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SPECIAL REPORT

WINTER QUARTER TRANSIT: FROM BAD TOBETTER

• BICYCLES:

Lane's revival is a crowd-pleaser

By Patrick O'Brien
Daily Staff Writer

A new bicycle lane on Via Carta is being hailed by bicycle activists and Cal Poly officials as a significant first step towards safer bicycle transportation on campus.

The new lane was installed over winter break after a fall quarter marked by a heated right-of-way conflict between bicyclists and pedestrians.

The Via Carta lane became a sore spot in the debate, with bicyclists angry to find their main artery through campus often clogged by pedestrians.

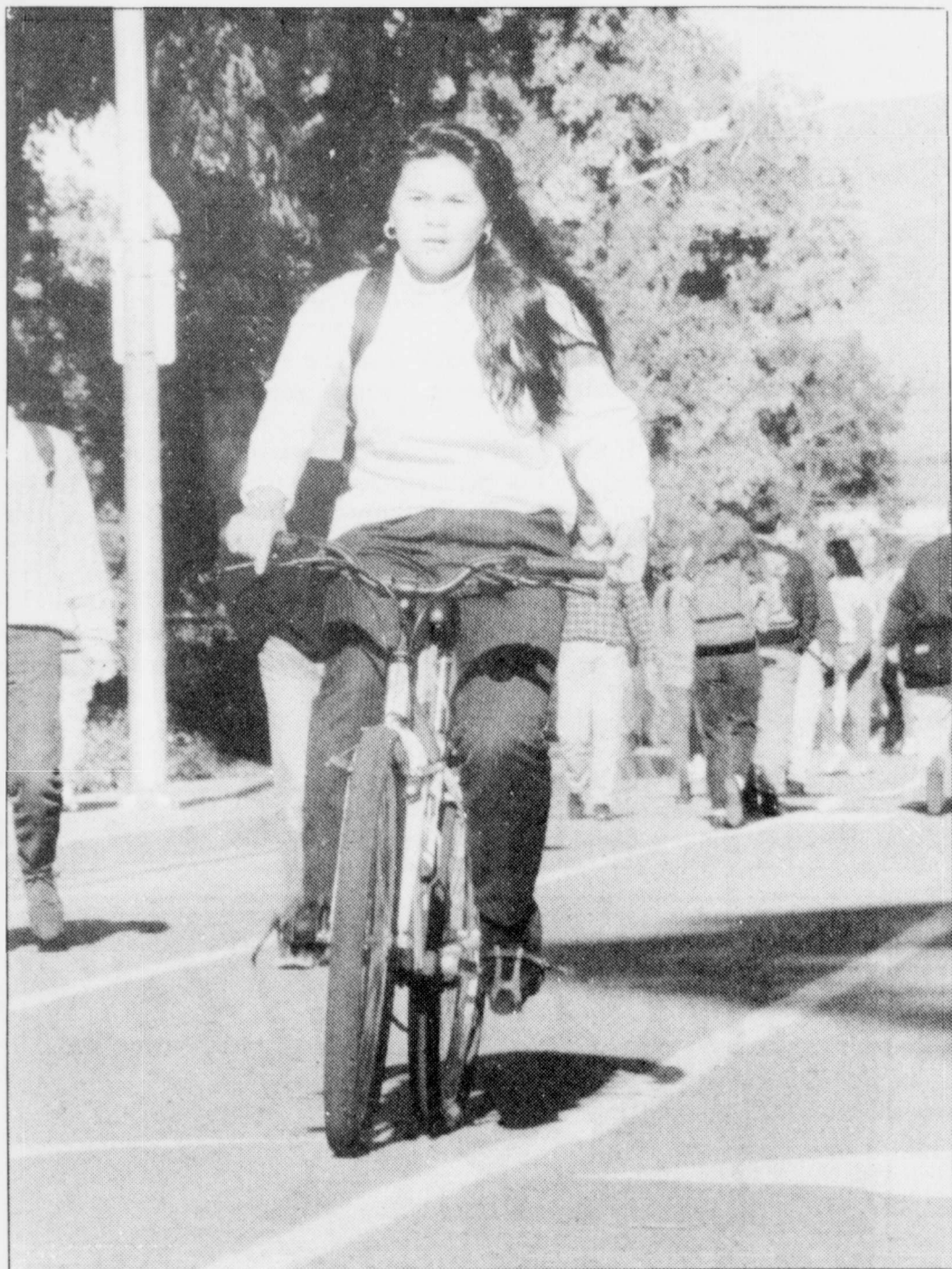
The change has been welcomed not only for its inherent advantages, but also as a precursor of things to come.

"Everyone seems to be happy," said Public Safety Director Joe Risser.

That sentiment was ran true with Beth Young, a member of the campus' Bicycle Task Force. The task force is comprised of members of the Cal Poly Wheelmen, Public Safety, the Regional Rideshare Program and the Sierra Club.

"We're very excited," she said, "and the bicyclists are happy. The Bike Task Force is very pleased with the results. Public Safety did a great job."

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Bicyclists returned to a lane of their own on Via Carta earlier this week — at least technically. Foot traffic still meanders in, some say / Daily photo by Steve McCrank

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• PARKING: Lot closure sends staff, students scrambling for spots

By Joy Nieman
Daily Staff Writer

The removal of nearly 250 parking spaces has caused some commuter confusion and irritated both staff and students who have encountered overflowing lots during the first few days of the quarter.

"I wasn't even in a parking space yesterday," said biology junior Jenn Shockey. "I was late for class."

General parking spaces were eliminated from the

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Meanwhile, parking lots are jammed — and students have more of a walk into campus / Daily photo by Elaine Taylor

Enrollment falls again; down by 500 students

Officials pleased by decrease

By Len Arends
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

Although the figure fluctuates daily, winter term enrollment at Cal Poly will top off at about 15,000 students — down 500 from this time last year — according to administrators.

And officials say that is very near where they would like to keep it for the foreseeable future.

As of Thursday morning, 14,927 students were enrolled at the university, compared with an official count of 15,561 from the 1993 winter quarter.

"We are already above our (initial) estimate," said Elaine Ramos Doyle, acting director of Institutional Studies.

Before the beginning of the quarter, the estimate called for 14,700 this quarter. Ramos Doyle's revised figures call for the population to level out very near 15,000.

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California gun sales, denials set records

State official says handgun sales in 1993 reflect public's anxiety

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Gun sales in California increased 18.9 percent in 1993, to a record 665,229 firearms, the state attorney general's office said Thursday.

"Californians by the thousands were prompted to buy more handguns, rifles and shotguns in 1993 than any year in our history," Attorney General Dan Lungren said in a statement.

"The reasons vary, but clearly many thousands of Californians feel they are not adequately protected by law enforcement and need a firearm for security in their homes and businesses," he said.

Of the 665,229 firearms purchased, 448,247 were handguns.

Last year's sales broke the 1992 record of 559,608 firearms.

Lungren said 1993 also set a record in the number of weapons sales denied under the state's 15-day waiting period and background check law.

The state Department of Justice denied 6,509 attempted gun sales, about half of them because the applicants had previous convictions for violent crimes.

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Alumnus Smith dies; leaves Poly Santa Cruz ranch



SMITH: Gave ranch to Poly

By Pamela Slaughter
Daily Staff Writer

A Cal Poly alumnus and university benefactor left his multimillion-dollar ranch to Cal Poly when he died of cancer Dec. 18.

Albert Smith, 72, left his 3,200-acre Swanton Pacific Ranch to the school, along with endowments to keep it running.

He also left investments and the residual portion of his estate to Cal Poly. The exact amount has not yet been determined.

It was important to Smith that the ranch remain operative.

Located north of Santa Cruz, the ranch is a hands-on laboratory for students in the College of Agriculture. Since 1987, three to 10 students from varying agriculture concentrations have interned at the ranch each quarter.

"Al's ideals (of learning by doing) are Cal Poly's to a tee," crop science professor James Griel said. "His

favorite song was 'All Hail Green and Gold.' He really loved this school."

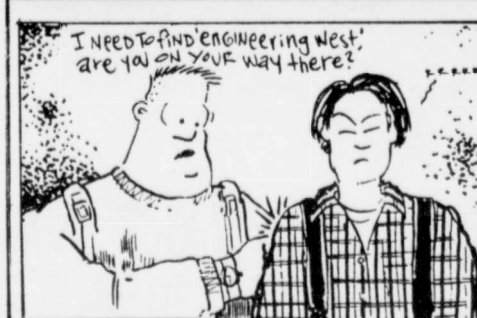
Born on April 6, 1921, Smith received his bachelor's degree in crop science in 1944 and a master's degree in agricultural education in 1956, both from Cal Poly.

He taught high school classes for 17 years, one year in Manteca and the rest in his hometown of Campbell.

After he retired from

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49 school days remaining in winter quarter.

TODAY'S WEATHER: Mostly sunny; NW winds 15 mph.

Expected high/low: 67 / 31 **Thursday's high/low:** 62 / 36

TODAY

- Adult Children of Alcoholics 12-step program, every Friday, 8:10 a.m. in the Health Center lower level — info: 756-5252
- Women's basketball plays at Sonoma State
- Wrestling at University of Oklahoma

WEEKEND

- Auditions for actors, singers, musicians, technical crew and backstage crew for April production of "The Wizard of Oz," Sat., noon to 4 p.m., 116 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande info: 473-0377
- Wrestling at Sooner Open, Sat.
- Men's basketball at Cal State San Bernardino, Sat.
- Swimming at UC-Irvine Invitational, Sat. and Sun.

UPCOMING

- Auditions for actors, singers, musicians, technical crew and backstage crew for April production of "The Wizard of Oz," Jan. 10, 7 p.m., 116 W. Branch St., Arroyo Grande — info: 473-0377
- March for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Jan. 13, 10 a.m., Dexter Lawn — 545-9828
- Last day to drop classes — Jan. 14
- Last day to sign-up for Jan. 22 Writing Proficiency Exam — Jan. 14
- Last day to add classes — Jan. 18
- Last day to register for winter term and pay fees — Jan. 18
- Last day to request credit/no credit — Jan. 25

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Woman who castrated husband mends old wounds

By Jeff Meyer
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An attorney for a woman accused of castrating her sleeping husband with a pair of scissors said Thursday that the couple has reconciled and wants charges in the case dropped.

Public defender Nan Whitfield said Aurelia and Jaime Macias want to put the Sept. 20, 1992, attack behind them and rehabilitate their 17-year marriage.

"I've had extensive conversations with both of them," Whitfield said. "She, and he, just wish the case would be dismissed."

Mrs. Macias, 34, is accused of severing her husband's testicles with a 5-inch pair of scissors as he slept in the couple's Los Angeles home.

The case has been compared to that of the highly publicized Lorena Bobbitt case. Bobbitt is a Virginia

woman who severed her sleeping husband's penis with a knife. Her trial is set to begin on Monday.

Unlike the Bobbitt case, doctors were unable to surgically reattach Macias' genitals — found in the couple's bed by their son after the castration.

Deputy District Attorney Lawrence Longo said the state has no intentions of dropping the case against Mrs. Macias, a housewife and the mother of three.

"It's irrelevant whether the victim wants the charges dropped," he said. "This is the state of California vs. Macias, not Macias vs. Macias."

Mrs. Macias is charged with corporeal punishment of a spouse and mayhem, felonies which carry a combined maximum of 12 years in prison upon conviction. She has pleaded innocent to both charges and remains free on her own recognizance.

ENROLLMENT: Figures fall 500 from last winter; trend pleases administration

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Bonnie Krupp, research assistant for institutional studies, said an official head-count for winter 1994 wouldn't be published until the middle of February.

Ramos Doyle said the university has been steadily decreasing the number of incoming students to Cal Poly, paring down enrollment by graduating more students than the university takes in.

She couldn't say if enrollment might be allowed to increase if and when funding increases.

"We haven't planned that far ahead, due to the (budget crisis)," she said.

Ramos Doyle said further university budget cuts next fiscal year wouldn't mean an additional cutback in attendance.

"We plan to stick at 15,000," she said.

SMITH: Donated Swanton Pacific ranch, millions to Poly for agriculture studies

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teaching, Smith took over his father's business, Orchard Supply Hardware. He proceeded to expand the family business into a chain of 14 stores and sold them in 1979.

In 1987, he leased the Swanton Pacific Ranch to Cal Poly for \$100 per year. Smith first saw the ranch — once owned by the Boy Scouts of America in Santa Clara County — when he was a Boy Scout.

As a young man, Smith stood at a point on the ranch and promised he would own all he could see from that point, said Ed Carnegie, agricultural engineering department head.

By the time of his death, Smith had held up to that promise.

"He could always do exactly what he wanted to do," Carnegie said.

Smith remained active with the Boy Scouts

throughout his life and received the Silver Beaver and Golden Eagle awards, which are among Scouting's highest honors.

Smith also held a great interest in railroads. He built a railroad on his ranch property using locomotives and rail from the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition in San Francisco.

Smith was the first recipient of the Cal Poly President's Medal of Excellence on Dec. 11, 1993 in recognition of his contributions to Cal Poly which include the ranch and \$2.5 million he already had donated to the university.

"Al was the most generous man I've ever known," Griel said.

At his funeral on Dec. 22, Cal Poly President Warren Baker read the eulogy and "All Hail Green and Gold" was played, Griel said.

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BETTER

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At least one bicyclist riding on Via Carta Thursday, however, wasn't ready to drop the old tensions between bikes and pedestrians just because of lines on a street.

"I think the pedestrians are stupid," said Dan Kjeldsen, a natural resources management senior. "If I could run them all over, I would."

Keeping pedestrians out of the bike lane was mentioned by Risser and Young as a top priority.

"We've got (signs) on order that will direct both pedestrians and bicyclists," Risser said.

"There will be decals in the lane that will explicitly tell people 'bikes only,'" said Jacquie Rossi, commuter services coordinator.

Agribusiness junior Tami Naugle, using the lane Thursday, said she was glad to see it painted but anxious for the no-pedestrians rule to be enforced.

"It's a good idea, but even though (the bike lanes) are there, people still walk in them," Naugle said.

The lane's design was overseen by a group that included Risser, Rossi, and a member of the bicycle task force.

This is only the beginning of a program to improve bike lanes throughout the campus, Risser said.

Young concurred, citing more work to be done to make Cal Poly bicycle friendly.

"Unfortunately, there are many more dangerous bikeway conditions on campus," she said.

Risser said he is involved in plans to deal with one more area of concern.

"We are planning on improving the bike lane on Highland Drive, and connecting it with the Perimeter lane," he said.



Cal Poly bicyclists eagerly returned to their own lane on Via Carta earlier this week. The lane disappeared at the beginning of fall quarter, much to their frustration / Daily photo by Steve McCrank

PARKING PAINS

The campus has a cross-section of angry people.

"I wasn't even in a parking space yesterday. I was late for class."
Jenn Shockey, biology junior

"We've never experienced this great a loss of parking. We had no time to prepare. I'm hoping people start thinking about using alternative forms of transportation."

Cindy Campbell, parking administrator

WORSE: Arts Center construction removes campus parking spaces for next two-and-a-half years

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G1 and R2/G5 lots off Grand Avenue to prepare for construction of the Performing Arts Center, scheduled to begin late this month. A 1,200-space parking garage is included in construction plans.

Parking lot G4, located behind the Cal Poly Theatre, will be permanently closed due to construction. The G1 lot will be used as a construction materials storage yard and is expected to be closed for approximately two-and-a-half years. The majority of staff spaces lost in the G1 lot have been recouped in the general section of lot G1.

Parking and Commuter Services Administrator Cindy Campbell said although she knew the Performing Arts Center construction would force the elimination of some parking spots, Public Safety was not informed just when that would take place until Dec. 20.

"We've never experienced this great a loss of parking," Campbell said. "We had no time

to prepare."

Campbell reported the G1 and R2/G5 lots were filled to more than 100 percent capacity Monday morning. The H14 and H16 lots near the Ornamental Horticulture unit, which had empty spaces last quarter, Campbell said, also were full.

"I'm hoping people start thinking about using alternative forms of transportation," Campbell said.

Director of Facilities Planning Bob Kitamura said construction plans for the Performing Arts Center have been scheduled since June. Once the allocation of funds was made final in December, he said, the lots were authorized to be closed.

"There's enough parking spaces on campus to accommodate staff and students at this point," Kitamura said.

The R2 parking lot was primarily unused last quarter, Kitamura said. He blamed first-week-bustle for the parking problems, and said no additional temporary parking is

planned.

"You're never going to have enough spaces for everyone at the beginning of the quarter," Kitamura said. "I think we'll see empties again this quarter."

However, some students disagreed.

"There's always problems parking around here," business senior Andrea Emrick said. "I can never find parking."

Students who did find parking said they had to park far away.

"You have to come early," recreation administration senior Heather Freebairn said. "Today I'm way out in the boon-docks."

Although most students must take their chances at finding a place to park each day, three spots have been reserved for ASI officers.

Those spots were originally located in the G4 lot, but were moved to lot G2 behind Mott Gym when G4 was closed. ASI President Marquam Piros said five ASI officers share the three reserved parking spaces.

"We have to pay staff parking fees," Piros said. "These are not just set aside for us."

But because ASI officers also can use staff permits, they also may park in staff spaces. Piros said he inherited the privilege when he became president.

"A lot of officers receive little time and compensation for their services," Piros said. "This enables officers to get on and off campus and to meet responsibilities in the community, in the ASI office and with classes."

Public Safety Director Joe Risser said Monday was a typical first day of the quarter. As of Wednesday, he had received no complaints about parking.

"As the week goes on, I expect things will even out," Risser said.

Public Safety also removed 33 metered spaces and 16 sponsored guest spaces, reverting them back to staff spaces, Risser said. In addition, 111 45-minute meters will be converted to 90-minute meters.

In policy speech, Gore expresses U.S. support for Yeltsin's reform plans

By Donald M. Rothberg
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Vice President Al Gore said Thursday that the strong showing by foes of reform in Russia "gave all of us cause for concern" but that the West must not lose faith in Boris Yeltsin and others who are trying to change the system.

"The struggle to erase communism's scars and insure democracy's success is not their struggle alone," the vice president said. "It must also be

our struggle. It is the fight of a lifetime, our lifetime. It is the story of a century, our century."

Delivering a major foreign policy speech, Gore stood in for Clinton, who abruptly canceled plans to speak here after his mother, Virginia Kelley, died overnight in Hot Springs, Ark. Clinton headed for Arkansas, while Gore took the president's message to the Institute of World Affairs.

The speech was a curtain-raiser for Clinton's planned

nine-day trip to Europe beginning late Saturday. The first stop is in Brussels, Belgium for a NATO summit, followed by a visit to Prague and then Moscow.

Gore, referring to the surprisingly large vote in Russia's parliamentary elections for opponents of reform, said, "The strong support for reactionary candidates ... gave all of us cause for concern. It would be foolish to ignore those results. And it is our duty to

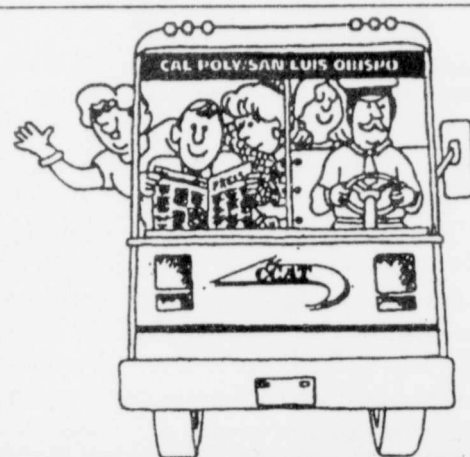
condemn the voices of racism and intolerant nationalism where ever such voices are heard."

Yet, Gore said, there also was a "larger message of hope" in the elections, because the Russian people ratified a democratic constitution and elected Russia's first post-Soviet legislature.

"All these can help Russia's reformers move ahead," the vice president said. "We must not lose faith in the process of reform simply because it moves slowly or encounters setbacks."

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Amy
MILLERPerverts
everywhere

I was in Santa Barbara over break visiting a friend when I uncovered yet another of our society's perverted little beings.

My friend — let's call her Celia to protect her — said she wanted to go to the adult book store to get a joke gift for her roommate. She asked me to come along, and I'm real glad I did, because she probably would have been attacked or something.

We went into the slimy place, looking at all the sexual devices, laughing. There were some perverts hanging out in there, looking at the magazines, renting videos for their twisted viewing pleasure. Celia and I steered clear of them.

Finally, we found what we wanted. We selected a novelty condom with a French Tickler.

I needed to get out of there before I got sick. The place smelled gross and the long plastic pink things in plastic packages hanging from the wall were some of the ugliest things I've seen in my life.

So we rushed out of the store, stopping only to comment on the different flavors of joy jelly they had (pina colada, cinnamon, etc.). We looked at her purchase and laughed together, imagining the look on her virgin-like roommate's face when she opened this present.

"How dare this crusty old pervert assume we were prostitutes... I was ready to kill him"

We stood at the corner, waiting for the light to change, and I saw a short man with long greasy gray hair slide up next to Celia. He said something to her, but I didn't hear at first. Apparently neither did she.

"What did you say?" Celia asked the disgusting little troll.

"I said, are you girls working tonight?" he croaked.

I was mad as hell. How dare this crusty old pervert assume we were prostitutes just because we went into the adult bookstore?

"NO WAY," I screamed at the troll. I was ready to kill him.

"Well, it doesn't hurt to ask," I heard as he slipped away.

It doesn't hurt to ask? The hell it doesn't! I was fuming. As Celia and I crossed the street, she started laughing. I hoped the pervert could hear us.

"Oh my God! How disgusting! I can't believe what just happened! Did you hear that? What a pervert! That was so sick!" we yelled.

Celia's laughter got to me and I joined her in her mirth, but I still had that gnawing feeling way down deep inside.

I cannot believe there are perverts like that in the world. Celia said he had followed us out of the store; he was one of the panting old men within.

But then I thought about it. I shouldn't be so surprised. Why, we have had perverts right here at Cal Poly, so why wouldn't there be one or two in Santa Barbara?

I think it just scares me to think how disgusting people can be. That store was pretty bad, but what was for sale were all inanimate objects. As soon as those objects came alive through the acts of slimy old men like that one, I start to wonder. What is this world coming to?

I'm still kind of mad about that gross experience, but there's nothing I can really do about it. I'm just glad that was all that happened. One thing I must say is: don't go into a store like that alone.

• Amy Miller is a journalism junior. Her column will appear here every other Friday.

COMMENTARY



Prejudice still alive in California

By Jeffrey Jen

Has a fellow student ever said to your face that you are a Communist? One did to me.

My fellow student's reasoning? I am a Chinese. As of right now, China is a Communist country. All Chinese are Communists. Therefore, yours truly is a commie.

A creative example of deductive critical thinking, but it is quite false.

I'm a patriotic American — I honestly think the United States is the best country in world. I even believe they will win a World Cup soccer game this year.

I've been exposed to this type of prejudice all my life. I grew up on the East Coast and my high school years were in the Deep South.

I thought coming to California would be great.

California — home of every single race you can think of. Whites, Blacks, Orientals, American Indians, Hispanics, and people with orange or blue hair.

There would be no way that racism and prejudice would find me out here. Finally, after all my life, I would be rid of constantly being judged by my permanent yellowish tan.

How naive I was.

Even here in California, I find prejudice.

The most frequent case is about my major.

Some people, instead of asking me, "What major are you in," ask me "What sort of engineering are you in?"

It must be another case of deductive reasoning: All Chinese are good in math. Good mathematicians usually become engineers. Therefore, I'm an engineer. It's just a matter of which area of concentration I must be in.

How about journalism? Why do you think I write for the Daily?

The worst case was when someone asked me, "Why are you writing for the paper. Aren't you supposed to be an engineer?"

Prejudice. It is still alive in my life.

Of course, things are still a lot better here in California than in Georgia.

While the prejudice radar screen has shown some activity here in California, it way was off the scale and into outer space in Georgia. It finally stopped somewhere near Jupiter.

In the South, even minority groups get on each other. I was walking in the hall one day in high school when a black male behind me began to verbally assault me.

He yelled at me to watch my back because he was planning to get me back for Pearl Harbor.

Huh? Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese.

I told him that and that I am Chinese.

His answer: doesn't matter whether I was Chinese or Japanese. Just that Pearl Harbor got bombed by an Oriental race, so all Orientals must pay.

If you actually think that is logical, then maybe I should put it in another light.

Chinese, Japanese and all other Oriental races have different traditions. Their cultures, though similar, are distinct.

To be frank, Chinese and Japanese are as different as British and Germans.

The Germans killed millions of Jews in the Holocaust. British and German people are all white. The British should also be punished for the atrocities that happened during the Holocaust. Not.

Being a minority has some good and bad points. The good is that I get a chance to see the world from a different perspective most people don't know about. The bad is being considered something you may not be just because of your color.

This is especially hard for me because I technically don't fit into the typical Chinese prejudice that abounds in the South and elsewhere.

The typical Chinese — to Southerners — are extremely smart (SAT score of 1500+). They keep to themselves (don't say anything unless to answer a question) and can't fight (one flick of your finger and they are down for an hour). They are introverted (they disappear before and after school), and are no fun to talk to (their conversation lasts three words max). They can't dress (don't wear any clothes that has writing on it unless it's Chinese and usually wear only one color) and aren't even worth getting to know (have no adventure — fun and fashion are the only words less than twelve letters that aren't in their vocabulary).

Sometimes I keep to myself and am introverted but this is pretty rare. The jury is still out on fighting. And I'm smart, but not that smart.

But, I can dress well and have some pretty long and interesting conversations. And fashion and fun are in my everyday vocabulary.

So when I came along, some Southerners just didn't know how to react to me. I was a challenge to their usual thinking. Some were offended that I dared to act like they do. Some avoided me fearing that I was some sort of crazy psycho.

Hey, I was just being me.

And while things are nowhere near as bad here in California, prejudice and racism is still here.

The point I'm making is that we should become aware of our racial prejudices and try to resolve them.

Just because a person is a certain color doesn't mean he has to act a certain way.

We all have to eat, sleep, and have blood to survive. We all have feelings and distinct likes and dislikes.

But, most importantly, we are all unique. Our own person. We are different than everyone else.

Whether that difference is only skin deep or something deeper doesn't matter.

• Jeffrey Jen is a Daily Senior Staff Writer. Later, the editors will try to beat him up to see just how well he really fights.

CLARIFICATION

Former baseball player Duke Dodder's quote was mis-tated in Thursday's Mustang Daily ("Baseball target of NCAA probe"). Dodder was said to have stated four players received money from Head Coach Steve McFarland. In fact, he said he knew of four players who were asked by the investigation committee to discuss whether they had received funds from McFarland. Dodder was merely giving his opinion on the matter.

Legislators hope to hand state crime bill to voters

Bill's opponents, supporters both eager to resolve issue before state elections

By Steve Geissinger
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — The Legislature moved Thursday toward putting the "Three Strikes, You're Out" anti-crime measure before voters as swiftly as possible, spurred by mounting public sentiment and election-year politics.

The Assembly Public Safety Committee approved placing the proposal by Assemblyman Bill Jones, R-Fresno, on the June statewide ballot.

Assembly Speaker Willie Brown, a measure opponent, said Tuesday that he wanted to put the bill on the June ballot to shorten debate and avoid a clash in November when many lawmakers will be running for re-election.

Parents of crime victims who are supporting the Jones proposal are trying to qualify the measure for the November ballot through an initiative campaign. They said Thursday's vote would not prompt them to drop that effort.

Jones' bill faces several other tests as it moves through the Democrat-dominated Legislature and goes to the Republican Gov. Pete Wilson.

The proposal would require anyone convicted of a felony, following two earlier convictions of serious or violent felonies, to be sentenced to a lengthy term. Supporters said the proposal would mean life in prison for three-time offenders.

"There's a ground swell, an absolute tidal wave of public opinion," said Marc Klaas, the father of 12-year-old kidnap and murder victim Polly Klaas of Petaluma. "If 'Three Strikes, You're Out' had been approved, my daughter would be alive."

Though they voted for the

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measure, several lawmakers questioned the source of funding for the get-tougher approach to crime. But there were no answers from Wilson's administration. The governor plans to unveil his proposed 1994-95 budget Friday.

The Public Safety Committee also approved four measures similar to the Jones bill during about four hours of deliberation.

There were few opponents. Clergy opposing the proposals said more emphasis should be placed on rehabilitation of criminals.

Amendments offered by Assemblyman Tom Bates, D-Berkeley, were added to measures by Assemblymen Richard Rainey, R-Walnut Creek, Tom Umberg, D-Garden Grove, and Ross Johnson, R-Fullerton, to bolster rehabilitation efforts after criminals' first convictions.

The amendments, which Bates termed "First Strike, You're In" in another play on baseball terms, also are aimed at better supervision of first-time offenders when they are released on parole.

GUNS: '93 sales soar

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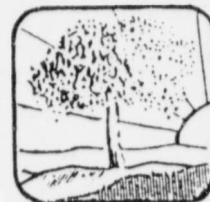
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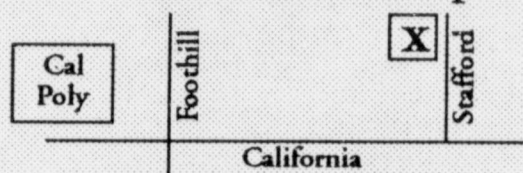
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A legendary maverick passes on

Tip O'Neill remembered as brash, well-loved politician

By Mike Feinsilber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — He was a back-room deal-maker, an old warhorse, an overweight, whiskey-drinking, cigar-smoking, poker-playing, back-slapper — all the things that American people are said to loathe in their public figures.

But former House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., the consummate politician of 40 years who died Wednesday night, became one of the most popular public men of his times, achieving something akin to folk hero status.

Media advisers called him awkward on television — too "hot" for a "cool" medium — but finally gave up and told him to be himself.

Those who associated with him or observed him over his years as speaker of the House said that O'Neill managed, without trying, to convey his real personality over television, the means through which most Americans get to know their political leaders.

"Somehow he projected his humanity," said Washington lawyer Stanley Brand, a longtime O'Neill associate in the House of Representatives.

The speaker's thatch of white hair and his bulbous nose made him so widely recognizable that Madison Avenue saw him as a gem, someone with credibility. He was cast in commercials for a light beer, a motel chain, a New England bank, an airline, a computer company and Hush Puppies.

American Express pictured him — "cardmember since 1973" — sitting on the beach in khakis and a blue cardigan, newspapers scattered about.

"He used to tell me, 'You guys made me a celebrity,' and it's true."

**Bob Michel
(R) Ill.**

Why O'Neill? "He was a legend," said American Express spokeswoman Maureen Bailey. "He was a man universally admired and respected."

Some thought it was in bad taste for him to make ads, but he dealt with the doubts with a candid explanation: He was not a rich man, he said, and he wanted to leave something for the grandchildren.

Retiring House Republican Leader Bob Michel of Illinois — O'Neill's opposite number for his years as speaker — recalled that the Republicans, seeing O'Neill as the embodiment of old-fashioned politics, ran derogatory commercials with a Tip O'Neill look alike, big nose and all.

It backfired, Michel said. "He used to tell me, 'You guys made me a celebrity,' and it's true," he said.

"After that I could be walking with him on the golf course and people would say, 'Hey, Tip; Hey, Tip' and wave to him. They wouldn't recognize me. It didn't do us all that much good, I'd say."

For the last six years of Ronald Reagan's presidency, O'Neill was the only Democratic official wielding power at the national level.

"In 1981, he made a hard choice," Brand said. "He said, 'I can roll over and go along with Reagan or stick to the principles

that got me here, even if that means I'm thrown out.' He did that, and, lo and behold, it took hold. The Democrats picked up 26 seats in 1982 and in '86 regained the Senate."

"He was always on the tube during the Reagan era," said his biographer, Paul Clancy.

"His personality came straight through — those blue eyes, that gruff face. I think people knew he was leveling with them. Everybody saw Tip as a friend. He came across as the genuine article."

The only comparable politician of the times, said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., was Reagan. What they shared, he said, was an Irish love of storytelling and a gift for indicating they were having a good time "and not acting as if they were doing everyone a favor." That and their status as old men.

"The fact that they were old and trying hard — people liked that," Frank said. "People tend to be more trusting of old people. You can't accuse them of doing something for reasons other than that they believe in it. Their legitimacy comes across."

Notre Dame professor Robert Schmulh hit on the same point. "There was a twinkle in both of their eyes and the American people could see that twinkle," he said. "It meant that, although they had opposite views, they had what they thought to be the best interests of the country at heart."

Michel said that he and O'Neill fought hard but not bitterly. "It is a kind of politics that, I am sorry to say, is fast disappearing in this country, one in which partisan fervor and personal good will can — in fact, must — coexist."

Jackson denies charges NAACP appearance 'staged'

By Michael White
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — An attorney on Thursday called Michael Jackson's emotional appearance at an NAACP awards ceremony a "staged media event" designed to influence a future jury in the singer's child molestation case.

"It's a staged media event. His handlers are putting him up there to try to influence a jury," said Larry Feldman, attorney for the 13-year-old boy accusing Jackson of molestation.

Jackson defended himself Wednesday night during an appearance at the 26th NAACP Image Awards, saying he was a victim of false allegations.

Jackson's attorney, Howard Weitzman, denied the appearance was part of an organized publicity campaign.

"His remarks were totally appropriate," said Weitzman. "He's been charged with

conduct that he says he's innocent of and he's doing what any citizen in his position would do, and that's denying the charges publicly," he said.

During the appearance, in which Jackson presented an award to choreographer Debbie Allen, the singer denied guilt and reminded listeners that the law requires a presumption of innocence in such cases.

The appearance was the first time Jackson spoke in his own defense in a public venue. Last month, Jackson released a videotape in which he denounced a search warrant that allowed police detectives to photograph him nude. He spent a very visible New Year's weekend in Las Vegas, but made no public statements.

The photos were taken as part of a criminal investigation of the child's allegations against Jackson. No charges have been filed against the entertainer.

Feldman filed a motion on Thursday seeking to use the photos in a civil lawsuit filed against Jackson on the boy's behalf. The photos were taken as part of the investigation in the criminal case.

Feldman said his young client has been troubled by Jackson's appearances.

"It's very frustrating to him to hear Mr. Jackson go on stage and make these pleas of innocence and he has to sit back and wait for his trial," Feldman said. "He will get his chance, but it is extremely frustrating."

Weitzman said Jackson just wants to be treated fairly.

"Our judicial system provides an accused with the presumption that they didn't do what they've been accused of and Mr. Jackson would like those same guarantees to apply to him," he said.

Bookie predicts Spielberg will star at Academy Awards ceremony

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Steven Spielberg and his film "Schindler's List" emerged as even-odds favorites for Academy Award wins, a casino bookmaker said Thursday.

In addition to "Schindler's List," the likely best picture finalists are "The Piano" (3-1), "The Remains of the Day" (5-1), "In the Name of the Father" (10-1) and "The Age of Innocence" (18-1), said Art Manteris, vice president of race and sports operations at the Las Vegas Hilton.

Nominations will be an-

nounced Feb. 9 in Beverly Hills, Calif., by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. Awards are presented March 21.

The odds are for entertainment only. Betting on the Oscars is illegal in Nevada.

Spielberg is the favorite for best director, followed by "The Piano's" Jane Campion (6-5), Martin Scorsese for "The Age of Innocence" (4-1), James Ivory for "The Remains of the Day" (8-1) and "Philadelphia's" Jonathan Demme (10-1).

The favorites for best actor are Tom Hanks ("Philadelphia")

and Daniel Day-Lewis ("In the Name of the Father"), both at 6-5. Anthony Hopkins is 5-2 for either "Shadowlands" or "The Remains of the Day." Denzel Washington is 5-1 for "Philadelphia" and Liam Neeson is 8-1 for "Schindler's List."

Holly Hunter is an even-money pick for best actress for "The Piano." Her bookmaking brethren include Debra Winger ("Shadowlands") at 3-1, Michelle Pfeiffer ("The Age of Innocence") at 8-1, Emma Thompson ("The Remains of the Day") at 10-1 and Angela Bassett ("What's Love Got to Do With It") at 15-1.

MEN'S HOOPS: Tough Mustang basketball defense kicks in to nearly even record over quarter break by sparking an important five-game win streak

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33-27 halftime lead and later extended it to as many as 16 in the second half. Cal Poly closed to 63-56, but could get no closer than four as Master's iced the game from the free throw line.

Cotright had a career-high 22 points. Levesque followed with 12 points.

Beason singled out Cotright's play.

"Shanta is coming along," he said. "He's the point guard now and he likes to be a leader. Two years from now, he (could) average 20 points per game."

Cal Poly got back into the win column with their first road victory of the year at Cal State Hayward, 68-54. Forwards Scott Kjellesvig and Bucky Tucker each had 12 points in the win.

That proved to be the start of a five-game winning streak for the Mustangs.

Cal Poly returned home to blast UC-Santa Cruz, 102-61. It was the first time the Mustangs topped the century mark since Feb. 15, 1992 in a 105-93 win against Cal State San Bernardino and the largest margin of victory since Dec. 30, 1989 in a 106-57 drubbing of the Colorado School of Mines.

Poly put the game away late in the first half with a 21-7 run over six minutes to take a 44-24

lead at halftime. In the second half, the opportunity to fast break presented itself and the Mustangs took full advantage.

Kjellesvig led the team with 16 points and forward Brian Stewart added 15 points and 8 rebounds.

"The best part of the game," Beason said. "Is that our guys never let up defensively in the second half."

The Mustangs continued to roll along with a 61-42 victory over Keene State. Cotright had 14 points and Tucker grabbed a team season-high 12 rebounds.

Against Point Loma Nazarene, Ellis had 13 points and Tucker another 11 rebounds in a 73-51 win.

That set the stage for a big contest with UC-Davis. In the first half, Cal Poly jumped out to a 28-16 lead and led a halftime 33-23 behind Ellis' 10 points.

But UC-Davis came charging out in the second half and took a 43-40 lead. Levesque came up big with 19 points, 15 in the second half, and 13 of the team's final 18 points of the game.

With a few minutes left, Cal Poly held to a 58-57 lead. A missed shot gave them the ball, but guard Mike Houck put up a three-point air ball. Ellis retrieved the ball, but was unable to put up a shot before the

45-second clock expired. With 11 seconds left, UC-Davis had one last chance.

Aggies guard Erik Robinson, who had a big second half for UC-Davis, penetrated. Ellis guarded him and managed to deflect the ball as Robinson drove into the paint. Tucker got the ball and ran out the clock to preserve the win for Cal Poly.

"He (Robinson) actually beat me by a step," Ellis said afterward. "I just reached in and managed to get the ball. Fortunately, my teammates were aware and Bucky (Tucker) got the ball."

Cal Poly's streak ended with an 88-77 loss at Northern Arizona, the final Division I team the Mustangs play. The team fell behind early 13-1 and 30-13. Yet the Mustangs managed to cut the lead to 43-33 by halftime. Cal Poly came out well in the second half and cut the lead to 55-53 with 11:49 to go. Cal Poly eventually took a 67-66 lead on a Matt Clawson three-pointer at 6:16. But a 12-1 run by Northern Arizona managed to put the game out of reach.

Guard Matt Clawson, the team's leading returning scorer, had a career-high 28 points. Forward Leo Williams had 13 points and nine rebounds.

WOMEN: Cal Poly left with only eight players after injuries plague team early in the year

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Against UDC, Rodness scored 22 points. Susanne Carey, still bothered by an ankle injury, added 13 points, 10 rebounds, and four assists. Taylor had 11 points and 11 rebounds. Mariah Volk, forced into the starting point guard role, had a career-high 13 points and four assists.

The second match for Cal Poly was against Wayne State. Cal Poly jumped out to a 32-22 lead before the Tartars came back to cut the margin to 38-37 at halftime. Rodness and Hoffman each had 14 points in the first half.

The Tartars took the lead in the second half and extended it to 50-42. The Mustangs came back as Rodness hit a layup at 9:50 to give her team a 58-57 lead. But Wayne State came back again to own a 71-62 lead with less than four minutes remaining.

Seven unanswered points by the Mustangs cut the lead to two. A layup by Wayne State's Kathy Nelson extended the lead to four. With 17 seconds left, Taylor hit a layup to make it 73-71 Wayne State. Nelson was fouled by Rod-

ness, but missed both free throws. Rodness got the ball back, drove down the lane, and was fouled with two seconds left. Given an opportunity to tie the game, Rodness missed her only free throw of the night. She had her second one to cut it down to 73-72. Wayne State (4-7) ran out the clock for their win, dropping Cal Poly to 4-6.

Rodness scored 27 points and was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. Hoffman scored 19 points and was on the all-tournament team.

Sixteen first-half turnovers hurt the Mustangs. But Wayne State was their own worst enemy at times with 23 turnovers and only 4 of 20 shooting from the free throw line.

Rodness currently leads the team with 19.3 points per game followed by Hoffman (12.5 ppg) and Kristie McCall (10.5 ppg). Taylor is averaging 9.2 rebounds per game followed by McCall (6.7 rpg).

The Mustangs' next game is Jan. 7 at Sonoma State and a home game against Cal State Stanislaus is scheduled for Jan. 12.

WRESTLERS: Mustangs impress coach with victory over tough Boise State Broncos team

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decision in his debut performance.

With the score tied 6-6 and a minute left in the match, Morrisey escaped his opponent's grasp for a one-point reversal. Twenty seconds later, he scored a two-point take-down and held on for the victory.

Gaeir's victory followed Morrisey's win and the Mustangs led 15-9. Boise State's Charles Burton (13-2) enjoyed a 13-7 victory over senior Don Miller (6-3), to cut the lead to 15-12.

In a match Cowell referred to as "crucial," Mustang freshman Jeremiah Miller scored a 10-2 victory over Sean Burns (1-7) in

his first match of the year. Miller won a challenge match against junior Brian Acosta-Avila (2-5) at the 177-pound weight class earlier in the week to get the start in Wednesday's competition.

Junior Dan Lashley (3-2) clinched the Mustang victory with a 3-0 shutout of the Bronco's Richard Conti (4-1).

In the heavyweight division, Boise State's Shawn Stipich (6-3) defeated Cal Poly junior Erik Johnson (0-1) by a 16-4 count.

The Mustangs will take their show to the University of Oklahoma this weekend, with a match against the Sooners Friday and an entry in The Sooner Open on Saturday.

SWIMMING: Coach forces every swimmer to compete in the mile race

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this portion of the season, the Mustangs are swimming against some stiff competitors.

Coach Rich Firman said UCLA, Cal-Berkeley, Brigham Young University and University of the Pacific have competed in the UC-Irvine Tournament in the past.

The swimmers wiped out at the Speedo Cup Invitational, where they swam against some of the world's fastest, including Olympic gold medalist Summer Sanders.

At the Long Beach State pool,

the Mustang women turned in the only place finish — sixth place in the 800m free relay. Cal Poly touched the wall at 8:17.57, behind Fresno State University's foursome (7:47.01).

The women's team finished with 105 points, tied with UC-Irvine for eighth. UC-Santa Barbara topped the competition with 590.5 points.

The men's team — only five strong due to sickness and academic reasons — finished with 50 points. The men's effort rewarded them with

a 13th in a field of 14 teams.

Stanford swam away from the competition with 1,010 points.

Firman said the team may have been outclassed by the Division I universities, but the swimmers turned in some surprisingly good times.

"(The Mustangs) saw that they put on their suits the same way," Firman said. "The Speedo Cup gave them more confidence. I thought it might psyche them out."

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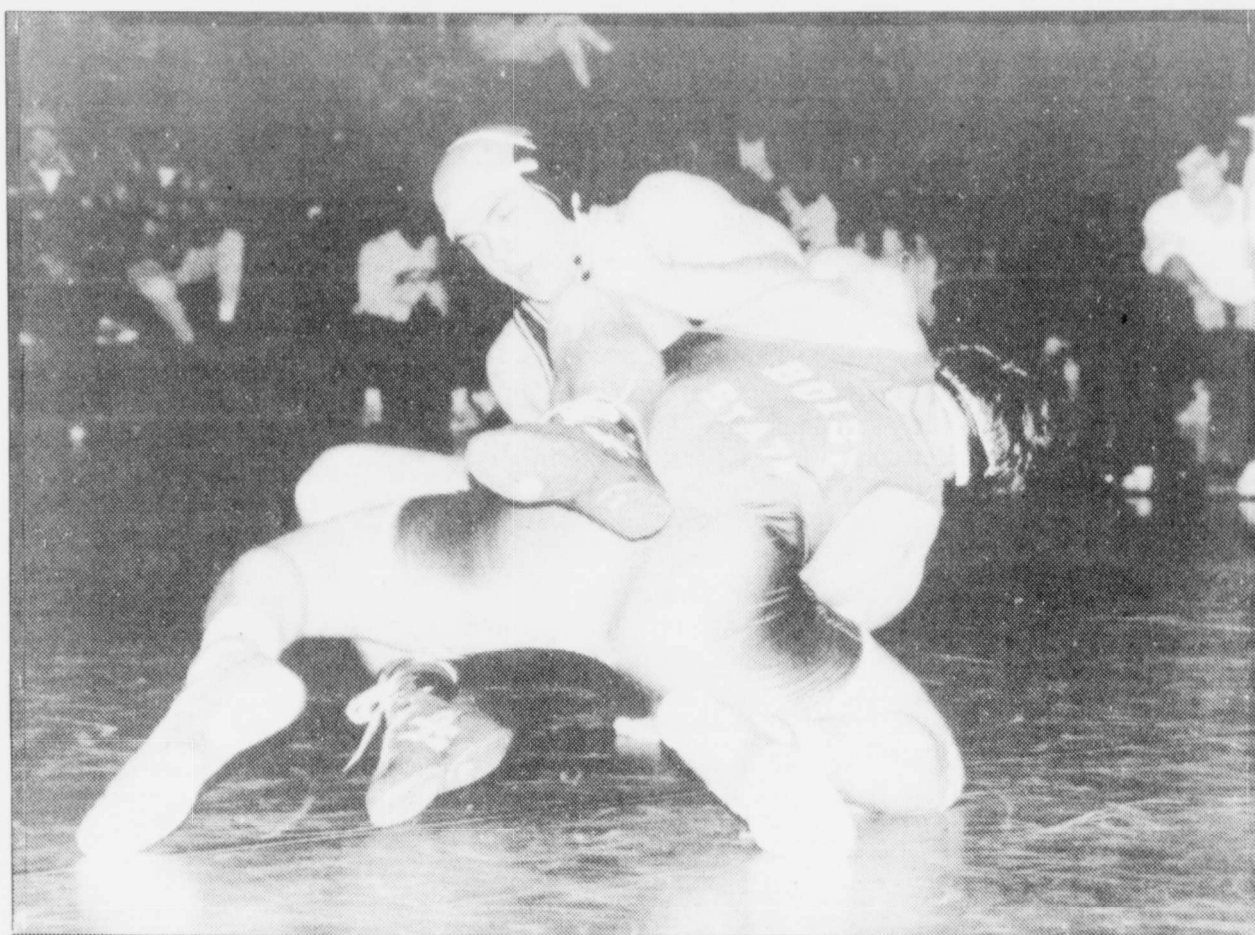
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Freshman Jeremiah Miller outwrestled teammate junior Brian Acosta-Avila earlier in the week to gain the start against Boise State Wednesday. Miller defeated the Broncos' Sean Burns 10-2 in Miller's first match of the year to help the Mustangs win 22-16 / Daily photo by Lorena Arnold

Wrestlers even record with win Freshman wins "crucial" match in his first contest

By Troy Petersen
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly wrestling squad triumphed in its home debut Wednesday night, with a 22-16 win over Boise State in front of 438 people in Mott Gym.

"This is probably the best team performance I've seen in a long time out of a Cal Poly team," said Coach Lennis Cowell after the victory.

The win was the first of the season for the Mustangs (1-1) in dual meets, while the loss dropped the Big Sky Conference's Boise State to 1-2.

The Mustangs dropped an earlier contest against Cal State Bakersfield Nov. 24.

The night was high-

lighted by the individual prowess of senior Jake Gaeir.

"We had good performances from everybody," said Gaeir, who defeated Boise State's Andy Leathers 10-4. "It was a great win for the team."

Gaeir (6-1), who is currently ranked No. 3 in the nation in the 150-pound weight class, wrestled in the higher weight class because of an injury to teammate Neal Mason. Gaeir's 10-4 victory came after falling behind 2-0 in the first period.

Gaeir said his slow start was the result of the strength and size differential of his opponent. "It takes a little time to adjust to the weight difference," he said.

Freshman Gail Miller won the 126-pound entry by forfeit, giving Cal Poly a 6-0 team lead before anyone hit the wrestling mat.

In the 118-pound class, Boise's Brett Bingham (10-5) defeated Mustang freshman Tyson Rondeau (0-4) with a 5-3 decision.

Senior Dale Hanover (2-3) won a 3-1 battle over Jeff Rosenbaum (10-2) in the 134-pound matchup.

Cal Poly forfeited the 142-pound weight class, resulting in a 9-9 tie between the two teams.

In what proved to be the most exciting match of the evening, Cal Poly senior Pat Morrissey (1-0) defeated Eric Heinz (4-5) with a 9-6

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Poly swimmers dive in with tough opponents

By Brad Hamilton
Daily Sports Editor

Cal Poly swimmers are ready to bite into the meat of their season Saturday and Sunday at the UC-Irvine Invitational after nibbling on limited competition.

Starting with the meet this weekend, the Mustangs take to the pool every weekend, followed by a two-week resting period before they dive into the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championships Feb. 17.

"This is a time to get our times down and see where we're at," junior Peter Berger said.

Head Coach Rich Firman said the swimmers will swim in seven events each and all will swim the mile at Irvine. Normally swimmers only race in one or two events that they specialize in, he said.

The swimmers are being asked to digest more swimming in order to achieve a solid workout.

Not only are the swimmers training hard during

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Men go on hot streak through break

Daily Staff Report

Cal Poly men's basketball started slow in the 1993-94 season, but the holiday season proved to be good for them as they enjoyed their longest winning streak in two years.

The Mustangs played their only home game challenging a Division I team on Dec. 13 against the University of Montana.

Coming into the game, Cal Poly stood at 1-4 following an upset loss to Fresno Pacific.

Coach Steve Beason had been stressing defense throughout the year. Against Montana, the Mustang defense stifled the Grizzlies, who managed only 30 field goal attempts.

Cal Poly stayed close in the first half, trailing only 27-25 at halftime. However, Montana would slowly stretch the lead to 48-36. But then guard Kyle Ellis and forward Damien Levesque collectively scored all of the Mustangs' points in a 11-2 run that cut the margin to 50-47. At 52-50, Cal Poly had a

couple of opportunities to tie or take the lead with a minute left in the game. But they couldn't convert and Montana put the game away at the free throw line to assure a 60-52 victory.

Still, after the game, Beason was happy with the performance.

"Our guys played real hard," he said. "We played real good defense and gave a good effort."

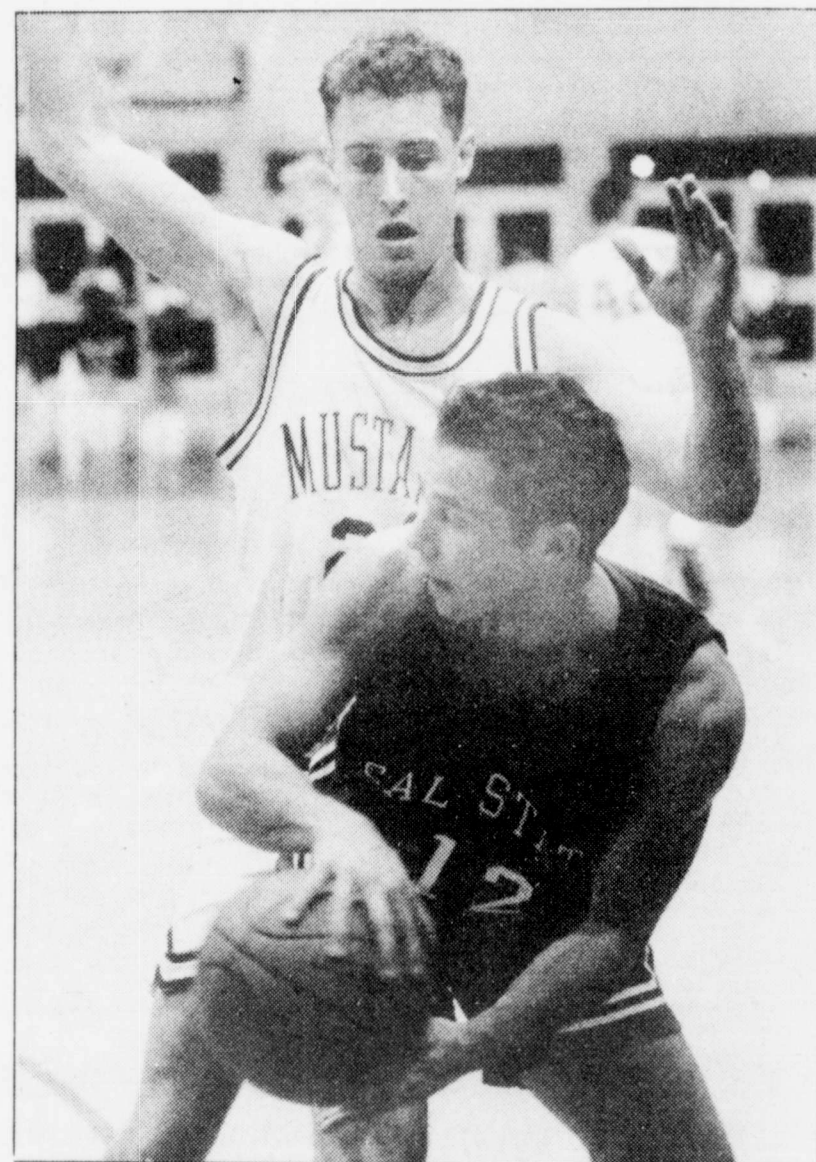
Montana Coach Blaine Taylor also praised the Mustangs. "Give them credit," he said. "They played real hard. We were out-rebounded and out-quicked to the ball."

Guard Shanta Cotright led the team with 13 points and Levesque had 10 rebounds.

Cal Poly dropped to 1-6 after a loss to the Master's College Mustangs, an NAIA team. Master's already had scored victories over CCAA teams Cal State Los Angeles, Cal Poly Pomona, and U.C. Riverside.

Master's used their size and big bodies to take a

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Matt Clawson and the strong Poly defense have been crucial in the Mustangs' recent wins / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

Women's team crippled by player injuries

Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly women's basketball team has suffered a rash of injuries that has left it with only eight players on the team.

Already without Beth Nelson for the season, starting point guard Nikki Gannon tore her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) earlier on in the season and is out for the year. Starting forward Susanne Carey also was out early in the season with an ankle injury. She has since returned.

Without her, the team lost to Cal State Sacramento 89-58. Guard Christine Rodness had 18 points in the losing effort. Center Nicole Taylor had 11 rebounds.

To make matters worse, freshman forward Katie Bauer and backup point guard Shelby Taketa had stress fractures to knock them out until February.

Coach Jill Orrock was forced to take guard Ileana Holguin off red-shirt duty and play her this season.

The team dropped another game to Fresno State 72-40. Guard Kellie Hof-

fman led the team with 12 points.

The Mustangs finally got back on the winning track with a 63-54 victory over Stanislaus State as Hofman scored a career-high 26 points. Four Mustang players had at least eight rebounds in the game.

Then, UC-Davis handed the team its worst loss of the season, 91-54. Senior forward Kristie McCall returned from a leg injury that caused her to sit out last year to lead the team with 19 points and eight rebounds.

After such a rough road trip, Cal Poly returned home to the Cal Poly Classic tournament.

In their first match, the Mustangs went up against the University of District of Columbia (UDC).

The game was close during the first half as UDC led 33-31 at halftime. The two teams traded leads

seven times and tied three other occasions during the early portions of the second half.

With close to 11 minutes left, freshman guard Mariah Volk hit a three-pointer and Rodness added a

jumper to give the Mustangs a little breathing room at 54-40. The Mustangs managed to maintain the lead until 3:23 left when UDC tied it at

62-62. Carey snagged an offensive rebound the following trip down and

put in a layup to permanently give Cal Poly the lead. With less than a minute left, UDC started fouling.

Cal Poly had been only 5 of 14 from the free throw line. Down the stretch, they hit eight of 10 free throws to seal a 79-69 victory.

Christine Rodness, who had averaged 23 points in her first five games, had slumped in her previous three games, averaging less than 10

points per game.

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The Scrimmage Line Classic pits this year's regular season winners against one another in a playoff shootout. After each week, the person with the worst picks is eliminated until two finalists choose the Superbowl Champion and best guesses the Superbowl score. The winner collects a special secret prize provided by Brad Hamilton himself.

POINT SPREAD

Pittsburgh at Kansas City -7 Minnesota at New York Giants -7

Green Bay at Detroit Even Denver at LA Raiders -3

MY PICKS

KANSAS CITY; Pittsburgh's too inconsistent.
DETROIT; Barry Sanders may return.
NY GIANTS; McMahon McBites.
DENVER; (50 points) Raiders lucky to win last week.

MARILYN McNEIL ASSISTANT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

PITTSBURGH; Because I like the city.
DETROIT; It's closest to Canada.
NY GIANTS; Because son says so.
DENVER; (62 points) Should have won last week.

ALEX CROZIER WOMEN'S SOCCER HEAD COACH

KANSAS CITY; Joe Montana.
DETROIT; Home field.
NY GIANTS; They've been kicking everyone's butts.
DENVER; (38 points) Won't lose twice in two weeks.

GEORGE RAMOS LA TIMES COLUMNIST

KANSAS CITY; Go with the chop.
GREEN BAY; Barry Sanders won't play.
NY GIANTS; Phil Simms still has it.
LA RAIDERS; (51 points) 3-0 against Broncos.