CSU continues pursuit of corporate technology upgrade partnership

By Ryan Becker
Daily Staff Writer

California State University's unprecedented proposed technology partnership with four major corporations is still on track despite repeated delays, officials say.

Jerry Hanley, Cal Poly vice provost for Information Technology Services, presented a report on the proposal's status at Wednesday night's ASI meeting.

"We just received an evaluation statement of the plan's dollar value to this campus," Hanley said in an interview. "That's a good sign. It looks like a decision will be made in early April."

The plan—called the California Education Technology Initiative, or CETI—outlines an alliance between the CSU and GTE, Microsoft, Hughes Communications and Fujitsu. The partners would create a for-profit company to finance and maintain a high-speed, high-capacity technology network on CSU campuses.

The private-sector partners plan to raise $300 million within three years to finance the systemwide infrastructure. In exchange, the CSU would open its internal markets—344,000 students and 37,000 employees—and allow the four companies to sell additional products, such as long-distance phone service or Internet access.

The joint venture has been criticized by students and faculty who fear a loss of academic freedom and believe the agreement would give the companies a captive market.

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—David Ernst
CSU's Integrated Technology Strategy executive director

CSU salary gap expected to widen, study finds

Daily Staff Report

The projected gap between CSU professors' salaries and those at comparable universities nationwide has grown to 11.2 percent, up from last year's projected 10.8 percent gap, a government-sponsored study found.

That means that average salaries in the CSU system would have to increase by 11.2 percent in order to match the average salaries that professors at comparable universities are expected to be paid, the study said.

The California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) study will be discussed at the organization's February meeting.

"We're in the top three campuses in terms of investment," Hanley said. "The investment for the infrastructure at Cal Poly will be in excess of $20 million."

Hanley said the timeline for a final decision on the proposal depends on negotiations with the four corporate partners, scheduled to resume Feb. 5. After the complete plan is drafted, campuses will have a 30-day period to review the proposal.

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CSU salary gap percentages

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These numbers represent the percentage CSU professors' salaries have been projected to lag behind those of comparable institutions in past years.
**NEWSbriefs**

O'Connell to be honored for Highway 46 improvements, announces $4.6 billion education bond for June ballot

Highway 46, the curious connection between U.S. 101 and I-5, has recently been named the "Jack O'Connell Highway" by Assemblyman Tom Bordonaro to commemorate O'Connell's highway safety actions during the past two years.

Improvements include: arranging for traffic enforcement with double fines for offenders, installing new reflectors, including rumble strips and new striping, and institution of a daylight headlight requirement.

A formal ceremony and sign unveiling will take place Monday, Feb. 2, at 10:30 a.m. along Hwy. 46. The unveiling will take place on the south shoulder just east of Airport Road.

Immediately following the unveiling, a brief "thank you" reception, hosted by Sen. O'Connell, will be held at the Golden Oaks Cafe, located at the intersection of Hwy. 46 and Golden Hills Road. The public is welcome to attend both events.

Sen. O'Connell also announced the committee passage of his legislation to place a $4.6 billion education bond on the June ballot.

"One of the biggest challenges schools have in implementing class size reduction is finding adequate space for the new classes," said O'Connell.

O'Connell's Senate Bill 12 will ask voters to authorize $4.6 billion in bonds for the K-12 basic and elementary-secondary education that would receive funding under the measure, which would allocate $30 billion to class size reduction, growth and modernization for the kindergarten through 12th grade levels.

With the bond, California's community colleges, the California State University system, the University of California and community colleges would receive $1.1 billion for new buildings and modernization. Of that amount, $100 million would be specifically allocated for the development and construction of new campuses, including the CSU's 23rd campus, CSU Channel Islands.

"This is an opportunity to do something more than just stick our fingers in the dime. If voters choose to continue the investment in education, we've wisely made in recent years, we might be able to make those schools modern and state-of-the-art again," O'Connell said.

"We are particularly heartened to see the increase in African American and Chicano students. We are delighted that those students are in the pool," said Dennis Galligan, UC assistant vice president for student academic support.

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"There are probably other things the basic proposal is not a bad idea, but her main concern is the amount of information available to students. "Students have the responsibility to know where they're going and make sure that we're not doing ourselves a bad thing," Entzi said.

"We need to make sure that our partnerships with other companies aren't jeopardized," Entzi said.

Entzi worries that companies that support Cal Poly by making scholarships or hiring graduates might be wary of involvement with CETI.

"As I see it, CETI will not work unless we have assurances of what students will get out of it," Entzi said.

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**U.C. minority application numbers increase for fall**

By Michelle Locke

Berkeley, Calif. — More minorities have applied to go to the University of California this fall, the university said Wednesday, even as a major batch of undergraduates set to arrive under a plan to scrap old affirmative action.

Officials said the increase means minorities aren’t put off by a post-affirmative action UC.

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"Although he left open the possibility of further delay, Ernst said he expects a decision no later than the end of May. "I don't think we will ever get to the point where there are zero objections," Ernst said. "But once we get the plan out there and say, 'Look, here are the components,' I think most people will see that it's going to be beneficial."

Ernst said the Chancellor's Office will continue to rely heavily on suggestions from students and faculty.

The complete plan will be available for review on the Internet at http://ceti.calstate.edu/. Comments can be submitted via e-mail to the site or to Cal Poly President Warren Baker's office.

"Each president will gather the comments from the campus," Ernst said. "That way, we won't have everything coming in completely unorganized."

ASU President Cindy Entzi said it, but they want to know the numbers.

The ongoing salary gap can make it harder for California schools to recruit young professors, according to Jim Smith of the California Faculty Association (CFA).

"It makes it very difficult for young faculty to come to work in California," Smith said.

Where the money needed to close the gap could come from is uncertain.

Higher enrollment throughout the CSU system without funding to match has cut into the system's budget. There are 26,000 more students in the CSU system than there were three years ago, but the universities have only received state funding for 7,900 more.

"There's no money left for the salary gap, no money for technology," Smith said.

Hoping to counteract funding problems in the CSU system, CPA has started to run a series of ads in "The New York Times," urging people to support the universities.

"What we're trying to do is create a public environment of support for higher education," Smith said. "The point is we need a commitment to quality, accessible higher education."
Polls show slight movement Clinton's way following recent intern allegations

By Glen Johnson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Allegations that President Clinton had sex with a White House intern haven’t made a dent in his job approval ratings. And the number of people who believe the accusations, though still high, is declining.

Two surveys found that Clinton's approval rating, a measure of the public’s satisfaction with his work, has remained steady since the allegations were first made last week.

And there’s another nugget of good news for the president: He enjoys strong support for the policies he outlined in his State of the Union speech, from helping with child care through still high levels of support for the president’s war against Iraq.

The public really likes his performance. They’re pretty hardened about what goes on in politics,” said Andrew Kohut, a polling specialist at the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press.

“From the public’s perspective, having an intern in the Oval Office means they’re getting their baby-sitter.”

The surveys also found that the number of people thinking Clinton had an affair with Monica Lewinsky remains high but has declined, to 49 percent from 62 percent last Thursday. That new telephone poll of 528 adults had a margin of error of plus or minus 4.5 percentage points.

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But the ABC News poll also pegged the president’s approval rating at 69 percent, identical to what it was Jan. 19, before the intern allegations were made.

An NBC News poll, also taken after the State of the Union, asked people whether they thought Clinton had had sex with Lewinsky. Thirty-seven percent said they believed the allegations, 30 percent said no and 33 percent said they were not sure.

Last Friday, two days after the news broke, 45 percent said they believed the allegations were true, 25 percent said no and 29 percent said they were not sure. Each NBC poll questioned 405 adults and carried a margin of error of plus or minus 5 percentage points.

Clinton made a stern denial of the charges on Monday. The ABC News poll also found that 77 percent of those surveyed supported the policies Clinton outlined in his speech Tuesday night. Twelve percent opposed them. Even though Clinton is battling charges that he sexually harassed Paula Jones, as well as had an affair with Lewinsky, polls show his support remains solid among women.

For example, a CBS News/New York Times poll conducted Jan. 24-25 found slightly more men than women believing that Clinton sexually harassed Jones and had an affair with Lewinsky. On the question of Jones, 36 percent of men and 32 percent of women thought he was guilty, while 27 percent of men and 30 percent of women thought he was not.

The freelance meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in building 26, room 226. For more information, call 756-1796.

Attention staff, faculty, and students!!!

"Utilidor" is looking for a clever phrase/slogan to end this monstrous project. The slogan will be used on flyers, emails, ads, etc. Everyone is encouraged to submit their humorous/arty ideas to dryan@calpoly.edu or call Deby Ryan at x-6805. Remember, this is the end of the project.

Activities are being planned right now for a campus-wide "good riddance" party tentatively scheduled for April Fools Day. This could be your way of getting involved.

The creator of the slogan will receive a free Utilidor T-shirt. The deadline for all entries is Friday, February 13, 1998. Example: UTILIDOR: put like a light.

UTILIDOR: Life's a Ditch. Get Over It.
When the United States of America was founded and the Constitution was written, affairs of state and the Christian (Puritan) religion were kept separate. This was not because morals were found to be unimportant. The state was made to punish wrongdoers. And don't get me wrong here. I am a religious (Christian) person myself. However, my question is: "when was the Christian religion adopted by all political areas of American life?"

Adultery isn't a crime where you are sentenced to time in prison, is it? It is only a question of Christian moral character. I understand that our predominant religion is Christianity, but why do we think that the president's career depends on his ability to be spiritually, mentally and physically pure? Unfortunately, the American tradition is that all politicians stick up to the Christian majority.

What would happen if we did have a president who was perfect? That is, he never add a lie, drank alcohol or tried any drugs. He never lasted after any women, other than his wife. He never felt regret for something he had done. (The name Jesus comes to mind.)

Frankly, I would feel unsatisfied with such a president. I would feel like we didn't get what we deserved. How could be possibly identify with us the imperfect Americans? How could be understand and help us with our drug wars, divorce rates and need for police? Trust me. We don't want a saint for president. We want a man with serious experiences, who knows how to help his fellow Americans. Someone that sound perfection would never do.

However, I can understand why politicians stick up, defending themselves and attempting to appear perfect. They use in the public eye 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

For example, when George Washington cheated on his lovely Martha, was he placed in a crisis? Was he any less of a political leader? No. The television screen did not broadcast his every move. (I mean was there more coverage of Clinton's new puppy or Ms. Lewinsky's accusation? In this day and age people are chased down, even hunted for their celebrity.

Okay so maybe there is no record of George cheating on Martha. I hope you got my illustration through. My point is that we maybe should be thinking of how the Clinton family feels, putting ourselves in their shoes. Whether or not the assumptions are true, what should we really be paying attention to? Maybe we should turn off the television and pay attention to our own families.

Amelia Ramos is a psychology senior.

Confederate flashback

In June, I took a six-month sabatical from Cal Poly across the country. Before I left I had to provide a little education for one of my ignorant, media-blinded peers on the subject of Affirmative Action. During my stay in Florida, I saw confederate flags everywhere, trucks to jackets, tattooed on people and even on hard hats. I was constantly reminded that I was in the dirty South and that the symbols of racism and the Jim Crow days were still held brutally trapped.

I thought when I returned to Cal Poly I would be able to leave that behind me. Well, as I read Mr. Drake's column "People speak but who listens" Jan. 27, I have return to Cal Poly to see that the freshman class has provided me with at least ONE addition who was key in pushing discrimination in employment, education, etc.

Not until the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 was passed that the EEOC had power to take to court employers or unions that refused to abandon discriminatory practices. This is what we knew as of Affirmative Action, and it was every bit the Civil Rights Movement was in part about.

So don't you dare, try to use Martin Luther King as your podium to make you sound refined or in some cases abandoned. It is not a quota program, and those cases where people are used (except under a court or administrative order after a specific finding of discrimination) are a degradation of an otherwise highly beneficial set of public policies.

If this has done nothing for you but to educate you on the African American struggle in America, YOU PASS. But, I hope that this will cause you to examine the facts for yourself. Do not let the media or some political figure or some political science freshman tell you how you should think.

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Orchesis Dance Co. leaps into the Cal Poly Theatre Jan. 30, kicking off a two-weekend engagement of their production, "Dance Creations."

The show offers a variety of dance styles, including ballet, ballroom, hip-hop, modern, tap and jazz.

Orchesis is a student-run dance group formed at Cal Poly to foster dance amongst students and the community.

About 75 percent of the show is choreographed by students. Alumni, faculty and guest choreographers also collaborated with Orchesis.

Students began designing dances for this show last October. Student choreographers auditioned dance pieces for the show in November and out of 16 dances, only one did not get selected for the performance.

Shannon Couch, a physical education and kinesiology senior, said that this year's show is out of the longest running program she's been part of dancing with Orchesis. She is currently the only student choreographer.

"This is the strongest group of dancers we've had in the last five years. It made it much harder to distinguish which dances should go in the show because they all had a lot of talent involved in them," Couch said.

Dancers agreed that every year Orchesis tries to present a variety of dance styles. Each year's performance is different than the last and attempts to offer something for everyone.

This year's title, "Dance Creations," was decided by last year's officers. They believe that the title is appropriate because Orchesis is something students created at Cal Poly and the show expresses what dance means to them.

Dancing with Orchesis is a year-long process, beginning with tryouts in the first week of school every year. After tryouts, dancers take a ballet class every Tuesday night and a modern jazz class every Thursday. Weekends are usually spent attending master classes in San Francisco or working with guest choreographers who often come in from out of town.

Moe Ja Moin Suhr, founder and director of Orchesis, recruits guest choreographers by attending other dance shows. After a performance, Suhr approaches skilled choreographers and asks if they would be interested in working with Orchesis.

This is the seventh year that Orchesis has worked with guest choreographers Dennon and Sychler Riewel, a husband and wife team from Los Angeles. They are famous for their professional work both in television and in films like Saturday Night Fever.

The team choreographed the finale for this year's show. Suhr said she places her complete trust in them and is pleased with the way the jazz dance turned out.

"All the students do jazz so beautifully; jazz is in their blood," Suhr said.

Suhr founded Orchesis in 1970 and has enjoyed watching it grow, both in talent and in scope. The company is now in its 28th year and will perform over two weekends for the first time.

Suhr believes that the program's only drawback is the amount of time it takes students away from school.

"Many students make sacrifices to dance for Orchesis. I tell them not to let school be jeopardized because of it," she said.

Sonia Mardov, political science junior and president of Orchesis, estimates that she spends around 30 hours a week dancing. She said that although Orchesis takes a lot of time and effort, the rewards are plentiful.

"Dancing with Orchesis compensates for life, but at the same time it's work," Mardov said.

Since Couch has been in Orchesis, she has watched many dancers come and go because they could not devote the necessary time to it. She feels lucky she has been able to budget her time well and stick with it, although it requires her to practice 30 hours a week.

The amount of time dancers commit depends on the number of pieces they want to be in for the show and whether or not they choreographed a particular piece. Couch said that choreographers spend countless hours picking and plucking music and selecting costumes.

Barbara Anderson, physical education and kinesiology senior, choreographed a jazz piece to the Jane's Addiction song "Been Caught Stealing." Dancers wear street clothes for the piece and some play the roles of thieves and security guards.

"It's a good piece to start the show because it's really upbeat and will grab the audience's attention. I would describe it as humorous and kind of quirky," Anderson said.

Couch choreographed a modern dance piece for this year's show entitled "Seraphic Cries" which she describes as spiritual and angelic.

"All the student choreographers
The purpose of this ‘Happy Hour’ column is to show that beer is not just an alcoholic beverage to be consumed with the intent of eventual intoxication.

Some people, often known as “lightweights,” feel the effects minutes after polishing off a can or bottle. Others are able to hold off the slurred speech and droopy eyes until later. Either way, people often overlook the issue of taste.

Drinking seems to be a ritual for most college students these days. Like every other freshman, I once went to parties with a mission to get drunk and somehow make it back to my dorm room. Now, I have matured and have cultivated a taste for beer, especially good beer. Good beer, according to me, is ale that has a smooth flavor and pleasant taste which leaves me content with a smile on my face.

I hope both the beer connoisseur and the ‘Natural Light’ forsyting hippie drunker can enjoy what I have to say.

**Budweiser**

This is a beer that needs no introduction. You see the same commercials with those annoying frogs whenever you turn on the television. Budweiser’s marketing gurus should have stayed with the horses so they don’t fall out of favor with their devoted fans. Horses are the only people I know who drink this crap. There is a reason why you can buy Bud for a buck a pint at a local bar.

There are some out there who drink beer just for the taste, but for the effects of the beer. Well, this beer will give you a buzz and if enough is consumed a drunken state can be achieved. If you’re drinking Budweiser, chances are the goal is to get drunk. But is relatively inexpensive at about four bucks a six-pack, I wouldn’t pay a cent more, but then again I would pay more for steer marré.

**Coors**

One of my favorites. Goes down smooth with no better after-taste, unlike Budweiser. When you grow up with something like Coors, it’s hard to say anything bad about it. It’s a good beer with a light taste so you can drink more than one without feeling like you just ate a four-course meal.

Coors is probably the closest thing to water as the western world knows it. There are some beers out there which are closely related to the molecular structure of water, but are also compared by me to be something along the lines of shit. With a lot of lighter beers, you have to ease into the taste, and after about four or five you don’t really notice the awful taste anymore.

I’m not implying that Coors is a fine beverage and everyone should drink it because I like it, but I would recommend Coors because of its smooth taste and inexpensive cost, four bones.

**Anchor Steam**

A beer like this just doesn’t come around that often. It’s a very tasty beer that goes down easy and has an after-taste that has just the right amount of bitterness. There’s nothing like coming home after a hard day of work and enjoying the quick buzz from an Anchor.

Those of you out there that believe Natural Light and Milwaukee’s Beast are ‘good’ beers, probably would not appreciate the splendor of a hand crafted beer.

Anchor Steam is not a cheap beer, the cheapest I’ve seen it for was $6.49 at Trader Joe’s. I would recommend this for an occasional treat, but not everyday unless of course you have a totally expendable income to blow on your future as an alcoholic.

**Happy Hour** was written because I feel many people have a slight misconception about beer. The conception of beer being a social motivator is correct, but you should enjoy both the relaxing qualities and the taste, especially the taste. The taste of beer is acquired by some early and by others later. This is my attempt to spark the connoisseur in some or to convert those who are in danger for the future.

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have a different intent. Each dance says something about them; they all come from the heart," Couch said.

Dancers feel that what separates this year's show from years past is that there is more acting involved and the dances are more physically demanding. Many pieces are theatrical and require a definite caricature the dancers have to portray for the audience to understand the message. Some of the pieces run for about 10 minutes and require a lot of stamina.

Many students join Orchesis to help fulfill their dance minor but others just do it because they love to dance. Orchesis covers the elective units required for dance minors.

Couch is minoring in dance and hopes to get her master's in dance kinesiology. She actually came to Cal Poly to swim and major in political science, but assistant director of Orchesis, Maria Junco, helped her discover dance was where her heart was.

"I never thought of myself as a dancer. When you figure you don't fit a mold, you don't tend to want to work hard at it. But if something is in your heart, you can make it happen," Couch said.

Anderson said that she would like to have a career in dance, but they are few and far between. She might have to be content with teaching lessons in her spare time.

"If not a career, I know dance will always be a part of my life," Anderson said.

"Dance Creations" starts at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 30 and 31, and on Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 7. There will be a matinee performance at 1 p.m. on Feb. 7. Tickets are $8 for students, $12 for the public, and are available at the PAC.
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THE BUCS STOP HERE: PRO BOWL FEATURES TAMPA BAY BUCANEERS

By Ken Peters
Associated Press

HONOLULU — The NFC rear-
ter for the Pro Bowl has the look of a
Tampa Bay team meeting Eight
Buccaneers will play in Sunday's
game, the most of any NFL team.
The strong contingent reflects
Tampa Bay's first playoff appear-
ance in 15 years, and the
Buccaneers hope this is a sign of
come.
"It's an exciting week for us," said Tampa Bay quarterback Trent
Dilfer, appearing in the all-star
game for the first time. "I was
thinking that on Sunday, the fans
back in Tampa will be able to turn
on the TV and see a bunch of us."
Seven Tampa Bay players were
voted into the game, including
Dilfer's backfield mates, running
back Warrick Dunn and fullback
Mike Alstott. Also on the squad are
linebackers Hardy Nickerson and
Derek Brooks, center Tony
Mckinerty and defensive tackle
Warren Sapp. Safety John Lynch
was added to the team because of
injuries.
Nickerson, a three-time all-star,
is the only Pro Bowl starter among
the Buccaneers.
The Buccaneers, a study of util-
ity through the years, matched a
franchise high with 10 regular-sea-
son victories. They beat Detroit 26to
10 in the opening playoff round
before losing 21-7 to Green Bay.
Tampa Bay's turnaround began
in 1996 when it went 5-of-its last
seven games after starting 1-8.
"I think we have a very good
foundation of young players," said
Dilfer, a fourth-year pro who threw
21 touchdowns this season.
"We get to continue to get better,
maybe add a couple of players, and
I think we can make a run at it."
Dilfer, who had 1,449 yard-
rushing and pass receiving and is
the only quarterback in the Pro Bowl
this year, is bowled by some wagon.
"Hopefully, it's a turnaround
that has just gotten under way. We
have a lot of potential, a lot of
young players. And as we get more
experience I bet the fans are going
to get a lot better.
"Green Bay's playoff loss to
Green Bay followed a trend. The
Buccaneers have lost to the Packers
in 11 of the last 12 meetings, includ-
ing the last five.
The Packers were upset by
Denver 31-24 in the Super Bowl.
Dilfer said he didn't want to watch
Green Bay, or any other team.

Voters to decide on downtown
site for San Diego Padres ballpark

By Bernie Wilson
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Pending voter
approval, the San Diego Padres
could be playing in a new down-
town ballpark not far from the
waterfront by 2004.
A city-appointed task force is ex-
pected to recommend Thursday
that a baseball stadium be built
in the South Embarcadero area,
just a few blocks from the
Gaslamp Quarter, the center of
Super Bowl partying last week-
end, and the bayfront Convention
Center.
The task force is slated
Thursday to take a final vote on
its draft report to Mayor Susan
Goulding, and has scheduled a
news conference and ceremonial
first pitch at a vacant lot in a
warehouse district, the report's
site.
A task force member, speaking on
condition of anonymity, expect-
ded the draft report to pass. The
city and Padres must still negoti-
ate how to pay for the ballpark,
and voters will have the final say,
globally on the November ballot.
The Padres say they desper-
ately need the revenue from a sta-
dium dedicated only to baseball.
The team currently shares the
71,600-seat Qualcomm Stadium
with the NFL's Chargers, and
their lease expires before the 2000
season.
The Padres push for a new
cballpark comes amid lingering
bitterness over the city's 1995
deal with the Chargers to expand
Qualan in order to keep the
team in San Diego through 2020.
The public was angry about a
portion of the deal that gave the
Chargers a break on their rent to
the city if they don't sell at least
60,000 general admission tickets
each game.
"It's going to be a hell of a
fight, but if the financing package
is acceptable to the task
force, a special acoustic bismark
commission will be sent to Golding, and the
city and Padres must
draft report would then review the negotiated
deal and make a final recommen-
dation to the City Council, which
would place a referendum on the
ballot.
Earlier Wednesday, Padres
batting star Tony Gwynn com-
mented on how critical this sea-
son will be.
"From our standpoint, all we
can do is prepare to go out and
play the best we can for the rest of
the year and hope that maybe we can
sway the voters in the right direction.
"We want to win. That's our focus. And if it's by
winning that we can improve our chances of getting a new ball-
park, then so be it."
Baseball

From page 8 that need to be made," said sopho
more third baseman Mike Bland. "We don't have the offense to aver-
age nine and a half runs a game like last year, so it's going to be our defense and pitching that win games.

While the offense may not be as good as the one that hit 346.* Price said, "It's very important, because they're the ones that are giving the offense a shot at getting to the base.

"We have three or four guys who have to do well for us in the meat of our lineup," Price said. "That's why we don't have the offense to average nine and a half runs a game like last year, so it's going to be our defense and pitching that win games."—Mike Bland

"We have two of the top pitchers in the nation with Zirelli and Salinas, but it won't matter if we don't have the players that need to be made. We don't have the offense to average nine and a half runs a game like last year, so it's going to be our defense and pitching that win games." —Mike Bland

Price said that Bland, Cassano and Inland, State leftfielder Matt Brady are key to the team's offensive success. "Bland has a .346 average," Price said. "He's very important, because he's the one that's going to be a big part of our Big West batting champ, Scott Kell. Brady is also important, because he can hit for a good average and play a very solid rightfield." Price is counting on Cassano and Wood to provide the power. "I think Wood is capable of hitting 15 to 20 home runs as our cleanup hitter," he said. "Cassano has had a great winter so far."
SPORTS TRIVIA

Yesterday's Answer:
Adam Oates is known for his "gentlemanly conduct" and has been nominated for the Lady Byng Trophy five times. No one submitted the correct answer.

Today's Question:
What or who is buried under the ice in Ottawa's new Corral Centre?

Submit your answer to skinny_dip@calpoly.edu. The first correct answer I receive will be printed along with your name in the paper the next day.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY
• Men's basketball vs. U.C. Irvine at Irvine at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
• Women's basketball vs. U.C. Irvine in Mott Gym at 7 p.m.
• Baseball vs. St. Mary's at Sinsheimer Stadium at 7 p.m.
• Women's tennis vs. Westminster College at tennis courts behind Mott Gym at 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY
• Baseball vs. St. Mary's at Sinsheimer Stadium at 1 p.m.
• Swimming and diving at U.C. Davis at 1 p.m.
• Men's basketball vs. Cal State Fullerton at Fullerton at 7 p.m.
• Men's Tennis vs. Boise State at tennis courts behind Mott Gym at 1 p.m.
• Men's tennis vs. U.C. Santa Barbara at library field at 2 p.m.
• Wrestling vs. Oklahoma University at Norman, Okla. at 12 p.m.
• Wrestling vs. Oklahoma State at Stillwater, Okla. at 3:30 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Women's basketball vs. Cal State Fullerton in Mott Gym at 2 p.m.
• Baseball vs. St. Mary's at Sinsheimer Stadium at 7 p.m.
• Women's tennis vs. U.C. Davis at tennis courts behind Mott Gym at 8:30 a.m.
• Men's tennis vs. University of Hawaii at tennis courts behind Mott Gym at 1 p.m.

The Cal Poly baseball team retired 13 seniors last year, a powerhouse of players who broke all the slugging records on the books. This year head coach Ritch Price starts another era. This time it will be the era of the pitching staff, that's what he hopes.

By Joe Nolan
Daily Staff Writer

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The pitching staff's 211 walks were the fewest in the Big West Conference.