Pipeline surprises many with minimal environmental damage

By Leisha Masi
Daily Staff Writer

But not everyone's happy with erosion possibilities looming

Cal Poly is definitely not large or consuming campus even for those who are blind. Michelle Godwin, 21, goes to class, the library and the University Union just like every other student, but she needs another set of eyes to get her there — her dog.

Blind since she was four years old, Godwin used a cane to "see" before but three years ago she got a dog.

"I was a very independent person with a cane, but I feel even more independent with a dog. I feel more normal," Godwin said.

She said a dog makes it easier, faster and safer for her to travel. "A dog walks you over and around obstacles before you get to them," she said. "Even though they are guard dogs, they're very social, but they're very protective because they're with you 24 hours a day."

Cal Poly's Disabled Student Services has a number of programs for Godwin and other blind students, some required by law. Beth Currier, reader access coordinator for the department, said "we must provide reasonable accommodations for all disabled students."

She added that blind students have numerous services available to them. There are note takers who dictate notes onto tapes, laptop computers that are voice activated, braille typewriters, and a raised-line drawing board so students can feel the outline of a particular object since they can't see it. There is also active test proctoring offered where students read the test and respond orally. There are books in braille, too. Carried said the books can take over a year to write and cost up to $2,000 to produce. They aren't compact and easily transportable either, one statistics book takes up three boxes.

All these services are not aimed at making students more dependent, Currier said. "Our whole goal is to make students as independent as possible, as employable as possible," she said.

Blind students are even involved in internships through a program called Partnerships for Success. This program pairs up a disabled student with a business that will employ and help train them, bringing the Cal Poly motto "learn by doing" to disabled students too.

Independence is also the goal of dog-training schools. Dogs are bred and trained to be the eyes of the blind. For almost two years, they go through extensive training and are then paired with humans. Lifestyle, stress levels, agility and the pace of the person are important factors for Godwin page 2

Student guided by other's eyes

By Leisha Masi

Cal Poly library custodian Marco Immordino, 37, died Oct. 30 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Cuesta Grade.

Immordino's car collided with a pickup truck at the bottom of the grade during a rainstorm on Oct. 29. He was taken to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center following the accident.

Judy Drake, Library Reserve Room Supervisor, said the man with the "ready-smile" will be missed.

"He was a loving, caring man who was always very friendly," said Michelle Godwin. "I have lost a friend, but I feel mostly for his children."

Immordino enjoyed coaching his children's own soccer and basketball teams.

I observed him as a father," Drake said. "We used to talk soccer a lot and compare notes. We enjoyed talking about where our sons' soccer tournaments were taking us that weekend."

Tony Minnini, owner of TNT shoe repair shop in Morro Bay, was first introduced to Immordino in 1984. The two worked together every day for four years as part of the Cal Poly moving and hauling crew.

Minnini said that Immordino led him to the Lord.

"He was such an alive and positive person," said Michelle Godwin and her guide dog have a relationship like no other on campus. / Daily photo by Down Kolmar

Getting the beef on basketball big boy Russ Byrd Len.

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Mountain lion sighted near Sierra Madre dorns

A mountain lion was seen at approximately 1 p.m. yesterday, behind the Sierra Madre Residence Hall chasing deer in the territory of the volleyball courts according to Cal Poly Police.

They are urging students and faculty to avoid this area for the next several weeks and use other places for recreational purposes.
LOS ANGELES — Affirmative action forces raced to the court­house Monday, only to be foiled by Proposition 209, which under California’s new law banning race or gender considerations in public hiring, contracting and education.

Proponents fired off a pre¬emptive strike by filing suit in federal court to enforce Proposition 209.

"We want to make sure that the provisions of Proposition 209 are re¬cognized," said Sharon L. Browne, lawyer for the Pacific Legal Foundation which is one of the pro¬ponents. Opponents sought to block the measure with a legal challenge on

PIPELINE: Cal Poly agreed to pay a portion of the cost to save the oaks

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"We've had about eight sheep walk off because of broken fences and fences that were left open due to the construction of the pipeline," Rutherford said.

He also said that so far this year they haven't been able to use that land for grazing their sheep, which is an essential process in maintaining a healthy range.

"We really just set the whole ranch back a long way," Rutherford said.

He said it will take five years to restore the grazing area and up to 20 years to get the areas of bare soil back to the original state.

Harold Miossi, who owns land near Cal Poly, has been battling with DWR for the last two years over pipeline construction that spans three miles on his land.

"It is a completely disorga­nized operation with complete disregard for property owners' rights," Miossi said.

Miossi said there has been excessive physical damage to his property and silt runoff from piles of dirt laying around. He said it has threatened a rare colony of mimosas in a creek on his property.

"There's a possibility I could file a class action suit against DWR," Miossi said. "They are insensitive to local conditions."

"It is one of the worst construction projects on his property is taking longer and his complaints aren't rectified as quickly as Cal Poly's because the university has more political clout than a private person.

MARKO: Immordino coached the Atascadero H.S. water polo team

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from his family. The project is soliciting monetary donations to present to the family to insure Immordino's children are given proper care in Christmas time.

Collections will begin on Nov. 15 to allow enough collection time before the Christmas holidays. Call Ed Montgomery at Custodial Services for further information.

"I suspect that with Republican majorities in both houses of the Congress that they may be additional efforts at the federal level to push back affirma­tive action," he said.

The proposition took effect immediately after passing, 54 percent to 46 percent. But under California law, existing laws remain on the books until they are declared unconstitutional.

Proposition 209 affects many affirmative action programs in state hiring, contracting and col­lege admissions. It does not affect private companies, court-ordered affirmative action or federal pro­grams, such as Head Start and Title VI, which are declared unconstitutional.

Mino said: "It will be missed particularly in this area."

Immodino also coached the Atascadero High School water polo team and played for the Cuesta Masters team in tourn­aments and informal competitions.

Immodino and his family moved to Atascadero in 1962.

Mino said Immordino's water polo influence will be missed particularly in this area.

Before Immordino's arrival, most of the Atascadero players never continued to play in the col­lege ranks.

Mino came to me 10 years ago and asked if I thought he would be able to coach," Bowen said. "I said absolutely, and once he started coaching, we had kids from Atascadero playing for us.

Two of Immordino's former players now compete for Cuesta.

"It has had a tremendous impact on our team. Some of the kids have had a tough time with it," Bowen said.

The entire Cuesta team and Immordino attended a memorial service held at Atascadero High School on Tuesday. Mino said that 1,000 people attended the service.

"The spirit there was awe­some," said Mino. "It was a comforting mood," Mino said. "His impact as a family man was never so relevant as when I saw the faces of his children and wife smiling encour­aging us to embrace life."

A native of France, Immordino came to the United States in 1962. He is survived by his wife Marilyn, a French teacher at Atascadero High School, his two children, Julia, 10, and Marc, seven, of Atascadero. His parents and two siblings still reside in France.

Custodial and Facility Services have started a Christmas Fund for Immordino's family. The project is soliciting monetary donations to present to the family to insure Immordino's children are given proper care in Christmas time.

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From page 1 are all considered for the match. Once the two are paired they go through training together for two-and-a-half to three weeks.

Godwin said DSS has been very helpful and said most of the problems she encounters result from unknowing students. She said people are constantly whistling, distracting or trying to feed her dog. Godwin didn't want to say the name of her dog because it might cause other students to call out the name and distract the dog.

"You're asking a lot of a dog to ignore a ball or a Frisbee or food...It's very insecure for them. They're in strange environments and-a-half to three weeks.

Godwin appreciates the attention and help people offer her even though she doesn't always need it. For the most part though Godwin appreciates the attention and help people offer her even though she doesn't always need it. She said she does pretty well, though she doesn't always need it.

Her dog's job is to lead Godwin around campus. "Sometimes she'll want to go off on her own...to be honest sometimes it's really freaky but she knows," Godwin said.

Her dog's job is to lead Godwin in the straightest line possible, but she has to know where she's going so she can give the dog directions. "Sometimes she'll want to go one direction, but I want to go the other, so I'll give her the command," she said.

We operate on praise and love and help people offer her even though she doesn't always need it. She said she does pretty well, though she doesn't always need it.
VANDAL'S CORNER

Time to spark up some medicinal herb and deal with this week's thrashing. So, if you have a prescription sit back, light up and enjoy.

I don't know about you, but all the suspense of my election night went away shortly after 6:00 p.m. when those corporate morons from all the networks decided to tell us who already won. It would be nice if at least they could wait until the California polls closed. But, hey, the media are about making money these days, not responsibility. And those results translate into big ad dollars the next time around.

KSBY dropped the ball on the local coverage this year. Every time I channel surfed to the only San Luis Obispo news channel, all I saw was Brokaw talking about the national scene. I guess KSBY forgot about all that local stuff going on. Then again, those results weren't all that impressive to me.

Two years ago California voters pipped me off when they approved Prop. 187. Like the people who wrote the thing didn't know that any court anywhere would strike it down. Now, they go and pass Prop. 209. What is this? I guess that's what happens when you spend more on prisons than on education. The best thing is that 215 passed, too. But this in itself represents a perplexing situation. We are liberal enough as a state to approve the use of pot, but we are conservative enough to end affirmative action as we know it. Go figure.

Speaking of Prop. C Berkeley's student paper, Daily Californian, wrote an editorial in favor of Prop. 209 and the next day all 23,000 copies disappeared. Now that's censorship of a different kind. To me, this is a little excessive. Just because I disagree with them doesn't mean I have a right to keep their voice muffled. What do you do with 23,000 copies of a newspaper anyway? Well, seeing that it is Berkeley, and the thievers are probably liberal, I would assume that they recycled them.

Until next time, question reality.

Jonny Vandal

LAUGH, DAMN YOU!

From the Mad Pad of the Schwartz

Topic: Umbrellas

The first rains of the season drenched us all last week. Those of us who didn't have umbrellas quickly realized we had to break down and get one at the bookstore. I bought one of those umbrellas out of the center of your patio table. This is lawn furniture. It's of the kind some huge macho dude who uses this umbrella. The kind that tent, let-me-walk-under-your-Biodome-too-you-.selfish-bastard las with the five-inch, metal rod sticking out the top.

You don't need to be this dry. The only person who needs to be like Barnes and Noble to survive if they had some books by an author named Edna Buchanan. My roommate chastised me explaining A Novel Experience down the street might have it and that I should go there instead and support local business.

We walked over to the local store and to my surprise the gentleman behind the counter volunteered his help, walked me over to the bookshelf and pointed out the books for me. He also gave me a discount because I was a little short of money and he gave me a bookmark. I left that store vowing to always check with them first to see if they have what I need.

It was that experience that made me realize big business in San Luis Obispo is big business. I'm not talking about the huge supermarkets we all depend on, I mean the big businesses like Barnes and Noble, Victoria's Secret, Ben and Jerry's, the Gap, the Limited and Structure. I have seen the little guys go bankrupt and I find it highly disturbing.

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If we continue to support the big businesses who unfairly compete with local establishments, we will see more local businesses fall apart. I think it would be a travesty for small businesses who have thrived in this community for years, crumble to big business. So the next time you think about stepping foot in one of the chains, consider supporting the local business in town, trust me, you'll be doing yourself and San Luis Obispo a favor.

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Keep business local

By Leslie Miyamoto

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Funk-driven band invades music scene: Victoriously

By Donna Heathers
Daily Staff Writer

There is a lot happening in the University Union (UU) besides studying and drinking coffee. Through the Travel Center, for instance, eight Cal Poly students and four non-students are planning a 19-day trip to Nepal. Across the board, individuals will be eating primarily vegetarian food and sleeping outdoors in 20- to 30-degree weather. Their destination is a small country sandwiched between China and India that serves as the gateway to the world’s highest mountain: 29,000-foot Mt. Everest.

"This is not a vacation — it’s an adventure," said Darren Connor, ASI program coordinator, who is in charge of planning the trip.

One of students making the trip is graduating construction management senior Tony Artho. He expects the Nepal trip to be an adventure and, even though he has traveled overseas while in the military, Artho has never been to Asia and looks forward to seeing the Kathmandu shops and meeting the people.

"I have friends who’ve been to Nepal and say the people are friendly there," Artho said. "I expect to see a lot of sights and experience their culture."

The trip to Nepal, Connor said, requires physical and mental fitness in order to make the 12-day trip to and from the base of Mt. Everest. After a flight from California to the capital city of Kathmandu, the group will take a small plane to a village near the bottom of the mountain, then hike up another 8,000 feet to Mt. Everest’s traditional base camp.

The hikers will be carrying back packs weighing about 40 pounds that includes their own sleeping bags and personal belongings instead of hiring porters as most tourists do. Typically, tourists do not carry overnight gear or food. Instead, local families along the route cater to hikers and tourists, providing food and overnight lodging in huts and lodges along the trail to Everest. The student group, Connor and the professional Bulgarian mountain guide they hired will also take advantage of local room and board.

It will be a challenging trip, Connor said. Nepal is a third-world country with lots of poverty and many of the students and non-students in the group are first time international travelers.

"Culture shock is an understatement," he said. "It may take a few days to adjust."

After hiking to the 17,000-foot base camp of Mt. Everest, the group will ride elephants, go canoeing and take a one-day raft trip on the Sun Kosi River. Their next stop is a safari to Chitwan National Park — a jungle in Nepal — to observe tigers, rhinos and other exotic animals indigenous to the area.

The last stop is a 12-hour layover in Bangkok where the hikers will spend a night in a hotel and rest while they wait for their plane back to California.

Interest in a trip to Nepal was on the minds of more and more students this year, Connor said. He achieved his goal of offering the experience and making it affordable. A trip like this would normally cost a traveler more than $5,000 but through the Travel Center’s connections, Cal Poly’s group got their "dream" trip, including round-trip airfare, for less than $2,699 each, Connor added.

In the past, ASI outings has gone to France, Austria, Hawaii and New Zealand. The Travel Center, Escape Route and ASI travel committee work together to promote adventure education for the entire student body, faculty and staff at Cal Poly. These trips are just a part of what goes on in the UU, he said.

"Students have time and opportunity for this trip; later in life they may not be able to leave the money," Connor said. "That’s the overall philosophy of the Travel Center — they do their best to get you out of town."
Shakespeare would roll over in his grave if he knew what his Verona had turned into through director Baz Luhrmann’s interpretation of “Romeo and Juliet.”

Verona no longer was a story Elizabethan town filled with men in tights and long, powerful swords. It was a town filled with men in Hawaiian shirts, tattoos, and brown boots lighting up a cigarette at a bar, where its beaches mirrored parts of Miami Beach — hurricanes and all. Really, it was filmed in Mexico.

The city crouched under skyscrapers of the two feuding families’, Capulet and Montague, separated only by the common church in the middle in order to keep the peace. Helicopters raced overhead and police sirens blared on the streets below.

The setting hardly resembled that of the traditional play, although the traditional dialect remained adding a unique twist. Even the Globe Theater had been turned into a run-down pool hall. Romeo, played by the ever-sex-thrilling Leonardo DiCaprio, seemed convincing, his Baroque dialect, the chemistry between him and Claire Danes was sparkling.

In fact, she lacked so much, that her monotonous speeches took so much away from the story that I felt a nauseating sensation during "Deny thy father..." soliloquy.

On a lighter note, DiCaprio did a marvelous job filled with spirit and passion as Romeo should have. However, his, and his fellow Montague "crownies", display of Hawaiian shirts, tattoos, extremely large guns and fast cars hardly created a traditional atmosphere.

This created some confusion. During the entire movie I waited for the actors to start laughing and stop the crazy dialect to speak through their roles. When ever heard of tough guys saying, “Peace? I hate the world, as I hate hell,” all Montague boys...

Now imagine Tybalt (John Leguizamo), Juliet’s cousin, dressed as a member of the Mexican Mafia clad in black leather and silver-bowed cowboy boots lighting up a cigarette at a newsanchor woman appears on the big screen reading a report of two deaths in Verona. Wait, am I in the right movie?

Continue listening closely as she recited the action. Luhrmann’s Romeo and Juliet, the story of two star-crossed lovers, and all of a sudden a blast of images and loud music quickly appear across the screen. Each character is briefly introduced into the confusion and afterward exhaustion sets in as if I had just run a visual marathon.

The director, Baz Luhrmann, begins his film in a Los Angeles-esque gas station introducing the rival Montague and Capulet boys with visual clues of hostility. The “gang” rivalry, however, doesn’t seem so tough when their story’s romance with their giddy lovestruck smiles and emotional outbursts. The most entertaining role, hence, comes from Mercutio, Romeo’s friend. He adds a touch of amusement when he dances in his drag queen get-up down the steps at the Capulet party. His good times don’t last as he goes into a violent rage sparking the string of deaths at the end of the movie.

The excellent cinematography created a balance between innocent love and feuding family hatred. Each shot had a purpose and kept me alert. How could I not be with all the cool music dictating the scenes. Prince’s 1980’s hit "When Doves Cry" even found its way into this hip film.

Romeo and Juliet is a good two-hour escape into a fantasy world. After walking out of the theater, I felt like I just woke up from an exceptional dream. The next time I need to get away I think I’ll try giving Luhrmann a call.

TRUTH IS
"Pretty, smell-good restaurant" is the closest translation for one of San Luis Obispo's oldest restaurants. Mee Heng Low Chinese Restaurant, located at 815 Palm St., was our stop in the Orient for this week's food review.

This restaurant, that was established in the 1940s by the current owner, is a quaint place which seems to attract many locals. Our waitress Kim told us the restaurant does not have a consistent menu before the appetizers arrived. Forced us to order a Coke. Ten minutes later we were served a paper-wrapped chicken — which is misleading because it caused more laughter from the audience than tears. As for Danes, although her looks made up for her lack of talent, the film became more of an unintentional comedy than a classic tragedy.

As for dinner, Megan and Jen both opted for Dinner Combination B, which was reasonably priced at $7.95 each. The dinner came with egg flower soup, fried wontons, fried shrimp, broccoli chicken, pork fried rice, and sweet and sour pork or sour and sweet chicken. As if this was not enough, and we did not already have three appetizers, with our meal, Megan was determined to try the paper-wrapped chicken — which is misleading because it comes wrapped in foil. Anyway, this is her personal favorite that needed to be tested.

Coming close to passing the test, this is definitely the best foil-wrapped chicken on the Central Coast. For those who have never tried this tasty treat, it comes wrapped in little foil triangles. The chicken inside is soaked in a marinade with chives and cooked twice to give it flavor. Six small triangles were delivered to the table for $4.25.

A bit stuffed from the four appetizers, the three remaining dishes arrived steaming hot on three large oval plates. Very satisfied with the broccoli chicken and pork fried rice, the sweet and sour pork left something to be desired. However, these three entrees were big enough and tasty enough to have leftovers for the both of us.

Overall, Mee Heng Low is a bit pricey if you are looking for a quick bite to eat, but perfect for a casual, not too expensive date.

It is guaranteed to be a good night of jazz. The Carnegie Hall Jazz Band, from the location of the same name, will make a stop in San Luis Obispo on its first nationwide tour tonight at Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

During the orchestra's stop at Cal Poly, Bandleader John Faddis will conduct a jazz workshop today at 11 a.m. in Room 218 of the Music Building. Under the direction of Faddis, a longtime trumpeter, the 16-piece band will feature a ton of jazz standards that are sure to blow your ears off.

Songs off its recent Blue Note debut album, including John Coltrane's "Giant Steps," are just a few of the pieces that the band plans to try. To play the other pieces lined up are composed by musicians in and close to the orchestra. The album, released in October, is similar to the sets performed on the band's tour which began in Los Angeles and will conclude in Amsterdam.

The talent-filled orchestra debuted in October 1992, just one year after it formed from the commission of the legendary music center where they perform. The original focus for the band was to debut scores of up-and-coming jazz composers and arrangers and pay tribute to many of history's great composers. This year's concert season performed by the ensemble exemplifies this mission as it features such programs as "Gershwin: A Portrait in Jazz," which highlights arrangements of the hit musical "Porgy and Bess," and "An Evening of Brazilian Jazz."

ROMEO: Not your typical Shakespearean tragedy

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gas station. Pretty smart, especially when he drops it, still lit, in a puddle of gas. He was had to the bone and angry as hell.

The cinematography was no less than awesome as every scene added amazing color and unbelievable angles. But the acting, mainly on Danes' part, detracted too much from the film's overall emotional effect. Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" is supposed to erupt the audience's emotions so fiercely, that no other feeling can result, other than utter depression. It is in fact, a tragedy. Its climactic dying scene unfortunately caused more laughter from the audience than tears.

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Bryden BEEFS up the middle for Mustangs

By Franco Castoldini, Special to the Daily

Russ Bryden came to Cal Poly with three years of basketball experience. As an overgrown youngster growing up in Redlands, Calif., Bryden played high school for his junior high school. Then, he stood at 6-foot-7-inches and weighed in at a slim 180 pounds. Things have slightly changed since the awkward years.

Now, the 6-foot-8-inch, 240 pound redshirt freshman will play in college basketball. Unlike most college freshmen in Division I, he will encounter a lengthy job description. In fact, Bryden will have as much responsibility on the court as some fifth-year seniors.

Is he nervous about the responsibility? Nope, more like excited about taking on the opportunity.

For Bryden, it's not a big deal that his job will entail guarding opposing tall frontcourt players. He blames his lack of intimidation on the basketball court to his ignorance about opposing teams. "I've been exposed to college basketball so little, I'm not aware of the tough frontcourt players we will be playing," Bryden said.

Yet, at the same time, Bryden possesses the basketball knowledge that would normally take every minute of a boy's adolescence to develop.

Just this week during a practice scrimmage, Bryden trailed a breakaway behind freshman guards Mitch2630 and Mike Wozniak (two very fast players) and positioned himself correctly to swat the ball away from Wiernicki's attempted lay-up.

Most other players with his size and experience would have given up or tripped over their feet. "He's an excellent shot-blocker," said head coach Jeff Schneider. "He's going to be able to alter a lot of shots this year."

Defensively, Bryden will have the most impact for Cal Poly. His presence, quick feet and his ability to send a ball into the stands will become a menace for opposing teams.

"He gives us a presence defensively," said Schneider. "He's going to be able to neutralize opponents' big men."

Bryden understands his role this season. His defensive game has improved tremendously over the past year, but improvements must be made offensively before he can take more shots. Look for Bryden creating open shots and lanes for his accurate three-point shooting teammates by setting up high-post screens.

"To see Ben Larson drive and me pick his man and clean his clock, that's a great feeling for me," Bryden said.

Credit Schneider's decision last season to develop true freshman Bryden rather than throwing him on the court as a true freshman. "Rebuilding my first year was the best thing for me."

Bryden will provide a defense punch for the Mustangs this season / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

According Press

LOS ANGELES - Jim Harrick was clearly a winner. For the most part, everything was wonderful in his eight years in Westwood.

Until now.

Harrick's firing Wednesday for an alleged NCAA recruiting violation and misstated expense report ended a run in which he had become UCLA's second-winningest coach with a 191-63 record.

Only John Wooden was better with his 620-147 mark in 27 legendary years, including 10 NCAA championships in a 12-year span. He retired in 1975, and his first five successors all had their difficulties.

Then came Harrick, who became the first UCLA coach to guide the Bruins to eight straight 20-plus win seasons and as many berths in the NCAA tournament. Only one other school - North Carolina, Arizona, Indiana and Arkansas - have gone to the tournament more consecutive times.

Harrick was the only UCLA coach who followed Wooden to last longer than four seasons. He finally stepped out of Wooden's shadow when the Bruins won their 11th NCAA title in 1995 - and first since Wooden's 1967 championship 20 years earlier.

That title stopped the incessant comparisons of Harrick and Wooden, who have been close friends for 30 years. Wooden did not immediately return a telephone call Wednesday seeking comment.

The championship also ended much of the Harrick bashing that reached a crescendo when the Bruins lost to Tulsa in the first round of the tournament in 1994.

"I really had a honeymoon the first four years. There was not a negative word ever said," Harrick said during the 1995 NCAA tournament. "It was just as if we weren't a forgivable team.

"When the Bruins again stumbled in the post-season, it was a disaster a great feeling for me," Bryden said.

Credit Schneider's decision last season to develop Bryden rather than throwing him on the court as a true freshman. "Rebuilding my first year was the best thing for me."

By Beth Horris

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BIG WEST

Men's Coaches Poll
1. Pacific
2. Long Beach State
3. U.C. Santa Barbara
4. Cal Poly
5. (Tie) U.C. Irvine
Cal State Fullerton

Women's Coaches Poll
1. U.C. Santa Barbara
2. Pacific
3. Long Beach State
4. U.C. Irvine
5. Cal State Fullerton
6. Cal Poly

Women's Soccer

Team Big West Overall
Cal Poly 2-3-1 10-9-1
Cal State Fullerton 5-1-4 17-4-2
UC Irvine 4-1-1 12-6-2
Pacific 4-2-1 12-6-2
Cal State Fullerton 13-3-2 16-2-2
North Texas 2-4-1 11-8-2
UCSB 2-4-1 6-10-1
Long Beach State 2-4-1 9-14-2

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