Singer Valentines benefit SLO Children's Development Center

Cal Poly volunteers help bake custom cookies for delivery

By Joellen Smith

This Valentine's Day will come a couple days early for almost 400 Cal Poly students, staff and other local residents. A singing cookie telegram, purchased by a friend or family member, will be delivered to them on Friday as part of the Children's Development Center's 15th annual "Have a Heart, Help a Child" fundraiser.

The San Luis Obispo Children's Development Center is the only children's program in California to provide a combination of child development and mental health services. The center offers child abuse intervention and prevention programs to more than 90 families each year.

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LEGO
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Forbes said. "It included dragons and
castles."

The next display, which was fea­
tured in the window last year, had a "Star Wars" theme.

"We liked those displays, but we
had not seen so much room as we do now," he said. "They were more flat and
not as 3-D as our latest display."

This year's display takes up the
whole left-front window of Tom's
Toys. Forbes said that he and McKeen
were able to use more texture and
imagination with the greater space
allowment.

Both creators definitely used their
imagination when creating this ele­
mantine three-scene display, which took
them four to five months to com­
plete.

Next to the Empire State Building
— which took them a month to build
— sits a half-submerged Titanic, amid
whole lef'tront window of Tom's

LEGO complete.

The Titanic includes 25 well-dressed
people in tuxedos and top hats,
runnin! throut'h the t>ate as if preen
displays are being devoured by the
Lejio people. Many older people —
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McKien and Corey Clark — 8- and
9-year-old brother and sister — enjoy
looking at the Lego creations and
sometimes buy more Legos.

"My favorite creation is Jurassic
Park," Corey Clark said. "It's like real
life, and it has things coming down
from it and it has a t|ack."

However, youngsters are not the
only spectators who gaze into Tom's
Toys' window. Many older people —
students and adults — have been
captured staring at the display.

The curtain will fall on the display
next project will be the creation of
Hollywood's Mann's Chinese
Theater, which will probably stay
in Beverly Hills. We will need a lot of
gray bricks for that one, so we won't
be able to keep the mostly gray
bricked Empire State Building."
New York (AP) — in a move to protect the music industry from online bootleggers, five leading record companies are teaming up with IBM to test technology that lets people quickly record CDs-quality sound and a wider selection of music.

"This trial offers an extraordinary window on the future of the music business," said Roger Faxon, senior vice president of business development at EMI, whose music catalog includes the Rolling Stones, Frank Sinatra and the Space Girls.

Beginning in the spring, IBM's new technology will be tested over six months by about 1,000 people in San Diego. BMG Entertainment, EMI Recorded Music, Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group and Warner Music Group will create an online music store with more than 2,000 albums available for sale.

The IBM system will allow people to download songs or entire albums from the Internet, then store and play them on their computer. The technology will include encryption coding to foil pirates who want to copy the songs and distribute them widely over the Internet.

A drawback is a lack of portability. The only way for a buyer to transfer the music out of his or her computer is to buy a CD recording device, which generally costs about $150 to $400.

Daniel Lee, 27, said the expense of the CD recorder would be offset by the convenience of online shopping.

"I would assume we would keep a massive database, so you would be able to get something you ordinarily wouldn't find in the stores," Lee said as he browsed CDs in a New York record store.

The companies have not yet determined how much to charge people to download the music using IBM's new technology.

But Mark Moorsaad, an analyst at technology research firm Jupiter Communications, said it probably won't cost any more than buying a CD from a record store.

At a news conference announcing the test, an IBM executive downloaded the Dave Matthews Band album "Crash" in about three minutes and played it for the audience, and recorded it onto a CD in about 10 minutes.

"Buying music by downloading from the Internet represents just a tiny fraction of the $12 billion music industry. Record companies hope to bring users to one-stop shopping and distribute audio on the Internet. The coming week, the companies will start distributing digital files over the Internet and label representatives will hold meetings to discuss the new format. The music industry is looking for a way to combat bootleggers, who are already selling digital copies of albums in Internet cafes and online stores.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate began moving to debate the impeachment of President Clinton, with the outcome to be decided on whether one Republican and one Democrat "bipartisan acquittal" was possible by the end of the month to start the new session.

Clinton's supporters say his innocence is confirmed, with the help of a bipartisan acquittal, which I'm afraid could lead to a good deal of celebration.

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Supreme Court Justice William H. Rehnquist has already declared that the White House will be a "clearly free" zone after the Senate takes its votes.

Republicans, in particular, were offended by Clinton's campaign-style appearance at the White House with Democratic lawmakers.

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They came, they saw, they kicked that dumpster's ass

The garbage men came today. To say my day started off with a bang would be a serious understatement.

A large metal dumpster sits just outside my front door — home sweet home. I'm and gets filled with everything on the face of the Earth. College students have no qualms about throwing away anything, and my dumpster is a living testament to that philosophy. No longer does the sight of mattresses, kitchen appliances, textbooks and pieces of opulent furniture surprise me. I simply toss in my bag and go about my business. Life really is simple: I consume, I discard and someone else owns it.

The problem lies in the pickup. Not picking up "women," of which I seem to have great success lately, but rather the picking up of the garbage. No specific qualifications are required to become a garbage man (note: I'm sure a woman could collect garbage too, but I've never seen one, so I'm not willing to say "garbage people"). They always seem to be genuinely entranced at something — perhaps it's the smell. The guys who drive the mammoth trucks haven't caught on to the notion that customers should feel clean after the job is first, and they've never heard the phrase: "Quality is job one." I believe that my garbage route is the one the waste management company uses to train potential employees, because I'm positive that nuclear reactor waste would not leak.

It's bad enough that the trucks make ear-piercing beeps when in reverse, but can't they turn off the damn electronic warning system when they're going forward? I sit in traffic for half an hour before the guys do, who believe it's necessary to attach such a system to a ten-ton truck that can move around with a tire puncture. It's hard to believe it's necessary to attach such a system to a ten-ton truck that can move around with a tire puncture, which is seen and heard from a three-mile radius.

No, anymore. The garbage truck lumbering up, beep-beep-beep, and the garbage man jumps out of the cab to orient the dumpster according to some predetermined calculations calculated to produce the greatest amount of disturbance. Back in the track, beep-beep-beep, the driver slaps the gear into neutral and spins his foot into the gas pedal. The truck, which is now roaring at 15,200 rpm redline and stringing roughly 25 vertical feet of height behind him, awaits the final track command from the spotter on the ground who is waiting a few more seconds before unlocking the 10-ton monster. Beep-beep-beep, the command is given, and the truck burns rubber as it violently catapults itself toward the lone dumpster. The driver has seen too many episodes of "Armstrong," because he's actually wearing a helmet complete with a sprouting laser.

Crash! The sound of steel slamming into steel resonates through every structure within five city blocks. The man behind the wheel groans as the dumpster sits off for a brief one through the morning sky, its contents making one last voyage of freedom until they arrive at their destiny — the dark and smelly bowels of the garbage truck.

The garbage men rejoice in a bounty of profanity at the last bit of truck sides sits in waste out of the dumpster. Once empty, the giant garbage can, which is up on the air, isn't placed back into position like one would normally assume. Instead, it's sort of pulled back into place, striking the ground with an horrendous thud, all the while the beeping continues. And then the beeping truck leaves, after a 35-point turn of course.

The garbage men came today. They came, they saw and they kicked that dumpster's ass.

Alan Dunton is a journalism senior who is considering a career in the custodial arts after graduation.

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Cal Poly has enough money already

Editor:  

In the Wednesday, Feb. 1 issue of the Mustang Daily, Al Dunton stated that the apathetic and ignorant Cal Poly student body voted down a proposed version of the Cal Poly Plan. He refers to this vote as ... "a greedy bunch of students who opted to spend their money on Pad Ice rather than their education." While I agree that the majority of students (or citizens for that matter) are poorly informed, I do not think the students who voted down the proposal are "greedy."

Running a university takes a lot of money, but Cal Poly is already more than enough. My older brother started paying money into student labs, facilities and the Cal Poly Plan. He refers to this vote next year. I did not spend my money on Pad Ice or "ski trips." I'm twenty-four years old and I have never tasted alcohol. I have not been skiing since the 80s. My wife has never even seen snow. I think of a lot of uses for $400 over the next year, like purchasing health insurance or fixing that loud clanking sound in our '83 Honda or putting it in savings to pay off the loan that went to tuition this year. I recognize that Cal Poly is largely funded through state funds. I also recognize that these funds come out of my pocket. From what I observe at work (as a student assistant at a local branch of a state agency) I can assume that we the taxpayers are getting ripped off. More than enough money to pay for the Cal Poly Plan's services is being wasted everyday on campus. I apologize to Al Dunton, I am a greedy, ignorant, apathetic, uninformed student who would rather spend my money on groceries and some socks with no holes in them than to dump it into an already, overcrowded, poorly managed system. Please forgive me.

Bradley Couri is a mechanical engineering junior.

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The futility of El Corral's bookstore competition

Editor:

This academic year we have enjoyed a supposed price war — between El Corral and Aida's. It has been shown in dozens of occurrences that Aida's has, and will, undercut El Corral's prices, reducing mark-up. What is disappointing is the response of our campus bookstore in attempting to effectively compete with this independent business.

Newspaper space is consumed by open letters portraying our campus bookstore as caring of the students — ultimately pointing its prices to be the best available in San Luis Obispo. These caring letters have simply portrayed the bookstore as an unprincipled and unable to compete. Price comparisons have been drawn, altogether showing El Corral to be the "low-price leader"; however, students repeatedly have written the opposite, claiming to have purchased their books for less at Aida's.

It is puzzling how a campus bookstore cannot offer the same prices as an independent business. By purchasing large quantities of course materials from suppliers, presumably El Corral would realize greater discounts on these orders. In turn, these discounts should be passed onto the consumer. If there are hidden costs, the campus bookstore should make these known to the students — justifying the higher costs. Since Aida's can charge less, the bookstore should improve their operations management and continue to compete.

I am astounded at the poor order management system El Corral has adopted. Simply put, if El Corral is out of a required text, you are out of luck. It is hard to understand the under-ordering of course materials (texts, course specific software) in the first place.

This could be corrected by departmental communication with the bookstore. Furthermore, El Corral has been a retailer of course material for years, so the management should realize a pattern of text demand. I know this letter and the many that have been published don't translate into change, but simply provide an outlet for frustration. Maybe El Corral shouldn't change. Currently, we can purchase our books for cheaper prices elsewhere and then sell the books to the campus bookstore for more money. It isn't half bad — we save money and pocket a few extra dollars at the same time.

Ian Bronson is a business sophomore.

Against the Poly Plan, but still not 'greedy'

Editor:

I would like to thank Jonathan Becker's "Wallets are already empty" (Mon, Feb. 8), for the great points he made about the Cal Poly Plan.

One hundred thirty-five dollars is a lot of money for many people here. Many students have to borrow a lot of money to come here. This fee will just increase this amount. I guess we can just tell them to get two jobs and to take 15 units rather than 15.

The ASI Board appears to be planning to circumvent a general vote of the students, because they fear another sound rejection. They are discussing using a random survey of 1,000 "selected" students or some other nonsense. This cannot be allowed. It has to be put to a general vote again, just as it was in 1997 when it was rejected by 75 percent of the students who voted.

Our university has been rated as the "best buy in the West" by U.S. News and World Report. I think that's an honor, and we ought to fight to keep our prices low.

I am confident that most students feel as I do. I hope the ASI Board will opt to allow us to vote on this again.

The California Legislature recently froze tuition increases at state-supported schools for, I believe, at least two more years. We ought to follow that example and prevent the Board from doing what California's political leaders wisely don't want to do.

Corey Miller is a history senior.

Students have already said no to Poly Plan

Editor:

Suppose a guy at this school is out on a date.

Suppose further that he takes the young lady to a secluded, romantic spot and proceeds to get friendly with her.

If she says "no" or "stop," then legally, anything he does after that is considered sexual assault or date rape.

That's exactly what President Warren Baker, the Board of Trustees and their Associated Students Inc. cronies are trying to do to us, the students of Cal Poly. I want to remember that right about the time we voted ASI president Steve McMahon out of office, we voted with regard to the Poly Plan. We said, and I quote: "No!"

We said that we did not want a fee hike, especially when there was not one iota of documentation as to how funds from this "necessary" fee hike would be dispersed.

Moreover, I personally objected to the abusive way that ASI tried to push this plan down our throats at meetings, forums, and even online (does "Give to Pedophiles of America" ring in anyone's memory?)

Mr. Baker, you gave us a vote, and we said "no." Obviously, our opinion about how our money should be spent means nothing to you.

So I have an idea for you — why don't you just come out and admit that you're going to push this plan through, regardless of what we think?

We might be able to respect ourselves a little better in the morning if you did.

Nate French is a math senior.

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Complete this entry form along with your name, address, phone and email (only one per person). Bring your form to the Mustang Daily located in Graphic Arts Building 26, Room 226 by Wednesday, Feb. 17. All entries will be entered into the grand prize drawing. The winner will be announced and results will be published in the Friday, Feb. 26 issue of the Mustang Daily.

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More than 300,000 apply for free computers; users must be ad-friendly

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Teachers and volunteers from the center will bake and decorate the hundreds of cookies all day on Thursday.

"If you love sugar cookies, you’ll flip out on this one," said Sandy Dixon-Lee, administrative assistant for the Child Development Center. "It has frosting on top, a good thing for the Child Development Center.

"Sometimes they are embarrassed ... but they are getting real good positive attention."

Even if some of the recipients do get a little uncomfortable, Dixon-Lee finds that many people do like knowing that someone was thinking about them.

"People send them for every (reason) under the sun," Dixon-Lee said. "We do get some wild messages."

They once delivered a cookie-gram that had a marriage proposal attached.

A few deliveries will be made to the Cal Poly campus. These singers may even interrupt some classes to sing to Cal Poly instructors receiving cookie-grams from their students, Dixon-Lee said.

The singers may go through stage fright when they have to dress up and sing in front of people. "They are not professional singers," Dixon-Lee said. "They are scared, but they feel good about the cause."

Cal Poly students will also help make the deliveries on Friday. The Child Development Center has about three interns and two volunteers from Cal Poly every quarter.

"It is a lot of fun because the people we deliver them to are generally more scared than we are," said Melissa McFall, an intern at the Child Development Center and psychology senior.

McFall was able to recruit some Cal Poly students from her classes to help deliver the cookie-grams.

"The children (at the center) get real excited about this fundraiser, but we cannot have them help bake the cookies or go out with us," McFall said.

With extra funds, the center hopes to accommodate some of the 100 children that are on the center’s waiting list.

To order a cookie-gram, contact the Child Development Center at 544-0050. The deadline to order is this Thursday at noon. The cookie-gram cost $15.00 each. All proceeds benefit the Child Development Center.

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**NEWS**

‘Shakespeare’ and ‘Ryan’ dominate Oscar nominations

‘Life is Beautiful’ for indy Oscar pick, while Carrey’s Truman overlooked

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) —

Attesting to Hollywood’s fascination with World War II, three movies set against the war — “Saving Private Ryan,” “The Thin Red Line” and “Life Is Beautiful” — were nominated Tuesday for best-picture Oscars and will go up against two Elizabethan-era tales, “Shakespeare in Love” and “Elizabeth.”

“I think this is a tribute to the veterans,” Steven Spielberg said of the 11 nominations for his brutally realistic “Private Ryan.” “It’s important that before this century is out, recognition is paid to the veterans who saved the world.”

At least eight movies dealing with the war have won the Academy Award for best picture, including Spielberg’s own “Schindler’s List” in 1993. “Shakespeare in Love,” a rollicking romance about the Bard seeking his muse, emerged with a leading 13 nominations, one shy of the record 14 for “Titanic,” last year and “All About Eve” in 1950. “Elizabeth,” about the intrigues behind the throne, tied with “The Thin Red Line” and “Life Is Beautiful” with seven nominations.

The most wins for a movie is 11, a record shared by 1999’s “Braveheart” and last year’s “Titanic.”

The Oscars will be presented March 21 on ABC, with Whoop Goldberg back for a third time as host.

The nominations offered the usual snubs and inconsistencies.

“The Truman Show” picked up nominations for director Peter Weir and screenwriter Andrew Niccol, but missed out on best picture. The star, Jim Carrey, also wasn’t nominated. “Elizabeth” got best picture, but director Shekhar Kapur was overlooked.

But mostly the nominations spoke to Hollywood’s — and America’s — interest in World War II, with three of the five best picture nominees set during that period.

Each of the nominated war pictures bore the stamp of the director:

• Spielberg, who as one of Hollywood’s most powerful filmmakers, had the resources to create what many called the most realistic depiction of battle ever filmed, 20 minutes of bloody, noisy, confusing and arbitrary hell on the beaches of Normandy. Its nominations included honors for director Spielberg, star Tom Hanks and supporting actor Peter Weller.

• Malick, in a triumphant return to Hollywood after a two-decade absence (his previous film was “Days of Heaven” in 1978), created in “The Thin Red Line” a lyrical movie that alternated brutal war scenes with stunning nature shots. Malick’s direction and adapted screenplay were nominated.

• Benigni, who is a big star in Italy but not very well known in the United States, combined low comedy with tragic circumstances in “Life Is Beautiful” to tell the story of a father trying to shield his son from the horrors of a concentration camp. Benigni scored the rare feat of being nominated for lead actor, director and screenwriter.

“Life Is Beautiful” also became the first film since 1969’s “Z” to be nominated for both best picture and best foreign-language film.

“I am really thunderstruck,” Benigni said.

The Academy’s interest in World War II was rivaled only by its fascination with England’s Queen Elizabeth, who reigned 430 years ago.

Two actresses who played the monarch were nominated: Judi Dench, for a supporting role in “Shakespeare,” and Cate Blanchett, for a leading role in “Elizabeth.”

“Shakespeare” also brought nominations to director John Madden, star Gwyneth Paltrow, supporting actor Geoffrey Rush and screenwriters Marc Norman and Tom Stoppard.

Study: TV is sex-obsessed but rarely realistic

Across the broadcast and cable landscape, more than half of the 1,351 programs analyzed included sexual references or depictions, the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation said.

More than three-quarters of the network sitcoms included sexual content, compared to 56 percent of comedies overall.

But network sitcoms include the fewest story references, 3 percent, to sexual risks and responsibilities. Nearly a quarter of network dramas, however, addressed such concerns, compared to just 5 percent of dramas generally.

Jamie Kellner, chief executive officer of the WB Network, said he thought concern over sitcoms was misplaced.

The statistics don’t matter to me in the comedy world,” he said. “Kids know when they see jokes, they know.” Kellner said after taking part in a panel discussion about the report at the University of California, Santa Barbara, said the lack of sex-and-consequence references or depictions raises concerns about TV’s effect on highly influential young viewers.

“Television could be helping young people make more informed — perhaps even lifesaving — decisions about sex in their own lives,” researchers said.

One of every 10 scenes with sexual content included a teenager, although nearly few juveniles (3 percent) were shown engaging in sexual intercourse. Mostly, the study found, they were shown talking about sex.

One of every eight teen-age exchanges, however, was about sex that had taken place.

In the real world, the study noted, there are an estimated 12 million new cases annually of sexually transmitted diseases among 15- to 24-year-olds.

**Cal Poly Plan**

What does it mean to you and the College of Liberal Arts?

Harry Hellenbrand, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, invites College of Liberal Arts' students to interactive forums to discuss the plan.

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Tyson, with judge’s OK, can fight while serving time

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mike Tyson can resume his boxing career while in jail, but he'll need the permission of the judge who sentenced him.

The former heavyweight champion can begin training at a gym outside jail if he behaves during the first two months or so of his one-year sentence for assaulting two motorists. Montgomery County M.D. officials said Tuesday.

But if Tyson wants to travel out of state to fight, he would have to be cleared by District Judge Stephen Johnson.

"If he wanted to have a fight, they would petition the judge," prosecutor Douglas Gunster said. It's not unusual. People do it all the time for weddings, funerals or sometimes for work-related business.

Tyson had been scheduled to fight an undefeated opponent April 24 in Las Vegas.

Tyson, who pleaded no contest stemming from the August fender bender, has been in the Montgomery County jail since Friday. Shelly Finkel, Tyson’s adviser, and those who have visited the boxer describe him as “depressed.”

"We didn’t expect a sentence of this severity at all," Finkel said.

"Typically, a prisoner with Tyson’s sentence would serve about 60 days in the jail before being transferred to the county’s pre-release center, where inmates can leave during the day for work or return at night.

"Any person who has a profession, we would make sure they could continue their work," Department of Corrections spokeswoman Claire Gunster-Kirby said. "We would use with Mr. Tyson or anyone to make they could continue in their profession.

At first, Tyson could train at a gym and later earn other privileges, such as home visits during the day to spend time with his wife, Gunster-Kirby said.

During the sentencing hearing, witnesses said Tyson had $20 million in debts, mostly to the IRS, and would need to fight three or four times this year to pay them off.

At 32, Tyson is nearing the light of his boxing career even if it had not been interrupted by two jail sentences and a suspension for bringing Evander Holyfield’s ear during their 1997 title bout.

It is unlikely Tyson would have time to train for his April 24 bout if he remains in jail the full 60 days before transferring to the pre-release center.

However, if Tyson appeals his sentence he could face a jury trial and a potentially harsher sentence if convicted. Tyson’s lawyers, who have 30 days to appeal, did not return calls Tuesday.

Finkel said the lawyers want to see what action, if any, will be taken in Indiana, where Tyson remains on probation until March for a 1992 rape conviction.

Tyson’s Indiana probation officer, George Walker, said the Maryland jail sentence would not automatically lead to a probation violation hearing.

"Somewhere along the way, we might get everyone together and sit. Hey, do we really want a big circus in town to do something with a tax payer’s money?” Walker told The Washington Post. "There are different ways of working on it.”

Browns choose offensive lineman with first pick

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — With bronzed Hall of Fame busts of Jim Brown, Lou Groza and Leroy Kelly reminding them of their rich NFL past, the new Cleveland Browns began building with no-name players.

Priming for their return this season after a three-year absence, the Browns selected Detroit center Jim Pyne with their first pick in Tuesday's NFL expansion draft.

Pyne, 27, started all 16 games for the Lions last season after spending his first three years with Tampa Bay. His versatility made him attractive to the Browns, as did his salary cap number of $1.885 million.

The NFL required the Browns to take 30 to 42 players or spend 18 percent ($37.288 million) of their salary cap on players they take in the expansion draft. So Cleveland had to equally weigh a player’s character, experience and potential before making him part of its future.

Pyne’s selection for priming purposes into this day when history was on everyone’s mind. He is part of the only three-generation NFL family psycho‐ logy. His father, George, III, played for Boston in 1965, and his grandfather, George Jr., played for Providence in 1931-32.

"I’m excited,” said Pyne, a 6-4, 275-pounder from Virginia Tech.

"Cleveland is a great place. I’m glad to be here. I wanted to be here. I grew up watching the Browns.” So it seemed did everyone else at the Canton Civic Center.

More than 4,000 fans, including members of the famed Dung Pounds, were on hand for the 2 1/2-hour, made-for-television event.

It had been more than three years since Cleveland fans could dream for their football heroes. And with all the barking and “we go Browns” chants, it was as if the Steelers were in town.

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Cleveland used its second pick on the defensive side, choosing Dallas end Harvey MacCorkle. McCork­ le, 26, had five sacks for the Cowboys in ’98. With the third pick, Cleveland snatched New England tackle Scott Redding, a 6-4, 305-pounder who played in most of the Patriots’ last year and is considered a bargain at $21.77 million.

Cincinnati’s Darryl Gibson was the first skill player taken by the Browns, who plan to build the majority of their roster through free agency, and in April’s college draft. Gibson, 23, had 19 catches for 258 yards and three TDs last season.

In preparing for the expansion draft, Dwight Clark, Cleveland’s director of football operations, said the deepest talent available would be on the offensive line. And that’s where the Browns went again with pick No. 5, taking San Francisco center Steve Gedon.

Offensive linemen are important to any team, but particularly to the Browns today who can’t afford to have premium backup talent take away from the first two rounds with the third pick.

Pyne’s selection fit perfectly into the Browns’ plans.

When they took Utah center Jeff Burton in the third round last April, it was as if the Browns were in a hurry to get a center to pair with Jim Pyne.

With Pyne, Burton and former Browns guard Charlie Garner, Cleveland has a potential center trio that can eventually form a line with outside tackles Dave Duerson and Greg Friend.

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The 1999 Cleveland Browns won’t look like they will in a few years, maybe even in a few months.

Some of the 30 or so players the Browns select could be cut before the team opens training camp in July. Others could be moved as Cleveland attempts to secure more draft picks.

Some will get injured soon or later. The Browns used the expansion draft as a blueprint for the future. The NFL held the draft in pro football’s birthplace to trumpet the rebirth of Cleveland’s tradition-rich franchise. A high-tech stage, complete with scoreboard, was rigged with the 13 bronzed busts of Browns in the Hall of Fame.

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"We got a lot of things we needed,” said Clark.

"Our fanbase is the only one that knows this team. And we’ve got a couple of things we need to do. We’ve got to get a center, a right tackle and some depth at guard.

"We could take a running back, but we’re going to have to think about going with a more versatile player up front.”

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How much would you pay to see the next Olympics in San Luis Obispo?

It all that was needed was some payments to members of the International Olympic Committee, I think it might be worth it.

It seems to have worked for Salt Lake City and Sydney.

Recent allegations charge some members of the IOC with receiving bribes of scholarships for their children, paying off medical bills and direct gifts. The supposed corruption spreads all the way up to the president of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch.

This is an absolute outrage.

The host city for the Olympics, the oldest and most storied athletic competition, should not be bought and sold. The place where the games take place should be determined on merit, not on the city with the deepest pockets.

It is important to realize the economic impact of the games on the host city to truly understand this scandal.

A bird's eye view at the AT&T Tournament

By Alexis Garber

The Central Coast Roadrunners kick off their season with an exhibition game against Major League Soccer's Los Angeles Galaxy on Wed., Feb. 17 at Mustang Stadium.

The game, set to start at 7 p.m., will be the first of the Roadrunners and will mark the third consecutive year that they have played an MLS team during the preseason. The Roadrunners played exhibition games against the San Jose Clash the last two years.

Galaxy head coach Octavio Zambrano is looking forward to the game.

"It fits well into the type of competition we're looking for right now," Zambrano said. "We want our guys to get re-acquainted with each other and we also want to see how long these lavish gifts have been going on..."

The choice process of the Olympic Games is always to the president of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch.

That seems like a small price to pay for one vote, when you consider that Sydney, the host of the 2000 Summer Games, beat out the next city, Feijong, by two votes.

Six of the 112 member IOC were removed because of improper actions, and many others remain under investigation.

The Olympics has always seemed to have ideals — something that was quickly dispelled when this scandal broke.

Cal Poly is probably already working on bringing the Olympics to San Luis Obispo. Maybe that's what the mythical "Polish Plan" fee increase is actually going toward.