Gonzalez suspends Sigma Chi for 25 years

By Andy Castagnola
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

Cal Poly has determined the fate of Sigma Chi fraternity, suspending its charter for 25 years, effective Tuesday.

Vice President of Student Affairs Juan Gonzalez announced his decision at a press conference Tuesday evening. Sigma Chi received notification of the university's ruling in a letter prior to the conference.

Gonzalez said the university's investigation found sufficient evidence that hazing and underage drinking occurred during fall rush 1999.

The Judicial Affairs Review Board had initially decided to disband the fraternity permanently. After reviewing the fraternity's appeal, Gonzalez trimmed the suspension to 25 years, largely since the hazing resulted in "no loss of life." He added that the district attorney's decision Monday to drop hate charges against four Sigma Chi members did not weigh into his ruling.

Monday's decision in Superior Court followed a police report confirming that former pledge and alleged hazing victim Jason Stonehocker led to authorities.

"Even though the district attorney did not pursue charges, our process is separate and uses very different standards of conduct and evidence," Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said he is confident that the actions taken against Sigma Chi are supported by multiple sources, including several pledges and active members. "Our judgment does not rely on the the statement of any one single individual," Gonzalez said.

Sigma Chi president C.T. Kalin said the university mistakenly trusted the testimony of Stonehocker.

"I think Cal Poly's decision is ridiculous," Kalin said. "The school's only evidence is an admissable liar." Jason Stonehocker took the school's oath and lied to the fraternity members, faces, and they still take his testimony over ours."

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Who is Jimmy?

By Karin Driesen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

People who put up thousands of signs across campus asking, "Do you agree with Jimmy?" and people wearing yellow shirts that respond, "I agree with Jimmy," will come together tonight at 8 p.m. with "Meet Jimmy Night" at the Veterans Hall.

"Jimmy Week" is the campaign of Cal Poly Christian clubs to start more conversations about God around campus and to share the gospel with all who are interested. It has very little to do with someone named Jimmy, they say, although Jimmy is a real Cal Poly student.

Jimmy Humlin, an agricultural engineering sophomore, is a member of Campus Crusade for Christ, the group that started the Jimmy movement.

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Rental searches intensify

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Early morning phone calls, endless drives around town, weeding through stacks of newspaper ads—it's all part of the off-campus house hunt.

This year, finding an off-campus apartment or house in San Luis Obispo may be harder than ever.

Property supervisor Ellie Malylkont of reality agency California-West said there has been an influx of students applying for off-campus housing.

She attributes the growing number of students looking for housing to an increase in Cal Poly's student population.

"Cal Poly has taken on more students, and there's no more property than there usually is," Malylkont said. "The lack of housing in San Luis Obispo has caused students to search in neighboring areas that aren't as close to campus."

"I have never had a year when students were willing to rent in Los Osos, and this year that seems to be the case," Malylkont said.

California-West distributes its rental lists on May 1. Malylkont said lists are given out late in the year because priority is given to previous tenants. It's not until California-West has compiled a list of all tenants intending to stay that the new lists can be released.

Although rumors of students camping out at rental agencies prove to be false, the California-West, Malylkont said she has shown houses to an unbelievable amount of people.

"Last week I walked 500 people through one house," Malylkont said. "I just kept showing people through, one after the other."" Frances McNamara, owner of McNamara Realty Inc., hasn't noticed an increased difficulty for students trying to find housing.

"I don't think it's any worse than it used to be," McNamara said. "The only problem is people are panicking about rentals. According to rental agencies, this year will be harder for students to find housing due to the increased number of students.
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"Jimmy Week." The organization, along with clubs such as Poly Christian Fellowship, Chinese Christian Fellowship, Asian American Christian Fellowship and Navigators, used Hamlin as the central figure of the week, but insisted using his name was simply a way to get people talking.

"We chose Jimmy because he's one of the most humble guys we know," Crusade staff member Ken Virzi said.

"You can't say anything bad about him, and everybody loves him." The idea of "Jimmy Week" was to make people curious about what Hamlin believes so they would ask people wearing yellow shirts what they believe. The yellow-shirted people then told others about Hamlin's belief in God and faith in Jesus as savior, and asked them if they wanted to know more about it.

Other schools, such as the University of Arizona, Penn State and Humboldt State University, have used similar campaigns. Earlier the idea started last year. Virzi said the people involved have desired for the week to be peaceful, informative and conversational.

"It's not about any organization, it's about Jesus," Virzi said. "We definitely regret if anyone has been offended."

Virzi said for the most part the week has been what participants had hoped, but they still met with some opposition.

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The final decision will be made by Baker after he reviews the consensus of the consultative committee. (The committee) is looking for someone with broad abilities, business skills and the ability to set goals and foster an environment in which people can work together in achieving those goals," Howard-Greene said.

Amiral has been the executive director of Foundation since 1971. Cal Poly's zero-tolerance policy regarding hazing and underaged drinking.

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In response to Gonzalez's decision, members of IFC said they would look into Judicial Affairs' investigation of the case. Both IFC and (Associated Students Inc.) are going to review Judicial Affairs' methods of leveraging punishments," said Xavier Lanier, IFC executive member. "The biggest problem is that they don't play by the same rules as a court of law, but they can levy just as severe of a punishment. They also don't have the same witness credibility standards and don't allow for discovery or legal representation.

Cal Poly last suspended a fraternity in 1990. Delta Tau had its suspension upheld by a 25-year suspension for an alcohol-related incident.

Sigma Chi ruling clearly communicates Cal Poly's zero-tolerance policy regarding hazing and underaged drinking.
Professor engineers new major concentration

By Karin Driesen

“Curiosity killed the cat.” This phrase has become a cliché. Our English teachers often prompted us to avoid clichés in our writing and thinking. Yet, the world seems to get more and more complex each day.

Y.C. Yong cradles a robotic mouse, the product of mechanical engineering students.

Yong started the first mechatronics course at Cal Poly in 1992 with about 20 students. The concentration was approved by the college and California State University system in 1998 and has since grown to about 50 students. About 100 students take mechatronics courses without the concentration.

There are different technologies — mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering, and prepares students for careers in the high-tech microprocessor-based product design and factory automation industries.

The robotic mouse is an example of how students integrate mechanical, electrical and computer knowledge, and it can be compared to the design of the human body. The mechanical engineering is responsible for the body and structure, like bones and muscles. The electrical aspect designs the “brain” and “spinal cord” of the mouse, and the computer engineering completes the brain with programming and data.

The Cal Poly mechatronics story began in 1987 in Singapore. Yong was an sabbatical and was asked to judge a competition for “micro mouse” designs. “I thought I was an ME design expert, but I didn’t know anything,” he said. “I didn’t know how it worked.”

After returning to California, Yong took a course at the University of California, Berkeley, to learn more about mechatronics and decided another way to learn the materials better was to teach it. Yong started the first mechatronics course at Cal Poly in 1992 with about 20 students. The concentration was approved by the college and California State University system in 1998 and has since grown to about 50 students. About 100 students take mechatronics courses without the concentration.

Now, in a lab filled with computers, analyzers and programmable logic controllers, Yong said he believes the concentration is an excellent way to prepare students for their careers. “We’re trying to keep our students current with what’s going on in the industry so they can be immediately useful when they go to work.”

Yong said, “The department’s mechanical engineering advisory council (which includes people from the industry) says this method of teaching is really effective.”

The combination of the three different technologies — mechanical, electrical and computer engineering — is what makes the program unique. Yong said it is important to have a good handle on the three different areas before the system that students design can work properly. Instead of simply designing something on paper, mechatronics students also build and test their designs. Team competitions give them deadlines and opportunities to learn teamwork.

The labs are the central location for the application of what the students learned. David Pinkmeil, a Cal Poly graduate and section manager for Hewlett-Packard in Vancouver, Wash., helped coordinate a donation of equipment worth about $50,000. “HP’s a very strong supporter of this program,” Yong said. “Industry help and participation is very important for the success of the program. But they benefit, too. They get some of the best grads from my classes.”

Mechanical engineering senior Jason Mazzetta is concentrating in mechatronics because he was interested in electrical engineering, and mechatronics allows him to combine the two.

“I did a co-op last year at a biomedical company that made a lot of automated research equipment, and I saw that’s where the future is,” Mazzetta said. “Mechatronics is more interesting, more exciting, and like the bio-technology, it really helps people and it’s really growing.”

Mazzetta talked about the future of mechatronics with relation to organ transplants. Research could potentially result in advances such as synthetic hands and cameras built into glass eyes.

Mechatronics students get to cover different kinds of machines used in the industry, which is good because it prepares them for both the present and future of the industry, Yong said. “Otherwise, mechanical engineers would still be making nuts and bolts.”

Faz Khan is an architecture junior who writes a weekly Polytechnics column.

Come Meet Jimmy.

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Letters to the editor

Fond farewell to Cal Poly from Juan Gonzalez

Editor,

It was with great humility and pride that I read Monday's Mustang Daily editorial about my departure from Cal Poly to Georgetown University. I have enjoyed my work at this campus, and I do indeed leave with a heavy heart. I am appreciative of the kind words that were said, and I think the editorial staff for its vote of confidence in my work here.

This editorial gives me the opportunity to express to the campus one of the joys of my position over the past six years, that of being a member of the Cal Poly management team. The unfailing support from President Warren Baker, Provost Paul Zingg and the vice presidents has enabled me to serve as an effective spokesperson for the university. Because of their utmost enthusiasm and backing, I have had the opportunity and honor to establish lasting relationships with students. I can personally attest to the compassion, commitment and dedication on the part of the administrative faculty, staff, and I know that I leave the campus in their good hands.

On a separate note, over the last six years I have encouraged all campus members to work collaboratively and to work together for the betterment of Cal Poly. The contributions by students to the quality of our institution, the fact that we have a nationally acclaimed student newspaper, a dynamic Associated Students Inc., nearly 400 active student clubs, an effective Open House Committee, a dedicated studentWeek of Welcome Board and an inspiring service-learning program proves that we have a student body investing in the quality and future of Cal Poly.

Our students actively demonstrate how they support their academic growth, community involvement, another's safety, and acceptance of diversity and pride in our core values of learning by doing. I believe that Cal Poly is successful because all we feel that we can make a difference. We all believe in Cal Poly and are willing to work to ensure its bright future.

Thank you for the wonderful and lasting memories.

Juan C. Gonzalez is Cal Poly's vice president of Student Affairs.

Why does Jimmy bug you? Editor,

While walking back to the dorms from my math midterm on Tuesday, I saw a "Do you agree with Jimmy?" sandwich board lying on the ground. What was strange was the sign was standing just 40 minutes prior to that, when I entered my math class. There was hardly enough wind to knock the sign down, so obviously someone pushed it over. I've also seen many broken signs that people have deliberately smashed. On more than one desk I've seen "F— Jimmy" scribbled. Monday, as I walked up to my room, someone yelled at me from a window, "Jimmy can blow me!" I don't understand this anger.

Why is there such aggression against Jimmy? I know why. 2 Timothy 3:12 tells me who, but not everyone believes the Bible. So, I pose my question to the people on campus who are fed up with Jimmy. Why are you angry? Neither Jimmy nor any of the people wearing yellow shirts have condoned anyone. We simply posed the question "Do you agree with Jimmy?" and people became upset.

Being in college, we should all be mature enough to co-exist with something we don't agree with. During the Associated Students Inc. campaigns, if you disagreed with a candidate, you didn't destroy their signs. Why destroy Jimmy signs? If you want to know why people agree with Jimmy, ask them. Those of us wearing yellow shirts don't think we are better than anyone else. We aren't trying to give the impression that we are perfect, because we aren't even close. We are simply saying that we agree with Jimmy. A question for you to ponder: Why do you make your sign angry? If our question to the campus has caused harm in some way, then let us know. Our mission is not to cause harm or aggravate people. It is to make people curious about God.

Christian Burtt is a computer engineering sophomore.
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

The ASI Board of Director’s meeting for May 10 has been cancelled.

ASI NEWS

- Serve on the CAL POLY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Applications are now available in the ASI Student Government Office (UU202) for two student representatives who want to be involved in all the decisions that affect students! Deadline for applications is May 12 at 5:00 p.m.

- FOUNDATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CANDIDATE FORUMS: The Consultative Committee for the Foundation-Executive Director position would like to invite you to meet the candidates. Specialty forums have been scheduled for groups with common interests. Information on the selected candidates and corresponding forum dates will be available May 8 by contacting Foundation Human Resources at 756-1121.

Candidate #1: Wed. 5/10, 2:10-2:55 p.m., Building 15, Room 135
Candidate #2: Thurs. 5/11, 2:10-2:55 p.m., Building 15, Room 135
Candidate #3: Fri. 5/12, 11:10-11:55 p.m., Building 15, Room 135
Candidate #4: Mon. 5/15, 4:10-4:55 p.m., Building 15, Room 135
Candidate #5: Tues. 5/16, 11:10-11:55 p.m., Building 15, Room 135
Candidate #6: Wed. 5/17, 11:10-11:55 p.m., Building 15, Room 135
Candidate #7: Thurs. 5/18, 2:10-2:55 p.m., Building 15, Room 135
Candidate #8: Fri. 5/19, 11:10-11:55 p.m., Building 15, Room 135

- Cal Poly Student Arts Awards: These awards recognize current Cal Poly students who have maintained high levels of involvement in the arts during their enrollment at the university. The general criteria for these awards includes:
1. Service to the arts
2. Achievement in the arts

For further information please contact the Cal Poly Arts Office at 756-6556. Nominations are due Wednesday, May 10 by 5:00 p.m. Nomination forms can be picked up in the ASI Student Government Office, UU202

RECREATIONAL SPORTS

Be a part of The Landshark Biathlon

Saturday, May 20, 2000. “First Wave” Start at 7:30 a.m. at the Rec Center Pool
Course: 800yd swim/8K Run
Pre-registration begins Monday, May 8 and ends Thursday, May 18.
Registration fee includes t-shirt, $10 for individual, $16 for team.
Same day registration fee, $12 for individual, $18 for team - Saturday, May 20 6:45 - 7:15 a.m.
For more information, please contact the front service desk in the Recreation Center or call 756-1366.

A FREE Strength Training for Beginners Workshop will be offered by ASI Recreational Sports on Saturday, May 13, 2000 in the West Exercise Room of the Recreation Center from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. This workshop will focus on strength training and conditioning for the beginner. The certified personal trainers will instruct on topics such as:
- Nutrition
- Weights and body building
- Flexibility
- Endurance

In conjunction with a sound strength training program, the trainers will discuss the importance of warm-up and cool-down, nutrition, cardiovascular fitness, and flexibility. If you are interested in attending this free workshop, please sign-up at the Front Service Desk in the Recreation Center or call 756-1366.

ASI EVENTS

Hypnotist and motivational speaker Bruce McDonald will appear at Cal Poly 7 p.m. May 17 in Chumash Auditorium. McDonald, a graduate of Indiana University and a certified hypnotherapist, presents hypnosis entertainment and motivational seminars throughout the United States, Mexico, Canada and Australia.

“Combining hypnosis with a sharp wit and humorous audience participation, McDonald delights audiences with his extraordinary energy and professionalism,” said Diana Cazzoli, Cal Poly’s Associated Students Inc. events coordinator. McDonald has presented goal-setting and memory retention seminars to universities and corporations. He has performed several times at Cal Poly, most recently during the fall 1999 Week of Welcome program.

Tickets, $3 for the public and $1 for Cal Poly students, may be purchased at the door. McDonald’s appearance is sponsored by ASI Events. For more information call Cazzoli at 756-7007.

POLY ESCAPES

Are you one of those people who walk by the Escape Route (our room in the UU), and think about going in, but never do? Or maybe you put on your brave hat one day, stepped in, looked around, and then continued on your way. If so, you are missing out on one of the greatest opportunities that Cal Poly has to offer. The Escape Route is the destination and resource center for the majority of the outdoor enthusiasm at Cal Poly. We rent equipment, lead trips, have a climbing wall, and maintain an extensive library. We also have warm and helpful counselors who will be more than happy to help you or answer any questions you may have. So come in, go on a trip, and meet some great people. Call 756-1287 for more information.

MCPHEE’S CENTER

All The Pizza I Can Eat! All The Bowling I Can Handle! That’s right every Monday night from 6:00 to 10:00 at McPhee’s you can have all of the pizza you can eat plus all of the bowling you can handle, all for just $7.50 per person! Don’t forget all video games are set at just .25 per play.

HAPPENINGS

ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB OR CLUB EVENT HERE, COMPLIMENT OF ASI. Pick up forms in the ASI Business Office (UU212) or the ASI Student Government Office (UU202). Club advertisements will be chosen on a first come, first served basis.

BIOTECH DAYS - Thursday, May 11. Panel 1 - 11:00 - 12:00, Building 33, Room 286; Panel 2 - 1:00 - 2:00, Building A, Room 124.

ASI/UU Programs & Services Committee Meetings are held every other Thursday beginning April 6, 2000, 6:00 p.m. in UU220.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design Council Meetings are held every Monday, 5:00 p.m. in Dexter-Freepace Room.

College of Business Council Meetings are held every other Tuesday, beginning 4/4/00, 8:00 p.m. in Building 3, Room 113.

College of Education Council Meetings are held every Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. in UU220.

College of Engineering Council Meetings are held every Monday, 6:00 p.m. in UU219.

College of Liberal Arts Council Meetings are held every Monday, 7:00 p.m. in UU219.
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against him," McGee said. "I kept to
my game plan and basically just pun­
miked him into submission." McGee said he'd been interested in mixed martial arts since high school when he saw the fights on television.

"I knew (Adams) from attending at Cal Poly, and when he opened the gym with (Lakie), I figured that was my opportunity to get involved," McGee said.

Adams said that between Chuck and himself, Gan had the best of both worlds.

"I'm more of the grappling wrestler, while Chuck has the kickboxing thing going on," Adams said. "We trained him to become a complete fighter."

The IFC was pivotal in legitimizing the no-holds-barred style of fighting in California. "In Demand," formerly known as "Viewer's Choice" on Pay-Per-View, and the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) fights, owned by Ted Turner. However, Turner and Sen. John McCain banned UFC from "In Demand" after seven shows for being too violent.

Turner chose to go with IFC fights because of the rules it has, as compared to the no-rules policy in the UFC, Adams said.

"The IFC now has gloves, rules and regulations," Adams said. "It's a completely legal sport now."

The tournament victory has opened new doors for McGee.

"Because Gan is now world champion, our fighter is on the forefront of the fighting world," Adams said. "Steering in September, this show will now be available on cable."

As for McGee, his future plans include a fight in September at the Turnip Tangerine in Atlantic City to defend his title. In November, he'll go to Japan for another fight.

"I love the fighting; I love the one-on-one competition," McGee said. "Basically, my job is to kick some guy's ass."

Suns motivated by doomsayers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Phoenix Suns have heard the talk that they're dead.

And they're not buying it.

"Does it bother our guys? I think it does," Suns coach Scott Skiles said in Phoenix as his team completed preparations for Wednesday night's second game of the Western Conference semifinals against the Los Angeles Lakers at Staples Center.

"I think it bothers them a lot.

"I think our guys have responded all year long when they've been counted out, and I look for us to play very hard tomorrow night."

Lakers coach Phil Jackson, whose team rolled past the Suns 125-77 in the opener of the best-of-seven series, is nothing for granted.

"This is the next step toward putting Phoenix in a position where their backs are to the wall," he said. "We'd better be wary and careful they don't take away our homecourt advantage. They won a game in San Antonio (in the first round of the playoffs), they know how to do it."

While the Lakers have a 21-1 record in the last 3 1/2 months at Staples Center, the Suns have won 11 of their last 16 road games.

However, the Lakers are 5-0 against Phoenix this season, and have won 17 of the last 20 games between the teams, prompting talk of doom for the Suns.

"I don't really care what people say," said Aeneas Hardaway, who scored 25 points in Game 1. "We feel very confident we can beat them. We're looking for a split (of the first two games). If we come back 0-2, which we don't want, you just have to continue to play."

The Suns hung tough in the first half of Game 1, trailing by only five at halftime before being outscored 59-36 in the final 24 minutes.

Phoenix hurt itself by committing 23 turnovers and shooting only 28- of 77 including 5-of-18 from 5-point range.

"We definitely won't be overcon­
dent," Lakers forward Glen Rice said. "You look at the first game, the Suns didn't play up to par and we don't think that will happen again. There's no way we're going to underestimate this team."

Meanwhile, the status of standout Suns guard Jason Kidd probably won't be clear until game-time. Kidd felt soreness in his left ankle, which he broke March 22, during and after Sunday's game, and didn't practice Monday or Tuesday.

"It feels good, better than it did yesterday," he said. "I've rested the last two days, so we're going to give it a go tomorrow and see how it goes. If it feels like it did during the game, I probably won't play, but it feels good."

We might keep my minutes down because I'm trying to get back in the swing of things."

Kidd was generally ineffective while playing 39 minutes of Game 1, going 1 of 6 from the field in scoring three points, and committing five of his team's 23 turnovers.

It was just his second game since he was injured.

"I think we're prepared that he will play," said Kevin Johnson, who will probably start if Kidd doesn't. "If oth­

wise, we'll just have to react accordingly. I think that's pretty much been the mindset of the team all year long."

The Lakers expect Phoenix to play Shaquille O'Neal differently than it did in Game 1, where he was mostly single-covered and tore up the Suns with 37 points and 14 rebounds. "If you elect to not double-team Shaq, he just goes out and does his Shaq things," Lakers guard Ron Harper said.

"I'll handle," Jackson said of a Phoenix double-team. "They just have to figure out a way to do it."

O'Neal was honored Tuesday as the NBA's Most Valuable Player, winning the award for the first time and coming within one vote of win­

ning unanimously.

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red and white ones.

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Rickey could be dropped by Mets

(AP — ESPN's Peter Gammons reported Tuesday that New York Mets outfielder Henderson was put on unconditional waivers Monday, which eventually will lead to his release from the club.

Those waivers expire at 2 p.m. ET Wednesday; Henderson remains on the active roster during this time. If no one claims Henderson for the $20,000 waiver price — and it's unlikely because of his $3 million salary — it is expected that the Mets will put Henderson on release waivers, which would expire Monday.

Release waivers would allow a club to claim Henderson for $1. If no one claims Henderson by Monday, the Mets will release Henderson. At that point, Henderson becomes a free agent and can sign with any team.

Prior to Tuesday's game in Pittsburgh, Mets general manager Steve Phillips denied the accuracy of Gammons' report, although Phillips wouldn't talk specifically about Henderson's waiver status.

In the meantime, Henderson can play for the Mets while he is on waivers. A spokesperson for the Mets said that club policy was not to dis­cuss waiver moves, and Henderson was in the starting lineup at game time.

Henderson is bating a meager .205 with just two RBIs, 14 runs scored, two stolen bases and an ob­batting average of 260. He went 1-for-6 during this past week's series in Florida but did score two runs in a 4-1 victory on Friday.

Henderson, 41, and Mets manager Bobby Valentine had a stormy relationship during the past two seasons.

On a number of occasions Henderson has criticized the organi­zation and Valentine. Last year he was upset at being pulled from the outfield during a National League game and was apparently arguing with cards for another teammate Bobby Bonilla when the Mets respected in Prospect League. His 11th inning of the Game 6 loss to Atlanta.

This spring, Henderson made public his desire to either receive more playing time or be traded after Phillips refused to give him a two-year contract extension. He then said he would not travel to Japan for the season-opening series with the Chicago Cubs, but eventually made the trip.

Last month, Valentine jokingly told reporters that he was going to send Henderson to the University of Pennsylvania that he "ignores" Henderson's antics before going on to say that "Rickey is Rick. The Mets are currently without center fielder and potential leadoff hitter Darryl Hamilton, who is about to undergo surgery on an ail­ing toe and will sidelined for four-to-six weeks.

Melvin Mora is hitting just .255 and has yet to prove he can handle the job on an everyday basis despite a strong performance in the NLCS.

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-- mandatory credit: ESPN.com --
CAL Poly alumus Gin McGee defeated his three opponents to take home the NCAA Super Heavyweight Tournament title. He earned this title at the International Fighting Council's (IFC) No Holds Barred mixed martial arts tournament at the Table Mountain Casino in Fresno last week.

"Chuck (Liddell) and Scott (Adams) at SLO Kickboxing had me doing more grinding and more rigorous workouts," McGee said. "I was also doing wrestling on the ground — anything to tire me out and raise my endurance level."

At the fight, McGee said he felt very confident about his competitors, though he had doubts about one competitor, Tom Lasko.

"He was my biggest competition by far, but I think I did a good job," McGee said. "I believed I could win."

McGee said he had been training in the mixed martial arts for about a year before the fight, and upped his training about a month before.

Metal Daily Staff Writer

By Christian von Treskow

When Elton Brand makes a decision, everyone takes notice, even President Bill Clinton.

"President Clinton is going to have to share his office," Brand said.

The No. 1 pick in last summer's draft will share the NBA's Rookie of the Year Award with Houston's Steve Francis, the No. 2 pick last year.

"I'm very happy about it," Brand said. "Steve Francis, on the other hand, had the flash and flair to carry a team. I was criticized before the draft as too short and too bland."

The weekend will kickoff Friday with an evening reception that will include hors d'oeuvres and a chance for everyone to be reunited. Other activities to follow include the Mustang Open Golf Tournament, a barbecue, a guided tour of new facilities and wine tasting. There will also be a special memorial to remember athletes who have passed away, in particular, the victims of the 1990 plane crash that captured the lives of 16 football players and the team manager.

The reunion is the brainchild of former Cal Poly student and wrestling Hall of Fame member Normon Comes, an active athletes supporter, said there is no better time to reunite than the beginning of a new era.

"I am not getting any younger, and there are many new icons who are getting older," said Comes. "The new millennium gives us a good opportunity to reunite through a sports reunion."

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

Today's Question:

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