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Police stop skaters in tracks

By Adam Jarman

The Cal Poly Police Department began enforcing the non-skateboarding policy with more vigor Monday. Warnings were eliminated and all offenders will be cited by the Cal Poly Police for skateboarding or in-line skating on campus. These new enforcement standards, known as the Skateboard Damage Reduction Plan, are a multi-department initiative to decrease skateboarding-related accidents and damages on campus, Cal Poly Police Sgt. Lori Hashim said. Police cannot estimate the number of accidents per year since many go unreported, Hashim said. Similar new bicycle policies will be announced soon that concern stop sign violations as well as riding in restricted areas.

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Float winners laugh all the way home

By Alexis Garbeff

As the Cal Poly rose float's dinosaur and time machine glided through the streets of Pasadena this past New Year's Day, it stole time, a humor trophy and competed against professionally built floats. The retro float's final phase of expansion.

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Market builds makeshift patio until spring

By Melissa McFarland

Cement has been poured and plans are wrapping up in the Campus Market's outdoor seating project — the market's final phase of expansion.

"Until it's finished in spring, we're trying to get something temporary in there, like some older benches and chairs, so the area can be used," said flex Wolf, the project's program manager.

The doubling of the Campus Market in summer of 1998 necessitated the extra patio seating. Wolf said insufficient funds delayed the project when the market initially expanded. "The expansion actually took up some space," Wolf said. "The store doubled in size, which means a lot more people, a lot more sales and a lot more staff. And at the same time, the patio space was being made smaller."

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an effort to decrease the damages incurred as a result of skating on campus. Ed Narettto, facility services
director, said these damages amount to approximately $10,000 annually.

"We are trying to look at new
designs that are not conducive to skateboarders and in-line skaters," Narettto said. New benches have
been broken, and many new railings need to be repainted, he said.

Narettto said curbs on campus
become coated in wax from the mis­
use of skaters. Slipping on these
curbs is a big safety concern, he said.

Also, the Judicial Affairs depart­
ment will serve as an additional
enforcement agency for violators.

Ardith Tregenza, coordinator of
campus student relations and judi­
cial affairs, explained that students
 cited may be referred to her office
and, while every case is different,
she said, "We can often reach a
mutually agreeable resolution infor-
mally through an initial meet-
ing."

Although the Cal Poly Police
will issue cita­
tions, Sgt. Steve
Schroeder said
the fines will
come from the
municipal
courts.

Tregenza said community ser­
vice may be assigned through the
Judicial Affairs office. It may
include repairing skateboard-related
damage on campus.

Fines are $20 for a first offense
and will increase with each addi-
tional citation.

Unlike parking fines that are paid
to Cal Poly, skating fines under this
new plan will not be paid to the uni-
versity, but to the courts, Schroeder
said. These fines will not be a source
of funding on campus.

Some students don't feel the fines
are fair.

"(Skateboarding) is just another
form of transportation ... like a
bike," said Alex Woolery, a mecha­
nical engineering sophomore.

Pointing to his board, he added, "I
use this and the bus."

Woolery, who has been skate­
boarding for 11 years, said an expe­
rienced skateboarder has just as
much control as an experienced
biker. Even so, Hashim said she is
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Amy Lobsinger peeks out a cave in the Valley of Fire State Park in Nevada during a Poly Escapes trip during the winter break. Twenty-two students took the one-week trip. See story, page 3.

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they were only volunteer-built float awards. This year
we were competing with all of them," Shepard said.

Volunteers began to plan Cal Poly's "Stolen Time" float last March, and construction started last June.
Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo contributed $10,000 and Cal Poly, Pomona contributed $40,000 for construc-
tion. Flowers on the float totaled about $15,000 and
were donated.

Cal Poly, a volunteer-built float, is the only univer-
sity to enter a float in the parade. Other parade floats
are either city- or professionally-built.
Travelers didn’t need to worry about anything having to do with the real world at all,” said James Willsie, a third-year architecture major. This was Willsie’s first long trip with Poly Escapes.

The trip was a wilderness dream, an uninterrupted week of hiking, camping and rafting. Best of all, it was accommodating to all students. Travelers didn’t need to be mountaineers to survive.

After the last final was taken on Friday, Dec. 10, the sun packed with gear and students began the 12-hour drive to Zion National Park. The first night was spent under the stars in Barstow on the way to Zion. The group was up early the next morning and arrived at Zion in the afternoon. That night the group was rewarded with a soak in the hot springs after the long day of traveling. Willsie said.

For the next six days, the group simply enjoyed Zion. On Sunday, they took an 8-mile hike to a summit with an elevation gain of 2,200 feet, where they could look down upon the park, Willsie said.

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Millennial hype served no purpose

Okay, so how many people died as a direct result of Y2K disasters? Or an easier question might be: How many Y2K disasters were there? How many riots erupted? Did the world come to a sudden end the second we finished counting down to midnight on the eve of 2000?

I think we all know the earth is still in pretty good shape despite all the hype about Y2K. It is amazing how much mass hysteria was generated by the idea that a small computer glitch could cause life-threatening problems. People worried about banks losing their money, a loss of electricity, water and sewage services, terrorist attacks, riots in major cities and countless other disasters. There were also numerous predictions of apocalyptic events. Obviously all this paranoia was completely unnecessary. Sure, there were some legitimate concerns to be considered, but they were handled in a responsible and timely manner, causing few negative problems. Billions of dollars were spent to avoid both major and minor glitches.

The worst thing about the whole Y2K fear was the fact that no one thought of all the problems that could be caused by omitting the century part of the date to save space on computer chips. You would think that the people in charge of creating these types of systems would have had the brains to foresee those implications.

Nevertheless, we did face this problem and managed to correct it in time. The panic associated with Y2K bugs and millennium events went way beyond what was necessary. Many people were sure that on Jan. 1, 2000, electricity would go out, and they would have to hibernate until the world returned to normal. Those who were nervous enough to buy mass quantities of canned food and portable stoves did so to prepare in case the world was not there anymore because they were also afraid that their less-prepared neighbors might eventually turn into hunger-driven murderers just to get to the canned chili and beef stew. People then stocked up ammunition to prepare for those hungry neighbors who might get too curious about what was in those big cans hidden in the garage when everyone else had run out of food.

How easily a little hype about a computer glitch can translate into a monster that turns neighbor against neighbor.

I was not worried about Y2K for a long time, but finally, after listening to people around me rant and rave about inevitable disasters, I became infected with paranoia. It was impossible to avoid. Just after midnight on New Year’s Eve, I went into my room and turned on the light. There was a loud "pop" and the light went out. Instead of logically assuming the light bulb had blown out, my heart skipped a beat as I thought the Y2K bug had struck my house, and I might live in darkness for the next few months.

If we had not been bombarded with fearful speculation and predictions day after day in the media and on the Internet, more people might have kept their sanity and enjoyed their holidays. All that hype was just for being, yet life went on.

Except for one thing: The Y2K bug must have gotten into my microwave because it stopped working over break.

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Y2K hype saved us from certain disaster

Point/counterpoint

The Y2K people really wanted...

...It’s total chaos

Deamount. The Wal-Murtles
have reviled against the Dinosaurs...

...Americans discovered on live

television tonight that

Dick Clark was infact

a robot, and tragically was

not Y2K compliant...

By Brett F. Robinson

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All Mac-Donald have lost power...

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New Year’s Day.

If nothing else, the Y2K hype served to bring our epicentermic country closer to the rest of the world. We got a glimpse of the way the globe functions as a whole. While watching the news for Y2K-related disaster information, I got to see festivals and celebrations in France, Australia, India and Tonga.

Furthermore, my house now has a full stock of clean drinking water, candles, batteries, medical supplies and other emergency necessities. In case of a disaster we can predict the second, we now have the resources to survive and something of an idea of how to act in a crisis. It seems safety does have a hefty price, but the cost is worth it.

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Aida's offers another option for textbooks

Let's face it, we're students and we need textbooks. It's the first week of school and you're tired of waiting in line. You've thought about ordering your books online, but you know they won't arrive until the midterm.

Introducing option 3: Aida's University Book Exchange.

Aida's University Book Exchange combines low prices with great service. Aida's has all the textbooks professors require for classes, but at competitive prices. "It's very rare that we don't have the book. We've even gone overseas to get [a] book," says Larry Hensley, the owner of Aida's.

Opened in 1996 by Larry and his wife Jamilah, the bookstore carries both new and used textbooks and school supplies. Aida's serves Cal Poly, Cuesta, Allan Hancock and Chapman Universities. Mr. Hensley ran five bookstores in Pasadena before moving to San Luis Obispo.

"I was vacationing here and couldn't believe how high prices were, higher than UCLA, which is known to be one of the highest priced bookstores."

Despite the challenge of running an off-campus bookstore, Aida's has received positive comments from the students. "The older students know [to come here]," says Larry. Aida's employees are also students.

At the end of the quarter Aida's buys back the textbooks they sell. Aida's is not concerned with the condition of the books they buy back, but with the demand for the books. So what happens with all the discontinued books? Aida's donates tons of books each year to the San Luis Obispo library, and the high schools located in nearby Pismo, Atascadero, and Paso Robles. Larry also donates books to third world countries, approximately 40,000 pounds last year.

Aida's is open seven days a week. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Aida's University Book Exchange is in the process of developing a web page that will go on-line next fall. Until then, Aida's can be found at 973 Foothill Boulevard in the University Plaza Square by Kona's, by calling 541-5854.

Aida's University Book Exchange was opened in 1996 and offers students at area colleges a third option for buying textbooks. The store was named for the owners' daughter, Aida, at right.

UC Santa Barbara, which is known to be one of the highest priced bookstores.
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"We have to feel pretty good walk­ ing into that arena because we could’ve been ahead 23-0," Gayley said. "I won’t have to tell the players anything. They can put the tape on and see what hap­ pened, how we played." The Vikings defense has improved since then, with John Randle moved inside and former wide receiver Robert Tate housing the secondary.

In Sunday’s 24-17 win over Detroit, Tate had six tackles, broke up two pass­ es and had his first career interception. He also had kickoff returns of 37 and 47 yards.

"He can electrify the crowd in a lot of different ways," Green says. "This week, he needs to electrify the Cowboys.

Miami (9-7) at Seattle (9-7)

Both teams have lost five of their last six, making this game very much anticlimactic.

Except for two things, it could be the final game for Dan Marino and/or Jimmy Johnson’s final appearance as Miami’s coach.

So that was the theme for the week. "Let’s put the coop open on the back burner for one week," Johnson pleaded. "Just for one week. I’m going to. If everyone would put the coop open on the back burner and let us focus on Seattle, I’d be a lot happier if you did.”

Both Johnson and Mike Holmgren would be happy if their teams woke up. The Seahawks, who only had to

beat the Jets to qualify, slept through a 19-9 loss and wide open only when they watched the final minutes of Oakland’s 41-38 overtime win in Kansas City. The Chiefs put Seattle in the playoff picture for the first time since 1988.

"We’re in the playoffs," sighed Holmgren. "It’s not the ultimate goal, but it’s one goal, I feel a lot better than 19 other coaches in this league who didn’t make the playoffs.

Detroit (8-8) at Washington (10-6)

The Lions are another team coming into the playoffs on a downer. They’ve dropped three in a row since the retirement of Barry Sanders finally showed.

Their last victory gives them a little hope.

It was a 33-17 win over Washington in the Silverdome, their first victory in 19 games dating back to 1985 over the Redskins. Still, they’ve never beaten the Redskins in Washington, and the last road victory over the franchise was in 1935, when the Skins played in Boston.

Washington expects to have John Randle, the NFC’s leading rusher (1,405 yards) and touchdown scorer (17) back for this one. He missed two games with an ankle sprain. The Skins don’t seem concerned about the first game.

"I think the crowd noise really got to us," said Brian Mitchell, the third­ down back and kick returner. "But we’re at our place now, so we don’t have that to worry about."

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He also called a black teammate “a fat monkey.”

Rocker later apologized and said he was not a racist, but several advocacy groups and the written apology and baseball’s action thus far was not enough.

"We have asked for his termination and still stand by that," Jeff Graham, executive director of Atlanta’s AIDS Survival Project, said Thursday. "This certainly falls short of what we asked for and think is appropriate."

Atlanta City Councilman Derrick Boazman, who organized a news con­ ference to speak out against Rocker and the Braves soon after the com­ ments were made public, said baseball’s move was “disappointing.”

"What are they evaluating him for? He’s not a 37-year-old, and they know he is psychologically fit to play the game,”

Boazman said. "Even if he is dimin­ ished mentally, he will still make those hate-filled comments. And I hope that by ordering these tests, they excuse what he said.”

Rocker, 25, saved 37 games for the Braves last year, taking over for injured closer Kerry Ligtenberg. He created a one-man rivalry with the city of New York during the NL Championship Series, calling Mets fans “stupid” and refusing to back down for the World Series, where the Braves were swept in four games by the Yankees.

Kasten and general manager John Schuerholz met with Rocker a week after the statements became pub­ lic.

"What we wanted to discern for our­ selves was whether this was just a case of the mouth running ahead of the brain or was in fact representative of this player’s feelings,” Kasten said. "But John seemed truly remorseful and bro­ ken up about it and adamantly insisted he was not the person he had been portrayed as being.”
Sports

Road to Super Bowl begins Saturday

(AP) — Obscured in the craziness this week surrounding the New York Jets and their two Bills (Parcells and Belichick) was the craziness with some other Bills — the Buffalo variety.

When Wade Phillips made Rob Johnson his starting quarterback over Doug Flutie for Saturday's playoff game in Nashville, even his own players were shocked.

"You could knock me over with a feather, and that's saying a lot considering how big I am," said 33-pound offensive tackle Robert Hicks. "I'm really stunned."

Maybe Phillips' move will turn out to be brilliant, the deciding factor as the Bills (11-5) take on the Houston Oilers in 1999 as the best and holiest of the playoff teams begin Saturday.

"We'll surrender a first-round draft pick and $25 million over five years to get and sign him," said Johnson. "He's a nice guy.

The Titans, who handed Jacksonville its only two losses, come into the playoffs as the best and hottest wildcard team and have a decent shot of making it to the Super Bowl.

It's their first appearance since they made it as the Houston Oilers in 1993, and there isn't a lot of playoff experience with 16 players with a total of 84 playoff appearances (compared to 38 players with 229 games for the Bills).

That Bills group includes a handful of veterans from Buffalo's four straight Super Bowl teams — Bruce Smith, Andre Reed, Thurman Thomas, Phil Hansen. All of them played the last time these two met, in January 1991, when the Bills overcame a 35-3 third-quarter lead by Houston to win 41-38 in overtime.

The Titans are a new team in a new home with a new impact player — rookie defensive end Jevon Kearse — plus Steve McNair and Eddie George.

McNair, who missed the early part of the season with back problems, comes along late, one reason the Titans are so dangerous.

And if they're getting ready for Johnson, they still have to look out for Flutie, who was upset about the change. Flutie was bad for three quarters in his last appearance before completing his last 12 passes in a 13-10 overtime win in New England. That's been his trademark over the years.

"If I'm needed for four minutes or go and we're down by 10, I'll be ready to go," he says.

That Tenn. Tennessee will know it's in trouble.

Dallas (8-8) at Minnesota (10-6)

The Vikings are considered the NFL team with the best shot at spoiling a championship favorite St. Louis in the Super Bowl sweepstakes. Last season, after finishing 15-1, they were upset by Atlanta at home in the conference title game.

As a result, coach Dennis Green likens his charges to the 1997 Broncos, who were upset the previous year by Jacksonville then won the title as a wildcard team. "I think we have a chance to do the same thing," he says.

Despite a 4-2 road record and a decidedly mediocre season, the Cowboys have one thing going for them. On Nov. 8 at the Metrodome, Emmitt Smith ripped up the Vikings for a half as the 12 passers in a 13-10 overtime win in New England. That's been his trademark over the years.

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Baseball orders psychological evaluation of Braves' Rocker

ATLANTA (AP) — John Rocker was ordered by baseball to undergo psychological tests before deciding whether to punish the outspoken reliever for remarks he made disparaging gays, minorities and immigrants.

Commissioner Bud Selig said Thursday he will waive the evaluation of the Atlanta Braves star before deciding on any disciplinary action.

"Mr. Rocker's recent remarks made to a national magazine reporter were reprehensible and completely unacceptable," Selig said in a statement. "I am profoundly concerned about the nature of these comments as well as by certain other aspects of his behavior."

Selig said he will take "whatever additional action that I consider to be necessary" after Rocker's evaluation.

Braves president Stan Kasten said at a news conference that he thought punishment was warranted, but said the commissioner's office will decide, not the team.

"It's important that John gets right with the organization, his teammates and the community," Kasten said. "But as we least need to give the man an opportunity to demonstrate his heartfelt remorse and correct the problem."

He said if the comments had already been published during the season, Rocker likely would have been suspended indefinitely.

Kasten said the evaluation should begin within days. He said releasing Rocker remains an option but is unlikely.

Kasten said baseball officials and the players' association decided the evaluation was appropriate. The two organizations jointly will pick psychologists to evaluate Rocker. His agent, Randy Hendricks, said neither he nor Rocker would comment.

In his comments to Sports Illustrated last month, Rocker said he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also bashed immigrants, saying, "I'm not a very big fan of foreigners... How the hell did they get in this country?"

While living in Atlanta during the interviews, Rocker spied on a roll machine and mocked Asian women: "Look! Look at this shot," he said. "I guarantee you she's a Japanese woman. How bad are Asian women at driving?"

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