Public returns to Avila Beach

By Bryce Alderton
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

About 50 people went for a walk along the sun-drenched shores of Avila Beach Tuesday afternoon as the west end of the beach reopened. Supervisor Peg Pinard and Harbor Commission President Carolyn Mattat attended the 1 p.m. ribbon-cutting ceremony commemorating the event, which is the first step toward the entire reopening next summer.

Project Manager for Unocal Rich Walloch said the project is right on schedule.

"There are no problems, but there is a lot of work to do. The plans have gone through review, and I'm looking forward to (the rest of the project)," Walloch said.

► The reopened section is approximately 200 yards long.
► The entire beach is scheduled to reopen next summer when Front Street is completed.

"We had requests from the community to open this section of the beach as soon as possible," Walloch said.

Unocal is working closely with San Luis Obispo County and Port San Luis Harbor District on Project

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Helping local charities keeps students in shape

By Aaron Emerson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Maintaining a healthy spirituality and working out are two ways to keep in shape. This Christmas season, the San Luis Obispo Athletic Club is offering both for free.

Those who donate to a charity before Christmas and bring their receipt to the gym will receive a free month's membership to the club. Most donations apply and many organizations are participating.

"There is really no limit at all to what people can donate," membership director Les Tigges said. "We want to give people the experience of giving. If they do that once, maybe next time they will donate again in the future."

Area organizations, such as Goodwill, Woods Humane Society, KCBS 12, United Way and numerous local churches, comprise the group of more than 40 charities affiliated with SLO Athletics' donation drive so far. Others are on the way.

"We are promoting this as an

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Agricultural master's candidate Julie Andrew-Scott and her 4-year-old daughter Josephine take a walk on the reopened portion of Avila Beach Tuesday. Approximately 200 yards of the closed beach reopened to the public. The beach has been closed for 18 months.

A group of Cal Poly students studied in Japan for fall quarter accompanied by psychology and human development professor David Englund. They arrived in San Luis Obispo on Nov. 22.

This holiday season, anyone who donates to local charities, including the Goodwill and churches, can bring their receipts to SLO Athletic Club and receive a free month's membership.

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incentive for people to go out and give something," Tilgner said. "We are trying to get as many organizations as possible to join us. Hopefully this thing will get even bigger next year."

The program, in its first year, is a way for students to stay in shape over the holiday break. It has been publicized primarily through word-of-mouth, but Tilgner wants the giving mood to spread wider.

"If we can afford it, we are going to do a radio commercial and we are handing out flyers all over town," he said. "We want to encourage people to give to their favorite charity and see how good it feels to give of yourself."

The gym also is making a habit of giving back to the community. For donating money, goods or services, Tilgner wants to give students the opportunity of using SLO Athletic Club free of charge.

"We have always reached into the community," he said. "We host the Special Olympic weight lifting team every year, we do sponsors and we donate our older equipment to area schools."

If the program works, Tilgner hopes to see donation drives run yearlong or bi-annually. He also would like to see young people get more involved in charities.

"The program is open for all, but I want young people especially to gain the experience of giving," he said. "It's a win-win situation for all the donors win and the charities win."

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Avila. Plans for the next phase of the project aren't completed, but many factors must be taken into account.

"We need to rebuild the parking lot, and have beach access while we're rebuilding streets," Wallach said.

Current access to the beach is regulated to the western end of the town near the bridge on Avila Beach Drive. Beach sign have been installed to clearly mark a safe path for visitors.

The entire beach is scheduled to reopen next summer when the Front Street Enhancement Project is finished. Unocal will rebuild the pier, construct new restrooms on the pier, restore utilities in the town and make road improvements. Rebuilding the pier is expected to begin in December while the Front Street Enhancement will begin early next year.

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"I took the first trip of Cal Poly students to Japan in 1989," England said. "We had 16 students then."

Since that first excursion a decade ago, there has been one other trip, but England said efforts are being made to make the trip a more regular occurrence.

"Now we're hoping to establish a yearly program," England said. "Based on this year, we have a strong argument."

England and social science professor John McKinsey led this year's trip and taught classes. Students bailing from 13 different majors each took 12 units from the two professors.

According to social science senior Alissa Atkinson, students became involved in their temporary community in addition to their course.

"We also had internships and other classes," Atkinson said. "I taught some English classes, and some other people developed Web pages for people in the community."

Sira Thiagarajah, a psychology senior, did an internship.

"I worked at a home for children for three weeks," Thiagarajah said. "We conducted kindergarten lessons and painted playground equipment."

Despite all the hard work, Atkinson and Thiagarajah said the trip was exceptional.

"It was one of the best experiences I have ever had," she said. "I really wanted to travel abroad, and the trip worked well for my major. I had such a wonderful time and the people were so great."

Thiagarajah liked seeing the cultural differences.

"The best part was that I saw the cultural aspects, like the performance and the temples," she said. "It was interesting to see the old and the new together."

Computer science senior Sean Brady also enjoyed the trip.

"Everyone was very friendly," Brady said. "We were hitch-hiking one guy who picked us up let us stay at his place and gave us lunch. The trip was about four hours long."

Unfortunately, the cost of the trip almost overshadowed the group's enjoyment.

"It was very expensive," Atkinson said.

England agreed and used economics as the determining factor of the expense.

"The basic price was expected to be under $6,000," England said. "What we didn't count on was the yen dropping. The exchange rate changed and that caused an additional expense."

Atkinson said few on the trip had any Japanese speaking ability.

"I didn't know anything," she said, but when asked if she knew any of the language now, Atkinson replied, "Nihon", the Japanese word for "little."

Thiagarajah didn't know any Japanese either.

"I picked up a lot of Japanese," Thiagarajah said, and added that the language has stuck with her, even after returning to the United States.

"Now, when I bump into people, I will want to say 'Excuse me' in Japanese."

The group spent a month at Higashi Nippon International University in Iwaki, a small city in Japan near the city of Tokyo.

After spending a week touring cities around the country, the students reconvened in Tenri University near the city of Kyoto.

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Amazon.com delves into luxury goods

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon.com is expanding its empire yet again, taking a stake in the all-around luxury goods World Wide Web merchant Ashford.com.

Amazon will pay $10 million for a 16.6 percent stake in Ashford in its latest move to become an Internet superstore, offering shoppers virtually anything in one online location. An announcement is expected today.

Amazon has yet to turn a profit, but the 4-year-old company has spent freely in the last 18 months to expand from books to music, videos, auctions, toys, electronics, home improvement goods, software and greeting cards.

It also has invested in online companies where it sees big growth opportunities, with stakes in Drugstore.com, Pets.com and WebGrocer.com.

With the Ashford alliance, Amazon is tapping the fast-expanding online luxury market. While sales of high-end goods on the web are still quite small, there is huge demand for expensive clothing and accessories. Last year, luxury goods sales at traditional stores totaled $113 billion.

Starting today, shoppers will be able to link to Ashford's site from Amazon's home page. Amazon will also feature Ashford in some of its promotions, such as brochures found in Amazon delivery boxes.

Ashford will have access to Amazon's 15 million customers. The company plans to target those shoppers if they feel interested in buying high-end goods, said Ashford chief executive Kenny Kurtzman.

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"This is a great deal for Ashford.com that will help them pull away from the pack of other Internet luxury good retailers online," said Lisa Allen, senior analyst at online research company Forrester Research.

Ashford, based in Houston, sells diamonds, watches, designer jewelry, fragrances, bath and body products, leather accessories, ties, scarves, sunglasses and fancy pens.

New NBC Internet company emerges

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC launched a new Internet company on Tuesday, NBCi, which will wrap together several of the network's online assets as well as the Snap portal site and the e-commerce company Xoom.com.

NBCi, which will be based in San Francisco, also announced a deal with Clear Channel Communications Inc. to promote NBCi's services on the Websites for Clear Channel's 435 radio stations.

NBC will contribute to the venture several of its Websites including NBCi.com, content from its television shows and $400 million worth of TV advertising. NBC first announced the deal to create NBCi in May.

The network, which is a unit of General Electric Co., will own 47 percent of the new company, while stockholders of Xoom.com will own 39 percent, and CNET, the former parent of the Snap portal, will own 14 percent.

The publicly traded shares of Xoom.com were converted on a one-for-one basis to stock in the new company, which began trading on the Nasdaq Stock Market Tuesday under the symbol NBCi.

Online shopping replaces holiday chaos

Anyone can get online now and buy a book or a CD. Thanks to the Internet, words such as Amazon.com and CDnow.com have become household names.

In fact, Internet sales are expected to account for a large amount of overall purchases this Christmas season. The question remains, however: How do I cut through the muck and find what I'm looking for online?

If you're interested in increased convenience and avoiding crowds, the online shopping experience may be for you. The trouble is, where do you start?

I evaluated several major shopping sites with a special emphasis on purchasing holiday gifts, but the results should help the mall-weary shopper find an alternative on the World Wide Web.

First, stop by shopping.excite.com for a detailed product description. This site has a good variety of products, with good photos and descriptions of each but lacks the most useful feature of the other major players in the holiday shopping breeze: the gift finder.

The best gift-finding tool lives at Netscape's new shopping site (integrated into the 4.7 release of the browser) or located on the Internet at shopcenters.netscape.com/shopping/home.html. This site allows you to select certain criteria—male or female recipient, what category of gift, traits and interests of recipient, etc.—while the software narrows the selections to a number of probable gifts. It's simple to use and doesn't cost a cent.

The second-best gift search tool can be found at the omnipresent Yahoo! Shopping. A shopping site shop.yahoo.com is. It's called a gift recommender and works pretty much the same as Netscape's but with Yahoo!'s trademark simplicity and drab interface.

Lycos' search engine has a great shopping site, but it's mainly a hub aimed at getting you out onto the web via Lycos.

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Thankless jobs deserve respect

L
ike most college students, I’ve worked a variety of jobs, I used to alphabetize books and textbooks during high school at El Central Bookstore. I entered 7th grade, you see, it handed our snug giggles as a pool attendant, and I sold Pingo umbrellas for hotel guests. One memorable Easter Sunday, I spent 12 hours tilling water glasses and bussing tables at an oceanview restaurant. And those are just my Central Coast jobs.

And now I’m not bemoaning the fact that I actually have to work to pay for things. The experiences have taught me how to manage money, how to talk to strangers and how to deal with problems. The fast-food jobs are just my Central Coast jobs.

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Commentary

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What do the media have an effect on us today? The problem is not consuming media, but that children growing up have not learned how to navigate the media. Basically, they are not taught right from wrong. It is kind of like Television 101. Children need to be briefed before they are pushed into the world of media.

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What do you want for Christmas?

- "I want a snowboard."
  Hanna Ono
  business freshman

- "I want my credit card bills to go away."
  Barnaby Hughes
  history junior

- "I want clothes, a black purse, shoes and jewelry."
  Lisa Christensen
  materials engineering junior

- "I want something for a ticket that I got on campus."
  Phillip Jungwirth
  business sophomore

- "I want to decide who lives and who dies."
  Charlie Peterson
  art and design senior

- "This is kind of a big campus. I want my bicycle back."
  Toby Dodgen
  physics freshman

Letters to the editor

Athletic scholarships are not necessary for higher education

Editor,

Universities are the highest institutes of learning in the world. They were created in hopes of encouraging people to improve their lives, society and the world. Nowadays in the definition of a university does it mention athletics. They have become an integral part of them, though, and that is great, since they are sources of pride for schools. There is a problem with them, though, athletic scholarships.

Many people argue that all scholarships and financial aid should be awarded to students based solely on their academic performances since that's what a university is supposed to be about all the time.

There are numerous other reasons for abolishing athletic scholarships. Douglas Hargreaves and Valerie Alba both did studies on how extrinsic rewards affect the intrinsic motivation of athletes. It turns out that extrinsic rewards — such as athletic scholarships — decrease intrinsic motivation. This suggests that abolishing the athletic scholarship would cause athletes to perform to a higher caliber since they'd be playing simply for the love of the game.

Athletic scholarships are now used as tools for schools to buy publicity by promoting their athletic talent. Lawrence University abolished athletic scholarships in 1987 because of this.

Some say athletic scholarships allow underprivileged athletes their only chance at earning a college education. There are serious problems with this argument. Consider two high school students: a highly regarded football player and an average student with a 3.4 grade point average. Both students don't have the financial resources to attend college, and although the second student may be more highly motivated to succeed, the athlete will get a chance to go to college. Athletic talent should not be a deciding factor in admission at institutions dedicated to academics.

Still others equate the athletic scholarship with those given in music, art and drama. The problem with this statement is that music, art and drama scholarships still fall within the realms of academia. Athletic scholarships differ from any other forms of financial aid in three ways: They are not dependent on need, they can be withdrawn for nonacademic reasons, and the recipients don't have to possess any special academic qualifications. They only must meet minimum admissions standards. Some schools even lower their admissions standards for athletes. This clearly shows that athletic scholarships fall outside universities' roles.

I propose Cal Poly abolish athletic scholarships as an example for other universities. This does not mean our athletic department must forfeit success. Our highly regarded reputation already draws top students from the West Coast. Some of those students are also athletes. We simply need to actively recruit them. We need to hire highly motivated coaches to replace any who are doing a lackluster job now.

The key that would really tie everything together is building top-notch athletic facilities. I propose that we use the money saved from abolishing athletic scholarships in the first few years to build a first-class stadium and training facility. This will bring in top student athletes and coaches. From there, we could flow the savings from abolishing athletic scholarships into academic programs and even toward more academic scholarships, so students, like the one mentioned earlier, can get the college education they rightfully deserve.

This change can work. It has worked for one of the most highly regarded academic schools in the nation: Princeton. Even without athletic scholarships, they are continually ranked as one of the top 25 Division I programs in the nation — and all that on an athletic budget only a quarter the size of big "sports schools." Cal Poly will be further strengthening its academic reputation by firmly and implicitly stating that its top priority is academics.

Bear Bryant of the University of Alabama said that athletic scholarships have made student athletes be athletes first and students second. Cal Poly needs to take a stand and reverse this, putting the emphasis back on academics where it belongs while still keeping a competitive Division I program.

Brian Selvy is an aeronautical engineering sophomore.

Religion won't fix teen violence

Editor,

In reference to Mike Morson's commentary about posting the Commandments and how that could be unfair to other religions, I have to agree. "Placing Commandments in disrespect," Nov. 30, 2019. We claim to be a democratic country. It is biased to only post the Ten Commandments in public schools. Public schools are institutions that represent all kinds of people. If we allow the Ten Commandments to be posted, then we leave out all other religions. Forcing humans only causes them to rebel. This is not a good example of democratic behavior. The true teachings of Christ are not about separating people, but unifying them. The greatest words Jesus said are "love one another."

Commandments will not stop school violence — unconditional love might. These solutions are only medicating the real issues. Putting a Band-Aid on a wound that needs stitches will not work. Religion is an individual choice, not a remedy to teenage violence.

Nancy L. Kapp is a political science sophomore.
Duke reflects on tradition after Texas tragedy

(U-WIRE) DURHAM, N.C. — The collapse of the six-tiered, 55-foot-tall bonfire structure at Texas A&M University earlier this month that killed 12 people illustrated the age-old traditions and practical concerns about safety.

"I think the Texas A&M thing has highlighted for us something we were certainly focused on in our planning—safety," said Sue Wasielek, assistant vice president for student affairs. "The focus has and continues to be on the safety of the event."

Duke administrators — many of whom patrolled last year’s five celebrations — met just a few days before the A&M tragedy to discuss bonfires and to attempt to strike that careful balance between safety and tradition at Duke.

Last year, administrators tried to achieve a middle ground, obtaining permits for several potential bonfires on the Main West Campus Quadrangle while calling off the overwhelming police and fire department presence of the year before.

For the first time in several bonfire years, no serious injuries resulted. "These things can be quite dangerous. Ours is a somewhat different situation than this one," Executive Vice President Tallman Trask said of the A&M tragedy.

"At Duke, the danger can be avoided if people behave properly. For the last few years, we have been very successful. I do hope people will think about this a little bit and be a bit more careful."

At their Nov. 16 meeting, administrators decided to stick with what worked last year, and they are applying for six permits, with one extra for the women’s basketball national championship game.

But the A&M tragedy served as a reminder that one year of safety — or 90 years in Texas — does not mean that a potentially dangerous activity is safe.

"The A&M tragedy was a very sorrowful reminder that even the happiest traditions can have dangerous implications," President Nan Keohane said. "For Duke, as far as bonfires are concerned, we need to reinforce the cooperation that has already been established between students and administrators about setting reasonable limits for safety, then we all need to make sure that people adhere to those limits. Even so, there is no guarantee that there would never be an accident, but we will have done all we can to combine tradition with safety."

Wasielek said that although the tragedy will not affect the administration’s general planning, it may affect their reactions come fire time. "I think the Texas A&M thing has highlighted for us something we were very focused on safety issues perhaps we’ll find ourselves more prone to intervene this year."

University administrators abandoned tradition in favor of safety in spring 1998 when they banned bonfires altogether. After the Campus Social Board’s unsuccessful good foam party on the afternoon of the men’s basketball team’s home-win against the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on March 1, students returned to Main West that evening to burn benches. Police clashed with students, sometimes violently, and several would-be celebrators were arrested.

Two days later, administrators announced their plans to remove all benches from campus, sparking student unease. The next day, in a display of defiance and frustration, several students organized a prototype bonfire, which eventually consumed 14 benches. Several thousand students danced around the fire in a crowded circle denouncing administrators, especially Keohane, with profanity.

Despite the superficial similarity, the Texas A&M tradition differs significantly from the University’s current bonfire practices, especially because the A&M students died building the intricate structure, rather than from burns, which have seriously injured Duke students in the past.

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"Things that students might want to pick up for their own personal needs," explained marketing manager Theresa Kaiser. "You know, books on religion, philosophy, ethnic studies, cookbooks."

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NEW YORK (AP) — ARC isn’t ready to reveal when it is bringing back “Who Wants To Be a Millionaire,” but rival networks are already planning to counter the show.

Cautiously off-guard by the quiz show’s smashing ratings during its 18-night run that ended last week, ABC executives were mulling whether to bring it back as a regular series and how often to show it.

“We really believe we’re in a win-win situation no matter what we do here,” Lloyd Braun, ABC Entertainment co-chairman, said on Tuesday.

ABC’s top executive tried to steal ABC’s thunder, saying in a conference call with reporters that he had heard “Millionaire” will begin airing regularly on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays starting in January. Leslie Moonves, CBS Television president, said he was repeating trade publication reports. ABC wouldn’t comment.

CBS said it was taking the unusual step of re-running its Celine Dion farewell special on Dec. 4, largely because so many people missed it the first time last Wednesday when it aired against the final night of “Millionaire.”

NBC also said it was pushing back its 10-hour miniseries planned for February, “The 10th Kingdom” for a few weeks, partly in hopes that the “Millionaire” craze will fade.

“The thought is, it will become humdrum as it is going on,” said NBC Entertainment President Garth Ancier.

ABC’s retort: Don’t bet on it.

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The stunning success of a cheaply-produced game show, said Ancier, will become less willing to spend money on scripts and pilots of new comedies and dramas.

Game show craze continues into the millennium

It’s the end of the year and cash is low. To complicate matters, it is also the beginning of gift-buying season. To lessen the burden, Cal Poly has a very convenient way to buy without cash: the Campus Express Club. Just designate a certain amount of money to spend on gifts and put it into a Campus Express Club account. Then, no more can be spent but what is in the account. The added benefit of this form of payment is that there is no risk of losing money, no burden of balancing check books, and no burden of a future credit card bill.

The Campus Express Club offers convenient gift buying at all Campus Dining locations, the Campus Market, and El Corral Gift Buying Ease

The Campus Market also has gift certificates available. These can be used at the grill, deli and for pizza slices. The market also offers Cal Poly-made food items such as the famous Olallieberry jams. If a taste of Cal Poly suits you, head to El Corral and holiday-specific gifts. Get a gift item to offer. Get an anniversary gift, graduation gifts, bumper stickers, or other trendy items. And remember the holiday-specific gifts. Don’t worry about paying in cash, the Campus Express Club is accepted at these locations. The card is loaded with the money the customer deposits into the account and drawn on as needed. The holiday season approaches.

Get handy and valuable gifts for roommates or gift exchanges like mug and coffee gift certificates from Julian’s for the coffee drinkers.
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Mustang's slashing scorer on the wing, King also increased his field goal percentage with his five of six performance behind the arc, including one at the first half buzzer.

"I thought Jason King was the reason we were up at halftime. I mean Jason was outstanding. He made a big play right before the half, he was five for six, and he really got the first break going," Schneider said.

After the Mustangs' point-busting in the first half, the Mustangs went back to their inside game and controlled the second half with high-percentage shots from Bjorklund, Mayes and 6-10 freshman John Hoffart, who scored all nine of his points in the second half.

Although Schneider has stroked the low-post game, when the Mustangs have both aspects going, they can score with anyone.

"Anytime you can establish the low post, that's going to open up everything," said Bjorklund who also increased his team from the Mustangs last three games.

According to Schneider, the Mustangs have both aspects of the game, "It happened up our momentum back to the home team. We'd love to redshirt him but we don't have time. They're just wide open out there because the defense is forced to sink once you start getting the low-post game.

Cal Baptist pressed the Mustangs late in the game to cut a 22-point lead down to 12, but a pair of jumpers from Wozniak and Hoffart shifted the momentum back to the home team.

At the end of the game, the Mustangs added an 11th man when Brandon Hulst got his first minutes of the season. Schneider thinks the 6-4 swingman has a tremendous upside and was hoping to redshirt the freshman, who is not in game shape after recovering from mononucleosis in the preseason.

"I've been going back and forth, back and forth," Schneider said. "We're already down in numbers, we'd love to redshirt him but we don't have that luxury. We need a three man to step up and rebound the basketball and be able to drive the ball a little bit more."

One thing the Mustangs hope Hulst and the rest of the team can start contributing is some ball control.

While this was clearly the best the Mustangs have played this year, they didn't play without flaws. Although an improvement from Saturday night's miserable 25 turnovers, the Mustangs still turned the ball over 16 times. But according to King, he thinks the Mustangs are headed in the right direction.

"It was a win we needed coming off a loss," King said. "I think we're going to get on a little roll here in the next few games."

Agent claims Dodgers altered birth certificate

NEW YORK (AP) — Adrian Beltre's agent said Tuesday he has evidence proving the Los Angeles Dodgers altered his client's birth certificate in order to sign the third baseman when he was underage.

Scott Boras, who wants Beltre declared a free agent, said he obtained his client's personal file from the Dodgers under California state law, and it contained four visas that showed Beltre was 15 when the team signed him in 1994, not 16, the youngest age baseball allows teams to sign players.

The commissioner's office is dispatching a delegation to meet with Beltre on Thursday in the Dominican Republic, Sandy Alderson, executive vice president for baseball operations in the commissioner's office, expects a decision on Beltre's status in December.

Dodgers senior vice president Tom Lauricella said Nov. 16 that Beltre knew he was underage when he signed.

"The file reflects that he gave them a birth certificate that said he was born in 1979," Boras said. "It was altered to make it appear that he was born in 1978."

Boras said the file contained both the correct birth certificate and one that had the "1979" whitewashed out and replaced by "1978."

Boras general manager Kevin Malone referred questions to team counsel Sam Fernandez.

"My response is that this matter is under investigation by the commissioner's office, that we are cooperating fully with the commissioner's investigation, and it would not be appropriate for me to comment on this matter at this time," Fernandez said.

"Beltre has consistently asserted his true age, and the Dodgers were aware of his true age," Boras said.

According to Boras, Beltre's file contains visas for 1996-99 that say his client was born in 1979. In addition, Boras said Beltre's Dominican passport, which was issued in 1996, his Florida driver's license and his international driver's license all list Beltre's birthdate as April 7, 1979.

Beltre hit .275 with 15 homers, 67 RBIs and 18 steals this year in his first full season with the Dodgers. While he would get $100,000 to $400,000 next year if he remained under the team's control, he could command millions of dollars as a free agent.

Earlier this year, the Dodgers lost two Cuban players because they signed before they were 16. Infielder Ivan De Jesus and outfielder Josue Perez were declared free agents by commissioner Bud Selig, and the Dodgers were fined $200,000. Perez later signed with Philadelphia for $650,000.
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David Henry simply must take
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played outstanding defense this year,
possibly better than any other Mustang. But he's short-changing
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**Poly beats Cal Baptist 102-87**

*By Joe Nolan  Mustang Daily Staff Writer*

For the first time all year, the Mustangs (2-1) finally got some balanced scoring so they defeated NCAA Cal Baptist, 102-87, Monday night in front of 1,650 in Mott Gym.

Chico Byrdland still led the way with a game-high 32 points, but it was point guard Jason King who opened up the Mustangs' offense and helped the team pull away from their non-Division I opponent.

"Having a fourth option (is big)," Byrdland said. "If we only have three scorers, (defenders) are really going to key on the low post and play a 'box-and-one' on (Mike Woznak), and we can't have that. When you only have two scoring on the perimeter, the defense can really key on him. Players like (King, David Henry or Mark Campbell) can step up. And once they establish their offense, that's really going to free up myself and (Jeremiah) Mayes."

In the first half, Cal Baptist (2-3) concentrated its efforts on stopping the inside game and limiting Mayes, who was seven of seven in the first half of Saturday's game, to just two shots — both misses. But for the first time this season when all the offense came from Mayes, Byrdland and Woznak, King and Wintene Favors gave the defense other options to defend.

Favors, who came into the game shooting 31 percent, was seven of 10 from the field and gave the Mustangs an inside presence.

Samuel Johnson contributed 20 points off the bench, eight rebounds and four assists as he was the first Mustang since Matt Pletcher to score 20 or more in a game.

Joe Nolan

**Quarterback situation still troubling S.F.**

SANTA CLARA, (AP) — When Joe Montana began to break down, the San Francisco 49ers had Steve Young to maintain expectations at a record-setting level.

They have not been as fortunate in finding a replacement for the injured Young, and they're playing for it with their worst season since 1982.

Jeff Garcia and Steve Stinson, both untested and inexperienced, have gone 1-7 since replacing Young, who's not expected to play again this season because of a head blow Sept. 27 that caused his fourth concussion in three years.

And San Francisco's offense, ranked No. 1 in the league last season behind two-time league MVP Young, has ground to a halt. Monday night's 22-3 loss to Green Bay marked the seventh straight defeat for the 49ers (3-8) and the third time in four games they failed to score a touchdown.

San Francisco, which scored 505 points during its Super Bowl-winning season in 1994, has just 166 so far this season, the fourth-lowest output in the league.

Even the 49ers defense has more touchdowns (4) than the offense (3) over the course of the skid, the club's longest since losing eight in a row in 1980. Monday night's loss ensured San Francisco will finish with its first non-winning campaign since strike-shortened 1982, when it went 3-6-1 one year after winning the Super Bowl.

"You can't just lay it on the quarter­back," coach Steve Mariucci said Tuesday. "Obviously, that's the guy that sticks out like a sore thumb, because he's the passer. We need to be more productive at that position and we have been used to great produc­tion at that position. We're working tirelessly to make it better.

The 49ers had Ty Detmer as Young's backup last season, but traded him to Cleveland as part of a salary cap purge in the offseason.

Stinson, signed as a free agent after starting six games for Chicago, was 49ERS, page 11

**Early problems easily correctable for Mustangs**

A 500 record can be deceiving.

The men's basketball team might be the first to admit that.

Their first four games have been very revealing this year. For every flash of brilliance there's been an equally inexcusable mistake.

Monday night was a perfect example.

The Mustangs shot 59 percent, made half of their 18 3-pointers and outrebounded Cal Baptist by 11.

Despite impressive team numbers and equally impressive individual stats - five players scored in double figures - the Mustangs only beat Cal Baptist by 11. And let's not kid ourselves, Cal Baptist is not a good team.

The Mustangs are repeatedly making freshman mistakes that will cost them when they play good teams in conference like Long Beach State or New Mexico State.

It's the little things that add up to a big "L" later in the season.

The Mustangs aren't adjusting quickly enough to full-court presses and they're committing too many fouls.

But they're only 1-3 and there's time to make adjustments before the conference schedule begins.

Joe Nolan

**Mustangs issue Friday schedule**

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TODAY

8 a.m. — Swimming — Speed Sprint Dual

at Long Beach

6 p.m.

FRIDAY

8 a.m. — Women's basketball — South Florida Tournament

at Southern Florida

Wrestling — Las Vegas Tournament

at Las Vegas

10 a.m.

SATURDAY

8 a.m. — Men's basketball vs Cal State Northridge

in Mott Gym

7 p.m.