ASI puts off action on last year's overspending

By Amanda Keller
Daily Staff Writer

It was business as usual at Wednesday's ASI board meeting. The crowds that had packed into U.U. room 220 during the sports complex debate diminished, leaving only the board and a few attendees. Although the mood was quiet throughout the duration of the meeting, the issue of ASI's 1996-97 fiscal year-end budget was discussed concerning ASI's accounts which were over-spent to the hoard. He suggested that the members forgive these debts, Geis suggested an addition to the hoard's action. "We just want to forgive this, and we do pay these guys to run operations," said Juan Fionzalez, ASI executive director.

Following that statement several employees put together a complete catalogue to provide educational and instructional materials for high schools, colleges, vocational schools and industry. Its services have been reduced over the years by budget cuts, so one of the reasons Foundation created PowerHouse Media was to help fill in those gaps, and also as a means to serve instruction in fields ranging from landscaping to mitosis to horse care. It has also produced a six-part series called "America the Beautiful," about the history of agriculture in the U.S.

Power to make profits

Foundation invests in start-up, for-profit company

By Michelle Boykin
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly Foundation's first for-profit venture is powering up. PowerHouse Media began about a month ago as an extension of Cal Poly's non-profit Visual Education Productions (VEP) operation. Both organizations are run by Foundation - the non-profit body that runs commercial operations on campus, such as El Corral Bookstore and Campus Dining. All the net profits help pay for improvements to the school.

For more than 40 years, VEP put out a catalogue to provide educational and instructional materials for high schools, colleges, vocational schools and industry. Its services have been reduced over the years by budget cuts, so one of the reasons Foundation created PowerHouse Media was to help fill in those gaps, and also as a means to serve the outside business community's multimedia needs. PowerHouse's services include web page development, CD-ROM production, print media design, video production and marketing services.

"We produce videos for government agencies, and help entrepreneurs put together a complete marketing plan and promotional package. We can put together a simple logo design or develop a CD-ROM brochure," said Rick Smith, director of VEP and PowerHouse Media.

VEP's 48-page, full-color catalogue markets the videos and CD-ROMs it produces or re-sells for

Reading with elementary schoolers promotes literacy

By Andi Joseph
Daily Staff Writer

Children are gaining reading skills with the help of students and community. The "America Reads" program, a proposal made by President Clinton, is alive and well at Cal Poly. America Reads is a literacy program designed to heighten the reading ability of children across the nation. The goal is to make sure every eight-year-old in this country can read a book.

The program was proposed by President Clinton in February and the California State University system sanctioned it almost immediately. Each campus was allowed to choose whether or not to participate. The local version of the program in America Reads at Cal Poly. This program is essentially split into four separate divisions with the same goal in mind.

One division is Financial Aid Work Study, in which students must qualify for a position as a tutor. A sum of money has been allotted by the government to each CSU campus. Qualified students are hired to go into local elementary schools to tutor. The second division involves community service. Members of the community, mainly parents of school children, donate their time, are trained in tutoring skills, and go to local schools to read with children.

Also tying into community service is the third division, the University Center for Teacher Education (UCTE). Cal Poly graduate students in the reading specialization credential program go to schools and teach tutoring skills to members of the community who have volunteered.

The fourth division of America Reads at Cal Poly is the Liberal Studies program. In this area,
For 21-year-old Jessica Denisse Rodas, her time at Cal Poly has cul­tivated learning that does not come from books. I've learned time-management and organization, since I'm so busy. But I also learned to value the sacri­fice of my parents and my whole family to send me here. I really always come from books. But I also learned to value the sacri­fice of my parents and my whole family to send me here. I really appreciate all they have done for me," Rodas said.

Rodas, an architectural engineering junior from Fairfield, has attend­ed Cal Poly since fall 1994. Her newfound time-management and organi­zation skills have helped her keep up with a busy schedule. She has been an officer for the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE) for two years, last year as sergeant-at­arms and this year as treasurer.

Some of her duties include orga­nizing visits to club meetings by company representatives, tutoring high school and elementary stu­dents, and holding study hall twice a week for the SHPE memb­ers.

She and her fellow officers also organize an annual trip to a Florida cancer conference, a Christmas toy drive and a Thanksgiving dance, raising scholarship money for the members. She also plays soccer for SHPE's coed intramural team.

Her family has contributed to her success in school. She said the sup­port she has received from her par­ents, her brother Erick, 27, and her sister Milli, 25, have made her more determined to complete her goals. Although she is very attached to her parents, she did not get homesick when she came to Poly because she got involved in activities and made many new friends.

Her favorite food is pupusas, a Salvadorian dish she said her mom specializes in, which is a thick, cheese-filled tortilla. She admires her mother for more than her cook­ing ability.

"Her values and morals are just the way I want mine to be," Rodas said. She always looked to her mom when she was younger to help her distinguish between right and wrong, and continues to turn to her for advice.

Rodas said that as a child she was "hyper and really talkative."

She graduated in 1994 from Justin-Siena High School in Napa, where her favorite extracurricular activities were dancing and drama. She was involved in most of the school productions, especially the musicals. Her two favorites were West Side Story and Grease, in which she played "the overweight Cha-Cha."

When considering colleges, Rodas looked at other schools like UCSB, St. Mary's and College of Notre Dame. She chose Cal Poly because of its small-town environ­ment and its reputation for having a good architectural engineering pro­gram, which she chose as a major because it incorporates art, creativi­ty, design and math.

Her favorite Cal Poly instructors are Harvey Greenwald, whose step­by-step approach to teaching calcu­lus helped her better understand the subject, and Abe Lynn, with whom she has taken three classes.

"You can communicate with him very easily in and out of the class, and he brings lots of enthusiasm to the department. He's very approach­able," Rodas said of Lynn.

In her free time, Rodas enjoys a variety of activities. She has played piano for about six years, although she has not had much time to play lately. Her favorite piece is by Mozart and Chopin. She loves to dance with friends, and said her two favorite kinds of music are salsa and house. She likes to hang out at Fresh Choice with her roommate Liza and go shopping with her and another close friend, Marie.

She doesn’t have a boyfriend right now, but said an ideal husband is someone who "could lead a family, who loves God, is caring and patient and knows how to respect a lady."

She plans to graduate in June 1999, and wants to live and work in the San Francisco Bay Area to be near her family.

Rodas is happy with her life, but if she could change one thing it would be to have a better relation­ship with God.

"My mother has always told me to put God first, which I try to do, but it gets really hectic sometimes," she said. "I want to try to spend more time with Him because He is an important part of my life."

Rodas said her best traits are that she is easily approachable and is always herself. She says her parents trust her and often come to her for advice. She does not get mad easily, but said that she can’t stand liars. She also said she is very tough with herself, and gets angry with herself when she does not meet a personal goal.

Rodas said the best way to suc­ceed in college is to strike a good bal­ance between school and fun, and to get involved in campus activities.

"I encourage everyone to find a group you want to be associated with and get involved. A bachelor's degree doesn’t mean anything until you know how to be a leader."
Campus medical experts give their take on fen-phen

By Jessica Boisselle
Special to the Daily

Every few months the "perfect weight-loss drug" comes out onto the market, attracting people who wish to lose some weight the easy way.

Not so long ago, many companies in America and Europe claimed to have the "breakthrough" solution for the over-weight called fen-phen. So it came as no surprise when the prescription drug - a combination of fenfluramine and phentermine - drew so much attention from the those in the U.S. and many European countries who wanted to drop some pounds.

This combination drug came out with a popular bang within the last few years, but was recently taken off the market because of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found it to be a harmful, in some cases nearly fatal, combination.

The cousin to fen-phen, dexfenfluramine or Redux, released a little over a year ago, has also been proven by the FDA to have similar side effects. According to a September, 1997 "Time" magazine article the FDA had known that Redux could lead to the nearly fatal lung condition known as primary pulmonary hypertension when the drug was released onto the market. Redux has not been taken off the market.

According to Dr. Andrea Brauning of the Cal Poly Health Center, fen-phen is a combination of an amphetamine that suppressed appetite and an anti-depressant which affected the neurotransmitter in the brain that controls depression. Taken together in one pill, some patients lost an initial 20 pounds, but there were few cases of weight loss greater than that.

In addition to little observable weight loss, the drug became addictive and negative side effects such as nausea and depression took over in many patients. One Cal Poly student who took fen-phen and wishes to remain anonymous explained that she experienced irritability and slight depression when taking the drug.

"I did lose 15 to 20 pounds, but there would be days where I would only eat one meal, or sometimes nothing in a day because I wasn't hungry," she said. She only took it for about five months, which she said is normal because doctors were supposed to take their patients off fen-phen after six months.

She also mentioned that while she was taking the drug there was hardly any evidence of problems with fen-phen. New studies have proved that fen-phen caused problems for many people who used it.

"Thirty percent of the people who took fen-phen have found evidence on their echocardiograms of damage to their heart valves. A much smaller percentage will have evidence of pulmonary hypertension," Brauning said.

Pulmonary hypertension is high blood pressure in the vessels that bring blood to the lungs. It scars the lungs and interferes with one's ability to oxygenate blood.

Bruning also pointed out that, under normal circumstances, only about one percent of echocardiograms show damage to patients' heart valves.

Health officials based in New York have been testing babies of mothers who took fen-phen. They're trying to find out whether or not the pill caused birth defects, according to Darrell Bennett, a pharmacist at the Cal Poly Health Center.

Although the preceding problems have been evident fairly quickly, long-term effects are still being tested, Bennett said.

The FDA has advised all persons who took fen-phen to get an echocardiogram (EKG), which will do most of the damage being done to the heart. Bennett said he was receiving two or three calls a day with requests for fen-phen when the advertising had first started.

Because practitioners at the Health Center had decided against prescribing and selling fen-phen, Bennett had to tell those people that he could not provide the combination of drugs, and he explained how dangerous those two drugs together could be.

"I've been a pharmacist for many decades now, and I've noticed that drugs have cycles. About 30 years ago there was a weight loss drug very similar to fen-phen; it was very fatal," Bennett explained.

The September 1997 "Time" article also mentioned drugs that are following a close trend of the fen-phen combination. One that has not yet been approved by the FDA is phenpro, which combines the phen- termine with the antidepressant Prozac. Another "diet pill" known as the herbal fen-phen contains a herbal stimulant called ephedra. The article also stated that "at least 38 deaths have been associated with ephedra."

Bennett doesn't think there will ever be a weight-loss drug that will be effective. Instead he believes that individuals need to use healthy foods, exercise and lose weight at a reasonable rate.

"The only weight control is within each individual, certainly not the commercial industry with advertisements of low-calorie foods, which one will eat more of and thus nothing is accomplished," he said.

Happy Halloween from Mustang Daily. (Don't forget to check your candies.)
Halloween is a strange holiday. People dress up in disguises and go out trick or treating. Maybe that's why some Baby Boomers like to avoid Halloween costume parties. For me it brings back vivid memories of those lost years in the sixties and seventies when I dressed weird and spent a lot of time being bored. When I wear a costume, I tend to become that persona, at least for a little while.

The best costume I ever had as a kid was my Hoppington Cassady outfit. Hoppington Cassady was the bravest cowboy who ever rode across my flickering black and white TV screen in the late fifties. No bad guy could ever leave town without dealing with Hopping. I started practicing my Hopping impersonation sometime in August of 1953. I'd put on my black shirt and pants, strap on my Fanner 50 cap shooter and strut up the street to market. No one could foresee what the little camera in the Alto-Matic was going to get from playing under the chicken coop. The fairy princess brainstorm was clearly my Mom's idea. I know this now because of the condition.

I'm sure this is the reason my parents thought it would be a great idea if I dressed as a fairy princess on Halloween. The fairy princess brainwash definitely hurt me later. I felt powerful. It was the last time I was going to play with dolls instead of climb trees. Now I could only do anything at college without. Third, the registration conspiracy. And what's so much the counting, but the portance of setting goals—baby steps if you will—forgetting is not one of mine (at least that I remember off hand.) And yet there I was, tired, hungry, and having the idea whatsoever as to what my code was.

In fact, I had been wandering around all day trying to remember. I had a bad case of fatalism. I wake up in the morning and say to myself, 'Yes. I think as a matter-of-fact I will end up wandering around aimlessly in the near supergence. And we try to remember my stupid ATM code so that I can get something to eat. Well, not so much the counting, but the multitude of numbers that we must remember in order to survive. Let's count together, okay? First, we've got your basic phone number and address, which helps you to run your personal wallet just in case. Second, is that pesky social security number? which helps you to run your personal wallet just in case. Second, is that pesky social security number? which helps you to run your personal wallet just in case. Second, is that pesky social security number? which helps you to run your personal wallet just in case. Second, is that pesky social security number? which helps you to run your personal wallet just in case. 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Nate Pontious is current­ly in between banks.
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We have to market ourselves well. We’re not about resumes and wedding videos. This is a hot area, but has lots of competition,” Smith said.

PowerHouse has about 12 people on staff, five of whom are students. The students are part of the design staff and the video production department. The ‘web master’ and receptionist are also students. ‘We are always looking for talented web designers. We’ll have more opportunities for students as we grow,’ Smith said.

Dan Harrelson is a graphic communications senior employed at PowerHouse. He worked at VEP for three years and said he enjoys working at PowerHouse because he has access to so much state-of-the-art equipment.

Harrelson, as an assistant administrator, is involved in web and other multimedia design, and assists in setting up equipment and maintaining the 26 networked machines.

He said he feels that working at PowerHouse is a great opportunity because he is working with clients and deadlines.

‘I’m getting great hands-on experience without leaving San Luis Obispo, and I’m actually doing what I wish to do after I graduate,’ Harrelson said.

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undergraduate students can take a course in community-based field experience in which America Reads is a part. In the course, LS 230, students are taught necessary skills and they are assigned to work with children at local schools.

Jim Bailey, liberal studies junior, is involved with the program through the course. ‘There are some kids in enrichment programs, who are having a really hard time, but then there are some kids who aren’t quite at the level (they should be), but aren’t quite poor enough to be in enrichment programs,’ Bailey said.

‘So that’s where we’re in this program. We’re in and bringing them up just through experience and exposure to reading.’

Since the program is so young, those involved in the program have yet to determine if it is actually achieving its goal. But liberal studies lecturer Judy Gish said it all depends on how one views success.

‘Do we have interest and do we have volunteers and people wanting to and going out in the pure sense of the goal? To get out there in those classrooms and read to those young students?’ Absolutely. We’re doing it,’ Gish said.

The UTCE division of America Reads at Cal Poly is currently overseeing the training of 18 community volunteers this quarter. Once graduate students train them, they will be working with third graders at Vineyard Elementary School.

School districts can call the department and ask to be a part of the program.

Gish, who is helping direct the program along with lecturer Lisbeth Cesar, said they have received several phone calls.

‘We can handle schools calling because we have the tutor training,’ Gish said. ‘We can send our graduate students to the school to train the community volunteers.’

In the liberal studies division, Gish said they have 60 undergraduates involved. ‘The courses the students go through are divided into levels one, two and three. But the program is so new, level two, LS 239, and level three have yet to be completely defined.

‘We definitely have ideas and we know where we want to go, Gish said. ‘But it’s just not in place as yet.’

Gish said there is a lot of incentive for undergraduates to become part of this program. They get credit. But 60 percent of liberal studies students want to become elementary teachers, so they get professional experience, too,” she said.

‘Although the UTCE and the liberal studies divisions are separate from each other, they both involve students and work towards the original goal of America Reads. ‘What is really happening here is we have two concurrent America Reads, a very effective one and one that’s still being defined,” Gish said.

‘But we have one for our undergraduate students and one for our graduate students,” Bailey said. ‘Bailey said that through the LS 230 course and the program, he was assigned to work with a first-grade class at Bishop’s Peak Elementary School.

‘I have a list of students who are underneath where they should be like two, he said, ‘I bring them back, read with them, and just spend time with them.”

Bailey said the children seem to appreciate the general idea of a college student reading and speaking with them.

‘You’re not the teacher and you’re not one of them, you’re this in-between. You’re an interface, he said. ‘Sometimes they’ll ask, Do you go to college? And I’ll say “Yeah, I read books in college too, and they get excited. They have somebody of college age and it’s like a big brother or sister program”.

Bailey said he believes the program is effective for the children and also beneficial for the college student involved.

These children need help with reading and if they can get an older brother or sister who is going to stop, a college-aged student who is going to stop and say, This is fun, this is an important thing to me, I think it’s really going to stick with them,” he said. ‘And for students, it should stick with them to actually spend time with a child reading, because it’s an opportunity many of us probably don’t take in our busy schedules.

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suit over videotaped spray in protesters' eyes

By Bob Egelko
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A dramatic videotape released Thursday shows an officer squirting pepper spray into the eyes of four female anti-logging protesters, then spraying one of them with it during a sit-in at a congressman's office.

The tape, played for reporters at a news conference announcing a lawsuit, showed protesters sitting around a tree stump, screaming as deputies pulled back their heads to reveal their eyes and applied the burning substance to their eyelids with cotton swabs.

After repeated demands that the women release each other, an officer is shown squirting the spray into a protester's eyes at close range.

The suit said the tape was made by police on Oct. 26 at the Eureka office of Rep. Frank Riggs, R-Calif. A second tape also played for reporters showed similar events in the lobby of Pacific Lumber Co. headquarters in nearby Scotia on Sept. 25.

In both cases, demonstrators had handcuffs and shackles on and refused to get up until the spray was applied. The tape shows that the women were not chained together.

"It was like burning under your skin... the worst pain I've ever felt," Maya Furtugal, 19, of Eureka, told reporters.

At one point in the tape, a demonstrator pleaded with officers to stop torturing her and a deputy replied, "We're not torturing you any more."

Macon Cowles, a lawyer for the demonstrators, likened the tactics to fire hoses used on civil rights protesters in the South.

"Now we've gotten more sophisticated and really more terrible, using chemical agents," he said.

The U.S. District Court suit said officers violated standard police practices as well as guidelines from the National Law Enforcement Officers' Policy Center for use of pepper spray. Those guidelines specify that the substance should not be discharged into the eyes at distances less than two feet, should not be used on people in restraints and should not be used as punishment.

The suit seeks damages for pain and suffering, punitive damages and a court order forbidding the use of liquid pepper spray by Humboldt sheriff's and Eureka police on "peaceful, non-violent protesters who pose no threat to the safety of any person."

Sheriff Dennis Lewis said pepper spray was the safest way to disperse the protesters.

"What we're trying to do is deal with the situation with a minimum of force and a minimum of hazard," Lewis told the Times-Standard of Eureka.

Lewis added that deputies did not use the spray to cut through the metal sleeves linking the protesters.

"And the hazard we are avoiding by doing this is using the metal grinders, which in and of themselves are a high level of potential injury to someone," he said.

Beau Phillips, a spokesman for Riggs, said he had a telephone interview from Riggs' Washington, D.C., office that neither he nor Riggs were in the office at the time.

"I can't answer any questions on police procedures," Phillips said. "They come up with their own procedures, obviously."

But he said the protesters were terrorized and assaulted two female employees of the congressman, vandalized the office and trespassed on federal property.

He said Riggs' workers "were in fear for their lives" when the protest entered.

"The police issued repeated orders for them to leave. The 60 protesters outside were expressing their 1st Amendment rights. The four protesters inside were breaking the law," Phillips said.

Eureka Police Chief Arnie Millspaugh said he had not seen the video, but indicated that his officers did not use force.

"I'm not going to lose a whole lot of sleep about who is suing me," Millspaugh said. "We've got burglaries, robberies and rapes going on."

The suit comes in the wake of the Berkeley City council's refusal on Tuesday night to ban or limit police use of pepper spray.

Use of the substance has been challenged in several cities after deaths of criminal suspects. Police say pepper spray lets them subdue violent suspects without lethal force, but critics, including the American Civil Liberties Union, say it is ineffective and can be dangerous.

The suit was filed on behalf of nine demonstrators who were protesting Pacific Lumber's plans to log old-growth forests and a proposed federal settlement, including public purchase of part of the Headwaters Forest, that the demonstrators considered inadequate.

They said they brought the tree stump to Riggs' office as a symbolic protest.

Lawyers said the demonstrators were charged with trespassing and, except for two juveniles among them, were jailed for four days before being released.

Mark Harris, another lawyer in the case, said he obtained the videotapes from the sheriff's office during pretrial exchanges of evidence in the criminal case.

By Bill Porter
Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — The jury in the trial of an Englishman accused of spraying his infant daughter with pepper spray has been deliberating for a second day without a verdict Wednesday and asked for a transcript of key medical testimony.

Prosecutors convicted 19-year-old Louise Woodward, 8-month-old Matthew Eappen to death on Feb. 4 and slammed his head against a hard surface out of frustration after the jury and infant asked for a transcript of key medical testimony.

"What we're trying to do is present the defense that Matthew died from an injury caused at least three weeks earlier."

The nine women and three men on the jury asked to see parts of the testimony from Dr. Joseph Riordan, an Pittsburgh pediatrician who operated on the baby when he arrived at the hospital.

Specifically, jurors wanted to hear what the doctor said about fluid found in the baby's skull during emergency surgery at the hospital.

At issue was the color of the fluid Madsen described.

During his testimony, Madsen described a jelly-like blood clot that squinted out of the baby's brain and landed on the operating room floor. At one point, he called the clot red in color. But on cross-examination, he said some of it was clear.

Medical experts testifying for the defense said clear liquid would indicate an old injury.

Judge Hiler Zobel agreed to allow portions of the testimony to be read to the jury when it returns to court Thursday.

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"They're not clubs," Vice President of Finance Goris said. "They're programs versus adminis­

trative overheads."

Programs are the ones the board had been leaving on the list of debts forgiven.

Whether or not any program or office's debt will be taken care of through ASI's reserve fund was never decided. The decision was postponed until the board's next meeting in two weeks.

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Valenzuela returns home to play baseball in Mexico

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — For the third time since 1992, Fernando Valenzuela is heading to his native Mexico in an attempt to revive his career.

Valenzuela, who will turn 37 on Saturday, will join the Hermosillo Naranjeros on Sunday, his agent, Tony De Marco, said Thursday. The winter league season, already under way, continues into January.

"He’s not going there for the money or anything like that," agent Tony De Marco said Thursday from Los Angeles. "He’s going there to keep in good shape for a look at the chance at the major leagues next year."

Valenzuela parted with the San Diego Padres from 1995 through June 13, when he was sent to St. Louis in a six-player trade that brought Denny Jackson to the Padres. Valenzuela was 2-8 with a 4.70 ERA with San Diego, and went 6-4 with a 5.56 ERA before the Cardinals released him on July 15.

"He has never stopped loving his sport, most of all, and he’s never said that he wasn’t going to continue playing," De Marco said.

Hermosillo is in the state of Sonora. Valenzuela was born in Navojoa, also in Sonora.

Valenzuela has played with five big-league clubs since the Los Angeles Dodgers released him in spring training 1991.


Kings’ veteran forward announces retirement

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Veteran Sacramento Kings forward Lionel Simmons, who has struggled to recover from two knee surgeries, is retiring after a seven-year career, the team announced Thursday.

Simmons, who has career averages of 12.8 points and 6.2 rebounds, did not participate in training camp or the preseason, after team doctors ordered him to undergo additional rehabilitation for his right knee.

Despite intensive efforts over the past three weeks, the knee continued to give Simmons problems.

"Over the past couple of seasons, I have struggled to perform at a level I’m used to," Simmons said. "The health of my right knee is not what it needs to be to compete in the NBA."

The seventh pick overall in the 1990 draft, Simmons saw action in 454 regular-season games. An integral component of the team for several years, he averaged 18.0, 17.1, 17.9 and 15.1 points in his first four seasons after his All-American career at LaSalle.

He was second in 1991 rookie of the year balloting, a season which also saw his finest single game — a 42-point, 12-rebound performance against Phoenix.

With center Dacres Causwell, Simmons played for the Kings for his entire seven-year NBA career, and the duo shared longest team tenure honors.

Causwell was traded to the Miami Heat last summer.

But Simmons never returned to his best after two knee operations — one in October 1994 and a second in December of last year.

"Lionel’s leadership was invaluable," Kings coach Eddie Jordan said in a news release. "Every player likes him, respects him and looks up to him. On the floor, his court sense allowed him to be as versatile as any player in this organization in the Sacramento era. Personally, I hope he stays close to the Kings’ organization."

Simmons said he had not yet decided what he would do after his retirement. Also Thursday, the Kings placed three players on the injured list — 1997 first-round draft pick Olivier Saint-Jean, forward-guard Kevin Gamble, and second-year center Kevin Salvadori.

Saint-Jean missed much of training camp and the preseason with a strained right calf muscle.

He played in just three preseason games, averaging 6.3 points per game, 2.0 rebounds and 1.7 assists.

Gamble, starting his 11th NBA season, has missed two days of practice because of back spasms. He also saw limited action in the preseason, totaling just five points in five games.

Salvadori sprained his left ankle in the final seconds of an exhibition game at Indiana last week and has been unable to fully participate in workouts ever since.

Return dates were uncertain for all three players.
SPORTS TRIVIA

Wednesday's Answer:
Cheryl Miller led USC to an NCAA title then went on to coach the team for 2 seasons for a 44-14 record.

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SCHEDULE

TODAY
• Men's Soccer vs. Brigham Young University in Mustang Stadium at 7 p.m.

TOMORROW
• Football vs. Liberty in Lynchberg, Virginia at 10:30 a.m.
• Volleyball vs. University of the Pacific in Stockton at 7 p.m.
• Cross Country Big West Conference Championships in Fullerton
• Men's Tennis at Fall ITA Rolex Tournament in Irvine

SUNDAY
• Men's Soccer vs. St. Mary's College in Mustang Stadium at 5:30 p.m.

Football fights Liberty in pursuit of playoffs

By Jeffrey Varner
Daily Staff Writer

Three pairs of cleats, the customary green and gold uniform, and no tights.

Cal Poly head football coach Larry Walsh told his team that they will not be allowed to wear tights or long-sleeved shirts underneath their uniforms during this Saturday’s game against the Liberty Flames in Lynchburg, Virginia.

“I don’t want them to think that we are intimidated by the cold weather, the artificial turf or anything that might affect the game,” Walsh said.

The Mustangs, 7-0, are now ranked No. 20 among all Division I-AA schools after defeating previously 10th-ranked Northern Iowa Saturday in front of a record crowd at Mustang Stadium. For the second week in a row they are facing yet another nationally ranked opponent in the ninth-ranked Liberty Flames, who currently have a 6-1 record.

“This game could mean a lot to us as far as the playoffs are concerned,” said linebacker coach Payam Sadaat. “A win this Saturday should get us a national ranking that will be high enough to secure us a spot.”

This game could also dictate the hopes of a future playoff birth for the Flames, who are riding high after spoiling Charleston Southern’s homecoming plans with a 48-14 victory over them in Charleston, South Carolina.

“It will be a very interesting game because we are both fighting for a spot in the playoffs,” Sam Rutigliano, Liberty head coach, said. “They are a very talented team who have managed to stay undefeated up to this point, but we match up well against them, so it’s going to be a battle until the end.”

The Mustang offense, ranked first in the nation in scoring in Division I-AA, will be facing a Liberty defense that is ranked eighth in the nation for fewest points allowed per game.

The Liberty defense is led by All-American senior defensive tackle Rodney Degrate, who has 18 sacks on the season and needs just one more sack to become the single season all-time sack leader in Division I-AA history.

Senior runningback Antonio Warren will lead the undefeated Mustangs against No. 9 Liberty.

Degrate will have his hands full on Saturday trying to stop the Mustangs’ two-back attack. Both Mustang running backs, Antonio Warren and Craig Young, are closing in on 1,000 yards rushing this season. With four games left, Warren needs just 283 yards, while Young needs 356 to reach the mark.

“I’m going to try and reach the 1,000 mark against the Flames this Saturday,” Warren said. “They can’t stop me.”

The highly regarded Flame defense might also have problems trying to stop Mustang senior quarterback Ali Abrew, who after last week’s performance against Northern Iowa is ranked No. 1 in the nation in passing efficiency. This season, Abrew has completed 77 of 107 passes for 1,184 yards and 14 touchdowns.

The Flames offense is lead by pre-season All-American quarterback Ben Anderson. The six-foot, five-inch senior has completed 92 of 165 passes this season for 1,632 yards and 10 touchdowns. His main targets have been wide receivers Robert Bultz and Courtney Freeman, who each have 20 catches this season and 8 touchdowns between the two of them.

“I’m not worried about them,” Tereill Jones, junior defensive back, said. “We are going to go out there and show those Virginia boys how we do it in California.”

MUSTANG MANIA

Eight senior women's soccer players say goodbye in their last home match Sunday. The men's soccer team takes on Brigham Young on Halloween. And Lori Fonson leads the men's and women's cross country teams at the Big West Championship this weekend.