Spring commencement sends grads into future

Students line up eagerly for their diplomas at Saturday's spring commencement ceremonies. Nearly 3,500 students graduated and thousands of friends and relatives filled the campus for the festivities.

By Karin Driesen
SUMMER MUSTANG NEWS EDITOR

Nearly 3,500 students said goodbye to Cal Poly on June 10. Filling the center of Mustang Stadium on a sunny Saturday, the black-robed graduates sat through Spring 2000 commencement ceremonies as thousands of parents, relatives and friends proudly cheered for them.

Two ceremonies were held. The morning ceremony included the colleges of Agriculture, Liberal Arts, Science and Mathematics, and Master of Arts in Education and the Statewide Nursing Program. The afternoon ceremony included the colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Engineering and Business.

Followings each ceremony, the colleges dispersed into separate groups. Smaller ceremonies were held for individual colleges and departments where students received their diplomas.

Nearly 3,460 students graduated this spring.

• There were additional black, Latino and Chicano, and Asian and Pacific Islander commencements.

Police search Flores property

Police use new technology in Kristin Smart case

By Katherine Hays
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The search for missing Cal Poly student Kristin Smart continued Monday with a search of an Arroyo Grande property. The property was searched in March 1997 using X-ray equipment and cadaver dogs.

No remains or other evidence were uncovered during the 1997 search, but sheriff's department officials were prompted to search the property again with new technology previously not available for their use.

"The technology has been out there, but we haven't had access to it until now," Detweiler said. Together with University Police and FBI agents, sheriff's deputies served a search warrant to search the property, but not the home.

The search was conducted using ground-penetrating radar that sends back electromagnetic images of objects that might be below ground.

"This technology allows us to search the area below the immediate surface with as little damage to the property as possible," Detweiler said. "We only had to dig when there were anomalies we wanted to investigate." The search ended at 5 p.m. with no new clues.

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Krebs venue in question

By Robin Nichols
SUMMER MUSTANG ARTS EDITOR

The trial for Rex Krebs is still evolving as weeks have passed with no concrete answers or decisions.

Superior Court Judge Barry Laffaberta decided on June 5 that Krebs' trial would stay in San Luis Obispo County, denying the defense team's motion for a change of venue. This did not come as too much of a surprise to defense attorney Jim Maguire.

"We anticipated that he was going to rule against us," Maguire said. "During the time we presented the motion, he wanted to talk about jury selection. We had our wish to the court of appeals ready when he made his decision."

Laffaberta, in his written decision, said the majority of the publicity surrounding the Krebs case is information that will be presented in the trial and that it is mostly accurate. He wrote it therefore does not merit a change of venue for the trial.

However, the judge conceded that if an impartial jury cannot be found in this county, the option for a change of venue to another county will remain open.

In reaction to this decision, the defense team appealed to the Second Appellate District Court in Ventura. The prosecution team will reply to this appeal July 6, and both teams will appear in court on Aug. 10.

Maguire was concerned with the way Laffaberta wanted to pick a jury before moving the case. He said the majority of judges today avoid changing venues for trials, sometimes regardless of the evidence presented.

He included a special section in his presentation to address this.

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Student Affairs interim VP appointed by President Baker

By Jana Larsen
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Juan Gonzalez's interim replacement has been announced.

Robert C. Detweiler is the new interim vice president of Student Affairs. His position became effective Monday. Cal Poly President Warren Baker appointed Detweiler to succeed Gonzalez, who accepted a position at Georgetown University.

Detweiler, who came to Cal Poly in 1998 after his resignation as president of California State University, Dominguez Hills, will hold the position while a national search for a permanent vice president is conducted.

"I will serve until the new permanent vice president is recruited and comes to work on campus," Detweiler said. "I expect this will be (one) year at the most."

Detweiler will continue with the programs initiated by Gonzalez over the past six years.

"In a couple of areas, we will look for ways to improve our services," Detweiler said. "Generally I hope to capitalize on what are already productive units."

Detweiler hopes to work with the directors of Student Affairs and will not begin many new initiatives, working instead on strengthening the most.

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Robert Detweiler took on his new position as interim vice president for Student Affairs on Monday. He will remain in that position until a permanent replacement for Juan Gonzalez is found early next year.
Cal Poly receives national fund-raising award

By Katherine Hays
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly was awarded a Circle of Excellence in Educational Fund-Raising award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Cal Poly is one of 45 universities nationwide to receive the award.

The award was accepted by University Advancement Dr. William Boldt, who credits this achievement to the hard work of the advancement staff and the support of generous alumni donors.

“We are blessed with loyal alumni, parents and corporate partners,” Boldt said.

The state requires that universities generate at least 10 percent of their annual budget from private donations. He said.

On average, Cal Poly has been able to generate 20 percent of its annual budget this way.

“What’s really exciting is the steady increase in donations over the last five years,” he said.

Boldt estimates that the 1999-2000 fund-raising efforts will add up to over $25 million, a 103 percent increase since 1995.

One reason for the increasing dependency on private gifts is necessity, he said.

“This is a polytechnic university. With technology constantly changing, we must continue to upgrade our equipment,” he said. "That is what we absolutely must do to keep our students industry-ready." Sources for private donations include Cal Poly alumni and corporations, many of whom donate out of a need to give something back to Cal Poly, he said.

“The reason for our fund-raising success is the quality of education that our alumni donors have received,” he said. “Our corporate partners benefit from this great education in the form of future employees.”

Another source for donations are parents of Cal Poly students. They donate 10 times more funding then any other state university.

“I believe this is because the parents are really happy with the quality of education their students are receiving and the low tuition rates,” he said.

Animal shelter in need of new home

By Shannon Akins
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

In just one year, Woods Humane Society, located on Broad Street, will be forced to move. The shelter is in the way of the future expansion of the airport’s runway and must relocate. “We are in search of a community member to donate five to 10 acres for a new shelter,” said Dana Roberts, chairman of Woods.

In October 1999, Woods made the decision that the Humane Society would no longer pursue the building of a new shelter on property previously acquired at Clark Valley and Los Osos Valley Road.

High sensitivity to the preservation of county agricultural land and the fact that the property is in the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission were two reasons the shelter decided against this site. There was also high residential opposition to the placement of the shelter at this location.

Currently, the shelter is located on less than one acre, and the facility needs constant repairs, Roberts said.

“The (Broad Street) shelter houses 40 dogs and 20 cats,” Roberts said. “We want the new facility to hold twice that.”

Woods is seeking a new site below the Cuesta Grade in the San Luis Obispo-Arroyo Grande corridor. Woods would like to build a facility that can accommodate administrative offices, kennels for at least 60 dogs, 20 cats, puppy and kitten rooms, and still have enough room for future expansion. The nature of the shelter activities is deemed appropriate for lands with residential or commercial zoning, but would be inappropriate near residences.

“Any land donation would be a 100 percent tax write-off,” Roberts said.

Woods has been San Luis Obispo Country’s Humane Society for over 40 years. Its mission is to serve, protect and shelter homeless companion animals. In 1999, Woods found new homes for over 97 percent of the animals it cared for.

Rodney King has all said to pick a jury first,” Maguire said.

In a press release issued June 15, the district attorney’s office said it will “reserve comment on the matter until after the conclusion of this court hearing,” including rulings made.

Krebs is being charged with last year’s murder of Cal Poly student Rachel Newhouse and Cuesta College student Audrilla Crawford.

The shelter, a 501(c)3, said it is a no-kill shelter and has never killed animals since 1955. One of the reason for that among judges, is this still good law? Is it really worth it to have a change of venue trial?

Appellate court decisions about change of venue since

CSU faculty allege gender discrimination in pay raises

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH — The California Faculty Association is contending that preliminary data from the last two rounds of pay raise for Cal State University faculty were possibly tainted by system-wide gender discrimination.

“Preliminary findings point in the direction of gender discrimination against women,” said Chad Bilici, president of the CFA.

The CFA alleges that on some campuses fewer women received raises, and those raises were smaller than those given to men.

The question of gender discrimination was brought up by the National Education Association last week after its preliminary review of data on pay raises in the CSU system.

The Office of the Chancellor is examining the data, said Samuel Stratific, senior director of employer relations for the office.

According to Stratific, there has been “no disparate treatment on the basis of ethnicity or gender in the award of faculty merit increases (FMI).” The office will publicly issue a report on the matter at the end of next week.

“I think it’s always best for an institution to review the statistics,” he said.

The CFA is the union that represents teachers in the Cal State University system. In the FMI process, faculty submits a report of their work to the deans of their respective colleges.

The union believes that there is room for deals to arbitrarily grant pay raises in a manner that would discriminate against women.

The union has called the Faculty Merit Increase program "arbitrary" and the guidelines regulating the process "unclear."

The CFA's "analysis of the program is preliminary evidence that other questions of discrimination, such as bias against minority faculty members, have not yet arisen, according to the CFA.

The gender bias stood out," Bilici said.

The union has resisted the FMI program from the program’s inception. As part of contract negotiations with the CSU, the union is asking for a moratorium on the merit program.

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The public has to consider the daily cost of feeding and caring for 60 animals, said Andrea Liddle, executive director of Woods.

The money will also go toward the daily upkeep of the facilities and the future building of a new shelter.

Tickets are available at the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce or Woods Humane Society.

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Housing director to support Student Affairs interim

By Jana Larsen
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Preston Allen, Cal Poly director of Housing and Residential Life, will take on an expanded role at the university as assistant vice president of Student Affairs. Allen will assume responsibilities including broad staff support for the vice president of Student Affairs. Allen will support Robert Detweiler, the interim vice president of Student Affairs, in the ongoing development and implementation of the division's strategic plans and initiatives.

"We are really appreciative of his willingness to accept this responsibility," said Dan Howard-Greene, executive assistant to Cal Poly President Warren Baker. Allen plans on playing a supporting role in moving forward in all areas of academics and not only with the strategic plan. "I am very excited with working with Detweiler," Allen said. "We have sat down and discussed the importance of being available to students. Between the two of us, we are committed to student services."

Allen, who has been a key member of the Student Affairs Management Team at Cal Poly since 1993, is directly responsible for the administration and management of the university’s Housing and Residential Life department.

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current student support programs that enhance learning. "I am impressed by the strength of programs, clubs and organizations that help students learn outside the classroom... and I would like to see these entries continue to be effective," he said.

Detweiler is currently teachinghistory classes and helping President Baker address the need to diversify at Cal Poly. He has worked for the CSU system for the past 10 years, including serving as president of CSU Dominguez Hills, vice president of Academic Affairs at CSU San Bernardino, and a history professor and dean of the College of Arts and Letters at San Diego State University.

"He has worked over a long period of time in the CSU system and has a solid reputation for knowledge and integrity," said Dan Howard-Greene, executive assistant to Baker. "Because of that knowledge we are fortunate to have him. Bob has a wealth of experience and information and is a very competent leader."

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News
Thursday, June 22, 2000
SLO deserves a chance to try Rex Krebs

The murder trial of Rex Krebs has been a fixture in newspapers throughout San Luis Obispo County. Undoubtedly, the public is well-informed about the facts surrounding the case. Because of this, Krebs' defense attorneys want a change of venue. The Krebs defense team believes media coverage has tainted prospective jurors. However, have the prospective jurors (meaning you and I) been insulated with facts about the case, or biased opinions containing falsities?

In my opinion, Krebs has been treated quite fairly by the county media. The public knows the facts about the case, and we have had an opportunity to form our own opinions.

The murders of Audrina Crawford and Rachel Newhouse happened over a year ago, and the change of venue process could take another year. What ever happened to a speedy trial? The parents of these girls deserve at least that. The longer the trial goes on, the more difficult it is going to be for the parents.

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And, with that, welcome to another year of news.

Adam Jarman is Summer Mustang editor in chief.

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Opinion

There is nothing quite like a summer in San Luis Obispo. From the lazy days and warm evenings to the pleasant buzz of tourists, one should know, because I've spent the past 18 summers here. No, I'm not in my 15th year of "seniordom." Rather, I had the opportunity to be raised on the Central Coast. In my opinion, Krebs has been treated quite fairly by the county media. The public knows the facts about the case, and we have had an opportunity to form our own opinions.

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Put the ‘death tax’ to rest

Way to go Lois Cupp! It’s about time someone helped ease the unfair burden of estate taxes.

About two weeks ago, Congress passed the Death Tax Elimination Act, a bill that Cupp voted for. It will ultimately eliminate the estate tax over the next 10 years. The act passed by a vote of 279 to 136.

Estate tax is a tax on property left to others, usually a child or a relative, when the owner dies. The estate tax was introduced as a temporary measure designed to raise revenue in times of war and to break up large concentrations of wealth. However, in 1916, the estate tax became a permanent code.

As a result, many family-owned farms and small businesses have been forced to sell out, because they can’t come up with enough money to pay the tax collector.

Estate taxes are too high. According to an article by Ohio Congressman Dave Hobson, family heirs face estate tax rates from 37 percent to 55 percent, depending on what the estate is worth. In some cases, the liquid assets assumed by the heirs don’t even cover the cost of the taxes imposed on the estate, including property and other assets.

In fact, some of the lowest estate tax rates are higher than some of the highest income tax rates.

It seems it would be easier and cheaper to sell all the family-owned business before death rather than passing the business to one’s heirs. Estate taxes are just too much of a burden.

According to an article by the National Grocers Association, over 70 percent of family-owned businesses do not survive through the second generation and 57 percent never make it to the third generation.

It is too much to handle. It’s bad enough that families must lose a loved one, but to take away their livelihood in addition is just plain cruel.

It seems estate taxes hit families when they are down and vulnerable. It is wrong and unjust that they must face a chance of losing what their family member had built.

Family-owned businesses should be passed down to future generations. They should not be sold because of outrageous estate taxes.

Our community has an abundant number of family-owned farms and businesses. I’m sure that many Central Coast residents are relieved to hear that estate taxes will one day be a thing of the past.

Thanks to representatives like Cupp, family businesses will not be in danger of extinction.

Candice Conti is a journalism senior and a Summer Mustang staff writer.

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PAC celebrates ‘Summer Solstice’

By Jana Larsen
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The annual fund-raiser for the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center will be a community ball featuring more than 18 bands and performers.

The musicians will perform on seven stages at the PAC Ball on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. The theme of the fund-raiser is “A Summer Solstice Celebration.”

The centre of the various band-scheduled to perform is diverse, ranging from Shovall Experience’s reggae grooves to the upbeat sounds of The Mighty Croon Dogs.

“The whole ball represents SLO because the community here is so diverse, and the music at the PAC is diverse,” said Billy Fappiano, lead guitarist of The Mighty Croon Dogs.

The $60 ticket includes parking, entertainment throughout the evening, dancing, food, beer and wine. A “Feast of the Senses” benefit dinner will precede the PAC Ball at 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. The black-tie reception will take place in the Roost Grand Lobby, followed by a multi-course dinner on the main stage in Haman Hall. The $50 dinner package also includes parking, a commemorative photo and entrance to the PAC Ball.

The Foundation for the Performing Arts Center represents a community effort to provide support for the center. Profits from the PAC Ball, including the “Feasts of the Senses” benefit dinner, directly benefit the $30 million center by providing annual operating support. This contributes to keeping rental fees low for local non-profit groups and helps provide lower ticket prices to the public for performances.

For additional information about the PAC Ball, call 541-3401.

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Local musicians The Burnished Brass and violinist Paul Severtson will perform for the dinner.

Severtson, concert master of the San Luis Obispo Symphony and a violin teacher at Cal Poly, will stroll from table to table throughout the dinner taking requests.

“I offered my services because we need to raise money to keep the PAC going,” Severtson said.

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Shaft’ remake tells new story with modern twist, original style

By Cory Callawaer
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

John Singleton’s “Shaft” mirrors the original in being violent, sexy and way too cool. However, it brings some new faces to tell the story.

Samuel L. Jackson stars as John Shaft, the original Shaft’s nephew. Jackson’s Shaft is a little more modern but still just as hip. With his Armani wardrobe and in-your-face attitude, Shaft lays down the law to corrupt cops, street thugs and a racist rich kid with a bad temper.

Jackson plays the part perfectly, using force and style.

After the naughty opening credits, which include nudity and a background including sex and firearms, “Shaft” keeps the viewer absorbed. The power of its action sequences may leave the viewer wanting to smack someone in the nose.

Christian Bale and Jeffrey Wright steal much of Jackson’s spotlight as the racist rich kid, Walter Wade, and a Dominican drug lord named Peoples Hernandez, respectively. These two characters are what make this movie worth watching. The scenes they have together are full of witty dialogue and tense moments of criminal mistrust.

Vanessa Williams plays the role of Carmen, Shaft’s police colleague and friend. She isn’t very impressive as she doesn’t make much of a presence in the film.

SLO Art Center displays photographs by local artists

By Jordan Roberts
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The San Luis Obispo Art Center is currently home to “Visions 2000,” a photography contest and exhibit presented by the Central Coast Photographic Society.

“Visions 2000” is a juried exhibit, meaning its photographs were selected by an expert of photography. The works were chosen from 184 entries, and several photographs received awards. The juror, Joseph Schwart; of Anacortes, has been practicing the art of photography for 60 years and just released a book called “Photography: Poems I’ve Never Finished.”

Cal Poly marketing professor Gordon Schneider had all three of his entries awarded a spot in the exhibition. Schneider’s “Butterfly Dreams Opea” series is very different from his specialty of travel photographs.

Some of the exhibited photographs were manipulated by computer or printed on watercolor paper to achieve more of a “fantasy” feel. However, it was the more traditional photographs that won awards. Among the awards were Best of Show, Best Color, Best Black-and-White and Honorable Mention.

Twila Stofer, whose entry received a jury’s award, founded the Central Coast Photographic Society. She is also responsible for bringing the group to the San Luis Obispo Art Center. Stofer has a dozen magazine covers to her credit and has sold work to companies like Paramount and Hallmark Cards.

“I was going to enter a different photograph in the contest, because I wasn’t sure if this one would get back in time, but it came just in time for the contest,” Stofer said. “I got all of my photographs developed at a lab in Denver.”

Stofer’s entry “Soldier’s Mail” is on sale at the gallery for $85. The photograph shows a postcard sent to her mother from her uncle during World War I in France. The photograph is of an unknown man, a rose and her mother’s locker. Stofer’s entry has an antique feel, and the bright red jewel of the locker stands out against the brown tones so beautifully,” Stofer said.

The Best of Show award went to “Cleaning Shrimp and Grasp,” by Dorothy Catter. The primarily red and black photograph is a close-up of a fish’s mouth that seems to open out to the viewer. The underwater photograph was taken during a trip to Borneo, and is on sale for $150.

All of the photographs in the exhibit are for sale, and can be viewed Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until July 23. For more information, call 541-8562.

Vanessa Williams

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that really like each other," he said. As for his returning players, Schneider looks to senior center Chris Bjorklund to lead the team, both on and off the court.

"Bjorklund is clearly the best player and possibly the greatest team leader we have ever had," he said. "That is something you have to have."

But while Schneider has been focusing on the positive aspects of his team, many people have been looking only on the negative, he says.

Schneider says he appreciates the great support his players have given him during the last few tumultuous months.

"It's just great how they've come out in support of me," he said. "As a coach, that's just the greatest thing that can happen."

One of the coaches' greatest defend- ers has been Bjorklund.

"I know that (Schneider) has been getting a lot of negative press lately," he said. "But the 10 guys that are still on the team are completely behind him. That is needed to be said."

Of the four players that will not be returning, three are sophomores, which completely wipes out last year's recruiting class.

King, last year's starting point guard, left Cal Poly in March due to academic problems.

In April, Hake decided to transfer to The Masters College to pursue a career in ministry.

Finally, in May, both Hoffst and Campbell decided they would not return to Cal Poly for the next school year.

Both Campbell and Hoffst were unable to comment on their deci- sion to leave Cal Poly. Some of their teammates speculate that the two players were looking for more playing time in their sophomore year, something they most likely wouldn't have gotten from the Mustangs with six returning players.

Of the four, King was the only play- er who had significant playing time. He averaged 2.3 points a game.

Hoffst and Campbell averaged 2.6 and 1.3 points, respectively.

"I think they wanted to get more playing time, something neither of them saw much of last year," Bjorklund said.

Despite the changes, Schneider is optimistic for next season.

"This is by far the best team we've ever had," he said. "Bottom line: We are starting over."

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Where stores were looted and police cars burned two days before, almost a miracle that Los Angeles Lakers fans had tuned the new NBA champions Wednesday in an adoring sea of purple and gold.

They heard speeches from the mayor, promises of more titles and a pledge from their biggest star to try to undo some of the damage from Monday night's violence.

"The other night after the game, a couple of bad things happened, a couple of people tried to start two police cars," Shaquille O'Neal said. "So on behalf of the Lakers and coach Phil Jackson, we're going to get them two new police cars.

"We want to say that when we get one (championship) next year, we just want to be safe, we want everybody to be safe and do the right thing because we're going to get one next year, too."

The fans roared, and said the out- break of crime after the title clinch- er seemed far away.

"I had no reservations at all about coming out today," said Dorothy Blan, a member of the enthusiastic crowd stretching nine blocks to the Lakers' home at the Staples Center. "I love it. It's wonderful," Blan said.

"LA. has its unity now and it's all due to the Lakers." A mob-lashed store, smashed win- dows and torched police cars and
torsions sans outside the arena after the Lakers defeated the Indiana Pacers 116-111 for the NBA crown. Eleven people were arrested, and four police officers were hurt.

Police vowed zero tolerance for parade violence and a highly visible force of more than 300 officers was stationed along Figueroa Street to keep the peace. Reinforcements were on hand nearby as a precaution. There were no arrests and no trouble reported.

"It was great doing it this year for the city and for everybody else. And we're going to try to get one next year. I love you," Shaquille O'Neal

Lakers center

"I want to be known as 'The Big Aristotle,"' speaking philo- sopher in locker room interviews, was over.

"I want to be known as 'The Back Shakespeare,"' he said. "Because it was Shakespeare that said. 'Some- men are born great, some achieve greatness, some have greatness thrust upon them,' and it was great doing it this year for the city and for everybody else. And we're going to try to get one next year. I love you."

Dodgers trade Vizcaino to Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) - With second baseman Chuck Knoblauch battling a throwing disorder, the New York Yankees acquired some insurance Tuesday night, sending Jim Lemir to the Los Angeles Dodgers for versa- tile infielder Jose Vizcaino.

The trade was calculated around the two-time defending world champions Yankees, who have dropped 20 of their last 34 games. Among the top concerns for manager Joe Torre has been the play of Knoblauch, who committed three errors on Thursday and has 14 this season.

"Brian (Cashman) and I call each other once a week or so and we ask each other if we can help each other get better," Dodgers general manager Kevin Maloh said of his discussions with his Yankee counterpart. "We started discussing that last week and it came up tonight. We both felt this would help both of us."

In Vizcaino, the Yankees receive a switch-hitter who can play sev- eral positions. The 32-year-old Vizcaino is batting just .204 this season with no home runs and four RBIs.

"This is baseball and you've got to be prepared for it," Vizcaino said.

"New York needs a second baseman, so maybe I'll get a chance to play over there."
The Central Coast Roadrunners split a pair of games this weekend at Arroyo Grande High’s Hitchen Stadium against higher Division III opponents. The Roadrunners defeated the Riverside Elite 3-2 in overtime on Friday and fell to the Chico Rock 3-1 on Saturday after defeating the Rockers earlier in the season. The Roadrunners, members of the Premier Development League (PDL), are 4-6 overall and 4-4 in league play.

Coach Bob Wilson noted the effects of playing back-to-back games on the Roadrunners, which only suited 14 players for Saturday’s game.

“We just did not have the energy on Saturday as we did in Friday night’s game,” Wilson said. “It is very strenuous on our players who are facing opponents who have had a few days to rest.”

Even though the Roadrunners defeated the Rockies a week earlier in Chico, they did not seem to have that all-important second wind.

Wilson is optimistic about the second half of the season, due to a shuffling of the roster.

“We have a strong roster, however, we are losing some players,” Wilson said. He said the team has lost housing for some players and subsequently may lose a couple of players who are facing opponents who have had a few days to rest.”

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Men’s basketball head coach’s contract amended to end in 2001, not 2003

By Patty Green
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Jeff Schneider, head coach for Cal Poly’s men’s basketball team, has had his contract shortened, giving him only one more season as coach for the Mustangs. His contract, which originally ran through 2003, was cut in March to end in 2001.

“This season the team will be strong with a chance for success,” Schneider said. “The team has some of the best players returning.”

Chris Byrka, Jeremiah Mayes and David Henry will be three of the team’s starring five players. Highly touted recruit Jamal Scott is also expected to make an impact on the team. Schneider said Scott was selected as Arizona’s high school player of the year and made the recruiting magazine Hoop Scoop, which features the top 100 high school basketball players.

“The team will win by outworking, Schneider said. “The team is behind me all the way.”

Also expected to make a contribution is guard Steve Geary, a junior college transfer from Oklahoma.

Schneider was hired in April 1995, and steered the Mustangs in 1995-96 to a 16-13 mark, the best turn around in the country after receiving a team that went 1-26 in its first season in Division I. The team now uses an up-tempo offense featuring 3-point shooters.

Under Schneider’s first three years of coaching, the Mustangs won the conference’s freshman player of the year award.

During the 1996-97 season, Cal Poly went 14-16 in the Big West. After the season ended, Schneider asked athletic director Randy Geary to extend his contract.

“The team is behind me all the way,” Schneider said. “The team has some of the best players returning. Forward Jose Miranda finished the weekend on the right foot by scoring three goals in the two games. Defender Jake Crew, the only Cal Poly student currently on the Roadrunners’ roster, has started a couple of games and should get more playing time as the season unfolds.”

Two more players transfer from men’s basketball team

By Katherine Hays
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The Cal Poly men’s basketball team has suffered many losses in the last few months, including the loss of an assistant coach and four players.

Freshmen Mark Campbell, John Hoffart, Bradley Holde and Quiros have all left Cal Poly, and coach Kowlesia Johnson has left the basketball program to take a similar position at University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

However, head coach Jeff Schneider believes that these losses have helped to unite his team, and make them a force to reckon with next season.

“I feel extremely comfortable with the team as it stands right now,” he said. “I think we have a great chemistry.”

Chemistry, Schneider says, is something he is carefully guarding as he decides whether or not to add another player to the roster.

“It’s a possibility that we may sign another player, but at this point, I’m not sure it’s necessary,” he said.

The loss of Johnson, Schneider says, is a disappointment, but not a surprise.

“I knew we wouldn’t be able to keep him here for long—be it that good of a coach,” he said.

Love him as a player, as a coach and as a person. I am really excited about this opportunity for him.”

Johnson was with the Mustangs for only one season. Schneider says he’s close to making a decision on who will replace Johnson for next season.

The team currently consists of six returning players, one player expected to come off the injured list, and three new recruits.

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