over a rubber snake placed in the road, I'd help fund the project — but I wouldn't reach my hand in my neighbor's pocket claiming it was for the public good. If I had an interest in knowing the depth of the Arctic kecsaps but would rather have knee surgery, I'd have that freedom.

Likewise, the success of this country would not be damaged if the government did not fund science and technology. The 19th century should prove that. This country rose from near poverty on the backs of individuals who wanted a better life for themselves knowing that they would rather not consider scientific inventions. They chose to invest. Science would not be damaged if the government were not involved, as Lane wants us to believe. Instead of bureaucrats deciding who gets funded, individuals would. If I wanted to know the percentage of drivers who deliberately run over a rubber snake placed in the road, I'd help fund the project — but I wouldn't reach my hand in my neighbor's pocket claiming it was for the public good. If I had an interest in knowing the depth of the Arctic kecsaps but would rather have knee surgery, I'd have that freedom.

Neal Lane chooses to play the government's game of give and take. If he wants a better life for himself knowing that he would rather not consider scientific research, he has no interest in? Neal Lane knows which buttons to push to keep our money flowing into his department. He recognizes that the science community's "perceived lack of concern has not gone unnoticed in Washington," and claims that "(it's) time to speak out." He recognizes that if he can get enough, he can dip his ladle into the government's big pot of confiscated (and borrowed) money. (The same goes for any special-interest group these days.)

Lane claims that science in this country is under attack. It's not science that is being attacked — it's government stealing which is being recognized — and as a leech, Neal Lane cannot let that happen.
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Former Cal Poly baseball player and future Hall of Famer Ozzie Smith donated $1 million in support of the university's drive for a new baseball complex.
Showtime

By Michael Wilson
The Washington Post

Bless their hearts for coming back. You can say Michael and Magic are addicted to professional basketball and all that accompanies it, and you would be correct. But as much as they needed the NBA, basketball needed them even more. Desperately so. Bless their hearts for coming back to show a spoiled, overrated, egomaniacal generation of little brats what true greatness really is.

You know the Bulls and the Lakers are going to meet in the NBA Finals, don’t you? And when it happens, I don’t want to hear about it being “fixed” or how there’s a “conspiracy” between the league and the TV networks.

The only conspiracy will be one of hard work, of extra practice and dedication, of gentlemanship, of loving something so dearly you work to be better at it than anybody, past or present. Did you see Magic hit those left-handed hooks in his return against Golden State? Left-handed hooks. Magic didn’t have that in 1991. He’s added more to his game in retirement than some Generation Xers have in the prime of their careers.

It’s up to Michael and Magic (and Charles Barkley) to stick around long enough to teach a whole slate of 20-something kids that having commericals and millions of dollars doesn’t mean you’re a great basketball player. The two conditions can be, and too often are, mutually exclusive.

When the issue arises of why the league is so bad, most people give the easy answer: expansion. That’s not it, not really. Sure, the talent pool is thinned now that there are 29 teams, but that’s not the biggest problem.

Michael Jordan said, “The guys, the young guys, don’t know how to play now. They don’t even know how to practice.”

Jordan went on to point out how he can take advantage of today’s young stars in part because they can’t counter certain basic plays he had mastered by the time he was 26. People get all over Jordan’s case for saying a year ago that the youngsters lacked professionalism. It was the truth then, and it’s the truth now.

The league is less than it should be now because today’s stars frequently aren’t even fun- damentally sound, much less great basketball players.

A coach suggests they work on something, the kid cops an attitude. Practices get interrupts by beepers and cell phones and agents who need a signature. That’s why Magic couldn’t coach these classes. Sensitive to the criticism, Jordan didn’t name names, but I will. A partial list has to include some of the biggest names like Derrick Coleman, Kenny Anderson, Latrell Sprewell, Shawn Kemp, Gary Payton, Vernon Maxwell, Isiah Rider, Jamal Mashburn and Tod Day. Shawn Bradley didn’t get traded because it appears he doesn’t have the potential; the word is he won’t pay the price to be great, like Rick Smits did.

So many of the players drafted in the lottery the last five years are much, much less than they should be. That’s why the commercials, like Shaq and Penny Hardaway and Jawan Howard stand in such stark contrast.

There was a great cry of opposition when so many of the old-school guys like Karl Malone and John Stockton, now in their mid-30s, were put on the U.S. Olympic basketball team again, instead of the bright young talents. It was a good message to send to the kiddie corps: you’re loud and even worse, you’re not that good.

COMMENTS

What many of the young punks missed when they entered the league was a long apprenticeship. Larry Bird would have played a couple of more years but his back wouldn’t let him. Magic contracted the HIV virus. And Jordan, for so many reasons, retired after only nine seasons.

All at once, or close to it, the league lost its masters, the men who would teach the youngsters how to play, how to comport themselves, what steps are necessary to go from talent to greatness. Without that tradition, the youngsters ran amok. They embarrassed themselves and the league in Toronto during the World Championships, and the level of professionalism we’d become accustomed to in NBA players slipped noticeably. One of the reasons Barkley has talked so much about retirement has nothing to do with his ailments.

“Some of these young guys don’t have the respect for the game they should have,” he told The Sporting Journal. “The game should be sacred.”

With Jordan back in his full glory and Magic back for at least the rest of this season, the bet here is there’ll be a lot less strutting from some of the youngsters who will find it pret-ty embarrassing to be taken to the cleaners by guys fast approaching 40.

Sprewell and Joe Smith are still trying to figure out that ballfake that Magic put on them Tuesday night in The Forum. Friday’s game between the Bulls and Lakers should be required viewing for anybody under 30 who thinks he’s a great player. High-school coaches should cancel practice that day and bring the players back to the gym for a screening.

That Magic could miss more than four years and come back the very first night and nearly record a triple-double is absolutely a testament to his greatness, but also evidence of what is lacking in men 10 years younger than he is. Magic and Jordan aren’t what they were when they met in the NBA Finals five years ago, but they’re still better than everybody else.

Magic, who didn’t have much speed to begin with, is down-light lumbering now. But one can see a new economy in his game, all the better to comprehend the range of his court brilliance. In the first of Tuesday night’s NBA doubleheader, Jordan had a horrendous shooting night (27 percent), but when the game was on the line, he nailed a three-pointer and swished a hook over Hakem Olajuwon.

“These young guys don’t realiz how much of the game is played in your head,” Jordan said. “There are a million ways to temporally compensate when one of your physical skills starts to diminish.”

Jordan, about to turn 32, knows that. Magic, headed toward 37, knows that. Asking them to teach those lessons to an entire generation of young players may be too much, but those of us who love the game are desperately hoping they can.

Perhaps you’ve seen the Nike commercial with Jason Kidd, Jimmy Jackson, Kevin Garnett, Eddie Jones and Joe Smith, the one that says, “The revolution will not be televised” (though it will be commercialized). There isn’t as much as a single Final Four appearance among them.

Instead of leading a basketball revolution, they ought to be trying to find their way to a TV set Friday night, even the wondrous Kidd whose triple doubles don’t keep the Mavericks from losing night after night. They should then sit down, shut up and turn to the Bulls-Lakers game and find out what a basketball revolution is. The Old School has reclaimed its prominence just in time.
A game of buzzer beaters

BY ROBBIE PICKEREL

The preferred adjective for the Atlantic Coast Conference this season is "balanced." True enough, the Sagarin Ratings have the ACC's first among the Top 25 teams, a fact that speaks to the league's strength. However, the ACC is also home to a number of teams that are capable of pulling off surprises, especially on the road. The ACC's top teams are often ranked within a few spots of each other, making every game a potential upset.

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Dominance missing in ACC

BY IVAN MAESSEL

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Blue chip freshman: Georgia Tech freshman Alphonso Fordham and the Yellow Jackets will look to upset North Carolina once again.

As point guard Kiwaan Garris goes, so goes Illinois. "You can say one player shouldn't make such a big difference, but he does," Illinois Coach Lou Henson said after the 6-foot-7, 182-pound junior returned last week from two injuries to save the Illini's season.

The 11-1 start, with four victories over Top 25 teams, may have been a bit greater than Illinois' parts. When Garris missed most or all of Illinois' first five Big Ten games because of an abdominal strain and a shoulder injury, the Illini went 9-5, their worst league start in 65 years. "We've been losing games," Garris said, "because we didn't have a go-to guy."

In his first game back, Illinois upset Purdue, 71-67. Garris scored four points in the final minute. That's a go-to guy. Illinois followed with victories over Ohio State (77-66) and Northwestern (74-62), amounts to little more than bottom-feeding. The Illini (14-6, 5-5) received a needed boost, on the court and in their heads.

Utah Coach Rick Majerus isn't the only one who left his team to go see recuperating UTEP legend Don Haskins. Iowa State's Tom Floyd, a former Haskins' assistant, coached his Cyclones at Colorado last week, took a 5:40 a.m. flight out of Denver to El Paso, spent the day with Haskins, flew home to Ames — and conducted a 10 p.m. practice.

"We had 10 minutes to practice," Russell said. "We had 10 minutes to prepare for tonight's game."
The plans for new athletic facilities are out, and the excitement is following.

By Mark Armstrong

Cal Poly President Warren Baker called it yet another example of a "partnership" between the university, the alumni and the community.

That's "partnership" for those who have trouble translating Bostonian.

No matter how it is said, the bold new future for Cal Poly athletics was unveiled Jan. 30 in the presence of baseball messiah and Cal Poly alum, Ozzie Smith. The project will once again reunite the collaborative forces that also brought Cal Poly the Performing Arts Center.

"There's nothing we can't achieve as a community together with the university," Baker told the overflow audience at Cal Poly's Alumni House.

Capital Campaign fund-raising committee Chair Robin Baggett followed Baker's remarks by indirectly asking that nothing will be achieved without money.

The estimated $19.5 million stadium and recreational facilities project includes plans for baseball and softball complexes, a football stadium and Mott Gym renovation. The project also calls for seven new fields for instructional facilities to score funding from the state. The baseball complex and recreational field phase will fill the city's growing need for more recreational space.

"Having a stadium on campus was absolutely crucial to the program," said Cal Poly baseball coach Ritch Price. "It's a great day for Cal Poly baseball."

Though baseball was the main focus, Athletic Director John McCutcheon wanted to leave no area untouched in the plans.

"We wanted to take a very comprehensive approach to it," said McCutcheon, not wanting to limit fund-raising to just one complex.

So far, the plan for the baseball complex and recreational fields is leading the charge thanks to Ozzie Smith's $1 million commitment to the campaign.

Ozzie Smith Stadium, as it is now to be called, looks like it will be the first to break ground.

When that will be depends on when the rest of the money appears. McCutcheon said the money will need to be secured before anything goes ahead.

So far, the campaign has raised nearly $1.7 million for the baseball complex and recreational fields. Other donations have come from members of the Capital Campaign group, and organizations with ties to Cal Poly athletics, such as the Sense Foundation of Visalia, which donated $10,000.

All of those involved with the project credit its quick start to Smith's involvement in the campaign.

"Ozzie's commitment gives the whole project instant credibility," McCutcheon said.

Smith's name gives not only credibility to the stadium, but it also gives plenty of other opportunities for donations from the people of St. Louis. After spending 14 years with the St. Louis Cardinals, Sleeper believes the St. Louis community will jump at the chance to give something back.

"He is so well thought of in St. Louis," Sleeper said. "I think we'd be missing an opportunity if we didn't try to rally support for the stadium in that community as well."

Smith would like to return to Cal Poly to support the baseball program, but has no plans of making San Luis Obispo his permanent home after retirement.

"His roots are very deep in St. Louis," Price said.

Capital Campaign has also enlisted the help of San Diego Chargers General Manager and former Cal Poly football player Bobby Beathard to help get the project going. Although it has not been confirmed, Sleeper said Beathard agreed to contribute $100,000 over five years to go towards the football stadium.

One significant name is missing from the Capital Campaign chairman lineup.

John Madden, the Fox Television football analyst whose name is splattered all over Sega video games and Ace Hardware commercials, received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Cal Poly.

Madden supported Cal Poly athletics for a long period. His biggest fund-raiser was an annual golf tournament, which he put on for 11 years on the Central Coast. He terminated the tournament three years ago.

Both Sleeper and McCutcheon admitted that Madden may have become discouraged by the lack of direction in the then Division-II program thus ending his participation with Cal Poly Athletics.

Sleeper doesn't blame Madden for his feelings, and hopes the stadium plans could be a wake-up call for hesitant alumni such as Madden.

Right now, however, Sleeper said the committee is not actively seeking support for the football stadium and Mott Gym renovation.
What the future holds...

The new site, despite being constructed right on top of the sheep unit, rodeo grounds and other agriculture facilities, received unanimous support from the College of Agriculture's Land Use Planning Committee. But they won't just set the sheep free when the unit has to be torn down. That could pose a problem.

Agriculture Professor Phil Deub said the committee has agreed to the project as long as the facilities are going to be replaced.

"We're going to have to realize that the university has to grow," Deub said. "We're not going to stand in the way."

Joseph Jen, dean of the College of Agriculture, expressed his support for the plans which will allow his department to build a much-needed, newer sheep unit.

As for the rodeo grounds, Sleeper said it will not be touched in the construction of the baseball complex.

However, when the time comes for the football stadium to be built, the rodeo area will need to be moved. But, Sleeper said, the rodeo grounds will be inexpensive to build.

In the beginning phase of this multi-million dollar project, McCutcheon has overcome one obstacle. He wanted total agreement on this plan to avoid any rift between athletes and academics. So far he has received it.

"This has to be a win-win situation for everybody," McCutcheon said. "We don't want to cause conflicts between one college and another."

Sleeper said once environmental impact reports have been completed, and the money has been raised, the baseball stadium could be functional for games within eight to nine months, which would place no one more than Price.

But Price knows it's an ambitious goal.

"If we indeed go to play there next (year)," Price said, "we're gonna have to get going."
No joke - Kidd should stay home

Jason Kidd has done it again. Last season, Kidd played unremarkably throughout the first three months, then finished strong and forced a split with Glen Rice in the Rookie of the Year race. This season, Kidd played well, yet not spectacularly before lifting his game in January. He had three triple-doubles in a six-game span, and in a two-week stretch averaged 23.3 points, 11.8 assists, 8.8 rebounds and 2.3 steals. He delivered just as the voters were deciding who should start in the All-Star Game.

Red Wings: No Apologies needed

The Detroit Red Wings and their team leader, Steve Yzerman, have been sensational this season, compiling the NHL’s best record. But they had last season, too, and were swept in the first round of the playoffs by the New Jersey Devils. And they haven’t won the Stanley Cup since 1998, the year they had the Detroit Red Wings in the playoffs. No one was expecting them to win it all before the season ended. With Yakymov and the Red Wings have to answer questions about their own Western Conference. The situation isn’t nearly as bad as in the NFL, where the National Football Conference has won the American Football Conference 12 straight years in the Super Bowl. But Western Conference teams have won the Stanley Cup each of the past five seasons, and six of the Red Wings’ losses this season have been to Eastern teams.

When Wayne Gretzky suggested the Los Angeles Kings acquire a 50-goal scorer, he didn’t mean someone who might score 50 goals over the rest of his career. But that’s what General Manager Sam McMillar got when he acquired left wing Kevin Stevens from the Bruins for right wing Rick Tocchet.

"Rick was very special," a lot of guys here," Kings right wing Terry Loeppky says. "No one would have expected him to work ethic. He was probably our most popular player.

Toocht, who was Gretzky’s closest friend on the team, says he thinks the Pittsburgh Penguins will eventually be traded before March 20th.

The Sporting Journal
Shaq left in shadow when spotlight turns

BY ROB PARKER

NEW YORK — A little more than a year ago, the National Basketball Association spotlight was solely on Shaquille O'Neal. His size-23 shoes and all.

You couldn't look anywhere without seeing Shaq. There were TV highlights, commercials, rap videos. You also couldn't listen to anyone talk about the NBA and not hear about Shaq. With a press charge upon him, we were force-fed a daily dose of O'Neal, the wandering 7-foot-1 Orlando Magic center.

And that's exactly the way the NBA wanted it.

After Michael Jordan walked away from the game and went off chasing his baseball dream, the league made it clear that it wanted O'Neal to take the banner and run with it. O'Neal was supposed to take the NBA into a new era.

On the way, though, Shaq's light was derailed.

You still see and hear about Shaq, but not with the same intense degree we used to. It's no accident that the spotlight that used to engulf O'Neal's huge body now only shines on part of him. Without much choice, O'Neal has to share it now.

And not just with one other person.

Sure, Jordan's return has taken back most of that spotlight. But it's hard to think that anyone, even Shaq, could compete with him now when it comes to outselling him. Jordan's stel­ar play and three consecutive championships put him in a league by himself. Hence, the nickname, "His Airness."

But Jordan isn't the only one in O'Neal's way these days. Enter the Detroit Pistons' Grant Hill. Hill's almost too good to be true. He's nice, well-spoken and has a smile that rivals Magic Johnson's. And that's saying a lot.

And let's not forget the emergence of Penny Hardaway. With the way Hardaway's played in his third season in the NBA, it's hard to tell who's the best player on the Magic some nights.

And the light, in no doubt, getting even smaller now that Magic-Johnson has rejoined the Los Angeles Lakers. Despite 1 4/5 years away from the NBA, Johnson's ability to attract fans hasn't diminished one bit.

"Cheering him up is the spotlight is spread around a lot more than it was before," said Magic guard Nick Anderson before Orlando took on the Knicks at Madison Square Garden Thursday night. "With the two MAs back, it's harder to be out front by yourself, but he still gets his share."

"And it hasn't been a problem for him. He hasn't changed much," O'Neal, who had 18 points Thursday night in a subpar performance, wasn't available for comment before the game.

But players all around the league have noticed the spotlight shift, too.

"When you have players like Michael and Magic on the scene, there's no doubt that they command a certain amount of mar­ketability with the league," said Charles Smith, who started in place of John Starks as Don Nelson went with four front­court players and Derek Harper at guard.

O'Neal's drop down the popularity ladder has nothing to do with his play on the court. Entering Thursday night's game, O'Neal was averaging 26.7 points and 11.2 rebounds and was shooting 63 percent from the field. And the drop has nothing to do with a change in Shaq's personality. He's full of it and has a smile that rivals Magic's. And that's saying a lot.

Still, it's not enough to have the league once again focus on him.

With O'Neal out for the first 26 games of the season with a broken right thumb, Hardaway stepped forward and people took notice. Hardaway had a November to remember, averag­ing 27 points, 6.5 assists, 5.8 rebounds and 2.2 steals. In the process, he led the Magic to a franchise-record 13-2 mark.

It's not that Hardaway didn't have a lot of success in his first two seasons, but things rightly centered on O'Neal.

"He stepped up big-time," Smith said. "With Shaq sidelined, his play showed up."

"And although Hill is still playing for just a .500 Pistons club, his popularity is extremely high. Want proof? O'Neal and Hardaway are both on the Eastern Conference All-Star starting team with Hill. Jordan and Scottie Pippen round out the squad."

But it was Hill, not Shaq, who was the leading vote-getter. Hill (1,358,004) beat out Jordan (1,341,422).

Some might say the reason for that is because O'Neal was injured early on. But when you're voting for All-Star teams, you don't vote on stats. It's a popularity contest. You like Shaq, injured or not.

"They are two different peo­ple, personality-wise," Smith said. "Grant's got that All­American image."

"He's very corporate, very businesslike. And not to say that Shaq isn't."

It'll be interesting to see what course the NBA takes over the next year. Will it try to keep the focus on Shaq and Hill because they represent the future? Or will it stay with the safety of Jordan and Johnson, who although they represent mostly the past, are favorites the fans won't give up on.

It's easier for NBA Commissioner David Stern & Co. to go to corporations and sell Michael and Magic. It's not that Shaq has a negative tag. It's just that the other two have accomplished so much and are proven. At this point, O'Neal has shown...
The Sporting Journal

MEN’S DIV. I COLLEGE BASKETBALL RATINGS

The RPI (Rating Percentage Index) is used by the NCAA as one of four factors in deciding which teams to invite to the NCAA tournament and where to seed them. The formula used to calculate the ratings is complicated, using the team’s opponents’ overall win percentage and the team’s opponents’ overall winning percentage. Rating = (.25 x winning pct.) + (.50 x opp. winning pct.) + (.25 x opp. opp. winning pct.)

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By Steve Moore

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Cable study reveals violent acts in TV shows often go unpunished

By Joanna Aaron
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Crime pays - at least on television, according to a cable industry study released Tuesday on TV violence.

Most of the time, the bad guys aren't punished; nearly half the time, violent acts in TV programs show no harm to victims, and more often they portray no pain, according to the survey of cable and broadcast shows.

"The world of television is not only violent - it also consistently sanctions its violence," said the report on the $1.5 million study commissioned by the National Cable Television Association.

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In Little Rock, meanwhile, a federal court clerk signed the subpoena to carry out a judge's order that Clinton provide tes- timony in next month's trial of his two business partners in the failed Whitehouse land deal.

White House lawyers want Clinton to appear on videotape, but lawyers for Clinton's partners, Donald and Susan McDougall, say a personal ap- pearance by the president would make his testimony more credible.

"I believe it's most likely, as the judge's order indicates, that he will submit videotaped tes- timony," McCurry told reporters. He said the venue will be deter- mined after Clinton's lawyers consult Mrs. McDougall's lawyers under the court order.

On Capitol Hill, ongoing Senate hearings on Whitewater focused on Mrs. Clinton's legal work in Arkansas. A federal regulator testified that the recent discovery of her long- sought billing records raised new questions about whether her work for a failed Arkansas S&L created a conflict of interest.

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