Pipe line surprises many with minimal environmental damage.

But not everyone's happy with erosion possibilities looming.

By Jessie Yamada

Daily Staff Writer

Much to the surprise of concerned individuals on campus, the state's water pipeline installed on campus has created less environmental damage than was previously expected.

It got the attention of Steven Marx, who protested the project's removal of oak trees last February.

Marx, an English professor, said, "The damage of oaks and permanent vegetation has been minimal."

Four oak trees were removed from Stenner Creek Canyon, located at the northwestern corner of campus. The Department of Water Resources (DWR) had originally proposed to eliminate 40 trees earlier this year to make way for the pipeline.

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Student guided by other's eyes.

By Leisha Moti

Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly is definitely not large or confusing 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.

"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've 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.

Brett Currier, resident 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 also books in braille, too.

Currier 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.

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 teach them the skills they need to get a job in the business world.

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Daily Staff Report

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.
Affirmative action measure heads to court

By Michelle Locke

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Affirmative action forces raced to the courthouse Wednesday, Day One under California's new law banning race or gender considerations in public hiring, contracting and education.

Proponents fired off a preemptive strike by filing suit in state court seeking a court order enforcing Proposition 209.

"We want to make sure that the attorneys general do not recognize," said Sharon L. Browne, lawyer for the Pacific Legal Foundation, which opposes the issue.

Opponents sought to block the measure with a legal challenge on in federal court.

We are confident that Proposition 209 will carry the day," said Mark Rosenbaum, legal director of the ACLU of Southern California.

A big question was whether Proposition 209 would follow the trendsetting footsteps of such California initiatives as tax-cutting Proposition 13 and the "three strikes" movement for stiffer sentencing laws, which spread to other states.

At the Institute for California Studies in Sacramento, director Tim Hodson, who called 209 "the most visible and dramatic manifestation of Proposition 209," said against affirmative action, thought the answer might be yes.

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

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"I was able to count on them and there were many problems, such as impacts to streams and the DWR contractor going out of the right of way," Leach said.

In July 1996, DWR, a state agency, seized control of the Central Coast Water Corridor (CCWA), a county public entity, to take over part of the project because it couldn't see no more meet the deadlines, according to Kurasaki.

"Our contractor was delayed because of negotiations with Cal Poly so we added Central Coast Water Authority to speed it up," Kurasaki said.

They agreed that as soon as CCWA took over construction at the two-mile area near Stenner Creek and the Pismo River, CCWA used construction methods that were less damaging to the natural environment and had a positive attitude in working with SOPET and environmental monitors, Marx said.

Leach said DWR contractors continued work on areas in Poly Canyon.

Randall Detter, Cal Poly project manager, said that although the pipeline is completely installed, there are still things which need to be done.

He said piles of dirt should be spread out and there are manholes and pipe gasketing that are still missing. More importantly, DWR needs to restore the areas of impact as close to the natural state as possible, he said.

"The main reason that we're concerned with now is the pains are coming, and if they don't get those areas reseeded or erosion can take place," Detter said.

As part of the agreement, DWR is responsible for the revegitation of the damaged areas and other erosion control measures. Its deadline is Nov. 15.

"They'll be lucky if they get finished by then, it's going to be real tight," Detter said.

Animal science professor Bob Rutherford said he believes there is an interdependence between the ecology and economy of a given area. He said natural occurrences, such as erosion, can have an impact on the entire community.

"If we have a lot of bare land out there, we're going to have a lot of floods," Rutherford said.

Rain on unvegetated land can also wash soil into the creeks, which can kill fish and other organisms. Plants also have a difficult time growing in eroded soil, which can reduce grazing areas that are used for livestock by animal science students.

Rutherford said ranching operations at Poly Ranch, which is used by the animal science and soil science departments, has been disrupted by the water project.

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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.

"It's really just set the whole ranch back a long ways," Rutherford said.

Cal Poly will take five years to restore the grazing areas and up to 20 years to get the areas of bare soil back to the original state.

"There's a possibility I could file a class action suit against DWR," Missio said. "They are insensitive to local conditions." No.

Proposition 209 affects many affirmative action programs in state hiring, contracting and college admissions.

"If you have a family man was never so relevant family," Rutherford said. "I never continued to play in the college ranks.

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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.

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Once the two are paired they go through training together for two-and-a-half to three weeks.

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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 monsters 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 pissed 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 pernicious 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. 187, 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 censornship 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 thirers 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 broken down and got one at the bookstore. I bought one of those umbrellas with the five-inch, metal rod sticking out the tip.

Who's the genius engineer who designed this? Just what I need to be sticking over my head in a thunderstorm! However, there aren't as bad as those huge, three-ring circus tent, let-me-walk-under-your-Biodome-too-you-selfish-bastard umbrellas. This is not a golf umbrella. This is something you latched out of the center of your patio table. This is lawn furniture. It's tent, let-me-walk-under-your-Biodome-too-you SELFISH-BASTARD las with the five-inch, metal rod sticking out the tip.

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You don't need to be this dry. The only person who needs to be this dry is the Wicked Witch of the West, and she's already dead! I think the technical name for this umbrella is a "golf umbrella." That name gives you your first hint — use it on the golf course, not on a crowded sidewalk! You could take people's eyes out.

I saw this guy who had an eyeball sticking off each tip of his golf umbrella. It was an umbrella eye kabob. Well, I guess I didn't see him that well because I was wincing in pain with my hand over my eye saying, "Uh, air, could I just have the curb? That's all I'm asking for, the curb."

May the Schwartz be with you.

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By Leslie Miyamoto

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fter dinner eating downtown the other night, I asked my roommate if we could stop by Barnes and Noble to see if they had any 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 how big business in San Luis Obispo is bad 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.

One store that comes to mind was the Earthling Bookstore. The multilevel Earthling had just been completely remodeled and then all of a sudden it shut down. I think the impact of the then new Barnes and Noble hurt them too severely to survive. There is also the Surrey Ridge Creamery. The employees inside were the nicest in town. My friends and I ate there just because we liked the hardworking owners who worked there day and night. After returning to San Luis Obispo from summer vacation I was pleasantly surprised to see Fanny Wrappers still in business. I thought for sure Victoria's Secret would have forced them to shut their doors, too.

Let's face it, the big chains are convenient because most of the time they can accommodate us but it's the small stores that make San Luis Obispo personable and quaint. I can never imagine walking down Higuera Street lined with wall-to-wall superstores and I hope I never do.

San Luis Obispo thrives on its small town characteristics. Stop signs and speed bumps everywhere to keep traffic slow, fast-food restaurants lack convenient drive-thrus so that service is more personable and farmer's market allows the community to come together and support the local farmers.

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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Funk-driven band invades music scene: Visoriously

By Donna Wolters
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.

Over the December holiday break, instead of shopping and feasting on turkey, these 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 Daren 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.

"Cultural 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 canoing 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 get 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 could have the time even if they have the money," Connor said. "That's the overall philosophy of the Travel Center — they do their best to get you out of town."
Shoshana "Shosh" Hebshi
Arts Weekly Staff Writer

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.

This Verona resembled a present-day urban Los Angeles while its beaches mirrored parts of Miami Beach — hurricanes and all. Really, it was filmed in Mexico. The city crouched under sky-scarpers 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-so-heartthrobbing Leonardo DiCaprio, seemed convincing his cute face rather than his Elizabethan language. His counterpart, the angelic Juliet, (Claire Danes) had a much less believable portrayal, lacking emotion and passion.

I firmly believe that in order to play any Shakespearean character, the actor must be able to transform him or herself into an ecclectic, ever-emotional one, sweetening of passion while nearly singing the beautiful lines.

DiCaprio turned into a run-down pool hall. His heartthrob,ing Leonardo DiCaprio, seemed convincing his Elizabethan dialogues penetrate the speakers (yes they talk like this throughout the whole movie). After a while the dialect becomes less noticeable and distracting.

Romeo, played by Leonardo DiCaprio, steals the screen with his cute face rather than his Elizabethan talent. But in this MTV-aged version he translates the story into a story Generation X can follow.

Claire Danes plays the innocent, wide-eyed Juliet. The angelic, 17-year-old actress gave a convincing performance. Her dramatic portrayal of a desperate girl going against her family's wishes is depicted in the arena when her father (Paul Servino) insists she marry someone other than Romeo.

Despite the clash between the modern day setting and the Baroque dialect, the chemistry between DiCaprio and Danes was gripping. Hats off to the casting director. Both actors captured the story's romance with their giddy lovestruck smiles and emotional outbursts. The most entertaining role, however, comes from Mercutio, Romeo's friend. He adds a touch of amusement when he dances in his drag queen get-up and uses the same trick 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 unorthodox 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.

THUMIPS
Carnegie Hall Jazz Band on first U.S. tour

Jennifer Bench and Megan Lautamas
Daily Staff Writers

"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 crowd, but is filled daily with locals that keep coming back.

We chose this restaurant because it is rich in history and its cozy atmosphere has a lot of potential for future dates. All of the tables are close together, and if you are lucky enough to sit in a booth, you get your own coat rack.

After being seated with a piping hot pot of tea, the lack of taste forced us to order a Coke. Ten minutes later we were served a miniature bottle of Coke. One thing became clear: B.Y.O.B.G.

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 sweet and sour 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 fails-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.

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A music director Jon Faddis and his trumpet. Photo Courtesy band publicity

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, Band director 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 18-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. 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."

ROME: Not your typical Shakespearean tragedy

Music Director John Faddis and his trumpet. Photo Courtesy band publicity

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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.

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IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore

"Oh yeah, Wilson? Well, maybe you'd like to lace up a pair of Model E-405s and settle this out in the parking lot!"
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**TODAY'S GAMES**
- There are no games today.

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- Women's Soccer vs. Cal State Fullerton @ Fullerton (Big West Championships), 7:30 p.m.
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**Jim Harrick fired as UCLA men's basketball coach**

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 191-62 record.

*Only John Wooden was better with his 620-147 mark in 27 legendary years, including 19 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 so many berths in the NCAA tournament. Only four other schools - North Carolina, Arizona, Indiana and Arkansas - have gone to the tournament more consecutive times.*

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**Bryden BEFFS up the middle for Mustangs**

By Byrom Castaldini, Special to the Daily

Ross 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 days.

Now, the 6-foot-8-inch, 240-pound redshirt freshman will play in his first collegiate basketball season. 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? No. More like excited about taking on the opportunity.*

*For Bryden, it's not a big deal that his job will entail guarding opposing team's best 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 adolescent life to develop.*

*Just this week during a practice scrimmage, Bryden showed a quickness behind the basket guards, and positioned himself correctly to swat the ball away from Wiens' 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 games 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 Bryden rather than throwing him on the court as a true freshman.*

*"Rebuilding my first year was the best thing for close friends for 30 years. Wooden didn't 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.*

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*It helped that Harrick won consecutive Pac-10 Conference championships in 1994 and '95 to go with his first conference title in '92.*

*Even when the Bruins again stumbled in the tournament last season, going out in the first round with a 43-41 loss to Princeton, the fans were in a forgiving mood.*

*That loss culminated a season in which the Bruins struggled to settle down after winning the Pac-10 title the year before.*

*Harrick had trouble reigning in some of the boisterous players, including Charles O'Bannon Jr. and freshman James McCoy. O'Bannon received three technical fouls during the season, and McCoy alternately preened and pouted as his performance went up and down. In addition, the Bruins were plagued by turnovers. At times, Wooden's pregame on-court conversations alone got them through tight games.*

*Harrick received a jolt about a month before the end of last season. Assistant Lorenzo Romar announced he was leaving to take the head coaching job at Pepperdine.*

*As the chief UCLA recruiter, Romar was responsible for bringing in top talent, including the O'Bannon brothers, Tyus Edney and McCoy. Romar's departure prompted O'MA Givens to leave UCLA for Pepperdine.*

*Harrick leaves the responsibility for one of college basketball's most storied programs to coach toGuide the team as the top five teams when The Associated Press preseason poll is released next week.*

**Cal Poly forward Russ Bryden will provide a defense punch for the Mustangs this season / Daily photo by Joe Johnson**

*"Bryden admitted. "Out of the five years I can play, my fifth year will have more impact than my first five years as a player."

*Sophomore guard Ben Larson, who lived with Bryden in the dorms last season, witnessed the development.*

*"He's improved a lot," Larson said. "Last year, he wasn't as confident, it was more of a mental thing. This year, he's confident and a lot bigger."

*During the off-season, Bryden added 15 pounds and will fit perfectly into his role for the team, Schneider said.*

*Big West Conference teams, known for their strong frontcourt players, will attempt to exploit the inexperienced Bryden. For Bryden, he enjoys the challenge.*

*"At all times I'm going to take it. And then I'll go to represent who I am, what I am and where I come from (when I'm on the court)."*