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Bill Durgin, right, stepped down from his position as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs yesterday as incoming Provost Robert Koob was ushered in. Pictured here with Durgin is College of Engineering Dean Mohammed Noori, who championed the controversial proposal deal with Jubail University College under Durgin's leadership.

Character attacks emerge in McCain-Obama race

Charles Babington

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — The two men who supposedly exemplified a different kind of politics are engaged in an increasingly bitter campaign as character attacks are emerging to compete with issues like the troubled economy.

With the election four weeks away, chances dimmed that Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama could reclaim the often lofty images they cultivated early in their presidential bids as their campaigns focused new attention Monday on decades-old events involving a former radical from Chicago and a convicted thrft owner from Arizona.

McCain's campaign added another figure when his running mate, Sarah Palin, said there should be more discussion of Obama's incendiary former pastor, Jeremiah Wright.

Obama and McCain faced a debate Monday with harsh words for each other. Obama, taking a break from debate prep in Asheville, N.C., accused McCain's campaign of "smear tactics."

"Who is the real Barack Obama?" McCain said to a cheering crowd. "Ask such questions and all you get in response is another barrage of angry insults."

Some analysts called the exchanges "disappointing but predictable. Presidential candidates who are losing on policy issues often turn to character, they said."

At McCain's poll standings fell along with the economy; his campaign began the new character criticisms and used Palin to spearhead the push. Obama's campaign didn’t wait long to respond.

Brookings Institution political scientist Thomas E. Mann said he had felt for months that McCain "would eventually have to try to undermine Obama as an acceptable choice for president and commander in chief."

Key issues, he said, including "an economy in turmoil, an unpopular war and a politically discredited president are working powerfully against McCain and the Re-

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In going green, Cal Poly makes the grade

Alisha Axsom

MUSTANG DAILY

The grades are in and the report card is out. The Web site Greenreportcard.org just released new sustainability grades for 300 universities and Cal Poly received a B+ in its first year of evaluation.

"In the B+ is probably right for universities that are moving in the direction of sustainability," said ASI President Angela Kramer, who headed much of her campaign on advocating for sustainable practices. "Progress doesn't happen overnight... I think it's a positive thing," said Campus Sustainability Manager Dennis Elliot. "There's always room for improvement."

The College Sustainability Report Card, put out by the non-profit organization Sustainable Endowments Institute, is the "only independent evaluation of campus and endowment sustainability activities at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada" according to the institute’s Web site. The universities with the 300 largest endowment funds are graded on sustainability practices in nine categories ranging from green building to transportation to student involvement in sustainability issues.

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publican Party in general.” Obama, meanwhile, has learned the lessons of Michael Dukakis and John Kerry. Those Democrats lost presidential elections after boasting about counter-"terror" and skillfully dodging attacks on their character and judgment. The short-hand terms for those attacks — “Willie Horton” and “Swiftboating” — have become a call-to-arms for Democratic activists. This shows that Obama’s campaign would return terms for those attacks — “Willie Horton” and “Swiftboating” — have become a call-to-arms for Democratic activists. This shows that Obama’s campaign would return

Obama and McCain have hit each other at personal levels before, but the vitriol increased dramatically Saturday, when Palin repeatedly raised Obama’s relationship with former 1960s radical Bill Ayers.

Obama, she said, was “palling around with terrorists who would target their own country.”

Ayers helped found the violent Weather Underground group, whose members were blamed for several bombings when Obama was 8. Obama has denounced Ayers’ radical views and activities.

The two men live near each other in Chicago, and once worked on the same charity board. Ayers hosted a small, meet-and-greet event for Obama in January. “We can’t afford the same old partisan food fight. We can’t afford a politics that’s all about tearing opponents down instead of lifting the country up”

McCain, shaken by a vicious whisper campaign in South Carolina that helped Bush beat him there during the 2000 Republican primaries, has often vowed to be a straight-shooting candidate who puts honor ahead of winning. When Republicans attacked fellow retired Navy Officer Kerry in the 2004 “Swiftboat” episode, McCain called the ads “dishonest and dishonorable”

Earlier in this campaign when the North Carolina Republican Party said Obama’s relationship with Rev. Wright was too close, McCain asked it to stop and said: “There’s no place for that kind of campaigning, and the American people don’t want it.”

The new tone may depress many, but the need for innovative leadership. “We have a lot more stuff going on than other campuses,” he said. “We’re going to keep doing what we’re doing, but not based on the grade. We definitely can do a lot better.”

Anyone who wants to see exactly how each school is doing, can check the site graded Ckil Holy’s level of physics professor.

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citing budget cuts and the economy. In an e-mail to Cal Poly faculty, Durgin wrote about accepting his new position, which will allow him “to focus sharply on issues critical to the future of the university including funding, graduate education, and academic technology.”

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Northern California bus crash leaves 10 dead

A casino-bound charter bus with an invalid license plate drifted off the road and then swerved back, sending it tumbling into a ditch and ejecting passengers as it rolled, police said. Ten people were killed and dozens injured.

The bus flipped over at about 6:10 p.m. Sunday on a rural road, throwing some passengers and crushing others before it landed right-side up.

California Highway Patrol spokesman Patrick Lundh said:

"It looks like they were going up to the casino to have a good time," California Highway Patrol Commander Fran Clader said Monday. "Unfortunately, it resulted in tragedy."

Clader said 10 people were dead and estimated that 35 others were injured.

Authorities did not say why they think the driver veered off the road.

Firefighters used flashlights and infrared sensors to search the tall grass near the overturned bus Sunday night for more victims, but by early Monday were certain they had accounted for all the victims. See Bus, page 4.

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Events & Workshops

**Career Services Fall 2008**

**October**

**Gold Medal Resumes**
Thursday, Oct 9
10:30 am - noon, Career Services Lawn, Bldg. 124
Bring your resume for employers to review! Refreshments & prizes!

**Gofala College of Business Career Days:**

- **Resumes in the Breezeway**
  Tuesday, Oct 14
  9 - 10:30 am, Business Building Breezeway

- **How to Work the Job Fair**
  Tuesday, Oct 14
  11 - noon, Business, 3/206

- **Alumni Career Panel**
  Wednesday, Oct 15
  11 - noon, Career Services, 124/117

- **Interview Skills Employer Panel**
  Wednesday, Oct 15
  3 - 4 pm, Career Services, 124/117

**Fall Job Fair**
Thursday, Oct 16 in the Rec Center Networking: 9:30 - 2
Interviews: 2 - 5:30
Over 175 employers!

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**November**

**Incorporating Experiences Abroad into Your Job Search**
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- **View the list of employers coming to the job fair** - See the job descriptions and RSVP for the event

- **View Job Listings** - Apply for career, internship, co-op, local part-time, and Federal Work Study jobs

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**Careers in Consulting Panel**
Thursday, Oct 16
4 - 5 pm, Career Services, 124/117

**Interview Skills Workshop**
Tuesday, Oct 28
11 - noon, Career Services, 124/224

**Take the Fear Out of Relocating**
Workshop presented by Lockheed Martin
Tuesday, Oct 28
noon - 1 pm, Chumash Auditorium, right wing
Bus covered bus was pulled from the ditch and was on a large tow truck. Just before the accident, the bus veered off the two-lane road for about half a mile before the driver "overcorrected" and overserved back, Landreth said.

"The roof was collapsed down, the windows were broken out, and the bus was not only rolled over its wheels," said Landreth.

"There are still several pieces of this puzzle that's missing," Kays said. "We will find out who owns the bus."

CHP dispatcher Terry Troth said no other cars appeared to be involved in the crash. "The bus had 'Greyhound' marked on its side. But a Greyhound official said it was no longer operated by the company," said Kim Plackett, the Greyhound spokeswoman. "It's an old bus."

The crash took place in an area of rice fields and orchards a few miles east of Interstate 5 just north of Williams.

Laura Hennum, a spokeswoman for Enloe Medical Center, said 12 victims were admitted to the hospital. She said one died, three were in critical condition and two were in serious condition. Six other patients were being evaluated Sunday night.

"Do you think Cal Poly is sustainable?"

"Yeah, we use all our resources quite well."

- Joey Jordan, kinesiology freshman

"Yeah, I think we're doing a good job."

- Hayley Kelly, animal science freshman

“I think we're conscience about being sustainable but we could do better.”

Heather Betty, agriculture business junior

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The Cal Poly Choirs' music reso¬
nates far and wide not just because of the vocal abilities of its singers, but also because singers themselves come to¬
together from colleges and majors around the university.

The music department's Cal Poly Choirs consists of three vocal ensembles: Polyphonics, The University Singers and The Early Music Ensemble. Surprisingly, music majors make up a small portion of the choir participants.

"I love it here because I do have this mix of students and many of our non-majors have as beautiful voices as our music majors," said Thomas Davies, conductor and director of choral activities and vocal studies who has been at Cal Poly for 27 years.

"That's what this department is all about," he added. "It's for getting all these vast varieties of students, which we have on this campus, involved and many of them become lifelong friends, and they are not all in the same department."

Although there is a difference in majors among the choir students, they are all there for the same reason: they love to sing. Being able to come together and share this common interest has not only been a pleasure for the professors, but the students, as well.

"Singing with a group is such an amazing experience," said industrial engineering senior Jonathon Lappin, who is a member of both Polyphonics and The University Singers.

"Singing with other people who know what they're doing and hearing the harmonies blend is such a wonderful feeling every day."

Polyphonics is a 45 to 48 member group that performs everything from folk songs to spirituals to music based on poems. The University Singers is made up of 70 to 80 students, but has had up to 100 members, and primarily performs works for larger ensembles. The Early Music Ensemble, an 8 to 12 member group, performs works that date back before 1600.

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Choirs

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"We certainly have a lot of diverse genres that we go through," Eipper said. Eipper, who was born and raised in Texas, came to Cal Poly for engineering. He grew up playing the trumpet and joined choir in high school. Like many high school graduates, he did not think he would sing again, until he realized his passion for music did not fade. He involved himself in choir his freshman year and is glad he did.

"It's definitely been one of the best choices I've made at Cal Poly," Eipper said. "It's certainly a freedom from engineering at the end of the day when I go to choir and go home on a happy note."

"I just love being here. We enjoy each other as a faculty, we like getting up, coming to work, and the main reason is because we have such neat students," said Davies. Davies can't remember a time when he did not sing. As a piano major in college, he sang in college groups and eventually found his calling in conducting. He received his Bachelor of Music Education, his master's degree and a doctorate of musical arts in choral conducting from the University of Southern California. He has taught at Cal Poly ever since.

"It heals you," she added. "It's just so beneficial to a crazy, stressed out Cal Poly student."

Cal Poly Choirs is open to everyone regardless of their singing experience.

"Cultures all across the world (sing) all the time with their friends and family without any kind of embarrassment," said Gill. "It's something as a culture we really don't do and we should."

If every student who was here gave up because they can't sing high notes like Mariah Carey, we'd have nobody do it," added Davies. "We have a group of really talented people here who have something to say through their music."

Gill, originally from Seattle, began singing in her first choir at age 12. She has been a member of Polyphonics since her freshman year and has participated in every performance. Her parents have even flown in from Washington a number of times to see her perform and have always supported her decision to sing.

"I probably wouldn't have come this far with singing if they hadn't," Gill said.

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Isolated town surprises readers

Chuck Klosternian's new novel, "Downtown Owl," forces us to take a break from pop culture. Go ahead, turn off your TV, throw your cell phone in the trash can, and forget that you know who The Rolling Stones are. The people of Owl surely don't care about those things. The only man in the bar who won't ask her out, her drinking becomes more haphazard, and her thoughts more hilarious. These can be two very different things, and it is most entertaining to watch Julia sink her way further and further into the blissful ignorance that encompasses most Owl residents.

When we arrive at the town's football field, we get to know Mitch, who would be more suited reading or writing a novel than throwing passes. Mitch solemnly meanders through life in Owl, disregaged by his teenage-girllimpregnating-teacher and coach John Laidlaw. Mitch despises Laidlaw for more reasons than his relations with Mitch's longtime crush.

Interestingly, the novel's three main characters have little or no interaction, which I suppose is a drawback at all. Klosternian has a way of delivering lines that are so clever and perfect, you may not even notice the familiar line that reads: "I live an unfulfilled life." Although they don't interact, the parallels between the three of them are abundantly apparent, like the huge blaringly loud one that reads: "I live an unfulfilled life."

Even though the novel is not all that eventful, in sparsity is not a drawback at all. Klosternian has a way of delivering lines that are so clever and perfect, you may not even notice the familiar line the plot takes throughout. Until the end that is, which presents something unexpected and horrific. I was completely shocked, and want to tell you about it, but I really can't. You'll just have to "Read This!"

Next week's book is Pulitzer Prize winner, "The Brief and Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao," by Junot Diaz. Happy reading!

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Thursday 10.9.08

Alpha Phi BBQ burgers and dogs at Alpha Phi House @ 5-7pm
Hailed as the Super Bowl of the political arena, expectations were high over the influence Thursday's VP debate would have on the world we wake up to on November 3. The face-off was taped up to a bloody clash between a brilliantly skilled octopus: Joe Biden, and a ramping yet adorable Keith Palin. Palin's performance was also expected to either make or break McCain's views for the White House.

Biden's track record and recognition with the public speaks for itself. This debate was about Sarah Palin and her ability to position herself as a viable candidate for the White House.

Palin's candidacy for the White Intelligence was not established; nor did she meet even lower expectations of political intelligence compared with Sen. John McCain.

The debate began with a question perhaps unintentionally pinpointed on the muds from Sarah Palin to Joe Biden: "Can I call you Joe?" This set the tone for the night — and made something in me cringe. It was clear from her opening statement and her performance in the debate that Sarah intended to be causal with Senator Biden and with the American public. The moment she began asking questions, the tone of her debate changed. She presented to the American people was not to please. The persona she had never seen employed. The persona they had never seen. When talking about education, she gave a shout out to her brother in Alaska, a teacher, and her third grade class, a tactic pundits said she had never seen employed. The persona she presented to the American public was almost flirtatious — frequently winking, using phrases like "You betcha", and at one point chucking, "But it ain't so, Joe." I understand this is her personality, but is the level of frivolity she displays a virtue we wish to export to our role as spokespeople and spokespeople on our behalf to important foreign dignitaries, and to represent important resolutions we will proffer to the world in the future? I think the world and America needs and deserves more cerebral stances to confront the serious problems we are likely to face in places like Darfur, Afghanistan, and the Middle East, which were central topics Thursday night.

Another concern that should be focused on when the spin rooms are empty and honest discussions begins, is to take a look at how much sound policy answers Palin offered. I would note that Palin gave no post-presidential debate interviews.

Proposition 8 supporters please stop saying that four judges all of a sudden decided to overturn the 2000 vote. From the instant Proposition 22 passed, it was legally challenged. The 2008 ruling was the culmination of much work from our judiciary, study, thought, debate and legal precedence; it was in the justified and instantaneous decision. The arguments being made by Proposition 8 proponents are all derived, illogical and upon contact with no foundation. If you are against 8, but are in favor of religious belief, it is a totally fair argument especially since faith has no basis in fact. Then of course we can discuss why religion has no place in civil decisions. Any religious institution should and will be able to refuse to marry ANY couple they do not wish to serve, but the State cannot do that. And by the way, I am a religious person.

— Mofina

Thank you Cassandra Carbon for your input. Even though you probably won't change many traditionalists, who have ingrained religious prejudices against homosexuals, we are definitely seeing a change in society where tolerance and love is being given the norms. If Proposition 6 fails, I hope it sends a message to religious people we are tired of trying to force their beliefs upon the rest of us. Just because they may not like other people's choices in life or lifestyles, that's no reason to deny them their rights and dignity. I just don't understand what has happened to people of faith. The last couple decades, how they have become so intolerant, mean-spirited and callous. They have stopped focusing on teaching love of fellow man and spiritual salvation to instead wading into politics to legislatively force their ideologies on people. It's time to get religion back in the churches and out of politics - like our politicians in Washington, politics is corrupting people of faith.

— VT Moreno

Response to "Prop 8 passes minority"

Marrying a same-sex lover isn't a civil right. Proposition 8 isn't out to remove rights. In America, we all have the "right" to have a relationship. But what about the legal right to marry? For centuries, civil marriage protected society and children by making marriage a legal institution between a man and a woman. On March 7, 2000, 62 percent of California voters passed Prop 22 — to keep marriage between a man and a woman. On May 15, 2008, four judges overturned the will of voters and said same-sex marriage was a "right." The question is, why stop there? If gays have a right to get married, then how can any say a man doesn't have the right to marry his daughter, or a minor, or three women? The same-sex marriage movement has more to do with validation and social respect than legal rights. But the cost to the rest of us is far too much to pay. Go to www.pronemarriage.com for more.

— Nightfly

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Cal Poly student and Mustang Daily editor-in-chief wrote the following letter:

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Life's too short to be apathetic

If you find yourself lounging somewhere on campus today and you happened to forget to bring your iPod, I implore you to casually listen to the people around you. Not eavesdropping per se—more like changing the frequency on the radio dial. See what topics you can pick up. Hear what it is that other people tend to spend their time thinking about. Is any of it worthwhile discussion?

I seem to notice that most of the time it isn't. I'm guilty of it at times too. Sometimes there is that justifiable knee-jerk reaction to talk to your friends about the latest celebrity gossip instead of reading something. The economy is taking a nose-dive, the most important presidential election of our time is unfolding, and the preferred major league baseball team is struggling whose lives have been changed by finding the right medication. It never seems to matter.

I was nervous. I can literally feel my heart in my chest, my hands and feet have gone numb and taking a breath feels damn near impossible. I am drowning in my own thoughts and the surface seems far out of reach.

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Football
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Cal Poly's offense kept putting in defense back on the field, at five of its seven touchdowns drove first or fewer plays.

"We're not going to do anything to slow our offense down," Ellerson said. "If the defense is tired, all they've got to do is stop them and they can get a break." Our offense is not designed to get first downs — it's designed to get touchdowns," he added. "We have to learn to deal with that. What we need to do is raise our level of play consistently on defense." The Mustangs entered last week leading the country in sacks per game with five, and recorded two takeaways.

"I like where we're at," Hires explained. "I like the fact the we're still growing and we haven't reached our potential yet." The recent quick-strike tendencies of the offense, Hires said, have posed a new challenge, but also a little entertainment.

"We'll walk over to the bench and (soon) hear the crowd go crazy," he laughed. "It's kind of like, 'Can you take a little bit more time to score?' At the same time it's fun and exciting to watch."

Shorewood shouldn't have any other way, either.

"Definitely, we really thrive on it and want to get the ball back in the offensive hands," he said. "Putting that many points up early puns the other team in a position where they're playing from behind. It really hinders down what they can do defensively." Having another week off before a "crucial part of the season" and what could amount to a "one-game play-off," Shorewood said, could be a "blessing and advantage," even if it wasn't expected to be the third of its kind.

"We have a serious chip on our shoulder for this game," he explained. "We remember last year very vividly.'

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Muscle Mustangs can't say bye-bye to byes yet

Cal Poly embarks on its third bye week over a five-week period during its first regular season with fewer than 11 games since 1993.

Donovan Aird, Scott Silvey

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A typical 11-game schedule was hard enough to string together before the season even started. The games were numerous and varied. The Mustangs play in the FCS state with the fewest FCS teams per capita — and a part of the state that is not easy to travel to. Sacramento State ducked reseeding a non-conference series that spanned from 1983 to 2006 after Cal Poly soundsly won in last four installments.

And five consecutive seasons with at least seven wins, coupled with 10 starters returning from a 2007 offense that finished behind only national champion Appalachian State led to a handful of top-15 rankings that surely scared some would-be sparring partners off.

Consequently, Cal Poly — which contacted every FCS team in the country, athletic director Alioto said — found itself looking ahead to two Football Bowl Subdivision (I-A) foes and one in transition from Division II.

The same problems that existed before the season were complicated by the rest of the country already playing, making midseason efforts to fill Saturday's open date unfeasible.

Needless to say, this week was against fully-geared Division I competition for playoff consideration, Cal Poly's urgency heading into its opportunities was intensified by McNerney State's cancellation.

But the Mustangs (3-1), ranked No. 7 in both the FCS coaches and Sports Network media polls, are staying upbeat.

"Unlike the first (bye), we anticipated this one," Ellison said. "Unlike the last one, we didn't necessarily want to have a bye this week."

Even so, it could be fortuitous heading into an Oct. 18 matchup at South Dakota State (3-2), also entering a bye week.

"The silver lining on this is that it allows us to prepare for the stretch and go into the stretch as well conditioned, as strong and as healthy as any team in the country," Ellison added.

Last year, the Mustangs fell to the Jackrabbits 48-35 — also in Brookings, S.D. — as Cory Koegn rushed for 259 yards, the most by an opponent in Cal Poly history.

"A year ago they beat us up," Ellison said. "Some of the things that were a challenge in that game were a challenge the other night."

He was referring to Saturday's 49-22 win over South Dakota at Alex G. Spanos Stadium, where the Mustangs allowed a 14-play, 98-yard touchdown drive in the second quarter, yielded 447 total yards, didn't have any sacks and surrendered 15 fourth-quarter points.

Phil, Dodgers meet up in NLCS

Joe Resnick

LOS ANGELES — Back in the era of cookie-cutter stadiums, polyester pullovers and artificial turf, baseball had another familiar sight: Phillies vs. Dodgers for the NL pennant.

"It seemed like every time we turned around, there were the Phillies," former Los Angeles center fielder Rick Monday recalled. They played in the 1977 NL championship series and the next year, too. Both times, Ron Kendar and the Dodgers won the best-of-five match-up in four games.

Decked out in powder-blue uniforms, Philadelphia did better in the 1983 NLCS and beat the Dodgers in four.

They're set to meet again in the NLCS, starting Thursday in Philadelphia.

"Obviously, this series brings back a lot of memories and just rekindles those games we had with them," said former Phillies shortstop Larry Bowa, now the Dodgers' third-base coach.

"We couldn't beat them those two years that I played, but they were good, competitive series and we just came up short," Bowa will see a familiar face across the field. Former Dodgers second baseman Davey Lopes is the Phillies' first-base coach.

Eight players appeared in all three series between the teams, including Phillies star third baseman Mike Schmidt, pitchers Steve Carlton and Ron Reed and center fielder Gary Maddox.

Four Dodgers played in each: shortstop Bill Russell, catcher Steve Yeager, left fielder Dusty Baker and Monday, in his 15th full season as one of the team's broadcasters.

"To this day, Larry Bowa and I talk about some of the games we played against one another," Monday said.

"There was such a respect that I had for Larry and some of the other Phillies, because it was the truest sense of competition on one of the biggest stages that you can play on — the postseason. Now we have a chance to reflect on it a little bit more."

Led by Carlton, the Phillies brought plenty of pitching. Their arms were not the only thing that made an impression on Monday.

"I do know they had a pitching staff that, if they were in street clothes, would look like an NBA team travel-