Guiding lights: the brighter, the safer

By Carrie Cordova
Daily Staff Writer

It’s 10 p.m. and totally black outside. A lone student leaving campus can feel uneasy on a walk to a dimly-lit parking lot. Trekking out to what may seem like the outskirts of the most desolate place on earth can bring feelings of isolation and fright. What’s behind that bush? Do I hear footsteps behind me?

Soon students in that situation should feel safer walking across campus. Improvement is on the way and Cal Poly students can expect a much “brighter” campus by March.

During the current phase of the Utility project, all campus street lights will be modified to increase light output from 150 watts to 250 watts.

According to Edward Johnson, the energy and utilities coordinator for Cal Poly, the university is always concerned with upgrading the lighting in certain areas. We do an annual, night walk-through with students and staff to determine if there’s issues they have, he said.

Poor lighting in parking lots on campus such as this one present safety hazards to students walking to their cars at night. The university is working on making the lighting brighter.

Though light levels may be increasing, the actual number of street lights isn’t, and for many students, additional lighting would make them feel safer.

Business freshman Karena Keller said: “It would help to have street lights closer together and not so spaced apart — especially near the walkway by the gym.”

Sara Madrigal, a freshman psychology major, said she also feels additional lighting would make a difference with campus safety.

“The back of the (recreation) center needs better lighting. Often, I feel scared,” she said.

Johnson said there is no light in certain areas because, theoretically, nobody should be in those areas.

But for students who live on campus, like science freshman Susia Slutski, it’s virtually impossible to avoid certain areas.

End in sight for CSU fee increases

State bill pending to cut tuition costs by five percent

By Amanda Keller
Daily Staff Writer

Back in the 1960s, a four-year college education from any school in the CSU system was affordable, mere pennies in relation to what it costs now.

Back then, tuition costs have skyrocketed to about 10 times as much as they were. The cost of a higher education today can set a student back at least $50,000. The trend has been for that expense to continue to balloon each year.

But soon California students, including those at Cal Poly, may notice a long-awaited tuition cut.

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Poly business program accused of mismanagement

The Cal Poly extended education Executive Masters of Business Administration program got a real lesson in “learn by doing.” Those in charge of the program learned what not to do.

The program collapsed in the wake of gross mismanagement, including neglecting basic tasks such as formulating a budget, according to a report from the Bureau of State Audits.

The Executive Masters of Business Administration (EMBA) program was designed as an extended education program to provide working professionals with the essentials of a traditional Masters of Business Administration degree.

EMBA began with 26 students in June of 1994. Two years later the program ended with 18, and a long list of mismanagement allegations from the State Auditor’s office.

The report criticized the university for violating both CSU policy and state law. The violations included overcharging students for application fees, deposing program revenues improperly and failure to develop a working budget.

Although the EMBA program operated for two years, the auditor’s report states the program never gained approval from the College of Business (COB) graduate committee. This committee is responsible for maintaining curriculum policy and content for all the college’s graduate programs.

The EMBA program was never approved by the Academic Senate, the university’s curriculum-governing body. Both CSU and Cal Poly require reviews of special sessions or program changes like the EMBA, before their implementation.

Administration is unsure how a program which teaches business management could possibly have itself been mismanaged.

Frank Lebens, vice president for administration and finance, said perhaps EMBA coordinators didn’t seek formal approval from the senate because the EMBA program was in essence the same as the established MBA program.

“I don’t know if there was an assumption that because the content, in a collective sense, replicated the regular program — which had already been approved by the senate — there was no need to repeat that approval process,” Lebens said.

Allen Haile was the dean of the College of Business for part of the time EMBA was operating, but wouldn’t comment on the program mismanagement.

Haile referred the Mustang Daily to Walter Rice, associate dean of the college, adding that Rice would have all the information about the program.

Rice gave a brief statement about why the program was not formally submitted to the Academic Senate before its implementation.

“Actually, I did contact the senate curriculum committee,” said Rice. “The reason we didn’t push approval was because the curriculum materials were simi...
CSUs, major corporations likely to team up

By Brad Davis
Daily Staff Writer

Welcome to 21st century corporate America. It’s the land of opportunity, freedom and (almost) daily technological advancements.

In today’s fast-paced, rat-race, inter-faced society, it can be difficult, if not impossible, to not only keep up mentally with the latest technology, but to afford it.

The CSU! is trying to solve this problem by implementing a project and partnership by December to beef-up and maintain our technological infrastructure.

In 1994, the Integrated Technology Strategy (ITS) was developed at the request of CSU presidents to provide faculty, students and staff with minimum baseline access to the appropriate technology infrastructure by the year 2000.

The basic needs for the CSU community are network connections, access to hardware, software, training and support. These needs are being addressed through a project called the Technology Infrastructure Initiatives. All CSU campuses have been involved in driving the infrastructure effort through representatives in a team known as the Systemwide Internal Partnership (SIP).

A partnership between the CSU system and four corporations is also in the works.

The California Education Technology Initiative (CETI) is a proposed corporation combining both private and public sectors under contract. GTE, Microsoft, Fujitsu Business Communications Systems and Hughes Global Services are all involved in the multi-million-dollar proposal with the CSU.

One concern raised by the proposal comes in the wake of the recent Cal Poly-Pepsi contract: would this agreement actually harm CSUs by limiting the companies the schools can buy products from?

Not according to SIP team member, Bill Bradfield.

“The reality is (the corporations) would provide technology that’s going to best fit our needs,” said Bradfield. “It may not have their labels on it.”

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The main streets are fine, she said. 'But the lighting in the parking lot behind the dorms is bad. You can't see much, which makes you feel unsafe.'

Carrie Bryson, animal science freshman, echoed Slutzki's sentiments. Walking from the dorm to VG's - Vista Grande Cafe - and behind the dorms is really dark, she said.

Male students in the same situations said they weren't as concerned with the lighting issue as their female counterparts. They also feel safer. Phong Bui-Quang, aeronautical engineering senior, said, 'I feel safe walking on campus, maybe because I'm a guy. But you should always use common sense and safety.'

Business senior business Gary Quan said, 'I feel the lighting is adequate enough. But it's a lot safer if you walk in groups, pairs or troupes. I feel safe anywhere I go in this town.'

Civil engineering freshman David Jennings said he feels a lot safer at Cal Poly than in his home town of Fresno. 'Compared to their female counterparts they're much more concerned with the lighting issue as well as other safety issues,' he added. 'Walking from the dorm makes you feel unsafe.'

'Primarily we're concerned with making sure people have a safe place to walk and do things in an energy-efficient manner,' he added.

'Lighting itself doesn't necessarily create a safe environment. If there's an area where there are a lot of bushes near a sidewalk, then all the lighting in the world isn't going to help you,' Johnson said.

He added that too much light can also be unsafe. 'If there's a lot of light in one area and you're walking into the glare, somebody could actually be behind the light, and you wouldn't see them because of the glare,' he said.

'I feel there is a need for lighting improvement,' Johnson said. 'Students and faculty walk to their classes, and to their dorms late at night. If a car pulls next to you going the same way, reverse your direction, one.'

If you must walk alone:
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5. Avoid walking alone at night.
6. If a stranger tries to engage you in a conversation, use discretion before stopping to talk. It is a good idea to say you are in a hurry to meet someone.
7. Have the key to your home or car ready as you approach.
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Dawn discusses disaster and the dangers of driving

By Dawn Pillsbury

I always said driving was dangerous. From the first time I saw one car run a red light and plow into another—my family was on our way to see "The Dark Crystal" for my little brother Ed's birthday—I knew it was dangerous.

When I first heard about how James Dean died, and saw the procession of cars reenacting his last, fatal motorcycling and the disaster and the death, I knew driving was dangerous.

When I was eight years old and my father took me out motorcycling and the bike flipped over and landed on my leg, spilling hot oil on me to make a scar I still bear, I knew motorcycles were particularly dangerous. When reports came out listing vehicular accidents as the leading cause of death for Americans, I was surprised. Driving is dangerous.

And when, when my little brother Ed—my son—met with a tragic and dangerous accident in all my dreams, I was devastated. And then, when I was driving back from my son's funeral, I had a terrible accident, but I know nothing about. Now he's laying in a hospital bed in a coma. Maybe he can tell when we come in and talk to him.

He switches when they clean the wounds that cover his body. Sometimes the nurses see his eye move under the lacerated lid. Sometimes he tries to move his cast-covered arm and wrist. They have to sedate him even more when they set his broken jaw and try to figure out how many teeth he lost. We don't know if he'll ever wake up.

He wanted to come to Cal Poly and study engineering. He loved "Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance" but had never gotten around to reading the sequel "Lila."

Now when I take turns reading his favorite parts, he can tell when we come in and talk to him. He twitches and talks to him. He sometimes he moves his jaw and try to figure out how many teeth he lost. We don't know if he'll ever wake up.

Dawn Pillsbury is a journalist who still hasn't gotten her driver's license.

Letters to the Editor

Soda monopoly leaves me with no choice

Editor,

I would like to add my voice to the growing number of students concerned about the monopoly Pepsi has on Poly's campus.

And then there's the immuni­ty question. What if my metabo­lism becomes unresponsive to the chemical properties of Pepsi or Mountain Dew?

I may need to move on to another type of beverage just to get the same quick energy and rehydration that I need.

Also, a person might just want a second opinion to be sure they are buying the right beverage. Shouldn't we be able to con­sider Dr. Pepper on or off campus?

Mike Brennan is an english student.

Who insists the sports complex must go on?

Editor,

The promoters of the Cal Poly Sports Complex and their Chicago consultants have shown remarkable flexibility in recov­ering from the detection of both Occio Smith and the City of San Luis Obispo after financial part­ners sold a distribution monop­oly to Pepsi Cola for a million and a half dollars. But they remain utterly rigid when it comes to altering their site plans so as not to destroy the hard-surfaced Smith soccer 

Despite last March's protest by the student body, the Board of Trustees insists on installing the plan in its pre­sent configuration.

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Steven Marx is an english professor.

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I used to be happy calling Cal Poly home. I appreciated the numerous varieties of trees, plants and flowers that decorated the walkways and roads of the campus. They were a respite from the many concrete, featureless buildings that gobble up students like myself. There was more green grass and less dust and dirt to turn to mud in the rain.

When the Utilidor project started last fall, things began to change. Besides noise and roadblocks, and despoiled orange fencing turned getting to classes into a true torture. There was more green grass and less dust and dirt to turn to mud in the rain.

Trees, shrubs, and grass were all ripped up to get at the pipes and wiring in the ground. The row of tall shrubs in front of Engineering West vanished, leaving only an expanse of cement to further torture the eyes of many architecture students cooped up in the top-level labs for hours on end. The brick walkway past Dexter Lawn to the Education building was torn up as construction workers were entrenched there for the better part of the winter. That left the path to the west end of campus a stretch of dirt that cut through the lawn and turned to muddy goo during the rains. If you want to get to the Agricultural Engineering building, you have to walk clear around either side of the orange fencing, there is no cutting through the middle. In fact, the central access has been cut off for months, although I've never seen anyone working there.

Returning to campus after summer, I found the Utilidor causing even more transportation problems for those unlucky enough to have to drive to school. But the worst thing to me was that most of the ivy in front of the Science building on Via Carta was gone, leaving behind a stretch of bare earth that threatens to become a dust storm on the first really windy day that is sure to come. That ivy, with its shiny greenness was one of the best landscaping moves on the campus. It was a low-maintenance ground cover that looks good and keeps the dirt down. Not only was the ivy missing, so was the grass in front of the Graphic Arts and Engineering South buildings. And even the grass in front of the Business building, usually the most well-maintained lawn on campus, looks brown and dead now.

I don't know if Utilidor is solely responsible for the current appearance of Cal Poly. But it's an appearance that makes me truly sad. Not only do the areas under construction look like hell, the majority of campus just looks dry, dusty and forlorn. Maybe Utilidor is making it difficult to get to and maintain many areas of campus, or maybe it has just been designed to wait until after the project's completion in spring to make our campus look good again.

Utilidor: Friend or Foe?

I miss the old Cal Poly

By Megan Long

While the upgrade is supposed to make everything better in "the long run," I'm tired of looking at dirt and concrete. It's important to have an aesthetically pleasing campus as well as new technology, because the quality of an environment affects the quality of the work that gets done. I know that a better effort could be made on the upkeep of vegetation around the construction areas. And I can't help but wonder how the face Cal Poly is presenting to the public affects prospective students.

There's been so many times in the last year that I've been walking on campus with someone and heard the remark, "If I was looking at the campus right now, I wouldn't choose to come here." I agree. Why would you want to come to Cal Poly, home of dirt and orange fencing as far as the eye can see? I can't help but wonder what's going through the heads of the boomer kids being led on tours by Poly Reps who are trying to downplay the war zone atmosphere of trenches, caution, no pedestrian signs and big machines. Isn't this project turning away prospective students? Of course admission officers tell you it hasn't, and point to the high enrollment figures. But really, on a personal basis, I'll bet some students are thinking twice after visiting Poly.

This summer I worked with a community college student in northern California who planned to transfer into a university to study civil engineering next year. He asked me many questions about Poly, and seemed to think of it as his first choice. But after a visit to the campus in mid-summer, he came back less enthusiastic than before, and more interested in looking into other schools. "I thought it was more concrete," he said. "There's a lot more concrete than at Shasta College." I thought I was being relatively green, but after returning this fall, I believe I'm seeing what he did. In fact, walking along the pathway recently that traverses the area from the outer loop (Perimeter Drive) across from the Air Conditioning building to Costa Avenue across from the Student Services, I thought I was in a desert. There was no grass, just scrubby, colorless vegetation on the ground. No wonder he wasn't impressed.

I used to be happy calling Cal Poly home.

Megan Long is a Daily staff writer and journalism junior.

Think people! Don't curse the Utilidor

By Alan Dunton

Many people still curse the name Utilidor, and all it represents. Grievances against the project are discussed by confused students who attempt to navigate through its maze, as well as by professors who are tired of students coming to class late because a fifteen-ton bulldozer blocks the only way to the education building. However seemingly appropriate at certain instances, bulldozing the Utilidor is actually an admittance of ignorance. You see, if you took a minute to ponder the magnitude of this project, rather than jumping to such shallow conclusions, you might actually get caught applauding the efforts of the Utilidor people. Utilidor doesn't simply entail the laying of pipe. It includes three large scale projects that in the end will completely overhaul Cal Poly's existing infrastructure. In brief, the $25 million Utilidor, a mile-long accessible utility corridor, will replace the 1950's style steam heating with a much more efficient hot water system. Next, the current unswitched radial 4,160-volt power system will be replaced by a sparking new looped 12,000-volt system. Moreover, the new electricity will flow through Cal Poly's own computer controlled substation. allowing problems to be detected and isolated quickly. Occasionally canceled classes due to power outages are over.

Finally, our water system will be upgraded to code, and a new 500,000 gallon underground reservoir, along with a water filtration plant, will be added. With the increased improved water reserves and pressure capacity will beef-up fire-fighting capabilities. So in a nutshell, you can see that the school at large will be a better, safer and more efficient place once the Utilidor people put away their jackhammers and roll into the sunset with their steam rollers.

But how come it's taking so long? With a project that is projected to take several years, it's moving along at a good pace. Let's forget that San Luis Obispo isn't the easiest place to work in when the rains come. Some of you freshmen are in for a rude awakening when you look at your dorm windows and see upperclassmen hee-hawing to class down Grand Ave. And some of you who have been here awhile think you've seen the worst of it? Two words: El Nino. In all fairness let's give Utilidor and the men and women who labor in the trenches a break. This project will be completed, maybe not tomorrow or the next day, but it will be done. Whining will only make the project seem to last forever.

Alan Dunton is the optimistic Mustang Daily Arts and Entertainment Editor.
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Death brings focus to student binge drinking

By Jon Marcus
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A freshman found unconscious amid vomit and empty liquor bottles at a Massachusetts Institute of Technology fraternity has died of an alcohol overdose.

Scott Krueger, 18, of Orchard Park, N.Y., died late Monday, three days after the fraternity pledge discovered was discovered in his basement room at the Phi Gamma Delta house.

His parents said his blood-alcohol level had reached 110 percent — five times the legal limit for drivers in Massachusetts. Authorities say that means he consumed almost 16 drinks. The medical examiner said Tuesday that Krueger died of alcohol poisoning.

"You'd think people here would be smarter than that. But in some cases, tragic things just happen," said John Fries, 18, an MIT freshman.

It was at least the second such death at an American university this semester. In August, a Louisiana State University fraternity pledge died at a hospital after a night where he was paid off with a "big brother" and where alcohol was served, school officials said.

Police have begun a criminal investigation, and licensing authorities in Boston, where the fraternity is located, have charged it with serving alcohol to minors, allowing an overdose of alcohol and other violations. The drinking age in all states is 21.

MIT has also suspended Phi Gamma Delta from participating in campus social activities.

Students said Phi Gamma Delta promoted an image of itself as MIT's "Animal House" frat. Several said they had been offered beer there during the freshman summer rush week, despite university regulations banning alcohol at the event.

Officers of the MIT chapter and the fraternity's national headquarters declined to comment.

MIT's other fraternities and its dormitory council have agreed to hold seminars and asking resident advisers to counsel freshmen.

Jon Tong, 21, an MIT senior, said the heightened awareness won't last long.

"Two years down the road, I question whether people will remember this incident," he said. "My personal opinion is that things will just continue as they were.

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Hooters settles gender discrimination lawsuit, hires waitresses not waiters

By Paul Driscoll

CHICAGO — Patrons of Hooters won’t find mustachioed muscleman in sexy T-shirts and shorts asking for their order.

The restaurant chain known for its scantily clad waitresses agreed to pay $1.75 million to settle a sexual discrimination lawsuit brought by men turned down for jobs because of their gender.

The settlement allows Hooters to continue hiring customers with an exclusively female staff of Hosters Girls. The chain also agreed to create a few other support jobs, such as bartenders and hosts, that must be filled without regard to gender.

So women hoping for the same “vivacious sexual recreation” offered by Hooters Girls can forget it. There will be no hoste Boys.

“Our business is on the female sex appeal side,” Mike McNell, a spokesman for the restaurant, said Tuesday.

“Over the years there have been lots of people who have suggested offering some male sex appeal. Our answer is, if you think that’s a good, economically viable idea, get your capital together and go ahead and do it,” he said.

The private lawsuit settled a consolidation of legal action brought by seven men from Illinois and Maryland who argued that their failure to get jobs at Hooters was a violation of federal law.

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Nichols, 42, smiled and waved to his mother in the front row as he was escorted into the courtroom where the process began to select 12 jurors and six alternates.

Prosecutors say Nichols was a supporting player in the deadliest act of terrorism on U.S. soil, acquiring fertilizer and other components, robbing a firearm-dealer to finance the attack and helping McVeigh build the bomb. They also say Nichols helped McVeigh stash the getaway car in Oklahoma City three days before the blast.

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch noted there were many similarities to McVeigh’s trial, including identical charges that could bring the death penalty. But he added, “This is a different case. ... It begins with a clear page.”

Nichols appeared for the first day of trial in an open-collared shirt, blue blazer and khaki pants.

In the courtroom and throughout the federal building, security was tight, with police making periodic patrols. Outside, the crowd was significantly smaller than the one at the opening of McVeigh’s trial. An hour before court began, there were four spectators in line, compared with about 50 for opening day of McVeigh’s trial.

There was a smaller media contingent too, with many organizations sending smaller staffs.

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A treatment for the common cold

By Daniel G. Money
Associated Press

TORONTO — A cure for the common cold? Not quite. But perhaps the next best thing is on the way. A medicine that helps you feel only half as rotten as you ordinarily would when the sniffles do strike.

Researchers on Tuesday described the successful human testing of the first medicine that eases cold symptoms by attacking the cold virus itself.

It’s still years away from the drugstore, cautioned Dr. Ronald B. Turner. “We’ve got a ways to go before we’re willing to say the word ‘cure.’”

What Turner is willing to say, though, is that a genetically engineered medicine called ICAM-1 clearly seems to make colds less severe if sprayed into the nose around the time of infection.

And that’s something to be happy about.

Standard cold remedies try to tone down the body’s reaction to the cold virus rather than thwart the germ itself. Antiviral approaches have been tried, but they typically do nothing at all or their side effects are worse than the cold.

One obstacle to finding an effective medicine is that so many different bugs cause colds. The most common by far is the rhinovirus, which accounts for about 40 percent of them. But there are more than 100 different strains of rhinovirus.

A few years ago, scientists learned how almost all the rhinoviruses get into the body. They attach themselves to a particular protein on the cells of the nasal lining. Scientists call this protein “intracellular adhesion molecule-1,” or ICAM-1.

Using gene splicing, scientists can produce ICAM-1 in volume. The idea behind the new treatment is to spray it into the nose, where it serves as a sort of decoy, luring cold viruses away from their real target. “Molecular bait,” some call it.

Two pharmaceutical companies — Bayer Corp. and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals — are developing this approach. Turner, an expert on colds at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, said Boehringer’s medicine is the first to make it into human testing. He presented the results of that experiment, financed by Boehringer, at a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology.

The researchers sprayed ICAM-1 or dummy medicines into the noses of 177 volunteers either seven hours before or 12 hours after exposing them to rhinovirus.

The spray did not keep them from getting infected. But it reduced the severity of their cold symptoms by about 50 percent.

By comparison, antihistamines — the mainstay of over-the-counter remedies — reduced symptoms by about a third.

The researchers asked people to rate their misery, going down a check list of stuffiness, cough, headache and sore throat, among others. On every item, the people getting ICAM-1 felt better.

They also compared “nasal mucous weight,” as they delicately put it, and found a 55 percent reduction.

It looks very promising, but whether it will prove to be effective and feasible is another matter,” commented Dr. W. Michael Scheld of the University of Virginia.

For now, it appears the treatment may help if given to ward off colds in people especially worried about getting them. These might include athletes preparing for a big game, students studying for a test or parents whose toddlers bring home colds from day care.

It is likely to be most useful in the fall and late spring, when rhinovirus colds are usually worst. Midwinter colds are more likely to be caused by other kinds of viruses.

Still unknown are how much the treatment might cost and whether it will help people if they begin treatment only after they start to feel a cold coming on.

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The bill would freeze student fees at all California public colleges and universities at a 5 percent decrease from the 97-98 fiscal-year fees, until the year 2000. The decrease would begin in the fall of 1998 and apply only to residents of California who are full-time students.

Where the state plans to make up for that five percent they won’t be getting from tuition fees is still unknown. Rick Ramirez, associate vice president of finance, said that won’t be announced until next year.

Ramirez said: “If you take six units or more for three quarters, you’ll pay $1,584. This would roll that back 5 percent.” With the cutbacks, students taking six or more units would pay about $1,500.

“I think it’s a good place to start but I don’t know that the 5 percent is enough,” said industrial technology senior Fauna Reeves.

This reduction is limited to state fees, leaving the university administration free to fluctuate the miscellaneous campus registration fees as they wish.

The University Union, Rec Center and Health Services are all examples of student services funded by campus fees.

Five years ago, a student paid $534 to attend Cal Poly full-time for one quarter. Of that amount, $436 went toward state fees.

This full-fall student paid $748, of which $526 went to the state, and $230 went towards campus fees.

It has taken those five years to raise the system-wide fees $92. Campus fees have risen $116 in the same time period.

While the 5 percent may seem minimal to some, it can also be a sign that the state is committed to seeing increases in enrollment. Lt. Governor Gray Davis reported that, in the midst of giant fee hikes during the early-to-mid-90’s, enrollment dropped significantly. AR1118, if passed, guarantees that won’t happen again for the rest of the decade.

Braves outlast Astros
By Paul Newberry

ATLANTA — Greg Maddux gave the Braves the kind of pitching they take for granted. But it was Kenny Lofton, who finally showed Atlanta what a little speed can do.

Lofton, hampered most of the season by a pulled green muscle, created a first-inning run with his daring on the bases, and Maddux limited Houston to seven singles as Atlanta defeated the Astros 2-1 in the first game of NL division series Tuesday afternoon.

Darryl Kile and two relievers

held the Braves to only two hits— none after the first pitch in the second inning — but Atlanta forced a one-run, one-out, walk showing the experience of making an unprecedented sixth straight postseason appearance.

Houston, making its first post-season appearance since 1986, has played the Braves close all year. The 11 regular-season games each were decided by one or two runs, with Atlanta winning seven.

Ryan Klesko led off the second with a homer to right, giving the Braves a 2-0 lead. That would be their final hit of the day.

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IN THE BLEACHERS

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Associated Press

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