Women, computers: compared with men, use is less frequent

By Val Arde
Daily Staff Writer

There’s one more thing women and men have different ideas on—computers.

Women and computers was the topic of a speech given Monday by computer science graduate student Stephanie Ludi in honor of Women’s Week. The difference in how men and women use computers and the reasons why were part of Ludi’s presentation.

In general, women tend to shy away from computers and see it as a tool to accomplish tasks such as completing stories or writing letters. Ludi said.

Men, on the other hand, see computers in broader terms, she said.

"Boys see it as a machine, not just how it’s used," she said. "Boys also see it as a recreational device."

How a woman interacts with a computer stems from her home environment as a child, Ludi said, noting that 60 percent of boys have access to a computer at home as opposed to only 18 percent of girls.

"Home, peers and teachers can influence a girl’s feelings toward computers," Ludi said. "The impact is quite significant."

A lack of role models for females also has a significant impact, she said.

In most homes, the father tends to be the primary person to make decisions involving computers, Ludi said.

"In most cases, there are no real role models for girls in computers in the home," Ludi said. "Girls get the impression that using computers isn’t feminine."

The apprehension some women feel about computers tends to follow them outside of their homes.

"The anxiety of computers carries into college; because of that very few women enter into the computer science or computer engineering field," Ludi said.

The number of women pursuing degrees in computer science is decreasing, Ludi said.

Ludi attributed this decrease to women having other responsibilities, such as raising a family or working, and also to the lack of female role models in the faculty.

According to a 1993 study by the National Science Foundation, only 18 percent of all bachelor's degrees in computer science go to women.

Ludi also noted that women are sometimes treated differently by college professors in some computer science departments.

"Teachers tend to ask girls easier questions or none at all," she said. "In this, girls are losing out on their education."

"Male professors also tend to be more apprehensive in having a lengthy, technical discussion with female students," Ludi continued, "and faculty members are more likely to know and use names of male students than female students."

Ludi said she experienced some of this differential treatment.

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Poly gravid stands up to prostitution

By Stephen Fodder
Daily Staff Writer

She describes herself as the Supreme Goddess, the Righter of Wrongs, the World Traveler, Bon Vivant — experiencing the good life.

Despite the jokes in trying to describe her job, Sandra Pendell, 40, is all of these things and more.

Pendell is experiencing life after graduation in Bangkok, Thailand, working for non-governmental organizations.

Pendell and her husband, Thai women in escaping the dangers of prostitution.

Pendell personally went to Thailand in October 1995 as part of Cal Poly's Pacific Rim Group, which offers study programs in countries such as Thailand, Vietnam and Japan.

Jan Erickson, assistant director of the group, said Cal Poly has made a commitment to expand research and grant research.

"We always try to keep the link between (the universities) and Cal Poly," Erickson said. "Sandie is very much a part of that link at present and in the future, doing what she wants to do."

Pendell studied and continued with her job as a computer programmer and database manager.

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Teachers stress computers, basic skills over the classics

By Deb Krichman

WASHINGTON — Computer literacy, citizenship and basic skills are more important than learning Shakespeare or Hemingway, a survey of public school teachers says.

Less than 25 percent of 1,164 teachers listed classic works from Shakespeare and Plato, or writings by American authors, such as Ernest Hemingway or John Steinbeck, as "absolutely essential.

Instead, at least 70 percent of the teachers ranked the three Rs, the value of hard work, citizenship, computer skills and U.S. history and geography as essential components of public school curriculum.

"They don t think Shakespeare is the be-all, end-all for kids," said Steve Farkas, who worked on the survey released Tuesday by Public Agenda, a research group founded by former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. "Computer skills emerge from the pack because the teachers connect that with survival in real world.

Among the survey's other findings:

• Of factors that might determine career success, teachers place "an excellent academic education" a distant third, with only 21 percent saying it is the most important factor. Persistence and internal drive, showing how to deal with problems, lack of funding, over-crowded classrooms and a lack of parental involvement, the survey showed.

"They don't think Shakespeare is essential," Geiger said. "We have found a real resistance."

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Chester Finn, a former Education Department official in the Reagan administration and a Hudson Institute research fellow, said he was not surprised that only a quarter of the general public ranked the classics or American literary works as "absolutely essential." But he was disappointed that teachers didn't rank them higher.

"I think teachers have been brainwashed by the political-correctness crowd to think that anything associated with 'classics' is tainted as 'dead, white, and male,'" Finn said.

Keith Geiger, president of the National Education Association, the nation's largest teacher union, said he was glad to see that the teachers and general public both put basic reading, writing and math skills at the top of the list of "absolutely essential" curriculum items.

Ranking computers over classics reflects teachers' pragmatism, he said.

"I think teachers believe they have a lot more students in their classrooms who will have jobs that require dealing with computers than with reading the classics," Geiger said. "We have to prepare these kids to get jobs."

The survey of the teacher agenda surveyed another Public Agenda survey of the general public's attitudes about education.

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Love is like bread—it's all in the dough. The success depends on how you knead it and how good the yeast is. And, just like bread, there are all different kinds of love and not, like bread, not all go for naught.

Before you make the love, you have to choose the person to make it with. There, too, comes in all different types, and you must choose carefully, because you can't make love that is better than the person you are with.

First, there are the breadsticks. These look good, and if you're really hungry, they'll work. But they'll only tide you over for real food. They're small and usually too crispy; they crumble easily—not satisfying at all.

Next, stay away from anything that's always in bars—don't be tempted by doughnuts, either. They come in all different shapes, sizes, colors and flavors, but a doughnut is a doughnut. They're just a lot of pretty packaging for not a lot of substance. They're your bimbos of the bread world—they're fun for a little while, but soon you're hungry for some meaningful conversation and real interaction.

The bread sticks are out of the way. The same goes for the white-bread types. They crumble easily—not satisfying at all.

I have a weakness for croissants. These are very hard and they look and taste very good. Add some hot coffee and you're in Heaven.

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Stay away from bagels, too. These—unlike your croissants and doughnuts—are not dangerous and actually have some nutritional values, but are so dry and boring that you need to add lots of fatty and expensive ingredients like cream cheese and lox before they're worth eating. They're just not worth the trouble.

Whole wheat bread varieties can be good—they're healthy, with lots of fiber, and interesting if they have lots of different grains and nuts, too—but only if you're very good, too. There's no element of danger or excitement. Soon you may find yourself needing to sow some wild oats and eating goody-two-shoes at home.

But the worst are the doughboys—suits to husk puppies and dumplings, but not even coated. These are the mounds of dough that just refuse to rise. Nobody should have to settle for that. If the yeast doesn't work at all, I say move on and don't look back. Eat a breadstick if you have to, but don't spend time with dough; it's too depressing. You need SOME excitement.

In the end, what we all need is a nice, big loaf of crusty French bread. It's hearty, satisfying, and it tastes good. It's a bit exotic and has style. It's also very versatile—it goes well with melted butter or a good bowl of soup. It lasts a long time, and it's even good the next day. You can toast it and eat it for breakfast; you can slice it and make sandwiches for lunch; you can even fill it with dip for an appetizer, or with cheese and ham for dinner.

But really good French bread is hard to find. Sometimes you've got the bread, all you need is a good bottle of wine.

Bon appetit.

Justine Frederiksen is the Daily Copy Editor and a Daily Staff Writer and has never baked bread in her life.
**Blacks march to demand white primary schools admit blacks**

By Patrick McDowell

**POTGIETERSRUS, South Africa — Separate but equal isn’t good enough for the blacks of Potgietersrus.**

In a scene evoking the American civil rights struggle of the early 1960s, about 6,000 black parents and children Marched through this farming town Wednesday to demand that all-white primary school admit black pupils.

"I want to see the racism in schools stopped," said T.J. Ledwaba, principal of a black primary school because of its all-white policy. His children anyway. Angry protesters are getting ready to fight in court to do so. This is a mountain out of a molehill," said school board president Koo Nel.

The protesters are getting support from the new black-led provincial government, which is suing the school board in a closely followed case that attempts to break down the legacy of segregation.

Under apartheid, schools for whites got money, facilities and teachers. Black schools got scraps. Some still have 100 students for every teacher. Potgietersrus is about 200 miles north of Johannesburg in the far northern Transvaal, an arid, rural region long controlled by conservative Afrikaners, white descendants of 17th-century Dutch settlers, who consider the mixing of races a sin.

T.J. Ledwaba School Principal

"I want to see the racism in schools stopped. We are all Africans. There must be room for everybody."
William,
Je t’aime
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A PROGRAM ON THE BRINK

An in-depth look at why Cal Poly women's basketball is struggling to get off the ground

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Six NBA teams have playoff caliber

By Bob Matthews

The Sporting Journal

Six NBA teams have playoff caliber

Knicks. David Robinson and Sean Elliott are a terrific 1-2 scoring punch up front.

HOUSTON — The two-time defending world champions will be the most confident team heading into the playoffs, and never count out Hakeem Olajuwon and Clyde Drexler. A huge trade for Drexler was the key last season. Another bombshell deal (Charles Barkley?) could put them over the top this time. They need Mario Elie back and healthy for the playoffs.

SEATTLE — With a 34-12 record, the talent obviously is there. Shawn Kemp and Gary Payton have matured to become consistent stars and leaders. No team has more to prove in the postseason coming off two quick playoff exits.

The best of the rest probably are pretending:

UTAH — Some observers claim Karl Malone and John Stockton have their best supporting cast yet, but it probably is too little, too late. Center still is the biggest problem.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Magic Johnson makes them dangerous, but the Lakers are a long shot to go all the way because too many of the other key players are too inconsistent.

NEW YORK — Overrated, too old and too inconsistent. The Knicks couldn't win before when they were a better and better-coached team. A candidate to upset in an early round.

The NBA trade deadline is Feb. 22, and of all the outrageous trade rumors, the one that would make the most sense for both teams could be Phoenix's Charles Barkley to Houston for Robert Harry and Kenny Smith. Barkley would get his shot at a title, Harry will still be around years after Barkley retires, and Smith would be veteran insurance for the brittle Kevin Johnson.

— This hardly seems fair, but the losyous Toronto Raptors (13-34) and the awful Vancouver Grizzlies (10-37) are ineligible for the No. 1 overall pick in the NBA college draft in 1996-97-98. The league's established teams didn't do many favors for the two expansion teams.

— The University of Massachusetts probably deserves to be ranked No. 1 in the weekly men's basketball polls as long as the Minutemen remain undefeated, but I'm holding off on a large majority of the Associated Press voters think No. 2 Kentucky is the better team and more likely to win this year's NCAA championship.

Over years: Toronto's Domen Stoudamire won the MVP during the rookie game.

— Dave Winfield is a sure hall-of-Famer based on production and longevity. He ranks with Jim Thome as the all-around best players of his era, but Winfield's career is sure to stretch beyond 1997. He still is the biggest problem.

— This week's Four-Star Trivia question: Who was the last NL Cardinals coach to have a winning season?

— The Canadian Football League's U.S. expansion experiment is over, and commissioner Larry Smith is doing his best to upgrade the league's franchises in the two major Canadian markets. The CFL will return to Montreal with the transeasonal defending league champion Baltimore Stallions. At Smith's urging, the Calgary Stampeders this week gave the Toronto Argonauts permission to negotiate with and sign quarterback Doug Flutie. The Argos were 4-14 last season. The NFL equivalent would be commissioner Paul Tagliabue asking the small-market Green Bay Packers to permit the New York Giants or New York Jets to sign Brett Favre. "That's a good of the good and the great..."

— This week's Four-Star Trivia answer: Jim Hanifan coached the St. Louis Cardinals in 1964.

— The Detroit Red Wings haven't won a Stanley Cup since Gordie Howe led them to four in a six-year span ending in 1955. His 1996 Stanley Cup pick is Philadelphia over Detroit: "Detroit can win. Any team that tries to skate with the Red Wings is going to lose, but I think the Flyers have the size to overcome that speed."

Winfield made right decision

BY Tom Weir

USA TODAY

Calling it quits Thursday after a 213-season that witnessed only four RBI, Dave Winfield ended his athletic career as it began, with the big man exercising the appropriate option. Long before Bo Jackson or Deion Sanders, Winfield was drafted in baseball, basketball and football, and selected the right one.

At 6-6 and 220 pounds in his prime, Winfield would have stood out as a power forward in the NBA's paint the way he did inside the cramped white lines of the batter's box.

In the NFL, his calling likely would have been tight end, the most consuming position among the lucky few who touch the ball.

But in baseball, Winfield became an agile giant in a game that is given to storing its seasons away. Winfield was a baseball specimen who not only had to duck through the double decker to enter the weight room, but who also could not be his own with anyone one inside.

That was Winfield's enduring dynamic. Athletes shaped like Winfield usually ended up in shoulder pads or hightops, not with a stick of wood in their hands.

When baseball did take them in, they usually were anchored first to base. But Winfield had an outfielder's grace, and cherry-picked enough would-be home runs to win seven Gold Gloves. Most hitters as tall as Winfield, it was that his accomplishments didn't match the expectations created by his physique.

Winfield had huge holes in the vast atmospheres of their strike zones, crying out to be discovered. Not Winfield, one of only six batters who muscled past the 400-foot limit while still having the discerning stroke needed to amass more than 3,000. If there was a drawback to

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Big East upset with rankings

BY JIM CARITY
BOSTON GLOBE CHICAGO-NORTH

The formula that helps determine who gets invited to the NCAA Tournament dropped the Big East's conference ranking to No. 6 nationally this week, and the league's coaches were hop­ing about it.

The Ratings Percentage Index, or RPI, is determined by comparing winning percentage, schedule strength and oppo­nent's schedule strength. The Big East had been ranked sec­ond or third for most of this season.

The coaches lashed out at both the formula and their own athletic directors, saying they were forcing too many confer­ence games on the teams.

"We've got three teams in the top 10, and two more in the top 20," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "I don't know what you have to do to get a good conference RPI ranking. Maybe our three bad teams are dragging us down."

He then added that the Big East's 18-game schedule is also responsible.

"We beat on ourselves, and the Big Eight plays 14 league games and gets to pay for three more extra wins," the coach said. "It's the league's fault. They worry about attendance when they should be getting around to games in the NCAA tournament."

Pittsburgh coach Ralph Willard joined in.

"The coaches said this was going to happen," he said. "We're playing 18 games and beating up on each other, and as a sequence, the RPI is going down. I think it's erroneous that you have the quality of teams you have in our league, and it's dragging us down."

Villanova leads the Big East schools with a 679 RPI rating and a ranking of third. Connecticut (No. 9, 6408 rat­ings), Syracuse (No. 13, 6279), Georgetown (No. 32, 5803), Boston College (No. 36, 5940) are all solid NCAA bets. Providence (No. 53, 5867) and Miami (No. 76, 5490) are both on the bubble. Generally, a team has to be among the top 60 schools in RPI to receive an at-large bid to the tournament.

"Providence more than deserves one," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "The problem is, Providence and some of our mid-level teams just can't scratch out enough wins in the league. We certainly have the best conference in America, Providence is clearly an NCAA team."

The Friars are 12-8 overall (5-7 Big East) and play Boston College (No. 36, .5940) on Thursday night.

"We've got three teams in the top 10, and two more in the top 20," said Villanova coach Rollie Massimino. "I think it's a good conference and it's a good team."

"We're just go­ing to go down," he said. "We've got six if seven of their last eight games.

"I don't know what to predict," he said. "We've just gotta go day by day, and we've gotta earn it on the court."

Miami (11-8, 5-6) plays Boston College (No. 36, 5940) and Providence at home and at Providence, West Virginia, Rutgers and Notre Dame.

"We have to win the majority of our games, Game of the year," said Coach Leonard Hamilton said. Counting a conference tour­ nament win, Miami should get six of their last seven games.

Rutgers' Bob Wenzel and St. John's Brian Mahoney aren't the only conference coaches on the hot seat.

Virginia's Gale Catlett caused a stir this week when he refused to attend a postseason press conference after an 84-63 loss to Boston College because Mountainstown Donovan Post sports editor Bob Pastin was present.

Pastin had written a column saying that Catlett should be fired because the Mountaineers' record has been below 500 since the beginning of the 1993-94 season. The journalist agreed to leave.

"This gentleman has been in Morgantown less than a year and he took a cheap shot at me," Catlett observed, though his athletic director said he would be allowed to attend future press conferences.

"I thought it was unfair to analyze the program with so many games to play. He's been to only two or three press con­ferences all year... and really hasn't been close to the program at all."

UCLA still a contender

Tyus Edney's heir has the touch of a guy wearing boxing gloves. Ed O'Bannon's place in the starting lineup has been taken by a 6-foot-5 swingman who tipped the scales at 265 pounds last summer. The freshman who replaced George Zidek recently averaged 16 rebounds and 10 blocked shots — over five games.

During their 10 years, no defending champion has advanced past the second round of the NCAA Tournament after losing three starters, but despite that the Wildcats are still holding up the shield of personnel, don't bet against UCLA getting to the Sweet 16.

Utah is being touted as a No. 2 seed and Arizona also has a higher national ranking than No. 11 UCLA, but the up-and-down Bruins are still the scarriest. Arizona has noconference wins over Arkansas, Arizona and Georgetown and its first win at Arizona State in three years, but the Wildcats no longer have that aura in the middle, and UCLA took a two-game lead over Pac-10 on their road trip to the Bay area, which began with a game at Cal Thursday night.

"Let's just say it's been a challenging year," said Cameron Dollar, the former point guard from Atlanta.

Dollar starred in the NCAA title game for Arkansas in place of Edney, who had a sprained wrist, but hand injuries have limited his effec­tiveness this season. He dislo­cated his left pinkie in the Blue­Gold intrasquad game, and suf­fered a dislocation and chipped bone in his right pinkie in a December loss at Kansas.

Since then, Toby Bailey has started at the point, and shifted to the two or three spot when Dollar has been on a 25- or 30­minute stint. Bailey, another standout in the NCAA final, is the Bruins' leading scorer, but he's also second in assists, behind Dollar.

"We haven't been going to Bailey a lot for his shot," Coach Jim Harrick said. "He reminded me of that every day."

The other guard is sopho­more Kris Joseph, son of former UCLA star Marques Johnson. He pouted through an injury­riddled freshman season and his weight ballooned, but he had a month with his mother in Atlanta altered his diet and training regimen. He weighs 220 now, and has aver­aged 18 points the past month.

" same good meaning Charles O'Bannon and J. R. Henderson, we've played consistently, but center Darnell McCay is experiencing the February coldmud that hit so many others."

McCoy had the first triple double in school history in a Blue­Gold intrasquad game, and suf­

Tournament bound: Penn State's Dan Earl and the Nittany Lions have brought their team into March Madness. Weight: Penn State is currently ranked eighth.

Tulsa soon-to-be-student

Fran Dunphy lost all five starters from the team that took Alabama and Alabama McKey into overtime in the first round of the NCAs at the Arena. The Quakers began the new year with a 1-0 record, the lone win coming at Towson State, but the new faces have owned their first five foes in the Ivy League.

"We knew a guy like Donald Mosley had the ability," Dunphy said of a senior guard who's one of three Quakers averaging in double figures. "For three years, he was behind Jerome Allen, who's in the CBA, and Matt Maloney, who's in the NBA and can get to the NBA himself."

Dunphy said he doesn't mention the streak to his players, but their focus is helped by the lack of a post season tournament. In the Ivy League. The regular­ season champion goes to the NCAA tournament, and the Quakers have been ready for every league game since March 6, 1992, when they lost to Columbia.

UCLA's NCAA record of 50 consecutive conference wins will be topped by Penn if the Quakers can survive a road trip to the Ivy League. The four-game swing begins Friday night at Dartmouth where Penn can claim its 49th straight victory in the Ivy League. The Quakers are at Harvard Saturday, and then they will get the Ivy League record next Friday at Yale.

Penn State's Dan Earl and the Nittany Lions have brought their team into March Madness. Weight: Penn State is currently ranked eighth.
Cal Poly women's basketball Coach Karen Booker sat in the secure surroundings of her office with a worried smile, bracing herself for the oncoming assault of questions. After all, she's had a hard time finding kind treatment from anybody. The fans, the media and especially the opposing teams have been merciless.

"I have no grudges against them," Booker said, laughing. "At least we're improving." If they are improving, it is not showing in the win column. Through 21 games, Cal Poly has a meager three wins, only two of which are against Division I teams. They are now on pace to set a new record for losses in a season, breaking last year's 21-loss record.

"Basically," Booker said. "There's a whole lot of room to grow." And the room seems like it's expanding.

If anything has changed from last year, it is that Cal Poly has sunken lower in its second year of Division I. The Mustangs hit bottom last Thursday night when Sacramento State played out in front of a handful of spectators at Mott Gym, a gym which has been a silent, barren place for the women's team.

Attendance barely stays above the three-digit mark at home. Cal Poly averaged 125 people per game.

And even worse is the theory that the incredibly successful first year for men's coach Jeff Schneider is being used as a measuring stick for first-year coaches at Cal Poly.

With the most improved record in NCAA basketball so far and record-breaking Mott Gym crowds for the men's team, that old cliche, "why can't you be more like your brother?" comes to mind when referring to the women.

But Athletic Director John McCutcheon downplays any comparisons.

"There are usually no quick fixes in this business," said McCutcheon, who calls the men's turnaround an exception to the rule for rebuilding teams.

Booker won't use Schneider's program as a level of expectation for her program. "We don't ever compare where we are with the men," Booker said. "They did have a lot of new players coming in."

Booker and McCutcheon agree timing may have made a difference this season. Schneider ventured to San Luis Obispo with just enough time to recruit players, while Booker, although claiming to be satisfied with her team this season, missed out on the recruiting deadline when she joined Cal Poly.

"I'm trying to teach my players that they can't just look at things as far as what's in the win column," Booker said. Booker, who has experienced nothing but success in past programs, may find it harder adjusting to the losses than her players.

Coming from winning programs first as a player at Vanderbilt, then as an assistant coach at Kentucky, Nevada and her alma mater, Booker has only seen success in the already-established programs.

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Signs of trouble: Small crowds have plagued women’s basketball game this season (far right). Home games have averaged 131 people. Head Coach Karen Booker (middle), who was hired with little time to recruit players for this season, has experienced her first losing season as a coach in her four-year career in Division I. She coached at the University of Kentucky and Vanderbilt as an assistant. Jessica Cullen (closest right) is one of the two freshmen on this year’s team.

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— Karen Booker, Cal Poly women’s basketball coach

“Up at ground level: Cal Poly couldn’t draw any made But with a new coach... has changed...

player Kellie Hoffman said her encouragement has kept them from falling apart. “It was chaotic,” said Hoffman, this year. “We all ran around with our heads cut off.” This year Booker has sewn the heads back on, although it may not be way from a winning standpoint. Hoffman admits to being a little frustrated about the way the season started, but she doesn’t blame Booker. “She’s done a lot more,” Hoffman said. “But she still needs to learn the ropes.” Hoffman is a senior and has been a vocal leader on the team. She is one of the two freshmen on this year’s team.

Booker also has to fight the downtrodden thoughts in her own mind. “I hear the same thing from everybody, ‘It takes time,’ ” Booker said. “I’ve stayed very mindful of that.”

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Veteran goalies still show love

At the start of the season, the question was asked: Do veteran goalies Grant Fuhr, Patrick Roy and Ron Hextall still have it?

The answer in all three cases appears to be yes, as they are running their own way.

In St. Louis, Fuhr has astounded everyone, except perhaps Blues Coach and General Manager Mike Keenan, by playing in every game and playing well: 21-29-9 record, 2.84 goals-against average, .920 save percentage.

Brilliant. Roy is 10-7-1 with a 2.38 goals-against average and a .924 save percentage, which is the best among goalies who play regularly.

And in Philadelphia, Hextall (17-7-0) is carrying the load despite the workload of the Flyers and working on a career highs in goals-against (2.31) and save percentage (.913).

At the start of the season, Hextall was considered the weak link to a Stanley Cup drive. But when Roy was on the trading block, rumors sur- faced that Philadelphia was interested.

But Hextall said he doesn't listen to rumors and doesn't worry about what people think, "as long as my teammates and my coaches aren't happy with the way I'm playing."

He doesn't worry about the future, say that if anyone expected him to be a marathon man like Fuhr, he would be in trouble.

And Hextall may be playing the best of his career.

He began his NHL career with the Flyers in 1986, was traded to the Quebec Nordiques for 1992-93, then to the New York Islanders for 1993-94 and now with the Flyers. The Sporting Journal wire services
Stackhouse in new world

By DON BENEFENTO

PHILADELPHIA—Sometimes, late on summer nights, Jerry Stackhouse would hear the sirens call. On those occasions he would know he was being called to duty. He would grab a basketball and go to his local gymnasium.

"It was peaceful," Stackhouse said of the solitary workouts that often took place well after midnight. "You could put aside whatever happened that day and just think about basketball.

He never had any trouble gaining access to the gymnasium. He was known by the man for whom the arena was named—legendary North Carolina basketball coach Dean Smith.

Those seemingly carefree days, the campus life, are long gone now for Stackhouse, who left North Carolina after his sophomore season to come into the NBA as a member of the Philadelphia 76ers.

This weekend, he is getting his first taste of life surrounding the NBA. He said, "No, he didn’t quite make it to the NBA. But I took part in the slam dunk contest and the rookie all-star game Saturday, awaking to a day when he can truly pencil his name alongside Bird or Magic Johnson or some Bernard King. The next, Larry Bird or Magic Johnson or some.

"I’ve only scratched the surface of my career," he said. "This is where I think I can make a difference. But still, this has not been an easy adjustment."

Stackhouse, who joined the Sizers as the No. 3 pick of the June draft.

Even though he has played well and may end up winning the Rookie of the Year award, the team has struggled. It hit the All-Star break with the worst record in the NBA, and there’s not much hope that things will get better as the season winds down.

"Now I’ve seen both sides winning and losing," said Stackhouse, who’s a basketball player, and the team almost by himself almost always has made it at least a little better.

But look again. The Wildcats have gone into the season with great hope. "I know which side I like better. I’m going to make as much of us start winning here," he said.

"If the Sizers ever are to shake off the malaise that’s engulfed the team ever since the 1982 tradep of Charles Barkley, Stackhouse is likely to play a big part in it."

When he joined the team this season there was great hope that the resurgence would start now. Stackhouse was touted as a number-one, a player who could step in and carry a team almost by himself.

"I really think now he won’t back away when asked too much," Stackhouse said. "I feel like I can take some of the pressure off the other guys. It’s on me."

In that respect, he’s thought the commercial deals, the photo session’s, the犴ess for autographs would be a distraction. "I wasn’t looking forward to that part of it," he said. "But then when I’d go to the photo shoots and get them over with, it wasn’t that bad."
O'Neal snubbed by Jordan

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — It'll go down in NBA history as Michael Jordan's turquoise-tinged nightmar.

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It was the night Air Jordan 25-20, outrebounded by San Antonio's Sean Elliott — 25 points, 11 rebounds — went down in NBA history as Michael Jordan's turquoise-tinged nightmare.

To O'Neal, who had endured double- and triple-teaming in past All-Star games when no one else got any defensive attention, it was another chapter in what he sees as a conspiracy to keep him down.

"I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked by the fans let me have it. I was very shocked.
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Movies with humor, heroism receive most votes for Oscars

By John Hart

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Oscar voters chose movies of heroism and humor like "Braveheart" and "Babe" as best-picture nominees Tuesday, while confining dark and disturbing films like "Leaving Las Vegas" and "Dead Man Walking" to acting and directing categories.

"Braveheart," the Scottish war fable starring Mel Gibson in a kilt, dominated with a surprising 10 nominations, including best picture and best director for Gibson. However, most of its nominations came in the less conspicuous technical categories such as sound and makeup.

The other best-picture nominees were "Apollo 13," "Babe," "Sense and Sensibility" and "The Postman.

"I do believe that the American public has plenty of darkness to deal with ... and it's probably nice to go into a film and come out feeling happy," said Kathleen Quinlan, nominated for supporting actress for her depiction of astronaut Jim Lovell's wife in "Apollo 13.

Harvey Weinstein, whose Miramax Films released the "Postman," said: "This year, the Academy has chosen to embrace films that express truths about the indomitability of the human spirit."

Trailing "Braveheart" with the most nominations overall was "Apollo 13," with nine. "Babe," about a talking pig who thinks he's a sheepdog, and "Sense and Sensibility," Jane Austen's 1811 romance, got seven apiece. "The Postman," an Italian film about a mailman enchanted by poetry, received five.

Gibson was in the middle of a bake for his new movie "Ransom" when an assistant flashed 10 thumbs and fingers.

"I thought he was pulling my leg. I went right ahead with the scene. It really didn't hit me at first," Gibson said from New York. "As far as celebrating, forget it. I don't do champagne anymore. Real pain is my addiction. I'll just keep on writing."

The nominations, as always, were notable for what was passed over.

Tom Hanks, winner of the last two best-actor Oscars for "Philadelphia" and "Forrest Gump" — failed to earn a third consecutive nomination in that category for "Apollo 13.

Ang Lee, who directed "Sense and Sensibility," was left off the director list, as was Robert Zemeckis, who was behind the cameras for "Apollo 13.

And even though it was selected best picture by the Los Angeles and New York film critics associations, "Leaving Las Vegas" failed to get an Oscar nomination in that category. Mike Figgis, however, was nominated for directing the movie, the disturbing tale of an alcoholic on his last bender.

"I think it is a tough film," Figgis said. "I hear that at some of the screenings they'll get up and walk out. I guess people just don't want to watch the picture."


Once touted as a likely Oscar contender, director Martin Scorcese's "Casino" may have been hurt by its grotesque violence. At its first official screening by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, one member stood up in the middle of one graphic torture scene, yelled, "This is a horror!" and led dozens out the door.

"The Postman" became only the fifth foreign-language film nominated for the Academy's top award — none have yet won — and the first since 1972's "Cries and Whispers." It was not eligible for foreign-language consideration since it was released in Italy in 1994, and Italy submitted another movie for consideration that year.

The late star of "The Postman," Massimo Troisi, was nominated for best actor for his depiction of the mailman. It was his first posthumous acting nomination in 20 years. Troisi, who died 12 hours after filming was over, also shared a screenwriting credit with four other writers.

"Somewhere, somewhere he's watching this with delight," said Radford, the movie's director.

The last posthumous best-actor nomination was for Peter Finch, who won in 1976 for "Network." Other posthumous nominees include James Dean, Spencer Tracy and, for a first-time Oscar actor, Sir Ralph Richardson.

In addition to Troisi, the best-actor nominees were Nicolas Cage as the dying drunk in "Leaving Las Vegas," Richard Dreyfuss as "Mr. Holland's Opus," Anthony Hopkins in the title role of "Nixon" and Sean Penn as a death row inmate in "Dead Man Walking.

Best actress nominees were Susan Sarandon, as a nun who consoles Penn in "Dead Man Walking," Elisabeth Shue as a call girl in "Leaving Las Vegas," Sharon Stone as a mobster's girlfriend in "Casino," Meryl Streep as a passionate housewife in "Sense and Sensibility."

Thompson also was nominated for adapting Austen's novel for the screen — the first time the same person has ever been nominated for best actress and best screenwriter.

The 68th annual Oscars will be presented March 25 in Los Angeles. The host will be Whoopi Goldberg.

Many of big films released late in the year to generate Oscar buzz — including "Nixon," "Casino," "Othello" and "The American President" — are competing with only a few, if any, nominations in the top categories.

Some of 1995's highest-grossing movies were ignored. "Bat­man Forever" earned three nominations, and "Dumb and Dumber" got two. "Waterworld," the most expensive movie ever made, ended up just one nomination, for sound.

Every one of the supporting actors nominated was a first-time Oscar selection. The supporting actor picks were James Cromwell in "Babe," Ed Harris in "Apollo 13," Rob Lowe in "Dead Man Walking," and Pitin "Twelve Monkeys," Tim Roth in "Rob Boy" and Kevin Spacey in "The Usual Suspects.

Joan Allen was nominated for best supporting actress for "Nixon" as were Quinlan for "Apollo 13," Mira Sorvino in "Mighty Aphrodite," Mare Win­ingham for "Georgia" and Kate Winslet for "Sense and Sensi­bility."

"I think ("Leaving Las Vegas") is a tough film. I hear that at some of the screenings people will get up and walk out," said Mike Figgis, director, "Leaving Las Vegas."
Business as usual: another candidate comes to speak

By Fred Boyles Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republican-appointed tax commission — the one pushing a single-rate system with few deductions — wants the IRS to classify it as a Section 501(c)(3) organization.

That would make contributors eligible to deduct their donations from their income — the same break that taxpayers get when they contribute to charities such as United Way or educational organizations such as colleges.

The commission's report last month, while calling for a drastically simpler tax system, steered clear of specifically recommending the elimination of charitable deductions "at a time when America needs a renaissance of private giving."

But two senior House Democrats say the current tax break for charities isn't designed for politically oriented groups such as Kemp's. They say taxpayers shouldn't have to subsidize it any more than they should have to subsidize the Republican or Democratic parties.

"They sound just like an offshoot of the Republican National Committee — headed by a political figure and composed of political figures, all of one party," said Rep. Sam Gibbons of Florida, senior Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over tax law.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., created the commission last April and named Kemp chairman. At the time, Dole was preparing to run for president and Gingrich was contemplating running.

Kent, a former Republican member of Congress from New York and former secretary of housing in the Bush administration, had already decided not to run.

The commission's members include prominent Republicans such as former governors Pete du Pont of Delaware and Carroll Campbell of South Carolina, and Shirley D. Peterson, IRS commissioner during the Bush administration.

"No, I'm a member," he says in a tone that says it is a good enough reason to be here.


"Kennedy was here. I don't remember Johnson, but, hey, he must have been here."

Does this steady parade ever make one blase about hearing from another politician? "Oh no," he says, "not when they're running for president."

Dole finishes his speech and answers questions about campaign financing, taxes and Martin Luther King's birthday. Then he walks out among the members, All is orderly. The only pushing and shoving comes from the media horde that maneuvers its cameras and microphones through the fleeing Rotarians.

Dole leaves, taking the chaos with him. The rest of the members turn in their white name buttons. George Pierce, the town's assistant fire chief and the Rotary's sergeant-at-arms, is one of the last to leave.

A member for just four years. Pierce talks about meeting "Steve" and "Lamar" in recent weeks with a genuine enthusiasm for democracy.

"We're part of real-life America and I think it's a wonderful opportunity," he said.
**Wife gives husband her kidney for Valentine's Day**

By Carolina Orti, Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Noreen McGuire already has given her husband her heart. So for Valentine's Day, she's giving him one of her kidneys.

"We thought that would be a nice gift," she joked. "I told him that's all he's getting this year." Her husband, a diabetic, suffers from failing kidneys. He's been undergoing dialysis three times a week since last August.

But that time-consuming and exhausting ritual should end Wednesday, when Michael McGuire receives one of his wife's kidneys at Stanford University Medical Center.

"It's a humbling experience," he said Monday, resting after what he hoped would be his last dialysis session. "It's a big responsibility to accept a gift — and a responsibility to donate — and a dialysis session. "It's a big responsibility to accept a gift and I'm interested in corresponding with a SWF, 18 or older, very intelligent and pleasant. Write to: Jonatharr. P.O. Box 2271, Ridgecrest, CA 93556

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**Sources say Gramm will drop out of Republican presidential race**

**By John King, Associated Press**

CONCORD, N.H. — Battered by back-to-back defeats in Iowa and Louisiana, Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, who came in fourth both times, would quit the Republican presidential race, GOP sources said.

Gramm planned an afternoon announcement Wednesday in Washington, the sources said.

Gramm's departure would leave nine Republican candidates still fighting for the nomination, with one week to go before the New Hampshire primary. It also would ensure that the race will be a do-gen conservative campaigner who early on was viewed by Sen. Bob Dole's campaign as the biggest threat to his status as the GOP front-runner.

But Gramm's campaign never really got off the ground and was facing dim prospects in New Hampshire after being stunned by Pat Buchanan in Louisiana last week and then placing a distant fifth Monday in Iowa's caucuses.

Gramm abruptly canceled afternoon campaign events in New Hampshire Monday and flew back to Washington to meet with friends and associates in his community and assess his prospects. By early evening, he was calling top supporters around the country and informing them of his plans to quit, according to three GOP sources who spoke on condition of anonymity. Several top Gramm aides also were informing friends and associates, the sources said.

"When you run fifth in Iowa, an important state, you would have to be brain dead not to take a look at where you are and what you're doing," said Phil Gramm, a Texas senator who was running for president.

"The McGuires will spend several hours in surgery Wednesday after noon. They hope to go home about a week later. Noreen McGuire, 45, an office program assistant at the University of California Santa Cruz extension, will take six weeks off to recover.

While spouse-to-spouse kidney donations aren't common, a study published last year found they can be nearly successful as those between identical twins.

Researchers at UCLA found that the three-year survival rate of such transplants can be as high as 75 percent. The rate with organs from cadavers in 70 percent. Among identical twins it is 90 percent.

The McGuires decided to spend a couple of days before the transplant talking about the surgery because they want to encourage more people to become donors.
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Illegal alien bill termed 'scapegoating'

By Scott Sanner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican Rep. Randy Tate says the best way to knock on illegal immigration is to ban anyone caught trying to sneak into the country from ever legally immigrating here.

But critics say his proposal — the "One Strike You're Out Illegal Immigration Act of 1996" — plays on the fears of voters and ignores the complex problems associated with immigration.

"We want to send the message if you get caught, there's no second chance," said Tate, a conservative freshman from the 9th congressional district, a largely suburban area in the south Puget Sound region. He introduced the bill in the House earlier this month to permanently deport illegal aliens.

Democrats are targeting Tate for defeat this year in the swing 9th congressional district, a largely suburban area in the south Puget Sound region. He introduced the bill in the House earlier this month to permanently deport illegal aliens.

"A visa to enter the United States is a privilege which should be reserved for upstanding individuals of high quality and moral values," Tate said in a letter to Rep. Lamar Smith, R-Texas, chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration.

The Federation for American Immigration Reform, a leading advocate of tougher restrictions on immigration, has made his proposal a top priority and wants it included in an overall reform package this year.

"What Tate is saying and more and more politicians are realizing is there needs to be a linkage between compliance with immigration law and future immigration rights if we are going to get the borders under control," said Dan Stein, head of the reform group.

Tate, 30, said he came up with the idea after talking with law enforcement officials in Tacoma and Pierce County who complained they were seeing the same illegal aliens back in the area after deportation.

He borrowed from the popular anti-crime legislation Congress and many states have approved establishing mandatory jail sentences for third-time offenders, known as, "three strikes, you're out."

The U.S. attorney's office reported in 1994 that 14 percent of all prisoners in Washington state prisons were undocumented aliens.

Tate said his idea "always receives a round of applause" at town-hall meetings in his district.

"Right now, if you are deported you can come back in a year and be on the same footing with someone who did it the right way. People feel like the openness of our country is being betrayed," Tate said.

But Maestas said the proposal is "inhumane and unfair."