Noteworthy 1998 offers big news

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From time to time, a news event will turn enough heads to make it a truly notable occurrence, and 1998 offered its share of big news stories. Mustang Daily editors were asked to choose the year's top stories; these are their choices.

Student disappearance

The disappearance of nutrition junior Rachel Newhouse sent a wave of uneasiness through the Cal Poly campus. Newhouse, 20, vanished about 11 p.m. Nov. 12 from Tortilla Flats, a restaurant and bar on Nipomo Street, and remains missing.

The case was eerily similar to the May 1996 disappearance of Kristin Smart, another Cal Poly student who was never found.

After the case was upgraded to a criminal investigation, police revealed that blood found on the Jennifer Street pedestrian bridge near downtown was probably Newhouse's, but so far no suspects have been arrested.

The San Luis Obispo Police Department, working with the FBI, interviewed hundreds of people and brought in dogs to help in the search.

Friends also helped plaster the community with fliers advertising Newhouse's disappearance. Anybody with information is urged to call the San Luis Obispo Police Department at 781-7317 or the anonymous tip line at 781-4544.

Speedos sell

The Cal Poly men's water polo team — naked. In a calendar.

No swimsuits, no goggles. Just the players and their, ah, equipment.

The scantily-clad team photo graph turned into a hornet of controversy after Rec Sports officials blocked them from selling the calendars to raise money for a trip to the National Championship.

"The offensive part is being covered by a water polo ball," coach Sean Raymond explained. "It's in good taste. (But) the closer you look, you notice these guys don't have any Speedos on their hips. You can tell something's missing."

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Poly dance company celebrates student’s life

Friends turn Sonia Sandoval’s artwork into posters to raise funds for scholarship

By Julie O’Shea

The web page dedicated to Cal Poly’s Sonia Sandoval is "a beautiful, talented dancer, artist, poet, and a incredibly energetic and person to be around," Sandoval died in a November car accident.

Now, friends of Sandoval, a modern languages senior and dance major, have set up a memorial fund to honor some of the things she cherished: dance, poetry and art.

"I think she would have wanted to have her work shown and to always keep her name part of the dance world," — Melissa Cook

Sandoval’s senior project, which she started, was finished by Cook. "She was a lucky person," Cook said. "He didn’t need your blessing or approval to do something." She was a part of the dance company, the performance and will feature the dance company’s winter cabaret, "It's a way to work through our grief, to finish something that she started," said Maria James, dance professor and assistant director of Orchesis. "We are dancing for her, and she is dancing through us."

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"The hook is a collection of poetry about the stages a woman goes through in life," Lavery said. "Right now all the poems are in Spanish," he said. "A professor in the modern languages department is helping to translate them to English."

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"If sober, he enjoyed tixitball a lot. Ventura was most successful in the sport, and finally played in the state tournament when he was 18," Feely said. "To be with a swimmer and a tixitball player, he had to be devoted," said Jack Ctsberg, one of Ventura’s football coaches.

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The 18-month, $9 million project is
having a dry campus and I don’t think
the administration should contradict
"We understand that anytime you
have a program like this, it is going to
come under a lot of scrutiny," said
Athletic Director John McCutcheon.

"I never have been anticipated that
we will make a huge profit from this.
"This will make Mustang Main Street will be well received.

"It has never been anticipated that
in the past few years, alcohol con­sumption on campus has expanded.
Home students probably will have
concerns, but we did a lot of research
and this is very in line for what stu­dents want," Geis said. "Students
need to be responsible. ... Next year,
we want to make this the plan for
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Salute Your Burdens

New year, new conquistadors, new things to laugh at. Such was the false hope that plagued my mind as I strolled across campus the other day. My backpack had a hole. The zipper came undone, and the entire contents of my quarter (and let's face it, most of last quarter and some from the one before) spilled out onto the sidewalk. It has been happening on the hour, every hour, since then. So I got to thinking about what would be the perfect topic for my first column. I certainly didn't think of anything. But somebody suggested the following. In a desperate frenzy, I stole the idea. Rarely had I seen the prose flow so quickly from my pen. Ladies and gentlemen, I give you my...

Old to The Backpack

Size does matter. I can hear it getting fatter. Fill it with books, stuff all the creases and the nooks. I think I'm gonna die. For much like the president's had imitation of a stripper, just like in this cartoon, I'm cyclependent (and a klutz).

Stephanie Fuller is a second year psychology graduate student.

The deceiving guarantee

Editor: I am writing this letter to express my anger at our campus bookstore's advertising that they guarantee the highest buyback value for our textbooks. I am a struggling student, as most of us are, and when I hear or see an ad like this on the radio, or when I am told at the buyback counter that El Corral is offering the highest value for my book, I feel I should be able to take it at its word.

I went to the buyback counter, located just outside the Campus Market. I had a book called "Social and Emotional Development," which cost around $42 used. I was told I would be given $8 in return. I said I would try Aida's, since in the past their prices were much better on sales, as well as returns.

The lady at the counter assured me that El Corral had a guarantee to pay the highest buyback price (basically trying to save me the trip). When I asked how this worked, she explained I would need a receipt from Aida's stating how much they would pay me for the book. Then I could take the book and the receipt back to El Corral, and El Corral would meet the price. This is what constituted the guarantee.

I'm outrayed, and I wondered if others are.

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Never mind the fact that 35,000 children will die today from starvation and preventable diseases, Furby is not so damn cute, it is worth it. For only a measly $32, you could own this educational bargain. That right, not only is he cute, soft and lovable, but he can add a bit of culture to the lives of you and those in your family. Furby happens to be bilingual. He can mimic phrases in English (why bother buying that Smurf parlance!) and is fluent in Furbian (a former part of the Soviet Union).

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LETTERS

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Editor: Am I the only one who has a problem with this? What exactly am I paying for? Who is wanting our energy? Also, on the other extreme - who is it that every time I walk into the computer building room 253, the thermostat is all the way down, and I'm wearing a jacket in class? There are no computers in this room.

Please inform me why an air conditioner should need to be in this classroom in the winter anyway. Reduce, recycle, reuse. I am wearing layers from now on.

Amelia Ramos is a psychology senior.

Letters editor

Editor: Are students aware of the heating and cooling problem in the Agriculture building? Faculty are frustrated with room 201. This classroom has been reported to building supervisors again and again, yet heat continues to pour in, uncontrolled. The teacher's only choice is to open all doors and windows.

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John* can remember going to Reno with his dad when he was twelve years old. "It was the Silver Spur, or something like that," he says. "I gave him a dollar and told him what to bet on, and I won a couple dollars."

That childhood experience would be John's first taste of gambling, but not his last.

The stench of cigarette smoke immediately surrounds him as he strolls into the Chumash Casino, located in Santa Ynez. The Cal Poly senior walks briskly toward a table and stands nearby. He's just watching for now. The place is packed, but he doesn't notice. Finally, a seat opens up and he slides in. He puts down $5 and the game is on. Two hours and $100 later, John leaves empty-handed.

"Oh well," he says with a shrug. Less chatty than usual, he walks quietly to his car.

The loss does not discourage him, however. He says gambling is just another form of relaxation. "It's like everything else, you just gotta be responsible," he says. "I mean, I would have spent that money on beer or something if I didn't spend it here."

John says he knows the game is addictive and says he is not in denial. "I don't have to go, but it's more like just for fun," he says.

Compulsive gambling is recognized by the American Psychiatric Association as an impulse control disorder and is widely recognized and

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Soundbites

Ani DiFranco

"Up Up Up Up Up Up"

Ani DiFranco appeals to a select audience, but there is no denying her unique place among musical geniuses. Each song has a purpose and leaves you feeling guilty or empow­ered. The minimalist "Come Away From It" is a heartbroken take amid a sonic landscape that breaks down to near silence. Underscoring energy makes this album DiFranco's most effective and powerful recording.

Seal

"Human Being"

Another trademark Seal album. With the addition of some quality programming into the mix, he expands on the already colossal palette which marks his work. Although the result of this album is tippt elegance, the mix, he expands on the already colossal
hardest ever..."

Incubus

"S.C.I.E.N.C.E."

Several assumptions can be made of a band like Incubus. This album fulfills them. Heavy, groove­laden, rock-oriented and unrelenting. But you will also get a handful of deft hand drumming and an abundance of scratching courtesy of DJ Libb. One track of note is the alien abduction song "Calypso." "I tried to get some shut­eye, then I was abducted! They put cold things in my butt...This day sucked the

Beck

"Mutations"

The white­kid­with­a­sampler feel of Beck just seems to be singing more, and he pulls it off. Don't come looking for another sample­laden nonsensical album, but expect to be impressed.

Jewel

"Spirit"

Jewel delivers again with sparkling melodies and that yodel­trained voice. The songs on "Spirit" tend to sound the same after a while, however, until you eventually find yourself fallen into a gentle tempo­induced stupor.

The minimalist "Come Away From It"

Astrological Insights

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
The average Aries is a formidable figure on the erotic hunting grounds. Your advances quickly sour into intense, torrid, unsanitized levels only to leave an exasperating buzz as the fire is doused. Not to criticize short, pro­found relationships — sometimes they are the greatest. But it might be good to start off slowly.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)
In regard to work or school, please realize that you can't cling to traditional techniques. It is essen­tial for you to be adaptable and recept­ive to change. Adopt new methods and use them to your benefit. Kennedy Library could take this advice too try acquiring some books published after 1990.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
I think it's time you all start taking advantage of the most overlooked part of your sign: the horn. In Jamaica, drivers use the horn for many reasons: passing, warning around a blind corner, expressing disgust or friendly exchanges, or just for the fun of it. Teach that tocker, amochere! it's there for a reason.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Something about those cows make Cancer folk personable for marriage. They allow for grabbing on sight and not letting go. Your guard against pro­ductive and possessive tendencies or the self­respect that holds any relation­ship together may start to fray. Nothing can ruin a relationship more effectively than ownership.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
The lion is the king of the jungle and you are no different. As a Leo, you must find your own jungle and take charge. Your love of leadership may force you to take on unwanted roles, but rest assured that your work is important. Don't you feel reassured after reading this?

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Try to avoid sex patterns. Add zest and variety to your sex life by becoming more open to new ideas. This is doable, but it will take time. Your love of leadership may manifest itself in the erotic hunting grounds. Your

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
The only force that can defeat you is YOU! Curb these traits: your jealousy, your tendency to form instant grudges, and your intolerance. Use a peaceful and non­violent approach in the next two weeks.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
As a Scorpio, your list of acquaint­ances is long while you prefer to keep close friends to a select few. It is hardly surprising that your friendships are deep, strong and enduring. It is likely that your closest friends think of you as #1. Don't be surprised if a close friend makes lofty demands of you, try to accommodate as best you can.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
"Coming over the first hill I felt some body jerk. The attendant did not strip me in. I'm sure I'm going to die. (See the loop is up ahead.) (I feel the track below my feet.) This is my last rollercoaster ride. My last rollercoaster ride." — profound insight from the Dead Milkmen.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
Scary! Have not been here for you during your special time of the year. I will make it up to you by pointing out how great the next two weeks will be. You really have a lot of great things to look forward to including winning the lottery, falling in love and someone falling back at you and happiness beyond your wildest dreams.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
As I am sure you know, you are great at controlling Uranus. Uranus can do a lot of things for you, the least of which is to get rid of all the smelly, waste products. It can also help you clear a room of unwanted guests with the proper dietary motivation. So be kind to Uranus, treat it fair, clean when necessary, and always, always, always keep the kitchen clean.

Pices (Feb. 19 - March 20)
I think soap and shower manufact­urers are plotting together against con­sumers. Why else would showers position soap holders at the most optimal spot for soap disintegra­tion? Sorry, no predictions today.

Stephanie's on the Bay

Stephanie's on the Bay offers the most spectacular ocean view between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Blessed by nature, our panoramic view lacks others white water beaches, 2 piers and wooded stands surrounded by a lavender setting. Seating capacity 300.

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Poly professor to perform on piano

By Joellen Smith
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The first of ten musical events from the Cal Poly music department will echo throughout the Cal Poly Theater on Saturday, Jan. 9. The concert will feature William T. Spiller, an award-winning pianist and Cal Poly associate professor. During winter quarter other events will include student recitals and a Pop Concert in February.

Spiller earned degrees in piano performance from the University of Washington, Indiana University and the University of Southern California. The University of California School of Music recognized Spiller as the most outstanding graduate in 1991.

Music featured in the concert will include Mozart's "Sonata in F Major," Franz Schubert's "Wanderer Fantasy," Claude Debussy's "Suite Bergamasque" and two pieces from Isaac Albéniz's "Iberia."

The longest musical piece Spiller will be playing is Schubert's "Fantasy," Claude Debussy's "Suite Bergamasque" and two pieces from Isaac Albéniz's "Iberia."

"Sometimes the pieces I choose because they are old friends. Schubert, in particular, is one I have played before," Spiller said about his program for the musical.

Proceeds from this concert will be donated to the music department scholarship fund and will help many students Spiller works with.

Stewart Uyeda, a music senior and student of Spider's, earned scholarship fund and will help many over 20 minutes to play.

"You wouldn't really think to come to Cal Poly to study music, but the faculty has proven to be one of the best in the state. They really show that they are active," Uyeda said.

Spiller said he finds joy in sharing his love of music with his students. His love for the piano began over 46 years ago, when he first started to learn how to play.

"When a really talented, young person comes along, and I have a few, they are such a joy to teach. I cannot say no to them," Spiller said.

Teaching students also helps him learn new music, Spiller said. "I always feel like I have to have new stuff going for myself. If I do not learn anything new, then I cannot really tell my students to learn anything new either."

Spiller will be assisting Uyeda in

PIANO MAN: Cal Poly professor William T. Spiller will perform a concert on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 8p.m. in the Cal Poly Theater. Proceeds from the show will go to the music department scholarship fund.

"Usually you have to pay people to help you, but (Spiller) is doing this for free and in his spare time."

— Stewart Uyeda
Music senior

Uyeda switched from saxophone to piano in order to study under faculty members like Spiller. Cal Poly was not Uyeda first choice of schools to study music, but he glad that fate brought him here.

"Talent is nice. It is always nice somebody has to tell you what this or that word means." Stockholm said.

Performing Arts Ticket Office. Prices range from $6 for students and seniors to $10 for the general public.

"Classical music may be tedious for some, but people need to keep an open mind," Spiller said.

"Listen to it intelligently. Sometimes you have to be directed, given a couple of hooks to hang on to. (Classical music) is sometimes a little bit like Shakespeare. If you're not quite familiar with old English, someone else has to tell you what this or that word means."

Tickets for the William Spiller Concert are available at the Performing Arts Ticket Office. Prices range from $6 for students and seniors to $10 for the general public.

"Talent is nice. It is always nice that the fingers work. But it's much more important that the mind works," he said.

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Finally, a StepMom that's liked

HOUSTON, Texas (UPI) — Any moviegoer would be surprised not to find trouble in a movie starring two of Hollywood's most well-respected actresses (Susan Sarandon and Julia Roberts) and a role like Stepmom. In this case, the trouble starts when two women try to care for the same two young children.

Sarandon stars as Jackie, the biological mother of the two children, Anna and Ben, and the ex-wife of their father, Luke (Ed Harris). Roberts plays Isabel, the new woman in Luke's life. She also takes on the role of the cherished stepmother of the two kids — not much of a plot there.

Nevertheless, that does not detract from the film. It is not any less valuable or attractive when compared to other tear-jerking movies. Between Sarandon and Roberts, there is enough acting magic to make Stepmom one of the most likable films this year.

Roberts is a young and vibrant fashion photographer in a pop-culture world. Sarandon plays your everyday mommy who bakes cookies and knows the kids' schedules like the back of her hand.

Typical and predictable obstacles occur between the two women as the movie develops into a bountiful family-oriented experience. It makes you look twice at what a mother and a stepmother go through two of Hollywood's most likable ladies.

Sarandon and Roberts are brilliant in their own serious and bubbly ways.
Rock and Roll Diner serves up tasty food, fun '50s ambiance

By Whitney Phaneuf  Mustang Daily

Lace up some saddle shoes, grease up the pompadour and cruise to an American institution: the '50s style Diner. A restored railcar with a fabulous atmosphere and excellent food. I've always liked the '50s era, and when we found the train, we thought it was perfect for a diner," owner Maria Pouyioukkas said.

The railcar is a checked black and white floor, red and silver-glittered booths, tabletop jukeboxes and even Coca-Cola wallpaper. Everything in the diner is original, found by Pouyioukkas at antique stores and auctions. The main jukebox in the front room was once owned by famous mobster Bugsy Siegal at the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas, Pouyioukkas said.

The retro decor is rivaled only by the great food at the Rock and Roll Diner.

The menu is vast with something for every taste, including vegetarian options. The James Dean Fun Club sandwich—a triple deck with turkey, bacon, lettuce and Swiss cheese on sourdough, was fresh and tasty. The early fries were perfect, not too greasy, with lots of flavor. If meat is your fancy, the barbecue menu has chicken, beef ribs, pork and tri-tip. Dinners include chili beans, garlic bread, and a choice of salad or white rice. Vegetarians might enjoy the pastas and salads on the menu, or may prefer the veggie burger or grilled cheese.

The prices are reasonable, ranging from $2.95 for a basic burger to $8.95 for the country-style pork rib dinner. The diner serves melts, milkshakes, and sodas. If you're looking for more punch than a vanilla coke, the Rock and Roll Diner also has beer and wine.

Located off Highway 1 at 1300 Railroad St., the old railcar took Pouyioukkas almost two years to renovate. The diner will celebrate its one-year anniversary Jan. 27.

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created as an addiction by most treatment professionals.

Cal Poly student Bert* likes to make monthly trips to Las Vegas with his roommate, John. He says he has been to Vegas for fun. "It's a high. It's a total rush," he admits. "You know it's gonna be a good time." Bert, whose favorite game is blackjack, says he limits himself to $80 per trip. "I win sometimes, and I lose sometimes. That's just the game." That doesn't stop him from playing. "You just keep thinking it's gonna happen," he says.

Occasionally Bert goes to the Chumash Casino. "I usually break even there, but I've won big a couple times." He says the most he ever won at once was $700.

Bert does not think he is addicted, however. "It's all fun and games, and I know my limits," he says.

Skipping class to gamble is not unusual for Bert. "You have to cut Friday to make a good Vegas weekend," he says.

Increased gambling habits throughout the United States has led to the formation of the National Gambling Impact Study Commission (NGISC), started in 1996 and signed into law by President Clinton. The NGISC is a nine-member commission that studies the social and economic effects of gambling on government, communities, families, businesses and individuals.

According to the NGISC, recent research has shown a possible genetic link to the disease, meaning that certain people could be at high risk of becoming compulsive gamblers because of their genetic makeup. Other professionals believe the cause to be people living in families where addiction is prevalent, and others believe it is a learned behavior.

The California Council on Problem Gambling says there are various ways to help identify teens and young adults with a gambling problem. Some things to look for include unexplained absences from school or class, change in personality behavior, exaggerated display of money or other material possessions, bragging about winning or gambling and intense interest in gambling conversations, to name a few.

Cal Poly student Jason Kassel (also known as "Cadillac Man," for the car he drives) is a graphic communications senior and professional gambler. The 23-year-old career began one year ago when he met an older student in his department who works for a private gambling company he refers to as "L.M.E." He overheard him talking about his gambling and suggested he do it professionally. Now he travels to Las Vegas about two times a month to trade poker with the company's money.

"We play the machines using optimum strategies and tricky reciting numbers, odds, and various scenarios. He learned how to recog- nize what hands would have the highest probability of winning and the highest rate of return. Kassel is paid $10 per hour plus a percentage of what he wins. On his last trip to Las Vegas, he says he was given $20,000 cash with which to gamble. On top of that, he also gets perks and bonuses, such as free airfare, limousine service, hotel and meals (usually provided by the casino).

"On a slow week, I'll make about $1000 dollars," says Kassel, who averages eight hours of gambling per day when he works.

Twenty-two years ago, only New Jersey and Nevada allowed high-stakes casino gambling. Today, there is spread to more than 30 states but two, Utah and Hawaii, allow some form of legalized gambling. As a result, gambling has exploded into a $50 billion-a-year industry.

For those in over their heads, there is a support system. Nevada has several self-help groups for people trying to kick the habit. Gamblers Anonymous is the largest provider of services to people with gambling problems. Supported only by members' contributions, the organization helps people get over their gambling and turn over their lives to "a power greater than themselves." Through regular meetings and sharing of experiences, Gamblers Anonymous operates as a fellowship where problems help each other into recovery.

Rob*, a Cal Poly student, says gambling gives something for him. "Everybody has their own way of hav- ing fun, and I like (to gamble): I mean, I do other stuff, but it's just another thing."

Like the other Cal Poly students, Rob says he has never been to the casinos in Las Vegas or the Chumash Casino about twice a month. "It's no big deal," he says. "We just hang out for a while. It's a good time, especially if you're winning." He, too, maintains he is not addicted to gambling. "I just really, really like it," he says.

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For those rumors spreading the word, Cal Poly is prepared to move either James Glass (144 lbs) or Cedric Harmon (144 lbs) up to the 149-pound weight class for Friday's match.

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By Jenn Stevenson

**Wrestlers grasp for first Pac-10 win against Oregon**

Despite the absence of two key wrestlers, the Cal Poly wrestling team (1-4, 0-1) hopes to get its first Pac-10 win when they take on the University of Oregon Friday night in Mori Gym.

Junior heavyweight Gan McGee, ranked seventh in the nation, has been out of action since early December due to a broken collarbone. He is expected to be back on the mats within one to two weeks, according to head coach Dennis Cowell.

Cowell said French's absence has noticeably affected the team. The Mustangs were forced to forfeit the 197-pound class in their Dec. 18 match against No. 1 Oklahoma State. Cal Poly lost the match 33-6, with only junior heavyweight Gan McGee pinning the Cowboys' Dave Anderton.

"It's hard to lose one of the best kids in the lineup," Cowell said. "With Mike, 99 percent of the time we're guaranteed a win. I call it the nine-point swing. Instead of winning three points automatically, we're losing six."

McGee also expressed concern over the absence of French.

"I'm kind of worried about the team. Losing Mike is going to hurt us," McGee said. "Mike's a team leader; he gives us the little motivational talks. He's really good with the whole group."

Cowell said the team will likely forfeit the 197-pound class again to the University of Oregon this Friday.

The team also suffered the loss of freshman Jason Gutierrez (149 lbs.) to illness last weekend. Gutierrez will be out for an undetermined amount of time, Cowell said.

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"So far it's been good," he said. "I've done as good as I thought I could. I've had a few letdowns, but I'm trying to get better. There's always room for improvement."

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Held Down: The Mustangs are 1-4 this season but that includes losses to No. 1 Oklahoma State and No. 14 University of Oregon. The Mustangs will be without senior Michael French and freshman Jason Gutierrez.
The Mustangs may use a bigger lineup including 6-foot-7-inch sophomore Bonden Bacon and 6-foot-2-inch freshman Carlos Heard, according to coach Schneider. Heard was recently activated and will be playing in his first game tonight. The team will also get a boost with the return of sophomore Jermaine Moss who injured his lower back early in the Mustangs’ loss to the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Poly has lost all four games since trip in the coun-

"Before he got hurt, Boise State and us were playing the best in the coun-

We’re a completely different team with him," Schneider said.

Although Cal Poly has failed to beat Boise State in the six previous meetings between the schools, the Mustangs do have the home court advantage in that spot, sporting a 5-1 record in Mont Gym this year. Coach Schneider has amassed a 39-12 home record in his four years as head coach. Additionally, the Mustangs are averaging 161.2 points a game at home this year and have a 2-4 record when scoring over 100 points in a game this season.

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Reggie White: AP Defensive Player of the Year

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Reggie White’s final season of an illustrious career was a brilliant one, and on Wednesday he was selected The Associated Press

White, who planned to retire a year ago, came back to the Green Bay Packers for one last season and led the NFC with 10 sacks. He also served as an off-field teacher for young defensive Imenon Vonnie

"Before he got hurt, Boise State and the Lord spoke to me about coming back, that was the only reason I came back. No. 2, all of us have team goals and individual goals; my prayer was that God would make me defe-

"We really missed him on the team," Wozniak added. Before the injury, Moss had statt-

MVPs did — Niirm Van Brocklin,

White, an ordained minister who around football is known as the "Man in the Moon," said

Heard, who finished with eight sacks in 1995.

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**SPORTS**

**Poly faces nation’s leading scorer in Big West opener**

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By Adam Russo

Mustang Daily

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NBA owners, players reach a deal

NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA lockout finally came to an end Wednesday on its 131st day, a nearly two-month ordeal that cost the league and owners hundreds of millions of dollars and scoured a league at the pinnacle of its popularity.

“Everybody lost. We lost three seasons,” said Stern, who has been at the forefront of the negotiations. “It’s going to be a lot of damage.”

The season will begin the first week of November.

Every year, without fail, college football fans wonder if the pollsters and computers, combine to determine the nation’s top teams.

“Michael is going to analyze the deal, see what Chicago wants to do and then make an informed decision,” Stern said. "I’m not certain what his time frame is.”

The Board of Governors will vote on the agreement Thursday, and the league said it would not comment until then. The lockout will not officially be lifted until terms of the agreement are formally drawn up — a process that could take 10 days.

Stern, however, spoke to the almost 250 players who had flown in to vote on the owners’ latest proposal — a vote that never came.

“He told us Billy was a tough guy, but a good guy, and how glad he was to get it over with and start playing again,” Aaron Williams of the Seattle SuperSonics said.

And now Michael Jordan must decide whether he will retire or return to the Chicago Bulls for a shot at a seventh championship.

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