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A bomb threat on campus Monday forced Parking Officer Suzie Goodwin to turn people away from the Health Center.

Bomb threat evacuates three campus buildings

By Deanna Wulff
Staff Writer

Monday was not a normal day at Cal Poly. Not only was it raining, but an unusual bomb threat temporarily closed three buildings.

The bomb threat, which occurred around noon, caused the Business Administration building, the Health Center and the Alumni House to be evacuated.

"Most of the time, bomb threats occur in academic buildings," said Sgt. Steve Schroeder, a Public Safety officer. "But, the Records Office got a call at 11:46 a.m. that three bombs were to go off at 12:28 p.m. in buildings 2, 27 and 28. Then, they (Records Office) called us, and we evacuated them."

Joan Cirone, a nursing supervisor who has worked at the Health Center since 1971, said it was the first bomb threat she has experienced.

"I wasn't scared," she said. "They just told us to leave, and we did."

"I thought it was a joke," said Brenda Anderson, a business junior. "I think they threatened

"...we have never found any bombs. But we still have to check each threat as if there was an actual bomb present."

Steve Schroeder,
Public Safety

the Health Center and Alumni House just to make the bomb threat more believable."

No bombs were found in the buildings, and they were reopened at 1:30 p.m., Schroeder said.

"To my knowledge, we have never found any bombs," Schroeder said. "But we still have to check each threat as if there was an actual bomb present."

Calling in a bomb threat is a felony, and Public Safety is conducting an investigation of the incident.

Slow graduation rates force cut to Fall 1992 admissions

This is the first in a two-part series on Cal Poly admissions

Feb. 11 - A look at the campus' declining rate of admissions
Feb. 12 - What it takes to get accepted to Cal Poly

By Patricia Egan
Staff Writer

In response to slow graduation rates, Cal Poly has reduced admissions for fall quarter 1992.

"If students aren't graduating as quickly or dropping out, you have to close down the flow through the front door a little bit," said Charlie Crabb, interim associate vice president for Academic Resources.

To meet a target enrollment of 17,132 students for Fall 1992, admissions will admit 430 less undergraduate students than last fall, said Wally Mark, director of Institutional Studies.

The decrease in new undergraduate admissions is a result of over-enrollment resulting from extended graduation, Mark said.

"It takes the average student 5 1/2 years to graduate from Cal

Poly," Crabb said.

There are a number of reasons why enrollment is remaining high, Mark said.

Decreased availability of classes, more students taking advantage of the option to receive a minor degree and the recession all play a role in overenrollment, Mark said.

The budget cutbacks have decreased the number of classes available, which forces students to push back their graduation date.

In addition, Mark said, the recession has decreased the available number of jobs, which may be one reason why students are staying in school longer.

To help ease the overenroll-

ment problem, the university has been working towards meeting yearly enrollment targets, said Jim Maraviglia, director of admissions.

Last fall, total university enrollment was 17,573, just 11 students over the enrollment target, according to Polyview, the Institutional Studies fall enrollment report.

"That's closer than anyone can expect to come — as far as we are concerned we met our target," Mark said.

If the university meets its target for next fall, it will enroll 2,424 new undergraduate and 299 graduate students, Maraviglia said.

Expected Enrollment for Fall 1992

School	Undergraduate	Graduate
Engineering	683	55
Professional Studies	85	35
Liberal Arts	121	15
Business	259	45
Architecture	279	30
Agriculture	627	25
Science and Math	128	10
Center for Teacher Education	NA	84

Source: Cal Poly Admissions Office



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Rain-filled ditches on campus construction sites were a common site after the weekend storms.

Weekend storms drench SLO

By Deanna Wulff
Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo residents may want to invest in a pair of galoshes. Wet weather will continue for the next few days.

This weekend, the county received 1.5 to 2.5 inches of rain, and the extended forecast

shows stormy skies are expected to continue throughout the week.

"Expect showers on and off," said David Rosenberg, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Santa Maria. "The next storm system will hit Wednesday, and then another will hit on Saturday."

David Zweig, water projects manager for the San Luis Obispo Utilities Department, said, at least so far, the effect of the rains hasn't been too damaging.

"There's been some flooding, but we haven't had any serious problems yet," Zweig said. "We

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COMMENTARY

Surrealist basketball courts don't make the grade

By Peter Hartlaub

It was a bad week. My roommate's fish got sick, I didn't get a bid from Alpha Epsilon Pi, and once again, Mitch Massey turned down my sports challenge to bare-knuckle brawl. So I went to go play basketball. Loosen up a little. Get some exercise.

I had heard our new outdoor basketball courts behind Mott Gym were crooked, but I figured it couldn't be too bad. I dismissed any comments I heard as over-reaction. A small incline is no big deal. It's not like a whole lot of NBA talent scouts hang out there anyway.

I wasn't prepared for what I was about to see.

I felt like I had walked into a Salvador Dali painting. Just add a few melting clocks, and you'd have some quality surrealist art.

When I saw that they were horrendously slanted beyond my ultimate nightmares, I honestly believed that either I had come to the wrong place or someone had slipped me some mind-altering drugs.

I immediately started asking myself several questions: Did I accidentally walk into a skateboard park? Did someone put LSD in my Gatorade? Did this really cost \$155,000?

We're not talking about a normal slant. Even Peruvian mountainous basketball courts must have better stability than ours. If the ball gets rolling in the wrong direction you may find yourself running down Foothill.

My first thought was that to save money, the campus let some architecture student do the courts as a senior project. But then I realized that I wasn't giving our arch department enough credit. Even the remedial class at ITT knows how to use a level.

I'd be more likely to buy the excuse that some 4-year-olds from the Children's Center laid

down the foundation with play-dough. Hey, with our school, it's anything to save a buck.

I don't know when the old courts were made, but I do remember that the lights shut down every two or three hours and would come on instantaneously. The new lights run for about 45 minutes and then shut down for 15.

Now that's progress.

Would someone tell me why it is necessary for lights to take 15 minutes to recharge? Is this a Flintstones-gerbil-powered-lighting-system?

I suppose there are more important things on our campus than basketball courts. It's the principle of the blunder that makes me wonder. Is this going to be typical of the future of construction at Cal Poly?

If the basketball courts are a prototype for the quality that is going into the myriad of construction projects on campus then color me scared.

I keep hearing what good bargains we get from construction companies. More evidence that pre-schoolers are laying down the foundation. They probably get paid with graham crackers and milk.

I just hope the basketball courts are the only example of how Cal Poly will get what it is paying for.

Will we get a Winchester Mystery House for a business building? Will our Children's Center look like it's out of "Alice in Wonderland?"

I hear the Rec Sports Center is going to be done early. Those budding engineers at the Children's Center must have found a sale on tinkertoys.

HART ATTACKS AND STROKES

Only 19 more days until Public Enemy!

I got a letter criticizing columnist Gregg Mansfield for writing an opinionated piece on the sports page. The letter said the sports editor should have some "backbone" and keep opinions on the editorial page.

And I suppose this prophet wrote similar letters to the Los Angeles Times, New York Times and San Francisco Chronicle sports editors who run opinion columns by writers such as Jim Murray and Lowell Cohn daily.

There is nothing wrong with living in a fantasy world. For those of you who know absolutely nothing about journalism, however, you may save yourself from looking like a complete idiot if you take a mass media introduction course. That's Jour 218 in your CAPTURE schedule.

U.U. bathroom wall quote

results (total responses in parenthesis):

Men's bathroom (21)

"Dear Editor: Let's put President Baker's salary on the next referendum."

"Dear Editor: To paraphrase James Baldwin, 'The glorification of one race and the debasement of another is always a recipe for murder.'"

People are not capable of loving others until they love themselves. Know your past to be present."

"Dear Editor: Change your music listening tastes."

"Dear Editor: Our workers may be illiterate and lazy but we can still build one hell of a bomb."

Women's bathroom (7)

"Dear Editor: Peter Hartlaub is the worst thing I've seen in the Daily for the past three years."

He doesn't research his information and he babbles about things no one cares about anyway. He is an uneducated, uninformed boob."

"Dear Editor: No, he speaks very intelligently about things you don't want to hear. Maybe you are the educated, uninformed boob."

"Dear Editor: I think only women and minorities should be allowed into Cal Poly and it should be an ungraded campus."

U.U. bathroom wall quotes can be submitted in the three stalls closest to the far wall in either the men's or women's second floor bathrooms in the University Union. Submissions should start "Dear Editor."

Peter Hartlaub is a journalism junior.



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EDITORIAL

A Dry Rush was the right thing to do

The Issue: The decision by the Interfraternity Council to implement Dry Rush. Cal Poly fraternities that participated in Spring Rush (which ended Monday) could not use alcohol at Rush functions.

Relations between the students and other community members are volatile. Through personal experience and local media, the Cal Poly student has a negative stereotype in the eyes of a growing number of community members.

These stereotypes have developed toward Cal Poly students in part by recent community problems with fraternities. A portion of these problems stem from alcohol

use.

And many of these pressures were shouldered on IFC when deciding how to handle Spring Rush. Another alcohol incident would increase the polarization between Cal Poly and the community.

They needed to do the right thing.

There is a lot of pressure on fraternities to keep a certain social image. In that way, fraternities are often trendsetters for a large portion of Cal Poly students. And with that social pressure, IFC came through for the good of the campus.

They did the right thing.

In addition, fraternities are ambassadors for Cal Poly. Through Rush events, fraternities are visible to community members and many impressions of college students as a whole are based on those actions. And with that visibility, IFC came through for the good of the campus.

They did the right thing.

The IFC has a great deal of influence over a very visible portion of Cal Poly. Their decisions affect student-community relations.

They recognized this responsibility and acted accordingly. They should be commended.

They did the right thing.

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COMMENTARY

We must stand for something

A passage by James Baldwin
Submitted by Charles DeFlanders

For the last couple of years I have been searching for the most appropriate literary piece by an African-American writer that exemplifies Black History Month. I have hundreds of books, and I finally found the exact piece I have been looking for all these years to submit for this extraordinary celebration of Black History.

I chose James Baldwin because of his courage and keen vision on the racial nightmare that plagues America today; and most of all because he is my hero and mentor.

In times of difficulties I turned to James Baldwin for guidance, and my understanding during my lonesome journey when I felt rejected by gratuitous negative forces. Like most African-Americans in this country I have had my share of problems with the white world; BUT I have come to understand that not all white Americans are bad. Just like not all black people are bad.

I decided on this extraordinary piece of literature because it truly describes the racial tension that is on the rise across America. I hope this piece will continue to stimulate those relatively-conscious whites and relatively-conscious African-Americans to stand up against bigotry and hatred.

I remember Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "The ultimate test of a man or a woman is not measured by comfort nor conveniences, but by challenge and controversy." Lawdy! Lawdy! in these times we need someone to stand for something. Now, without further delay, I would like to introduce America once again to Mr. James Baldwin.

"Color is not a human or a personal reality; it is a political reality. But this is a distinction so extremely hard to make that the West has not been able to make it yet. And at the center of this dreadful storm, this vast confusion, stand the black people of this nation, who must now share the fate of a nation that has never accepted them, to which they were brought in chains.

Well, if this is so, one has no choice but to do all in one's power to change that fate, and at no matter what risk — eviction, imprisonment, torture, death. For the sake of one's children, in order to minimize the bill that they must pay, one must be careful not to take refuge in any delusion — and the value placed on the color of the skin is always and everywhere and forever a delusion.

I know that what I am asking is impossible. But in our time, as

in every time, the impossible is the least that one can demand — and one is, after all, emboldened by the spectacle of human history in general, and American Negro history in particular, for it testifies to nothing less than the perpetual achievement of the impossible.

When I was very young, and was dealing with my buddies in those wine and urine-stained hallways, something in me wondered, What will happen to all that beauty? For black people, though I am aware that some of us, black and white, do not know it yet, are very beautiful. And when I sat at Elijah's table and watched the baby, the women, and the men, and we talked about God's — or Allah's — vengeance, I wondered, when that vengeance was achieved, What will happen to all the beauty then?

I could also see that the intransigence and ignorance of the white world might make that vengeance inevitable — a vengeance that does not really depend on, and cannot really be executed by, any person or organization, and that cannot be prevented by any police force or army: historical vengeance, a cosmic vengeance, based on the law that we recognize when we say, 'Whatever goes up must come down.'

And here we are, at the center



of the arc, trapped in the gaudiest, most valuable, and most improbable water wheel the world has ever seen. Everything now, we must assume, is in our hands; we have no right to assume otherwise.

If we — and now I mean the relatively conscious whites and relatively conscious blacks, who must, like lovers, insist on, or create, the consciousness of others — do not falter in our duty now, we may be able, handful that we are, to end the racial nightmare,

and achieve our country, and change the history of the world. If we do not now dare everything, the fulfillment of that prophecy, re-created from the Bible in song by a slave, is upon us: God gave Noah the rainbow sign, No more water, the fire next time!"

The passage by James Baldwin was taken from *The Fire Next Time*, pages 139-141.

Charles DeFlanders is a staff member in the Financial Aid Department.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student says he is not 'minority'

"I'm not a minority!"

I'm writing in response to the article on the so-called Cal Poly "minorities," published on Feb. 5 in which I was so wrongly misquoted by Miss Deanna Wulff.

The quote that was printed with my name underneath it actually represents some of Miss Wulff's views rather than mine. It went as follows:

"Minorities feel like outcasts, while whites remain ignorant to other cultures. At Cal Poly students are unaware of the Black culture. They still think white is right."

I never refer to my great people as minorities. I feel, as my brother Christopher Finley pointed out, that I'm not a minority for there is nothing minor about me. When I refer to my great people I use more accurate words and phrases like magnificent people of color, my Nubian princes or princesses, or the chosen people; but never outcast minorities. So you see, Miss Wulff, you have boldly misrepresented me. I will never feel like an outcast, no matter where I go on this earth. How could I feel like an outcast when our God made a man in His own image that looked just like me? How can I feel like an outcast when the man we pray to for forgiveness looked just like me?

I do not feel like an outcast because the math, astronomy and philosophy we study began with a people that looked just like me.

I don't feel like an outcast because your HIS-story must begin with my people's story. I

am not an outcast simply because I know that as an African I am the Alpha and I know I am the Omega.

I should have known better than to allow someone else to write for me. I should have taken a hint from the authors of your history books, the ones who either misquote or completely exclude my people.

I apologize to any of my Nubian brothers and sisters who may have been caused embarrassment by this misquote.

Zoo! Peace to the Chosen People!

Lawson Bush V
Human Development

Faculty puzzled by dismissal

I was surprised the other day to read in the Mustang Daily that my friend and colleague Jorge Aguiniga was dismissed from his lectureship in the political science department.

I have known Mr. Aguiniga for a little over a year and have worked with him on a university-wide committee. In that time I have grown to respect his energy, his professionalism, his dedication and his collegiality. Jorge was one of the first (if not THE first) Chicano ever to graduate from Yale Law School. He was in the same class as Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas and Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, governor of Arkansas. But I must say that I find Jorge Aguiniga a more impressive person than either of those two!

From what I have read in the Mustang, the circumstan-

ces surrounding his dismissal just don't add up. For one thing, if his Doctorate in Jurisprudence is not a sufficient credential to teach in the political science department at Cal Poly, then how was he hired in the first place? Did the department change the requirements on him after two years of employment? Lecturers in the English Department only need an M.A., and I understand that there are tenured faculty in the business department whose highest degree is a J.D. And since the pre-law program at Cal Poly is housed in the political science department, it seems odd that the department would dismiss the one trained lawyer on its faculty.

I ask these questions — not to muddle in another department's affairs — but because Mr. Aguiniga has always impressed me as a serious and worthy colleague, and I am honestly puzzled as to why he is being dismissed.

R. Larry Inchausti
Professor
English

Unified school is a priority

The other day, Feb. 6, 1992, I attended the ASI Board of Directors meeting in the University Union. It was here where all of our directors received a graph of all CSU IRA fees. One member of the board stated the graph was not accurate because the \$43 athletic fee was to be phased in over a three-year period. This is true. Yet how can anyone justify Cal Poly's IRA fees being

three times as much as the next highest CSU school. That is how it stands without the fee increase. With the fee increase, Cal Poly's IRA fees will be four times as much as the next highest fees in the state. Are we as a university trying to create a semiprofessional sports program here on campus?

Now that our president and chancellor have approved the fee increase and we are stuck with their decision, may the campus be rebuilt into a unified school we can all take pride in.

Richard Ryon
Mechanical Engineering

Article gave bad impression

It is almost unfair to digest Deanna Wulff's thoughts as they appeared on Wednesday's editorial page. The whole flavor of the article to me was that if you are a white person, then you are attributing to the problem of racism. It is almost fabricated that if you are white, you're supposed to be guilty of whatever it is that she blabs about.

Wulff talks to us like we're

mindless children. I get gagged-out real quick having someone try to feed me some racist cant I'm supposed to believe as gospel. I especially don't need another dose of we're wrong because we're white."

It is especially unfair to the academic community as a whole to use the quotes of some truly caring individuals. Merely to quote them in your article uses their thoughts out of context.

There are several areas of life that can be upgraded any time of any day you choose, however, until one gets off an intellectual plateau such as where you've stranded yourself, there will always be arguments to incite.

If we're white, fine. We're white, and it isn't going to go away. A goodly number of us honestly care about our fellow man. Please cease and desist with the crap that smacks of innuendo that just because someone is white that he/she should be a racist. It's bunk.

John Demirjian
Education

Editor's Note: Deanna Wulff's article appeared on the Insight page, not the editorial page.

Clarification

On Friday, Feb. 7, Mustang Daily printed that tickets for the March 1 Public Enemy concert would be on sale Thursday, Feb. 13, at the University Union ticket office and Boo Boo Records.

In addition, tickets will also be sold at Big Music record store. Mustang Daily apologizes for the omission.

WEATHER

From page 1
are still below normal rainfall levels, and we need several months of rain to get out of this drought."

The drought already has lasted six years. In that time, it has caused the water levels of the local reservoirs that supply

San Luis Obispo to sink very low, Zweig said.

"As of Feb. 4, the Whale Rock Reservoir was 33 percent full and the Salinas Reservoir was 43 percent full," Zweig said. "This last storm will probably only change their levels a few percent."

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Cal Poly students stepped out of the rain Monday to play Nintendo games located on Dexter Lawn.

Students turn into Game Boys

By Patricia Egan
Staff Writer

It wasn't the rain that prompted Nintendo to pitch a tent on Dexter Lawn Monday.

It was part of The Nintendo Campus Challenge, a nationwide Nintendo promotional event that will hit 80 universities by springtime.

The two-day event will run

through 5 p.m. today.

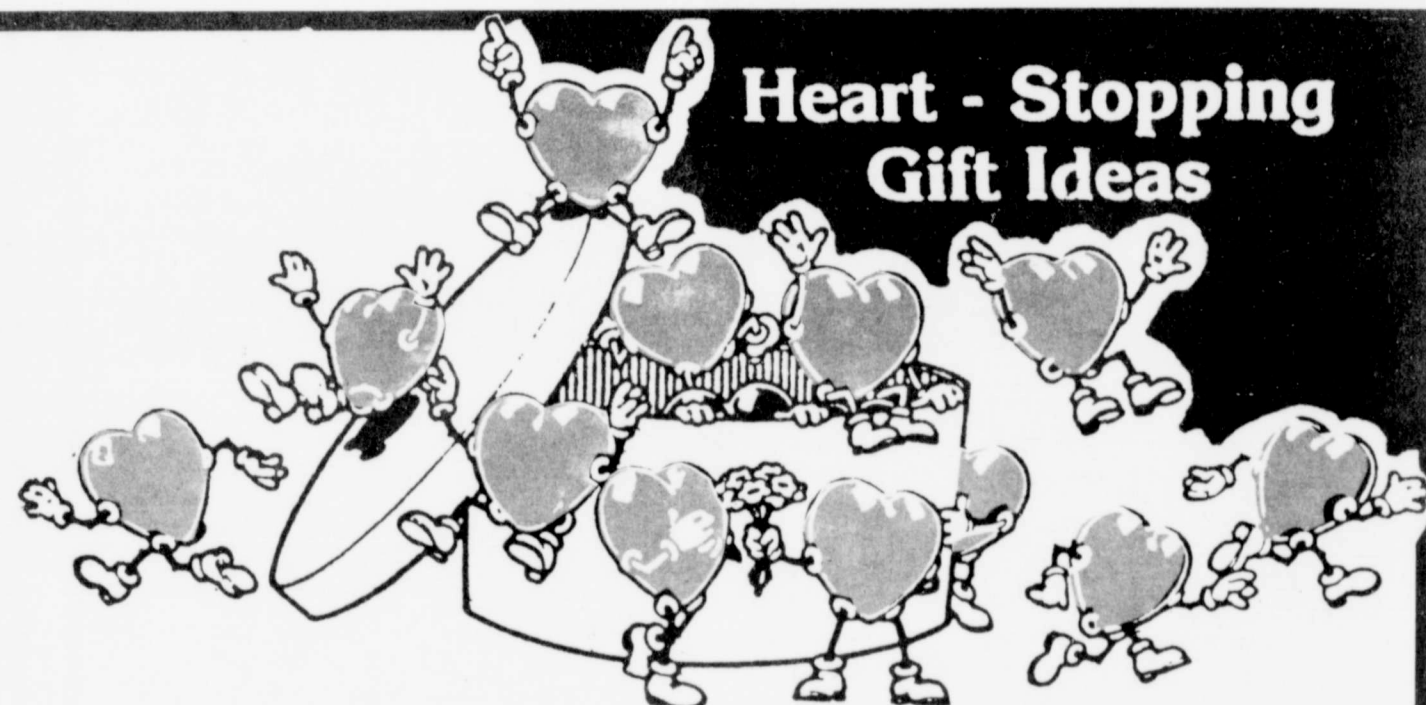
It includes a video competition and a chance for students to sample the newest Nintendo games, said Doug Naschke, chairman of Innovative Marketing Concepts, a committee of the American Marketing Association. Cal Poly AMA is hosting the event.

The tent is called a "Powerdome" and houses 64 monitors

for students to sample the latest games for the Super Nintendo Entertainment System.

There are 32 video stations inside the "Powerdome." Each station has 2 monitors each — "one for playing the games and one above it for people to watch," said Travis Tadyak of McCann Erickson Event Marketing, representing Nintendo.

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Mustangs rely on speed to steal league title

Preseason poll has Cal Poly ranked No. 6 in the nation

By Mark Marden
Staff Writer

Cal Poly's 1992 baseball team features team speed, versatility, defensive strength and a strong anchor on the mound in its bid to gain the CCAA championship for the second year in a row.

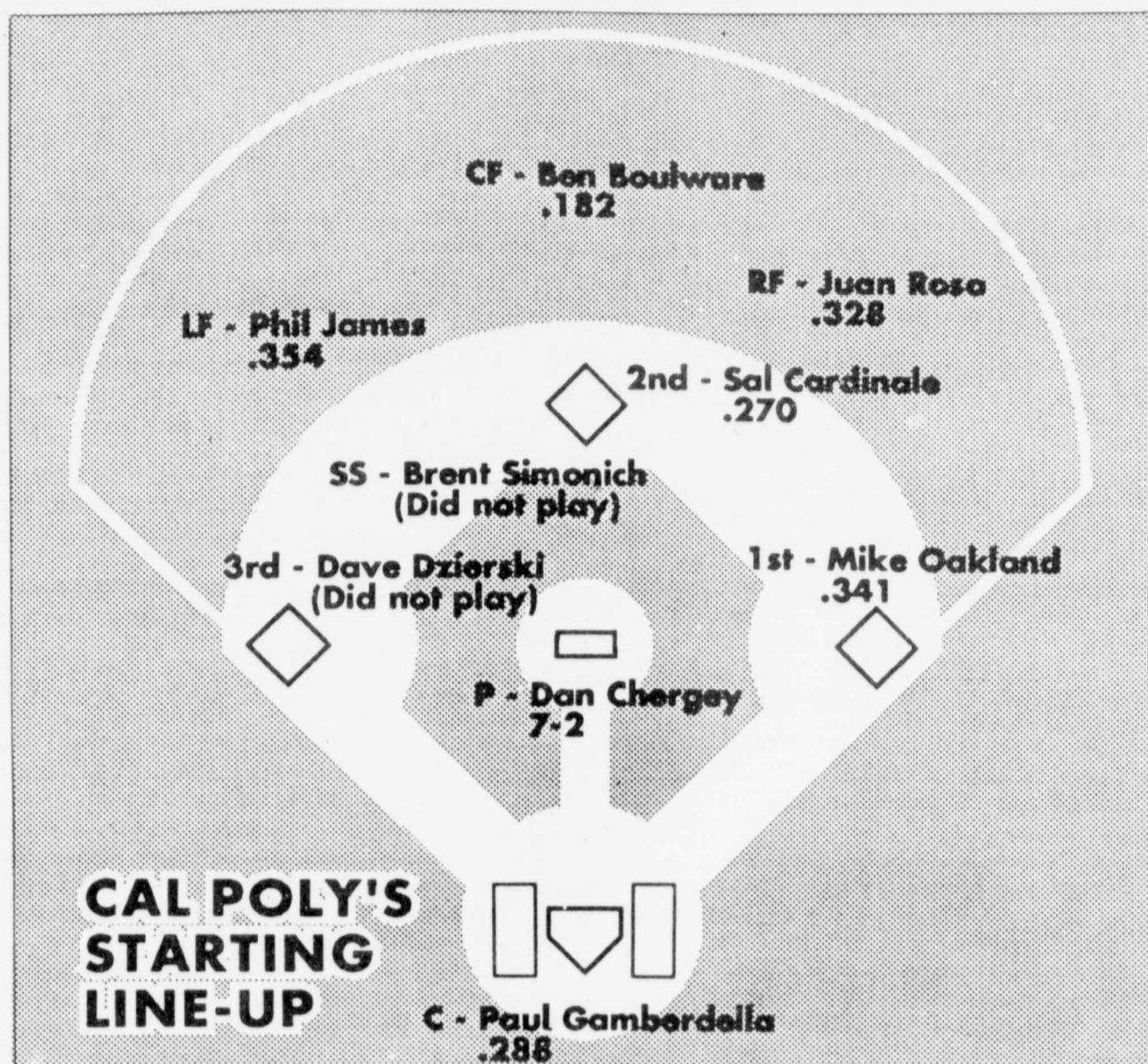
Steve McFarland, head baseball coach, said the loss of three of last year's starters has been offset by the talent of returning players and the addition of new recruits.

But, McFarland said, the top competition in the league also filled in nicely in terms of returning players and recruitment.

UC Riverside, Cal Poly and Cal State Dominguez Hills are the three favorites going into conference play, McFarland said, based on how the season ended last year and on who is returning.

Conference play begins for Cal Poly on Feb. 28 at UC Riverside.

A recent Collegiate Magazine poll compiled by an NCAA poll committee ranks UC Riverside No. 3, Cal Poly No. 6 and Dominguez Hills No. 18 in



the nation.

"Riverside was co-champions with Cal Poly last year," McFarland said. "They've got everybody back. The winner of our league most likely has a chance at winning a national championship. Between the three of us, it's going to be a battle."

McFarland hopes speed in the field and on the base paths will give the Mustangs extra ammunition.

"There's probably not as much power as we had last year, but when you play in the ballpark the size that we play in, power is not the most important ingredient," he said.

Cal Poly's home field, located in Sinsheimer Park, is about as big as they get.

The field measures 410 feet to dead center, 390 feet up the alleys and 333 feet down the foul lines.

"We've got some guys out there who can cover some ground and run the ball down if it's hit in the gaps," said starting catcher Paul Gamberdella, a senior, "guys like Ben Boulware and Scott Ferreira."

Overall base running speed is also improved, Gamberdella said, with the addition of transfers like third baseman Dave Dzieriski, a senior from San Jose State.

McFarland emphasized the depth of his position players which brings versatility to the 32-man roster.

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Cal Poly rallies twice to beat UCLA in rugby

By Jeff Krump
Senior Staff Writer

The Cal Poly rugby club team swept UCLA at Los Angeles on Feb. 1, winning all three games.

The games were between the Mustangs' and Bruins' first-, second- and third-string teams.

Poly's first team overcame a 8-6 deficit to defeat UCLA, 24-8.

Dropped balls and poor kicking plagued the Mustangs in the first half, but a tongue-lashing at halftime by Poly Head Coach Ian Mallard got the Mustangs running.

Cal Poly scored 18 unanswered points in the second half with tris — worth four points in rugby — being scored by Allen Andrews, Travis Swafford and a pair by Mike Leopold.

Ian Hunter converted two penalty kicks, worth three points each, and made one of four extra point attempts for two points.

Cal Poly's second string also needed some encouragement at halftime before downing the Bruins.

The Mustangs were down 21-10 at the half before rallying for 19 points in the second half for a narrow 29-28 victory.

Poly's Scott Martindale scored the winning tri.

The Mustangs' third string needed no encouragement in their 22-0 thumping of the Bruins.

Poly's Eric Sherwood scored two tris.

On Saturday, the Cal Poly Mustangs rugby club team traveled to Arizona and played the University of Arizona on Friday and Sunday.

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Tropical adventures highlight spring break trips

By Christy Rinauro
Staff Writer

For those who are tired of the basic booze- and bikini-filled spring break vacations at the same old places, the ASI Travel Center is offering two unique alternatives.

A trip to Costa Rica and a Baja sea-kayaking adventure have been scheduled for March 21-29.

The Costa Rica trip will take participants first to San Jose, the country's capital, and then to Tamarindo Beach on the equator for three days.

"Tamarindo is on the coast of the Pacific Ocean. Supposedly,

there's good surfing there, and the water should be about 80 degrees and the weather should be about 90 degrees," said Eva Skwara, tour escort. "It's the killer spring break type of weather."

Skwara said that at Tamarindo Beach, travelers can rent scooters and perhaps cars to explore the area, especially its villages.

On the fifth day in Costa Rica, participants will visit the Monte Verde Rainforest Reserve and spend that night in a nearby hotel.

Skwara said the Monte Verde Rainforest Reserve is the largest in the world. She also said the

same area boasts butterfly farms and volcanoes. Skwara said if time allows, the group may visit a volcano.

The group will then return to San Jose and will fly to California the next day.

Skwara, a social sciences senior, said Costa Rica is the most stable country in Central America and is popular among American tourists.

"It's a good trip," Skwara said. "You get to see a good culture and get a mix of your beach-type spring break. It will be an informative trip."

Liam Doust of the ASI Travel Center said Costa Rica was becoming more popular as a travel

spot.

"Costa Rica is one of those places people are finding out about," he said. "It's beautiful, it's not very populated and it's very inexpensive. It may become one of those new paradise places. It has a lot of appeal."

Doust said there are about 15 students signed up for the \$899 Costa Rica trip.

The Travel Center's other spring break escape is a sea-kayaking trip to Baja for adventurers of all skill levels. Doust said the weeklong trip will cost between \$250 and \$300.

Participants will drive to San Diego where they will meet with the AquaAdventures organiza-

tion.

The group will then travel to the south of Ensenada in Baja. There, instruction will be given for all skill levels.

The Baja trip's price tag includes equipment, campsite fees and meals.

"This is becoming a trip we're doing a lot more because it's inexpensive and not far away and it's a place where we can drive to. It seems to be really popular," said Doust, an agribusiness junior.

Doust said the Travel Center has begun taking sign-ups for the Baja trip in its office downstairs in the University Union.

WORLD

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the skating pairs, men's single luge and men's downhill.

The Austrians held an early lead in the medals race Monday after racking up five — half their total from the last Olympics — on the first full day of competition Sunday.

The old Soviet sports

machine, which expired only two months ago, also flexed its muscle with two quick medals.

The fourth-seeded U.S. hockey team, in danger of becoming the only top seed to lose in the Olympics' opening weekend, needed a third-period boost from Tim Sweeney to beat No. 8 seed Italy 6-3 Sunday night. Sweeney

sparked a four-goal outburst by setting up two goals and scoring on a breakaway.

But there were numerous American missteps in other early events:

- National champions Calla Urbanski and Rocky Marval finished seventh in the pairs' original program Sunday night after Marval slipped while doing a double axel and bumped the boards. Teammates Natasha Kuchiki and Todd Sand, ranked third in the world, tumbled to sixth after Sand made a similar slip.

- Duncan Kennedy, who placed second on the luge World Cup circuit this season, skidded coming out of two turns on his second run and dropped to 10th going into today's final two runs.

- A.J. Kitt, a medal contender in the downhill at Val d'Isere, veered sideways on the first bump and lost more time when he went wide in a steep turn a third of the way down the twisty new course.

"I was kind of ragged and I was scrambling a little. But this is just one race," said Kitt, of Rochester, N.Y., in a comment that perhaps sums up the Americans' attitude after the

first handful of Olympic events.

The U.S. hockey team, ever burdened by the Miracle on Ice in 1980 that raised Americans' medal expectations along with their spirits, showed opening-game jitters in trailing Italy 3-2 into the third period.

Coming back "showed a lot of character," said Clark Donatelli, a veteran of the disappointing 1988 team that finished a repeat seventh.

Two Russian couples skating for the Unified Team — world champions Natalia Mishkutienok-Artur Dmitriev and Elena Bechke-Denis Petrov — stand 1-2 in the pairs after performing mistake-free original programs. Canadians Isabelle Brasseur and Lloyd Eisler, two-time world runners-up, are in third place.

Medals will be awarded after Tuesday night's free programs, which count for two-thirds of the pairs' scores.

Urbanski, a waitress from Chicago, and Marval, a trucking company owner from New Egypt, N.J., had only an outside shot at a medal. It disappeared when Marval stepped out of his double axel — precisely what happened to Sand, of Costa Mesa, Calif.,

paired with Kuchiki of Los Angeles.

Georg Hackl was positioned to keep the luge gold medal in German hands today after setting a course record of 45.190 seconds Sunday on his first run down the 1,250-meter course. He held a slight lead over two Austrians: Markus Schmidt of Austria and World Cup champion Markus Prock.

Kennedy, of Lake Placid, N.Y., refused to speak to reporters after his disappointing second run. He was 14th in the 1988 Olympics. Robert Pipkins of Staten Island, N.Y., was 26th entering today's final two runs after starting his first run crooked and bouncing off the wall four times.

In a mild surprise, the downhill title on the controversial new "La Face de Belvedere" went to an Austrian who has never won a World Cup race — Patrick Ortlieb. Skiing first down the technically demanding course, Ortlieb finished in 1 minute, 50.37 seconds, and said he still hated it.

Franck Piccard gave the cowbell-banging French fans something to cheer about by blitzing the bottom half of the course to finish just .05 seconds behind Ortlieb and the same time ahead of Austrian Guenther Mader.



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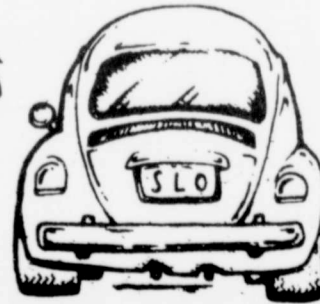
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Poly Reps hosts regional leadership conference

By Christy Crossley
Staff Writer

Poly Reps will host a regional leadership conference this weekend. Student delegates from California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and Hawaii will visit San Luis Obispo for the event.

Poly Reps, a voluntary, honor organization of 30 undergraduates, is Cal Poly's Student Alumni Council. It serves as a public relations organization promoting the university to prospective students, alumni and potential donors.

Poly Reps is part of a national network of alumni associations spanning eight districts. The regional conference is annual, and at last year's conference in Utah, Poly Reps was selected as this year's host.

Poly Reps presented a bid and enticed its district to come to San Luis Obispo, said Dore Bietz, Program Assistant of the Alumni Association and Conference Coordinator.

Highlights of the weekend will include a "Return to the

Seventies" party, a tour of Hearst Castle, seminars and a banquet where Mike Krukow, former professional baseball player and Cal Poly Alumnus,

"This time they (the seminars) are being conducted by professionals ..."

Jennifer Alden,
Poly Reps president

will speak.

A variety of seminars will be offered on Saturday and Sunday. The subjects may interest more than just Poly Reps and visiting delegates.

"In the past, the workshops were geared specifically toward

student alumni associations, towards fund-raising or starting an alumni association," said Jennifer Alden, president of Poly Reps and chairperson of conference.

"This time, they (the seminars) are being conducted by professionals in the San Luis Obispo area and are geared toward self-improvement and career information."

Some of the seminar topics will include resume writing, interview skills, multicultural communications and handwriting analysis. Saturday, Nordstrom will present an hourlong "dress for success" program.

At past conferences, the seminars were conducted by students. Alden, a business senior, is excited that this year's workshops will be conducted by professionals.

The conference runs from Feb. 15-17 at Cal Poly and the Embassy Suites Hotel. Anyone interested in attending the conference or the seminars can call the Cal Poly Alumni House at 756-2586 for more information.

STATE

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And high-tech and aerospace industries in Silicon Valley and Southern California are the source of most of the industrial emissions, the San Francisco Examiner reported on Monday, citing company records on file with the Environmental Protection Agency.

The newspaper said 130 plants in the San Francisco Bay area continue to release millions of pounds of chlorofluorocarbons and other harmful solvents into the atmosphere.

The chemicals blamed in the thinning of the ozone layer include CFCs and methyl chloroform. The compounds can drift to the upper atmosphere, where, exposed to strong ultraviolet light, they break down and release chlorine, which attacks the ozone.

A depleted ozone layer allows more ultraviolet radiation to reach the Earth's surface. Increasing levels of radiation may be linked to weakened immune systems and higher incidences of skin cancer and cataracts as well as damage to plants and animals.

CFC-113, used as a cleaning solvent, is the most potent of the chemicals.

In 1990, the latest year of reporting, the three companies releasing the most CFC-113 were Lockheed Missile and Space Co., Apple Computer and Conner Peripherals — all located in the San Jose area, the Examiner said.

The big dischargers of methyl chloroform, also a cleaning solvent, were American Brass and Iron Foundry in Oakland, Emerald Packaging in Berkeley, Varian Associates in San Carlos and FMC Corp. in San Jose, the newspaper reported.

The Bay Area totals dropped from about 7 million pounds in 1987 to 4 million pounds in 1990.

Company officials said they have been frustrated in achieving greater reduction because of a shortage of environmentally safe alternatives.

"I don't want to excuse us for

our CFC use, but there were no better chemicals," said Apple spokeswoman Marianne Lettieri. "We were trying to build these computers as best we could."

Apple, IBM and Conner have promised to discontinue all CFC use by 1993.

To reduce its use of the harmful compounds, IBM switched three years ago to water cleaning and high-temperature drying equipment for computer disk-drive manufacture. Printed circuit board makers are using citric water or nothing at all instead of solvents for cleaning the boards.

Historically, CFC-113 and methyl chloroform have been very poorly regulated because air pollution agencies didn't consider them a cause of smog.

In fact, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District once recommended CFCs and methyl chloroform as substitutes for cleaning solvents that contributed to smog.

"We used to treat the chemicals as if they were water," said Steven Hill, head of the district's toxics section. "We're going through our rules one by one and removing the exemptions," Hill said.

Environmental groups — including CALPIRG (California Public Interest Research Group), Earth Island Institute, Greenpeace Action and the Sierra Club — petitioned the smog board a year ago to start regulating these ozone destroyers.

Hill said he doubted the board would approve controls for all the ozone-depleting substances when it considers the matter next month. The district feels responsible for leading companies astray by initially recommending chemicals that turned out to be the wrong choice.

"We encouraged those solvents. So we're removing them a few at a time," Hill said. "We've got dozens and dozens of different industries. We've got to go through carefully and make sure they can comply with any changes."

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Isolated vending machine vandalism reported

By Christy Crossley
Staff Writer

Vending machines are a common sight across campus, and whether they are indoors or outdoors, they are vulnerable to theft or vandalism.

"There are isolated cases I'm aware of, and there may be more I'm unaware of," said Alan Cushman, associate director of Cam-

pus Dining.

Some of the vending machines are operated by campus clubs, and damage may be reported directly to Coca-Cola Company and not to Public Safety, Cushman said.

Industrial engineering senior Tim Williams said the machine near the Graphic Arts building, which is operated by Alpha Pi Mu, the IE honor society, ap-

pears to have been broken into recently and was reported to Public Safety on Friday. He said it looked as if someone tried to pry loose the coin slot panel with a screwdriver.

Mike Kennedy, an investigator for Public Safety, said, "I guess one a year is one too many, but in comparison to other thefts (on campus), it's not as common."

Kennedy said he hoped it was

not becoming more common.

Last month, a Pepsi machine at the Ag Engineering building was vandalized, Kennedy said.

He said some kind of fluid was put in the coin slot in what may have been an attempted theft.

The Cal Poly Foundation has many machines on campus in such areas as the University Union, The Cellar, the Central Dining Complex and the

residence halls.

Other machines are operated by various campus clubs and organizations.

"Problems in the past years have been few and far between," Cushman said. "In the residence halls, we had to put in anti-theft devices to keep people from taking merchandise from the machines." He said the devices have been successful.

Sudden thunderstorm wreaks havoc on Southern California

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Towering waves, lightning strikes and snow and rain delivered Monday by Southern California's latest winter storm flooded homes, snarled traffic and caused power blackouts.

The fierce storm moved in Sunday evening and soaked the drought-parched region with nearly an inch of rain in the coastal and valley areas, while heavy snow fell in the mountains.

More storms lining up in the Pacific Ocean were expected to move ashore throughout the week.

The snow level dipped to 4,500 feet early Monday.

Interstate 5 over the Tehachapi Pass was closed by the California Highway Patrol because of heavy snow, and Malibu Canyon's Las Virgenes Road was closed because of rock and mud slides, said CHP Officer Al Michel.

Hubcap-deep water on the Ventura Freeway and potholes on the Golden State Freeway near Griffith Park led to traffic-choking lane closures during the morning commuter rush.

"It was really bad this morning. It was a mess," said Michel.

In southern Santa Barbara County, rock and mud slides also briefly closed portions of state Route 154, the CHP said.

Mud and water oozed into homes in Westlake Village and Malibu's Las Flores Canyon after a series of deluges, said Inspector Robert Lockett of the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

At least six homes were flooded.

Emergency crews erected sandbag barriers in an effort to block another muddy onslaught.

The water level was three feet deep in some of the Malibu homes along Las Tunas Creek.

The Daily News of Los Angeles newsroom was evacuated after a lightning strike knocked out power to the newspaper's Woodland Hills headquarters.

The lightning struck at 11:15 a.m. as an intense storm squall moved through the area.

About 400 employees were evacuated from the Warner Center complex, which was left without power for a period of

more than two hours.

"We are working at trying to get a newspaper out tomorrow," said Lynne Jewell, a spokeswoman for the newspaper.

Meanwhile, the National Weather Service warned coastal residents that storm-driven ocean swells could bring 10-foot breakers along the beaches.

The weather service issued a direct warning: "Very large waves can suddenly sweep across previously dry areas. Swimming or surfing in these waves may be dangerous for anyone."

The storm-tossed seas forced emergency workers in San Diego to postpone repairs to a ruptured sewage pipe that led to a quarantine of 20 miles of beaches.

Hikers stranded late Sunday when the storm moved in were rescued from a cliff early Monday in Malibu.

Michael Dearaujo, 28, of Reseda and Joanne Bradley, 23, of Canoga Park were wet and cold but otherwise in good shape, said sheriff's Sgt. Rick Wells.

Storm brings light rain to San Francisco Bay

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A much-anticipated Pacific storm fizzled to a drizzle over the San Francisco Bay area Monday, but meteorologists said the storm wasn't a wash for the entire state.

"We actually got some fairly decent rain both north and south," said National Weather Service meteorologist Dan Atkinson. "We got cheated in the middle."

Still, even San Francisco's total of about one-third of an inch brought it to more than 60 percent of normal, he said.

Whatever falls from the skies, a sixth year of drought is inevitable, said Dean Thompson, a specialist at the state's drought center in Sacramento.

"It's a little too early to holler crisis, or anything like that, but we're far enough along into it to say we've definitely got a sixth year of drought," he said.

Rainfall was about 49 percent of average going into Monday's storm and there was no reason to expect this week's batch of storms signaled an end to that trend, he said.

"It's now a question of how bad its going to be," Thompson said.

The state's big reservoirs were

about 55 percent of average and runoff was about 25 percent of normal. At this time last year, runoff was only 15 percent of normal, but that was followed by a "miracle March," packed with 300 percent of normal rainfall.

For the rest of the week, unsettled conditions might bring good rainfall, Atkinson said.

"We have an upper-level trough that's just kind of spinning its wheels off the coast here and its going to be (producing) bands of showers," he said. "It could be good."

From midnight Sunday to Monday morning, precipitation ranged from .82 inches in Ukiah to .08 inches in San Francisco, the weather service reported.

Other totals included .11 inches in Sacramento, .34 inches in Redding and .32 inches in Fresno.

Meanwhile, Santa Clara Valley Water District officials were measuring rainfall to see whether weekend efforts to "seed" rain clouds had any effect. District spokeswoman Teddy Morse said silver iodide flares were dropped from airplanes into the clouds twice, with the goal of causing the water in the clouds to freeze around the iodides and fall, melting into rain on the way down.

She said it was impossible to tell if Sunday afternoon's rain was related to the seeding.

Snow or snow showers over the Sierra Nevada through at least Tuesday. A snow advisory forecast accumulations of 4 inches to 6 inches on the lower slopes with between 8 inches to a foot higher up. The snow level will remain near 4,000 feet in the north to 6,000 feet in the south.



Cal Poly and General Motors have teamed up to salute students and student groups which have performed outstanding community service. Nominations for this year's awards are underway (Feb. 10 - Mar. 10). The award for groups will recognize activities that took place between Feb. 1991 and March 1992.

Individual awards will be given for service performed any time during a student's attendance at Cal Poly. Each award recipient receives awards and GM stock.

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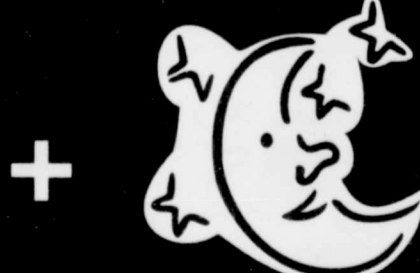
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NINTENDO

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Forty-eight "Game Boy" hand-held games are also on display for students to play and sample.

The video competition consists of 12 video monitors, equipped with a special pack of Nintendo games including "Super Mario 3," "Pin Bot," and "Dr. Mario," said Stefan Ryan, Nintendo Tour manager.

Twelve students compete simultaneously to get into the playoff competition.

The contestant who scores the

highest points by 5 p.m. today will win a Super Nintendo system and game pack.

The winner's name will also be entered into a drawing for a \$50,000 savings bond, Ryan said.

"The (grand prize) winner from each school goes into a drawing with 34 other students from campuses around the country," Ryan said.

In addition to a grand prize winner, contestants will be separated into male and female categories and the top scorers from each group will be awarded

prizes, Ryan said.

First prize is \$100, second prize is \$75 and third prize is \$50.

"The turnout here is better than the last school we went to — Cal State Fullerton," Ryan said. "It's really popular here."

Computer science sophomore Alex Samonte was in second place in the Nintendo playoff competition at 4:30 p.m. He had been playing since 10 a.m.

Samonte said he's not a Nintendo junkie and is not a regular player, however, "I'll be back

tomorrow. It's the competition" which draws him to the display, he said.

The contest is purely a reflex test, Samonte said. "It has nothing to do with skill because it's timed."

He said he thinks Nintendo can become obsessive to some people.

"It's not something I would do every day, but it's a nice diversion. It's a rainy day, it's under a canopy — and I've got nothing better to do. But I could quit anytime," Samonte laughed.

Scott Stokes, a civil engineering senior, said he went into the "Powerdome" to look around but didn't play any of the games.

Stokes said he thinks the demonstration was a good marketing tactic for Nintendo.

"If they get people to play the games, then they'll want to buy it," he said.

The tour ends May 19, Ryan said, and the drawing for the grand prize will be on or around June 1.

BASEBALL

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The backup outfielders will get a chance to show their stuff due to injuries to starters Juan Rojo, a senior, and last year's leading hitter, Phil James. The junior outfielder hit .350 in 113 at-bats over 50 games last season.

McFarland said both players have been out for two or three weeks, and are on a day-to-day basis.

"That leaves us with a new outfield where we thought we were going to have a lot of veterans return," McFarland said.

Until then, the Mustangs will shore up the outfield with Ferreira, a junior transfer from San Jose City College, and freshman Rob Neil, from Westlake High School in Thousand Oaks.

McFarland said Neil is "probably the highest-drafted player we've ever brought into the Cal Poly baseball program

out of high school." Neil was drafted in the 12th round by the Minnesota Twins.

Kevin Tucker, a junior from San Luis Obispo High School and Hancock Junior College, fits into the picture under the utility category.

"He'll backup at first base, platoon in the outfield and DH. He's got some versatility in him," McFarland said.

With a bench that deep, don't expect the Mustangs to sit back and wait for the three-run homer to win games.

Gamberdella said depth in the lineup gives the team options to pinch hit or run in key situations without losing much defensive talent in substitutions.

Starters in the field include catcher Gamberdella, a third-year player who has earned a starting position behind the plate.

"He caught some last year," McFarland said. "He is very

team-oriented and works with pitchers exceptionally well."

At first base, Mike Oakland returns. Oakland hit .341 overall last season, and McFarland said he will bat either third or fourth in this year's lineup.

Sal Cardinale, a sophomore, will again start at second base. Cardinale hit .270 last year.

On the left side of the infield, Brent Simonich will start at shortstop.

"He gives us strength in that position," McFarland said. "Our defense has improved on that side of the infield."

Senior Matt Drake, who has played third base for the last three years, will share the position with Dzieriski, McFarland said. "He is an outstanding defensive player and will play. In fact he probably will end up starting, and Matt will DH a lot."

McFarland said the Mustang pitching staff is built around right-hander Dan Chergey. The

6-foot-2-inch, 200-pound junior is a returning first-team All-American.

As a sophomore, Chergey was voted most valuable pitcher in the conference and finished the 1991 CCAA season 7-2 with a 2.02 ERA.

McFarland said he expects Mike Matoso, a senior, to fill the second starting position in the three-man rotation.

"He didn't do much at the beginning of last year because of an arm injury, but was our number-three starter at the end of last year," McFarland said.

McFarland said the third spot in the rotation is up for grabs and he probably will not make a decision until more preseason games are played.

"Right now, the likely candidates are Rob Croxall, a right-handed, redshirt freshman; left-

hander Eric Hill, a junior transfer from San Joaquin Delta College; last year's spot starter Chal Fanning, senior, or junior Paul Souza, a 5-foot-10-inch, 160-pounder and the only other lefty on the squad.

"Each one will have the opportunity to get some starts," McFarland said. "We'll settle into a three-man rotation once league comes around."

McFarland said reliever Russ Peavey, a right-handed sophomore transfer from San Jose City College, has been slowed by arm injuries.

Peavey, McFarland said, is "the guy we brought in to be the stopper. We hope to get him back in about three weeks."

Until then, right-hander Rob Woodburn, a junior, could fill that role.

NATION

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