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**Microsoft, CSU hammer out software details**

By Steve Noone
Mustang Daily

A four-year, $8 million agreement between the California State University system and Microsoft has been finalized and is expected to save the CSU system at least $7 million between the California State University system and Microsoft has been finalized and is expected to save the CSU system at least $7 million. It's beneficial to everyone because Microsoft software is already pretty much the standard — two thirds of the campuses reported that it was, and all campuses reported that this software was widely used. The agreement provides 180,000 licences to staff, faculty and staff to some of Microsoft's most popular products including Microsoft Windows and Windows NT Workstation, Microsoft Office Professional Edition, Microsoft Visual Studio Pro, Microsoft Front Page, and Microsoft Back Office Client.

Distribution strategies at the different campuses are still being finalized, but Swisher suggested students may perhaps be able to download the software as a registered user from the web, have the software installed on their computers, or purchase the software on a CD-ROM for a nominal fee of about $15.

The price, if any, of the software is still uncertain.

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**Poly theater major opens for six students**

New students, transfers can enroll in Fall quarter 1999

Whitney Phaneuf
Mustang Daily

Two and a half years in the making, an official theater arts major now exists at Cal Poly. Six students are already enrolled in the bachelor of arts major program, and the theater department will be accepting its first freshmen and transfer students in Fall 1999.

Pam Malkin, associate theater department head, said the idea of a major was discussed for about 11 years. The alumni-based organization, Friends and Supporters of Cal Poly Theater, played an instrumental role in approving the major Malkin said.

"Both the chancellor and California Post-Secondary Education Commission said having a strong alumni association shows we have impressive networking and employment opportunities in the industry," Malkin said.

The College of Liberal Arts has put the capacity of enrollment at 40 theater arts majors and Malkin has already been busy saying, "We are poised to help students enter the industry," Malkin said.

The major curriculum is liberal-arts based and includes numerous classes outside of theater.

"To be a good theater person, you have to have a wide range of knowledge in many fields," Malkin said.

The theater department currently has four faculty members and one technical staff member.

Malkin said the small faculty works because they have the same goal — to make the major serve the students, not the students serve the major.

"We’re a small, but committed, active faculty who provide a lot of individual instruction and enhanced opportunities for students," she said.

Those enhanced opportunities include regularly scheduled theater arts major campus and good contacts for internships and co-ops.

"(Entertainment) is one of the biggest growth industries and we are poised to help students enter the industry," Malkin said.

Mark Sitko became an official theater arts major right before winter break. The former mathematics junior had been waiting for the opportunity since he came to Cal Poly.

After graduation, Sitko plans on pursuing an acting career.

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By Courtney Harris
Mustang Daily

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Lyme disease vaccine developed at UC Irvine

IREVNE (U-WIRE) — Infecting approximately 10,000 Americans every year, Lyme disease may soon be eradicated with the creation of the nation's first vaccine by a University of California, Irvine researcher. The vaccine was approved for immediate release by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Dec. 21.

"The action by the FDA is an important milestone in the prevention of Lyme disease," said Eddie Gray, vice president and director of LYMErix, which is the company reproducing the vaccine.

Lyme disease is currently the nation's most prevalent tick-borne illness. Realizing that this disease needs to be quickly controlled because it affects so many Americans, Dr. Alan Barber's work has recently led him to uncover a solution.

Barber's development for this vaccine began with the isolation of the bacterium that causes the disease in 1981 while he worked in a National Institute for Health laboratory. In 1986, he continued his research at the University of Texas and has been with UCI since 1997.

The bacteria Borrelia burgdorferi that causes Lyme disease is carried by ticks and transmitted to nearly mammals such as mice, deer and humans. Flu-like symptoms (fever and joint pain) and a bulls-eye rash are present at the onset of the infection.

According to Barber, antibiotics have currently been effective in treating the disease; however, it is commonly misdiagnosed and left untreated which leads to serious arthritis, cardiac and neurological disorders.

After isolating the bacterium, Barber and his colleagues were able to discover the gene sequence (OspA recombinant) of the protein on the surface of the bacterium, allowing the cloning of the gene and its mass production for the creation of the vaccine.

According to a study published in Clinical Therapeutics, the economic burden for Lyme disease cases in the United States is projected to be approximately 2.5 billion in direct and indirect medical costs in a five year period. Beyond this cost, millions will be spent on pesticides and population-control programs. It is therefore understandable why the federal government and pharmaceutical companies would have seen an interest in finding a vaccine for the disease.

Though the disease is much more prevalent in the Northeast and Midwest, there were 171 cases reported in California in 1997. In 1998, health officials in Los Angeles county issued a warning for residents and veterinarians of the Santa Monica Mountains where a tick trapped in the area tested positive for carrying the disease.

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Clinical trials began in 1993 wherein 10,936 volunteers were injected with either the vaccine or a placebo (saltwater). After a 20 month period it was found that (80 percent of those injected with the vaccine were protected from the disease. There were minor side effects, including swelling at the site of the injection.

The vaccine LYMErix, made by the pharmaceutical company Smith Kline Beecham Biologicals, will be available as early as this week. Another company, Pasteur Marion Connaught, will release its own version of the vaccine later in the year.

"The approval of LYMErix means the threat of Lyme disease may be significantly reduced for millions of Americans who spend time outdoors or plan to travel to endemic areas," Gray said.

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"I guess I would expect worse things to happen here," she said.

"Students can help control poten­

tially unsafe situations by thinking about the repercussions of their actions, especially when alcohol is involved," Barber said.

Barber agrees that the vaccine is an option for those people at high risk.

Further developments in the vaccine include improved versions (increasing the success rate from 90-90 percent to 100 percent), reducing the number of injections, and making it available to children. Currently it is offered to those 15 and older.

Crime, student drinking related, say profs, police

STATE COLLEGE, Penn. (U-WIRE) — In a college town, young people prone to bar-hopping and attending parties are surrounded by endless opportunities to consume alcohol.

Based on the demographics of State College, Chester Britt, assistant professor of crime, law and justice, said it is not surprising area crime includes many small theft, public order, property and alcohol related incidents.

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Show to air Kristin Smart segment

By Andy Castagnola
Mustang Daily

The story of missing student Kristin Smart has a new outlet today: The Maury Povich Show. John Walsh of America's Most Wanted will present Smart's case on the show with Mustang Daily's Denise Smart said she agreed to The Maury Povich Show because of the affiliation with Walsh and America's Most Wanted. "We've turned down lots and lots of offers because it's pretty dramatic," Smart said. In November, People Magazine and the San Francisco Chronicle featured Kristin in separate stories. In response to the People Magazine article, two women who worked with Paul Flores have come forward with information. Flores was the last person seen with Kristin on the night of her disappearance in May 1996. Anytime Kristin's case receives media attention, the public has a resurgence of energy and awareness, Denise Smart said. "It's probably not the answer," Smart said about The Maury Povich Show, "but you never know. It makes it much easier to know that people are working to solve this." — Denise Smart mother of missing Cal Poly student Kristin Smart

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Cholesterol-lowering drug works for kids, yearlong study finds

CHICAGO (AP) — Boys born with a cholesterol disorder that virtually dooms them to heart disease can benefit from taking a cholesterol-lowering drug that is widely used among adults, a new study indicates. In the yearlong study, the drug lovastatin significantly lowered inherited high cholesterol among boys age 10 to 17. The genetically caused disorder, which affects about 250,000 Americans, cannot be controlled by diet.

The drug, introduced in 1987 and sold under the name Mevacor, caused no harm to boys' growth or sexual development, which can be a concern when adult drugs are used to treat children, researchers said in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Without treatment, 23 percent of boys with inherited high cholesterol will die of heart disease by age 50, he and his colleagues noted, citing previous research.

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high school or university level. Even though the theater department at Cal Poly is small in comparison to other universities, Sitko finds it much more appealing.

"You can try your hand at anything," he said. "I've acted, directed, managed, been on a makeup crew, set crew and lighting crew for a show.

Senior Katy Wylie agrees that the department is unique because of its size. The department is a second home to Wylie, and it's a family atmosphere she doesn't experience in any other classes. She has a double major in theater arts and liberal studies, with plans to teach children's theater. The new major to appear at Wylie because it recognizes theater as a legitimate major.

"Throughout the education system, education in the arts is lacking, which affects our culture as a whole, because it narrows people's view of what the world has to offer," Wylie said. Even though senior Heather Frantz doesn't know what she wants to do with her degree in theater arts, she knows major is where she wants to be.

"I've always been involved in theater, since elementary school," Frantz said. Moving from the minor to the major was an exciting step for her, since she can now concentrate more on theater.

Malkin emphasized that the department will always remain very dependent on non-majors and will continue to welcome students from every major to participate in theater culture.

Sitko views the major as one of the last left with a main emphasis on learning. "The degree isn't really the valuable thing, but it's getting the education that matters," he said.

Cal Poly Associated Students Inc.
UU Hour Question of the Week — What new services would you like to see from ASI?

Please stop by the ASI Booth in the University Union every Thursday to respond.

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

• CHAIRS' REPORT
  A. Executive Vice President of Finance
  B. Approval of New Vice President of Finance
  C. Elections Committee

• VICE CHAIRS' REPORT
  A. Committee Meetings

• DISCUSSION ITEMS
  A. Resolution #95-10, WNAC (Western Association of Agricultural Councils) Conference

• BUSINESS ITEMS

• COMMITTEES' REPORTS
  A. ASI President
  B. Executive Vice President
  C. Vice President of Finance
  D. Vice President of Operations
  E. President's Representative
  F. Executive Director's Report

• COMMITTEE REPORTS
  A. Internal Review Committee
  B. Nominating Committee
  C. Programs Committee
  D. Budget Committee
  E. Finance Committee
  F. Events Committee
  G. Student Activities Council
  H. Associated Student Inc.
  I. NCI Professor Assessment and Course Evaluations
  J. Student Senate Council
  K. Student Senate
  L. Public Relations Committee Ad Hoc
  M. ASI Board
  N. Diversity Committee Ad Hoc
  O. Legal Services Ad Hoc
  P. Vice Presidents
  Q. ASI President
  R. Approval of Board of Directors Agenda
  S. Board of Directors Agenda or the week after, if not adjourned.

• MEMBERS' REPORTS
  A. Academic Senate Representative
  B. Associated Students Representative
  C. Foundation Representative

• MARK YOUR CALENDARS to attend the C A R EERS IN S T U D E N T S A FFA IRS workshop on Tuesday, February 5, 1999 held at Dominican College in San Rafael, CA. This day workshop will offer participants information about graduate school opportunities, roundtable dialogues on current trends and issues, and techniques to enhance professional skills and abilities. For more information contact Dylln Foster at 415-924-5973 or dfoster@email.sjsu.edu.

• INTERESTED IN A CAREER IN LEGISLATIONS AND PUBLIC POLICY OR LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE SENATE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS? Apply to become a member of the 1999-2000 CALIFORNIA SENATE ASSOCIATES PROGRAM. The primary goals of the program are to promote exposure to the legislative process for participants and research and administrative staff assistance to Senator members and policy committees. The program offers college graduates a paid, legislative staff experience for eleven months in the State Capitol Associated also participate in weekly graduate seminars conducted by California State University, Sacramento. For more information contact the Center for California Studies at 916-278-7681 or stop by the ASI Executive Office (UJ202) to pick up an application.

ATTEND AMERICA's MOST POPULAR BUSINESS SEMINAR — PETER LOWE's SUCCESS 1999 Thursday, January 28, 1999 at the San Jose Arena. For further information either step by the ASI Executive Office (UJ202) or contact Peter Lowe International, Inc. at 1-800-444-9075.

COME OUT TO THE THURSDAY NIGHT FARMER'S MARKET to see a showcase of Cal Poly clubs and departments. The Downtown Association has been working closely with the Department of Student Life and Activities on the Cal Poly campus to bring Cal Poly clubs, organizations and departments out to Garden Street on Thursday evenings. Both the Downtown Association and the Department of Student Life and Activities are very excited about this partnership and look forward to seeing Garden Street utilized in a positive way on Thursday evenings.

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Advertisement for Club Events

ASU Board of Directors, Liberal Arts
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The Robert E. Kennedy Library has display cases set aside for Cal Poly Clubs to promote and educate students about their clubs. Don't miss out on this opportunity to reach out and promote your club! Information is available by calling Lynda at 756-5784 or by contacting John Moffatt in the ASI Executive Office at 756-1291.

College of Agricultural Council Meetings are held every Tuesday from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in Building 17, Deans Conference Room.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design Council Meetings are held every Tuesday from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in Building 5, Room 212 (bldg). College of Business Council Meetings are held every other Tuesday, beginning 1/19 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Building 3, Room 201.

College of Engineering Council Meetings will be held 1/13, 2/10 and 3/10 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Room 110.

College of Science and Math Council Meetings are held every Monday from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in UU219.

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Hot dogs, pretzels, and pizza ... but where's the spirit

Fair-weather fans are a common in San Luis Obispo asburning coaches are in L.A. Vina, and I'm not talking about the sunshine. Contrast what the athletic depart ment would like to believe, Cal Poly is not an athletic powerhouse, and everyone knows it. Despite our Davenport ranking, the university fails to recruit the caliber and amount of athletes typically found at other Division I schools, which translates into general lackluster performances. This may have a lot to do with the poor facilities our school has to offer its teams.

Al Dunton

The trials and triumphs of my trip into adulthood

During this last break I went home to visit my family, as many others from Cal Poly did. I looked forward to going home, but after this last visit nothing will ever be the same.

I ended up getting kicked-out of my house. Actually, in my eyes, it was my parents that left. It was either that or "as long as you live in my house, you will live by my rules." But I realized something during that last visit ... there comes a time when you just don't live at home anymore, when you don't have to live by their rules. Your parents don't have to like it - most won't even accept it - but that's just the way it goes. It finally happened for me. It guess I've transformed into that "thing" most of us dread, "adulthood." Now, if you were to ask my father, I'm far from being there. That's because all of us will always be children to our parents.

So what brought about this epiphany? My new surfboard. The seven-foot I bought on sale for a little over three hundred dollars.

My father thought it was an irresponsible way for me to spend my money, and the more he thought about it, the angrier he got.

"That's way too much to spend on something that stupid." "You're still in school after five years! You're supposed to be concentrating on school!" "My golf clubs have nothing to do with this!"

These were just a few of the arguments my father presented to me on that fateful night. Things that I'm sure most students have heard from their parents in one form or another. And I understand the underlying concern, that school should come first. And even though school is not the only thing I eat, sleep and breathe, it does.

Treasuring yourself to something for working hard, or doing well in school should be a good thing, not an irresponsible thing. Especially when you are trying to pay for everything on your own.

As someone who reads my commentaries knows, I am never wrong. But in my father's eyes, neither is I can understand where he is coming from.

Sure there are more responsible ways for me to handle my paycheck. There are more responsible ways to do lots of things, but that doesn't always make for the best choice, or even the most rewarding choice. I could have started paying off my college loans, saving for the taxes that our government has seen fit to take from me for the past two years, saving some money for my brother for when he goes off to college, but I didn't.

I chose to spend my hard earned (I work two jobs) money on rent, food, bills and the one thing I have saved for and wanted for a long time, no matter what the cost. I don't ask for money, and when I have In the past, I've waited and scrimped and saved until I've had to make that call.

I have many students talk about how they called their mom and asked if they could put that new sweater on their charge card. Not me. I guess I could, but I feel so lucky to have what I already have. Don't get it wrong though, if my parents had not saved money and no other children, I'd be all over their bank account, but that's not the reality of things.

The reality is that just because my parents have money does not mean they owe it to me, and likewise when I have money I don't have to spend it as they would do responsible spending.

It's called the real world, and we all live in it. I live in it. And so does my father. If only my father would realize spending money on my hobbies (hobbies which he does not approve of) does not mean that I don't love or respect him or think his suggestions on how to manage my money are valid, it just means that I am not his. I am my own person. I guess I'm also just a grown person from now on.

Jaime Zuffoletto is the opinion editor for the Mustang Daily who hopes that her father will understand she is sorry for what happened, but not for how she lives her life.

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The sinful acts of cellular phone users

I believe there are three major sins a person can commit when using a cellular phone: bringing a cellular phone into a movie theater, taking a cellular phone into class and talking on a cellular phone while driving. Cellular phone users should avoid causing these unnecessary distractions to avoid dangers to other people.

The first sin can easily be avoided. I personally do not understand the concept of wanting to talk on the phone when going to the movies. I thought most people wanted to escape reality, not to bring a reminder of their reality with them. A person expecting urgent phone calls should not even be going to the movies. I believe there are three other sins people can commit when going to the movies. I want the phone to be my best friend. Is spending a few minutes chatting with a long conversation with their phone, and the other hand is talking on their cellular phone while driving.

Driving violations I've witnessed from people talking on their cellular phone while driving: speeding through red lights, swerving back and forth between lanes, and driving 20 mph in a 45 mph zone. I believe that for the safety of other drivers who have to put up with this carelessness, talking on a cellular phone while driving should be banned. I realize that sometimes emergencies do come up and people need to call someone while driving, but most people I see talking and driving seem to be engaged in a long conversation with their best friend. Is spending a few minutes chatting with a friend worth risking getting into an accident?

Please try not to reach out and touch someone by a cellular phone when watching a movie. It is a violation what precious species remain. How can you make blatantly false, uneducated statements such as "We're becoming the endangered species."

The human population is fast growing and as a result we are causing natural habitats while the animals get pushed into an even decreasing space. And you are so selfish, greedy, and unfeeling that you would watch the Brown Bear, the Bald Eagle, and the Spotted Owl suffer at the hands of man and eventually get wiped off the face of the earth because you "cannot afford such luxuries as saving species." Then you propose that we become more selective about which species to invest in saving... do you really think you or anyone has the right to decide which animals deserve to continue living? Please open your eyes and realize the earth and the animals are not just props for your money making schemes.

Meredith Rogers is a nutritional science sophomore.
Even with success, coaching doesn't get easier for Parcells

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Ford, 50, coached the Celtics from 1990-95 and the Bucks for the last two seasons. He was fired 41/2 months ago with one year remaining on his contract after the Bucks went 36-46 and failed to make the playoffs for the second straight year.

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Ford, 50, coached the Celtics from 1990-95 and the Bucks for the last two seasons. He was fired 41/2 months ago with one year remaining on his contract after the Bucks went 36-46 and failed to make the playoffs for the second straight year.
McGwire's 70th home run ball sells for record at auction

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark McGwire topped the Babe and Sammy again.

McGwire's 70th home run ball sold at auction Tuesday night for $3.05 million — well above November's record price of $3.05 million — well above

"It's important to say," he said, "that he woke up early morning at 7 and ran—we're all in good shape." Senior David Wells (174 lbs.), who smoked his last opponent 10-0 Friday night, said Portland State shouldn't be underestimated, but that he's not worried.

"They're underestimated," he said, "because this is their first year as a Pac-10 school. They have some talented people. Last year we wrestled them, and we had some close matches, but we came out on top."

"I'm pretty confident about everything," he said. "I wake up every morning and say, 'I'm shooting for Monday.'"

The ball, hit on McGwire's last swing of his record-breaking season, was retrieved at Busch Stadium Sept. 27 by Philip Ozersky, a research scientist at Washington University. He had turned down $1 million from private collectors. Sammy Sosa's final home run of the season, his 66th, sold for $150,000.

Also up for sale Tuesday were other home runs from the 1998 race to the record — McGwire's No. 65, No. 67 and No. 68, and Sosa's No. 61 — as well as a ball signed by former- recordholder Roger Maris, and the usual run of Ruth and Lou Gehrig items.

 Hank Aaron's 755th career homer — his last — was withdrawn from sale after bidding reached only $800,000. The minimum auction price apparently was not reached, although the auction house did not disclose what that price was.

A ball sold to the Mickey Mantle's 500th homer, hit May 14, 1967, also was withdrawn from sale after questions about its authenticity.

In September 1996, the ball Eddie Murray hit for his 500th home run was sold for what one day could be $500,000. Michael Lasky, the founder of the Psychic Friends Network, paid $200,000 that was put in an annuity to be paid over 20 years. With interest, the annuity will be worth about $500,000, according to a spokesman for the lucky, who also operates as syndicated handicapper Mike Warren.

So No. 66 was sold by Albert Chapa, who grabbed it Sept. 25 at the Astrodome.

Bob Chapa and Chapa were offered autographed paraphernalia in exchange for their historic souvenirs, but they declined.
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**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**
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**TODAY'S QUESTION**
Who invented the football?

Please submit answer to: jordan@polymail.calpoly.edu

**Please include your name.**

The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

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**CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan said he would go out on top. Apparently, he will.**

Jordan planned to announce his retirement today at a news conference in Chicago, a source with close ties to the NBA told The Associated Press on Monday night.

If so, it would be the second time in five years that the greatest player in NBA history and the most popular athlete since Muhammad Ali walked away from the game.

“I don’t have any reason. I don’t have any comments,” said Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf when reached at his Arizona home.

When asked about Jordan’s retirement, Bulls spokesman Tim Hallam said, “At this particular time, I can’t comment.”

However, Jordan’s retirement also was reported by The New York Times, USA Today and The Denver Post.

There had been considerable speculation about Jordan’s future ever since he hit the final, thrilling shot in Game 6 of the NBA Finals in Utah to lock up the Bulls’ sixth championship of the decade. That speculation intensified last week, when the NBA players and owners reached a settlement to end the six-month lockout.

Jordan will turn 36 next month. He to a five-time league MVP, and led the NBA in scoring 10 times and averaged 31.5 points per game.

His agent David Falk said that “until he announces whether he is retiring or returning, anything else is speculation.”

With NBA players preparing for another season to begin Feb. 5, Jordan was expected to announce his plans before training camps opened Monday. He had been in the Bahamas on vacation, but returned to Chicago a precious few days earlier this week.

Another source, who also requested anonymity, told The AP that Jordan had talked recently with fleeing teammates Scottie Pippen and Ron Harper to his team to discuss his future.

Jordan retired from the Bulls the first time in October 1993, saying he had accomplished everything he wanted to in basketball and planned to devote more time to his family. Instead, he spent 1994 playing professional baseball for the Chicago White Sox. The budding outfield prospect left baseball in the spring of 1995, and decided to return to the game he loved.

While his skills were still considerable, Jordan quickly learned he could no longer dominate the game the way he once did. The Bulls were knocked out of the postseason in the Eastern Conference semifinals by Orlando.

But then, just as he had in every previous offseason, Jordan went back to work. He added a nearly unstoppable fadeaway jump shot to his arsenal and after a rigorous weight-lifting and conditioning program, he came back the next season better than ever. The Bulls then set off on another three-peat that ended last June in Utah with Jordan stealing the ball and scoring the game-clinching shot in the final seconds— one of the most memorable sequences of his mem­orable career.

It was precisely the lack of obsess­ion work this past summer that had many of Jordan’s teammates doubting he would return.

"He prepare's as well as anybody but from all I hear, he's been playing golf and going to the Bahamas," teammate Steve Kerr said recently. "Unless he's working out in a hidden gym somewhere down in the Bahamas, I don't think he's really preparing to play."**

**HEAD-LOCK: Heavyweight Gan McGee won the deciding match against Oregon.**

**Wrestlers at home before road trip**

By Jan Stevenson

Mustang Daily

Following its first Pac-10 win of the sea­son last Friday, the Cal Poly wrestling team is rating to take on a struggling Portland State team in Mott Gym Wednesday night before they hit the road for five consecutive road matches.

Cal Poly is currently 2-4 overall and 1-1 in the Pac-10. After beating the University of Oregon last Friday night 19-18, the Mustangs hope to continue winning on their quest to reach the NCAA Championships.

“我们需要 get some wins under our belt, that’s for sure,” Head Coach Dennis Cowell said. “The team is very excited. Our last win will make going into this match all the better.”

The Mustangs may not have too much of a problem chalking up another win Wednesday, judging from Portland State’s performance so far this season.

**It will be impossible to replace the incomparable Michael Jordan**

By Matt Sterling

**Jordan set to announce retirement today**

**Michael Jordan**

**NBA Superstar**

Will we see you, Michael? Without you, the NBA will suffer. You brought people to watch basketball who would otherwise never watch.

You brought teams like the Warriors and Kings their only playoff appearance of the year, when you brought the Bulls to town.

How will the league change since you’re not coming back?

First of all, the Pacers will win the NBA championship.

With the Bulls’ dynasty broken up, the Pacers will rise and take the step to the title. Forget the Lakers — the Pacers players play together and actually enjoy it.

There’s no show time in Indiana, just solid basketball with the potential to beat any team in the league.

Scottie Pippen will probably go play in the city of angels.

NBA veterans, Houston. He’s still one of the best players in the league, but without you, his few weaknesses will be shown.

I have no idea who will take over the title of the NBA’s premier player, but I sure know who it won’t be.

Some people might say Allen Iverson. It doesn’t matter how many times Iverson says he’s the league’s best player, no one is going to believe him until he becomes a more multi-dimensional player. A killer crossover will only take him so far.

Kobe Bryant can’t be considered until he steps up out of being a role player and starts taking the big shot.

Penny Hardaway? He’s got to have a great season to get the title of superstar put back next to his name.

Kevin Garnett? He’s a great player, and he’s starting to make noise. He’s the kind of player the NBA needs. (Except for his contract, of course.)

However, none of these players have what it takes to replace you. You’re the consummate professional; you don’t choke your coach (Sprewell?), or kick cameramen (Rodman?).

I can see some young players getting some well­deserved attention with your absence.

Shaquille O’Neal? He’s got 40 points per game will surely take some of your SportsCenter time. The same goes for Damon Stoudamire, one of the most entertaining players in the NBA.

No one can blame you, Michael, for stepping down when you’re at the top of your game, and the last shot you took in game six of the NBA finals will go down as one of the greatest in history. So chalk up those rings and five MVP trophies aren’t too bad, either.

Good luck, Michael. The NBA will survive without you, but it sure won’t be easy.

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**Team officials today con­firmed Monday night’s dismissal of Cerato, who had managed the 49ers’ scouting and draft since January 1995. He originally joined the organization in 1991 as director of college scouting.**

San Francisco has had a dis­appointing run in the draft and free agency under Cerato and his fir­ing had been rumored for weeks.