Police arrest suspect in SLO killing

Roommate Blaine Richardson turns himself in at Police station Sunday

By Louise Attard
Mustang Daily

Blaine Richardson was arrested Sunday evening after he turned himself in at the San Luis Obispo Police Department for the murder of Richard Wall. Wall, 44, was found dead in his San Luis Towers apartment Nov. 18 from multiple stab wounds.

Richardson notified investigators that he was to meet them at the San Luis Obispo Police Department. Police Capt. Cliff Chelquist said Richardson, 22, was interviewed by police and is now being held in the San Luis Obispo County Jail as a second suspect for the murder. The police could not give any information as to what Richardson had told them.

"We believe he was part of the homicide," Chelquist said. Chelquist believes both Richardson and Allan Kness, a local transient, worked together in the homicide. Kness was arrested for suspected murder Nov. 19 after an anonymous telephone tip. Both are being treated as suspects.

Kness is also being held in the County Jail in a separate cell

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SLO killing

FD A-approved birth control goes unnoticed at Poly

By Lauren Nowenstein
Mustang Daily

Female students may not know they can prevent unwanted pregnancies by taking the so-called morning-after pill, according to Ann Gordon, director of San Luis Obispo's Planned Parenthood.

The emergency contraceptive pills are 95 percent effective in preventing unwanted pregnancy if taken within 24 hours.

"The emergency contraception pill is our nation's best kept secret," Gordon said. She cited research that estimates that if everyone had access to and was aware of the drug, the use

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FDA- approved ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE: Overal is one of the morning after treatments prescribed in San Luis Obispo. The Health Center charges $10.
**Colleges making laptops mandatory in the classroom**

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) — By the year 2000, the computer screen may replace the noteK)ok.

"We think in order to be a part of the 21st Century, those people involved in the telecommunications world are going some how had access to information," Joyal said.

Students should be as familiar with computers as they are with televisions and telephones, Joyal said.

Many students do not purchase com­puters, Joyal said.

"It will enable a lot more collabora­tion between students and faculty," Joyal said. Because NMU is a com­muter school, Joyal said, laptops will allow students to do more work on campus instead of driving home to type.

"The difference between prices in laptops and desktops is going to be very small," Joyal said.

Michigan State University has a proposal on the table that will require entering first-year students to buy laptops. "The proposal does not say everyone has to have the same machine," said Paul Hunt, MSU's vice provost for libraries, computing and technology. "The proposal calls for all students to matriculate beginning in 2001 to have a network capable laptop."

MSU students, Hunt said, will be responsible for buying the laptop.

Hunt said computing sites located on campus will not be eliminated. Many of the sites would be granted extended coverage by campus majors.

University of Michigan Chief Information Officer Jose-Marie Griffiths said the University has dis­cussed making laptops a mandatory learning tool. But with more than 80 percent of students having access to their own computer, "it would be an added bur­den on students," Griffiths said.

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rate cell from Richardson, Chelquist said.

Chelquist said the police didn't issue an arrest warrant for Richardson earlier because infor­mation on the investigation was still being gathered. On Friday, police issued an arrest warrant for Richardson.

"He was wanted for question­ing (but) no more information came in so we then issued a warrant," Chelquist said.

"Rob was trying to be helpful," Merritt said. "He did legitimately try to get us a spot, it was just too late.

Merritt attempted to obtain a permit with the police in time, but they could have lived music, but according to him, the police never returned calls.

Brock said that prior to receiving a ticket on Friday, SAE has never been ticketed since moving into their new house.

**Man gouges out his eyes after being ruled competent for trial**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — A man held at the state mental hospital gouged out his eyes and flushed one of them down the toilet after being ruled competent to stand trial.

Officials would not identify the man or the charges on which he was being held.

The man used either his fingers or sunglasses to pull out one eye last week and flushed it. After being treated and returned to the state hos­pital, he gouged out the other eye Wednesday.

After the man pulled out the first eye, his hands were chained to a belt at his waist. He still managed to lower his head enough to pull out the other eye.

Human Services Department spokesman Joe Quinn. Two state hospital employees were placed on lighter duty.

"We are now investigating whether or not the officers that were on him were correctly followed," Quinn said. "When he came back, he was supposed to be under constant surveillance by a staff member."
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of emergency contraception pills could cure the rate of unintended pregnancy and abortion in half.

Melissa Hayes, a kinesiology junior and peer health adviser, said many students don't realize emergency contraceptives are available to them.

"Many women don't know that they don't have to get pregnant because they made one mistake," Hayes said.

Gordon said Planned Parenthood does not refer to the drug as a "morning-after pill," because the name may lead some patients to believe the drug must be used immediately after a potential contraception failure or sexual intercourse takes place without the use of a birth control method.

While an emergency contraceptive pill is most effective when taken within 24 hours, it can be used up to 72 hours after an incident takes place which could result in unintended pregnancy.

"It's a great thing to have out there for women," Gordon said.

Gordon said the clinic has access to several varieties of the pills but that Overall is most commonly used because it has the least amount of side effects.

Overall is taken in two doses 12 hours apart and a total of four pills taken altogether. Gordon said Planned Parenthood prescribes the pills mainly to students and middle-aged women who have recently been pregnant.

"We probably get about five or six requests per week for it," Gordon said, adding that the drug is available without a prescription or appointment.

Gordon said people against the use of the drug may have moral opposition to abortion.

"Some protesters think it's a form of abortion, but it's not true," Gordon said.

Gordon said high doses of estrogen and progesterone in emergency contraception pills often prevent a woman's ovaries from releasing an egg. If the egg has already been released and fertilized, the drug prevents the egg from attaching to the wall of the uterus. Gordon does not classify this as abortion.

Gordon said that without medical insurance, the pills and consultation from Planned Parenthood would cost $32, but if a woman is unable to pay this amount, state funds can be used to subsidize the cost.

Andrea Brauning, a physician at Cal Poly's Health Center for 24 years, said emergency contraceptive measures have been available to students since she began working there.

Before the official Food and Drug Administration's approval of Overall and other emergency contraceptive pills, Brauning said pills intended for estrogen treatment were used to prevent unplanned pregnancy.

Brauning said that in studies Overall is shown to have no known damaging effects to the developing fetus of a woman who is already pregnant when she takes the drug. The most commonly reported side effect is the drug is nausea in some women. Brauning warned that emergency contraceptive pills should not be used in place of birth control methods and should not be used on a regular basis.

Hayes said some students might not realize the consequences of having unprotected sex or skipping regular birth control pills.

"People might realize that some things they do are risky and may lead to pregnancy," Hayes said.

Brauning said students most commonly request the drug after condom failure, but the drug may also be prescribed to students who have had unprotected intercourse after missing three or four regular birth control pills. So far this month, the Health Center has issued 20 prescriptions for emergency contraceptive pills.

"It seems a little high this month," Brauning said, adding that the Health Center usually sees 10 to 20 people requesting the pills.

To get the drug at the Health Center, Brauning said students can sign into the Health Center on a walk-in basis or by making an appointment. They are usually referred to the advice nurse on duty or a nurse practitioner and then prescribed the drug. For a registered Cal Poly student the prescription costs $9.85.

Brauning said women should know emergency contraceptive pills are available to them and may prevent them from experiencing the difficulties and choices which come along with an unintended pregnancy.

The Family Medical Center also provides emergency contraception pills on a walk-in basis on Mondays from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The center is also open on weekends, and a consultation and prescription is $40.

The Economic Opportunity Committee at the Health Services center also provides emergency contraception pills, but a student must be a patient already registered to the service to receive them. Since registration usually takes two weeks, unregistered patients are usually referred to Planned Parenthood.

Students can find out the names and numbers of health care providers who prescribe emergency contraceptive drugs anywhere in the United States by calling 1-800-354-9911.

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home there's no way we're going to turn them away.

In addition, out of money after an expensive night downtown at the bars, he or she can still call for a ride. With the van, staff said that while the company could not afford to provide the service for free, a student would not be denied transportation and would be billed.

Shaffer said the Safe-Ride service was founded on New Year's Eve 1994, when a group of Cal Poly students approached Ride-On regarding a program for students who needed rides home during Safe-Ride hours. All the riders are not students, Shaffer said.

The service is for anyone who needs a ride during operating hours. "They don't have to be at a bar, and they don't have to be drunk," Shaffer said.

Cal Poly Commuter Services coordinator Jacqueline Paulsen said it is very important people realize the service is not just for intoxicated riders.

"It's very carefully marketed from the beginning that it wasn't just for those who had been drinking," Paulsen said. "Anyone can use it, especially females. Instead of walking home, call for a ride. If they're on a date and it feels wrong and they are somewhere they don't want to be, they can get away and get a ride home." Anyone needing transportation during Safe-Ride hours can dial 235-5241 to reach a driver. Drivers carry cell phones in their vehicles so they can be reached immediately.

Shaffer emphasized the safety of the program.

"All our drivers are fingerprinted and can be checked," Shaffer said. "They carry a class B professional driver's license and they go through a minimum of 12 additional safety training hours a year." Landscape architecture senior Chelsea Lemvi said she used Safe-Ride on Halloween this year. She heard about the service from friends who had purchased the annual pass.

"I couldn't drive home so I called Safe-Ride," she said. "It took about ten minutes for them to come. The car was clean and the driver was real nice. I would use it again." Shaffer said students are on a ride on day that Safe-Ride doesn't operate have another option. Sharon Myers, an employee at Central Taxi, said the company takes about 300 calls a week from Cal Poly students.

"We get at least 50 calls at night a week," Myers said. "Mainly on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. It gets pretty busy." Central Taxi is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at 544-1222. Rides are $2 for the pickup and $2 per mile.

In an emergency situation, or if a student is somewhere unfamiliar or far from home and feels threatened, he or she can call the San Luis Obispo Police Department for assistance, said Lt. Joe Hazouri.

"If someone feels threatened, if somebody is following them ... they can call the police or have a driver take them home," Hazouri said.

For students on campus after hours, there are safer alternatives to walking around at night to the parking lot or home. Carol Montgomery, an officer with Cal Poly Police Department, said people home who need a ride can call the San Luis Obispo Police Department for assistance, said Lt. Joe Hazouri.

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Tales from the indentured serving wench

I think food server should be allowed to carry handguns. We, perhaps more than any other group, could effectively weed out the copious pestilential dregs of society.

I alone wait on anywhere from 100 to 200 people a week. Most of my customers are polite, friendly and completely unworthy of a death sentence. However, there are a few who are rude, stingy, and obvious that I would feel completely justified in exiling their evil from the planet.

For example: On Saturday I waited on a group of 18 adults who ran me all over the restaurant and likewise ran their bill up to more than $140. Of course they wanted 18 separate checks, all of their meals were special orders, and they spoke to me as if I were their indentured serving wench.

After almost two hours of enduring their condescending demands, I was rewarded with a $17 tip — just slightly more than 5% of their total bill. The customers claimed the food was delicious and the service they received was excellent, so why did they feel the need to make me cry with their final insult of a server in this manner. Still, I need to make sure everyone understands that we work on tips. In other words, we work our butts off for minimum wage and our tips make up the majority of our salary. Furthermore, the government assumes we make at least 8% tips on sales and we are taxed accordingly. So in my previous example I was actually taxed on more than I made.

If a server does a poor job, by all means reduce the tip amount! But take notice: How busy is your server. Are they ignoring you, or just doing their best they can with an overload of people to wait on? Be generous: the difference of a few dollars can brighten someone’s day, or bring tears to their eyes.

Some say, “I don’t believe in tipping.” Well I don’t believe in paying taxes and yet I’m still paying taxes on the tip that person didn’t give me.

I’m a good waitress. I do my very best to give my customers the best service possible, and I do it all with a smile. I usually lose my job and my customers. But if you know any of those cheap, contemptuous, belligerent type people who treat their servers like dirt, warn them to stay away from my section, ’cause I’m gonna get me a bandana.

Jamie Rudolph is a speech communication junior.

Should the water polo players be allowed to sell the calendar picturing them “in the buff”?

“I thought it was rad they took that picture. Why should it be printed in the Mustang Daily and not on the calendar?”

Matt Miskelly
computer engineering
freshman

“I think they should definitely be able to print the calendar. It would raise money, so why not?”

Leah Neary
social science sophomore

“The balls cover more than their speedos would. It’s funny and I think they should be able to print it if they want.”

Amy Pearson
environmental horticulture
senior

“If people will buy it.”

Bill Denzel
mechanical engineering
senior

“Yes, I think, as a club sport, seeing that you have to fund-raise, ASI should give you more money so you don’t have to fund-raise.”

Larry Lenz
business senior

Jamie Rudolph
Speech Communication

You're talkin' to me about dead week?!
Increase personal awareness

Editor:

This letter is in response to comments made at the Open Forum at Cal Poly on Nov. 19. The Forum was intended to discuss community members' concerns about missing Cal Poly student Rachel Newhouse.

During the gathering, an individual voiced her concern about personal safety and directly asked if there has been an increase in sexual assault incidents in San Luis Obispo. Our anxiety increased when Chief Mitchell from the Cal Poly Police Department responded by stating he had checked with local sexual assault agencies and as far as he knows the numbers are not true and there is nothing to worry about.

According to the Rape Crisis Center of San Luis Obispo County, statistics, 10 sexual assaults have occurred and were reported to law enforcement so far this month. All 10 occurred during the eight days preceding Newhouse's disappearance. In addition, this particular week is recognized by Rape Crisis staff as the busiest week of the year thus far.

Furthermore, when addressing safety concerns it is important to acknowledge that assaults do occur where the perpetrator is unknown to the victim; however, 80% of all sexual assaults are perpetrated by someone the victim knows. Increasing personal awareness such as following your instincts, being aware of your environment, building assertiveness skills and learning physical self-defense can contribute to lowering your risk. Victims don't cause rape, they just happen to be there. The following tips are things you can do to decrease the risk of getting assaulted by someone you know:

1. Listen to your gut feelings. If a situation doesn't feel right, get out of it.
2. Don't be afraid to make a scene, yell, or stand up for yourself.
3. Stay sober. You make poor decisions when drunk or loaded.
4. Don't allow yourself to become isolated with someone you don't trust or know well.
5. Learn and practice self-defense and assertive communication.
6. Take care of yourself. Don't assume others will.

Stacey Essenfeld, Carrie Kjellesvik and Sara Madrigal are Cal Poly student interns at the Rape Crisis Center of SLO County.

We are adults; it's time to act responsibly

Editor:

In response to all of those who wish to shift the blame from irresponsible behavior and onto the city police and the person responsible for Rachel Newhouse's disappearance, this is for you.

Police exist in this city to enforce the law as it is written by lawmakers. It is not, as Aaron Deffman suggested in his column Nov. 29, to ensure citizen safety by providing education on safety and safety means for people to get from one place to another. Besides, law enforcement agencies all over the county, including Cal Poly police, have already united to provide free workshops designed to increase safety awareness in our community, called "Scared Safe."

If we all go back in time to elementary classroom users on safety from local police officers, school-wide assemblies in junior high and high school and no doubt numerous dinner table lectures from our parents, we will recall that we have had all the safety instruction we could ever need.

We are adults. It is not the job of local law enforcement to make us aware of the world we live in. We can read about our world in the newspaper and watch it on television everyday. But community policing and providing safe rides from law enforcement will not stop adults from making poor decisions.

The poor decision in Newhouse's case is the same poor decision millions of college-age adults across America make everyday. She drank enough alcohol in an unsecured area (meaning not in the safety of her own home) to impair her ability to think and make decisions rationally, and she was with a group of friends who were in no condition to aid her in making an intelligent decision.

Secondly, we cannot blame Newhouse's assailant because it does not further our goal to protect ourselves. Violent criminals like rapists and murderers are not like you and me, so don't give them any credit because that will only give them the power they were seeking when they committed the crime. We cannot change reality, and focusing on the assailant encourages people to believe Newhouse was just in the wrong place at the wrong time. This wrong place/wrong time theory allows us to continue believing such a crime could not happen to us. If we are ever to protect ourselves, we cannot factor criminals into the equation of effective self-preservation.

Newhouse and her friends chose to get drunk. She wanted to leave a situation that no one but Rachel got herself into. She had numerous alternatives to get home safely such as calling a cab or Ride-On, which is a service offered by the community. Rachel made a choice and her drunkeness no doubt caused her to make this choice. She put herself in a situation to be victimized.

As Police Chief Thomas Mitchell said in a community forum last Thursday, 90 percent of all assaults occur to people who are alone. "Scared Safe" teaches two main things: how to avoid a potentially dangerous situation and how to respond appropriately to dangerous situations. Rachel walked right into a dangerous situation she was in no condition to appropriately respond to.

The problem is that young adults consistently make poor decisions. It is no coincidence that 16 to 24-year-olds (the youngest adults) are the nation's biggest drinkers. Nor is it any coincidence as young adults grow older they become more mature and wiser. With this maturity and college graduation, constant weekend drinking declines very rapidly.

The real problem is that the country we live in operates on a double standard. We live in a town where bars and parties are very prevalent. We are told from an early age how drinking can impair our judgment, but once we reach 18 to 24 and are not under our parents' given eyes, we drink...excessively. It doesn't seem to matter what all the adults in our lives have told us up until this point, we are young and everybody drinks when they are young.

I assure you what happened to Rachel on Nov. 12 could have happened to another girl just this last weekend. I drove near the downtown area last weekend late at night, and not much has changed. People are still walking around drunk and I even saw some people alone. Those of you who think police can stop assailants from taking advantage of situations where people have failed to take basic steps to protect themselves, are wrong. Police cannot be everywhere, nor is it their job to be. Act responsibly.

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DENVER (AP) — Records are falling, the Hall of Fame is being repeated and the Broncos can join them with a win Sunday at San Diego (5-6) and a victory at home Dec. 6 against Kansas City (4-7).

"I don't know if anybody ever thought we'd be in this situation," tight end Shannon Sharpe said. "Yeah, we knew we had a good football team and we'd have a chance to be somebody special, but I don't really think that was in anyone's mind, going back to San Diego (wate of the team's Super Bowl) undefeated.

The same could be said for Denver (8-2-1). Quarterback John Elway reached 50,000 career yards passing Sunday; Jason Elam kicked a record-tying 63-yard field goal Oct. 25; and Terrill Davis became only the third running back to rush for 1,000 yards in the season's first seven games.

Elyas has agreed to donate his 50,000-yard ball game to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and Elam will hand over his kicking shoe after the season.

Davis already has sent game memorabilia to Canton, and with 1,492 yards rushing, he has put himself in position to break Dickerson's single-season record of 2,125 yards in 1984.

"We're trying to break every record in the NFL," wide receiver Rod Smith said. "Offense, defense, special teams, we want all the records. That's what we're working (tall) off to do."

**Back home: Brian Jordan signs five-year deal with Braves**

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves, changing the face of their team after another postseason flop, agreed Monday to a $40 million, five-year contract with outfielder Brian Jordan.

Jordan, who played for the St. Louis Cardinals this year and became a free agent, also was courted by the New York Mets, New York Yankees and Baltimore Orioles.

But, when the Braves met his price argument, he resisted the urge to play in his adopted home. Jordan was with the N.F.L. Atlanta Falcons from 1989-91 and still lives in suburban Stone Mountain, Ga.

"That was the deciding factor," he said after an afternoon news conference at Turner Field, where he was accompanied by his wife, Pam, and their children, daughter Brianna, 7, and son, Bryson, 4. "I wanted to be here with my kids. They're at an age where daddy needs to be home with them."

The Braves agreed Jordan low than $2 million in 2001 and $25 million in 2002. That would bring total compensation to $135 million over the seven-year deal.

The 31-year-old Jordan gives Atlanta another potent bat in a lineup that already produces franchise-big numbers. The Braves now have six players — Andres Galarraga (44), Larry Walker (40), Andres Jones (31), Bo Porter (30) and Jordan — who eclipsed 200 home runs in 1999.

The mix of those players also had at least 90 RBIs, giving the Braves a fearsome group of batters to go along with a pitching staff that still ranks among the best in the baseball despite losing 16-game winner Neagle.

The Braves also have reeled off seven straight postseason appearances since 1991, the Braves have won only one World Series. They were beaten the last two seasons in the N.L. championship series, losing to San Diego in six games this year.

"We would like to have won a few more league championships. We would like to have won a few more World Series," said general manager John Schuerholz. "We're going to keep fighting, I promise you that."

The Braves also have talked with free-agent outfielder Steve Finley, who played with San Diego (40). Finley and Jordan, who has hit 22 straight regular-season games and 16 games overall, including last year's Super Bowl run.

The deal calls for him to get a $3 million signing bonus, $4 million next year and $61.8 million and already have committed more than $66 million for next year.

"I will not do that, I feel like we can win the entire thing."

The rian surrounding Rice stemmed from his remarks after Sunday night's 31-20 win over New Orleans.

The N.L.'s career leader in home runs last season, the record 215 homers. The Braves now have him consider retiring after the next three to five years."

The deal calls for him to get a $3 million signing bonus, $4 million next year and $61.8 million and already have committed more than $66 million for next year.

"I'm a frustrate person," he said. "I've always been a team player but you guys made this into a situation where I'm seen as selfish. All I said is I want this offense to be running on all cylinders. If we can do that, I like we can win the entire thing.

"Why can't I be frustrated? I'm not a selfish individual," Rice said. "I'm a frustrate person."

"If you ask me if I'm having a good time, no. Is this something that might want to make you retire, hell yes. All I know is I'm not having a good time. Maybe it's time for me to move on."

On Monday, Rice insisted his post-game remarks were blown out of proportion. He said he was merely portrayed as a self-absorbed player and reporters ignored his main point, which was to call attention to 49ers' sluggish starts in recent games.

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**Stressless Thanksgiving Feast**

Thanksgiving dinner is all about timing and perfect planning. Make the stuffing early and let it cool immediately set their sights on Jordan. In the final season of a $6.5 million, two-year contract, he hit 316 with 25 home runs for the Cardinals, both career highs. He had 91 RBIs and 17 stolen bases.

The deal calls for him to get a $3 million signing bonus, $4 million next year and $61.8 million in 2002. There are no trade limitations in the deal.

"We're committed and we're not winning running year after next year I want to win," Jordan said.

The Braves had the highest payroll ($61.8 million) and already have committed more than $66 million for next year. But they still have 13 signed players in 2001.

"We have a team that in, many ways, is in its prime," said president Dan Kaster. "As long as we stay in this prime, we're going to keep pushing away at the rate."

"When this year is over, we may recall and do something different. But I think we can keep this philosophy for the next three to five years."

The Vista Grande Restaurant Manager said "Thank you, we knew you guessed it, good old Tom Turkey. In second place is the ham, followed closely by fresh fish."

The buffet opens at 10 am and runs until 5 pm allowing those planning evening dinners to take in the entire Vista Grande's huge bay windows.

"Reservations are strongly recommended," Sweeny said.

The buffet takes place on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 26, and costs $12.95 for adults and $6.95 for children, not including tax.

The Vista Grande Restaurant is located on the Cal Poly campus and parking on the campus will not require a Cal poly issued parking pass and the parking lot is conveniently situated right across the street from the restaurant.

Vista Grande Restaurant has been serving the Thanksgiving buffet for over 20 years, making it sort of a staple.

So, for a plethora of food in irresistible varieties, Vista Grande Restaurant is your family's answer to this Thanksgiving. So put away that baking pan and those caserole dishes and call 756-1204 today for your reservations for a relaxed holiday with family.
Wrestling gets three recruits

Mustang Daily

Cal Poly has announced the signing of three high school student-athletes to wrestle for the Mustangs. The students, all from Hughson High School, signed letters of intent last Thursday.

Head wrestling coach Dennis Cowell said the recruits attend the same high school as Steve Strange, Cal Poly's top recruit last year. Strange holds the national record for the most career wins in high school wrestling.

"These guys are going to contribute greatly," he said. "All three of these recruits have the ability to win state championships this season. Their addition will definitely strengthen our lower weight classes."

Cowell said early recruitment gives Cal Poly a great start in signing new wrestlers.

"I feel fortunate to sign these three quality wrestlers during this early period," he said. The next recruiting period will take place in early April.

Kyle Bunch weighs 125 pounds and is a two-time league and sub-section champion. Bunch is also a CIF champion and runner-up in the junior nationals. Steve Vieira weighs 135 pounds and is a three-time California state champion. He is also a CIF champion, and sub-section and league champion. Joshua Blagg is a league and sub-section champion. Weighing 149 pounds, Blagg won the CIF and placed eighth in the California State meet.

Two new players for Mustang tennis

Mustang Daily

Two high school student-athletes signed letters of intent to enroll at Cal Poly and play men's tennis.

The announcement was made last Thursday by Athletic Director John McCaughan.

Head tennis coach Chris Eppright was pleased with the decision to sign Matt Badowski from Monterey High School and Dan Berger from Paso Robles High School.

"I am very excited about this signing of Matt and Dan," he said in a press statement. "They are both exceptional student-athletes who will have a major impact on our program."

Badowski is the fifth ranked singles player and is the top ranked doubles player in Northern California. He was also a CIF singles finalist last year. Eppright said Berger "is the best local tennis player I've seen in the past nine years."
**Women's basketball signs two recruits**

**Mustang Daily**

Cal Poly's women's basketball program has signed two student-athletes for the 1999-2000 season.

Standing 5 feet 9 inches, Paige Billingsley is a guard and attends Mission Prep High School in San Luis Obispo. Head women's basketball coach Faith Mimnaugh said in a statement that Billingsley is an exceptional athlete with many qualities which make her a great catch for Cal Poly.

"Perhaps the one that stands out is her commitment to play every position with 100% focus," she said.

Mimnaugh also notes that Billingsley playing the three and two positions at the collegiate level. Next season the women's basketball team will lose Kristin Griffith, who will be graduating. Mimnaugh said Griffith is one of the team's "fiercest competitors" but believes Billingsley can match her performance.

"I expect Paige to contribute to that same level of intensity," she said.

The second recruit, Jill Hodges, is 5 feet 10 inches tall and a guard at Stockdale High School in Bakersfield. How many turkey legs will he eat as the basketball team looks to next season.

**Softball gets top pitcher, three others**

**Mustang Daily**

Four new high school student-athletes will join Cal Poly's softball team next year. The students signed letters of intent to enroll next year.

Athletic Director John McCutcheon announced the new players Thursday.

Head softball coach Lisa Boyer said in a statement she was happy with the new recruits.

"I am exceptionally pleased with the caliber of student-athletes that has committed to the Cal Poly softball program during this signing period," she said. "These four players represent a very strong group of athletes who still have room to grow athletically. I am confident in their ability to have an immediate impact on the Cal Poly softball program."

Jamie Gelbart is a right-handed pitcher from Palos Verdes Peninsula High School. She led the Mustangs to a state title.

The addition of the women's indoor track will be a win-win for women. They can improve their performance and attend college. The sport will be a win-win for both.

**Second Alomar joining Indians**

**Cleveland (AP) — Make it two All-Star Alomars on Cleveland.**

Roberto Alomar joined his brother Sandy on the AL Central champions, agreeing Monday to a four-year contract worth $30 million to $32 million.

While the deal wasn't immediately announced, several sources familiar with the negotiations, all spoke on the condition of anonymity, said it had been completed. The Indians planned a news conference today in Jacobs Field to announce the contract with the nine-time All-Star.

Roberto’s addition gives the Indians the strongest and flashiest middle infield in baseball. A six-time Gold Glove winner, Alomar will be part of the lineup with shortstop Omar Vizquel, who won the sixth straight Gold Glove this season. The 1985 All-Star has 1,642 hits and 373 doubles.

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