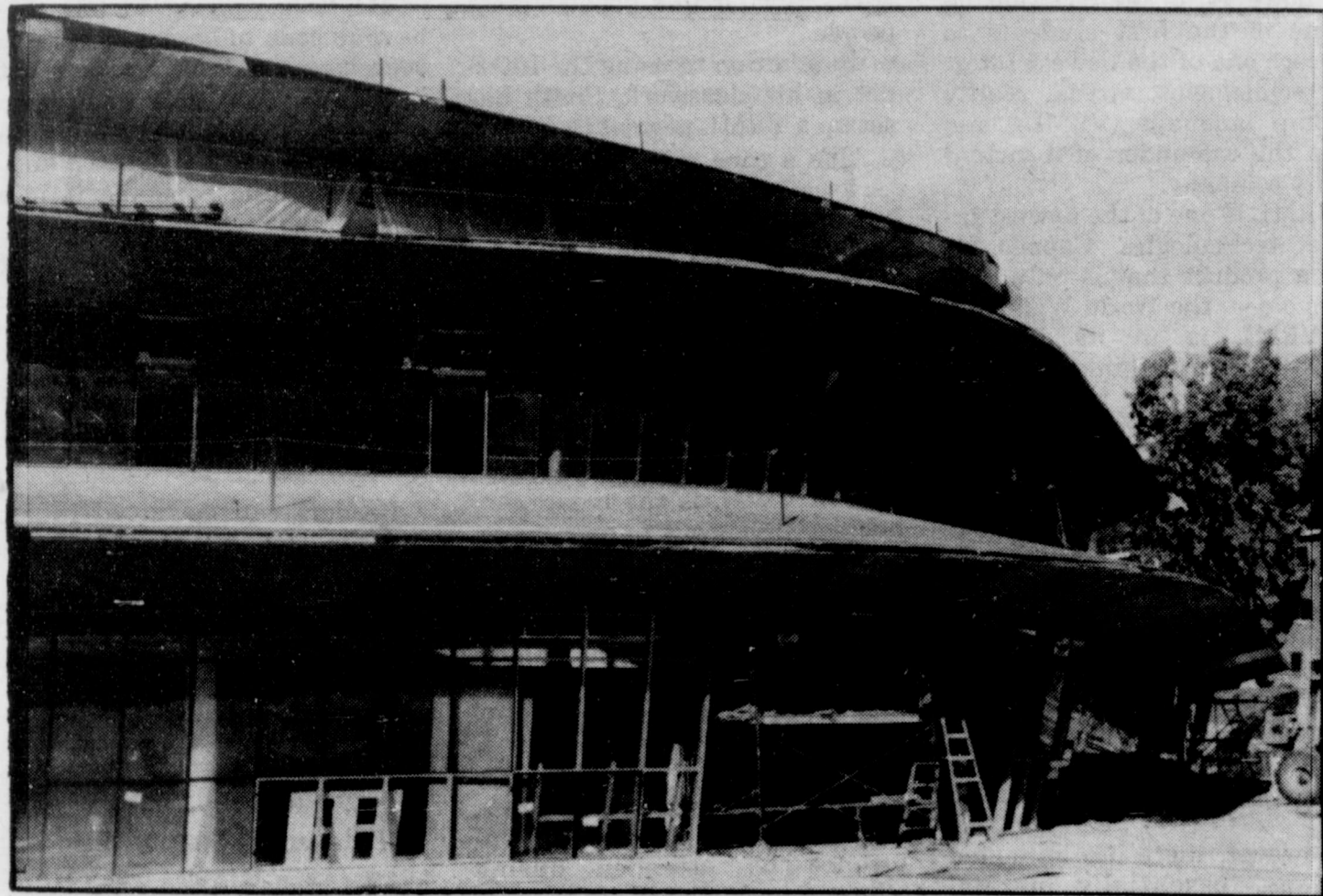


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The new Performing Arts Center is scheduled to open this fall and will be able to accomodate large-scale productions / Daily photo by Maureen McDowell

## Performing in style

By Justine Frederiksen  
Daily Copy Editor

Imagine seeing Phantom of the Opera, Miss Saigon or Sunset Boulevard at Cal Poly. Soon, what seemed impossible before could now be a reality.

Cal Poly's new Performing Arts Center is set to open its doors this fall. When it does, the campus will have the facilities to accommodate and attract large-scale productions and performances that it could not before.

"It will be the major performing place between San Francisco and Los Angeles," said Myra Heslop, executive director of the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center (FPAC). The FPAC was established to

raise funds for the construction of the new center.

"We're trying to make it the kind of place artists will want to perform in," Heslop said. "It's coming along very well — it's a very attractive performance place."

The majority of the \$30 million to build the new facility was provided by the California State University system, and a small percentage was provided by the city of San Luis Obispo. The FPAC contributed close to half of this money. The majority of that money, Heslop said, was donated by private community members.

The center has many specialized areas and rooms, including the main hall, a performance and rehearsal pavilion, dressing rooms and an

auditorium with more than 1,300 seats.

"It can hold most any kind of event," Project Manager Jim Hoffman said. "Including even Phantom of the Opera, or Miss Saigon."

Hoffman agreed that the new center will make San Luis Obispo a new hot spot for the performing arts.

"We now have the best, or some of the best, acoustics on the West Coast," he said.

In addition to the expanded performance space, the center plans to offer an extensive food and beverage service. The Cal Poly Foundation will be the primary food service provider for the center.

"There was no choice about the selection of Foundation (as See ARTS page 3

## City considers many options to increase parking downtown

By Josie Miller  
Daily Staff Writer

Parking in downtown San Luis Obispo may soon be less of a nightmare for shoppers.

A parking management plan, revised at Thursday's San Luis Obispo City Council meeting, focuses on discouraging employee parking in order to open up more spaces for shoppers.

Employees will be encouraged to use the Palm Street parking garage, instead of the smaller Marsh Street structure. They will also be asked to consider alternative ways to get to work, such as riding their bikes or car-pooling.

The city is also looking to increase the number of parking spaces downtown by building more parking structures and expanding the Marsh Street garage. A possible location for a new garage is the Wells Fargo Bank parking lot, which would first have to be purchased by the city.

The council responded favorably to Regional Rideshare member Tom Fulks' suggestion that they inventory privately-owned lots which are rarely filled to capacity, such as the Union Bank lot, to see if it would be possible to make some spaces public. These spaces would be metered with the revenue split between the business and the city.

Any other parking that is added will probably be on the peripheral areas of downtown in order to improve the pedestrian character of the commercial area.

It will be fairly close to the shops, because studies show that "most folks won't walk more than one block to get where they want to go," said Mike McCluskey,

director of public works.

An alternative transportation study will also be conducted by the city.

The new plan will attempt to draw more people to the downtown shopping area, which concerns some environmentalists.

**"Our main objective is to make the downtown accessible."**

**Mike Splanger**

Chair of BIA parking committee

"If you're going to pursue policies that increase capacity for automobiles in the downtown area, you are most certainly going to get more automobiles," said Pat Vissard, Sierra Club member. "Those automobiles will most certainly have a negative impact on the environment."

The city might pay for the new developments by selling surface lots initially bought by the parking fund, but later determined inappropriate locations for a parking structure.

The amount of free time offered at the parking garages, currently 90 minutes, will be reviewed and possibly shortened to increase revenue needed to build the new structures. The city will also review the parking meter and citation rates every two years, and will adjust them as needed.

The city formulated this plan with input from the Business Improvement Association.

"Our main objective is to make the downtown accessible," said Mike Splanger, chair of the BIA parking committee. "We have to come up with a way to keep this downtown area basically an event that is worth paying to attend."

## Car crash over holidays claims life of another Poly student

By Shari Coffenberry  
Daily Staff Writer

The roads took another life over the winter holiday when Cal Poly student Cade Rigmaiden, 21, died on Dec. 15 in a car accident.

Rigmaiden, an agricultural business junior, was one of the passengers in a car that hydroplaned and crashed outside of Santa Maria on Dec. 13. Two other Cal Poly students, Jeff Wallace and John Faust, were in the car, along with a Cuesta College student, Jim Marshall. Rigmaiden was the only fatality in the accident.

The impact of the crash caused Rigmaiden to be partially ejected from the car, resulting in severe head injuries. After sur-

viving on life support for two days, the family decided the machine should be disconnected.

Kristi Hoskins, Rigmaiden's girlfriend and a Cal Poly student, was behind the family 100 percent.

"I knew he wouldn't want to live as a vegetable," Hoskins said. "He was so active."

Rigmaiden, a Salinas native, participated in football, track and various water sports. During his free time, he enjoyed taking his boat to the lake and going skurfing with friends.

His friends characterize Rigmaiden as someone who never gave up on anything.

"First he went to Santa Barbara City College and then to Hartnell," said Roland Harmon, Rigmaiden's friend and a junior

at Cal Poly. "This fall, he finally got to Cal Poly. I'm sure he could have quit at City College or even quit at Hartnell, but he didn't. He didn't give up."

Rigmaiden also illustrated his perseverance as a cornerback on the football team at Salinas High School, where he graduated from in 1993.

"He was never the tallest, the biggest or the fastest," Harmon said. "I think that is what made him an exceptional athlete."

Friends describe Rigmaiden as fun-loving and honest. He was also very caring, Hoskins said.

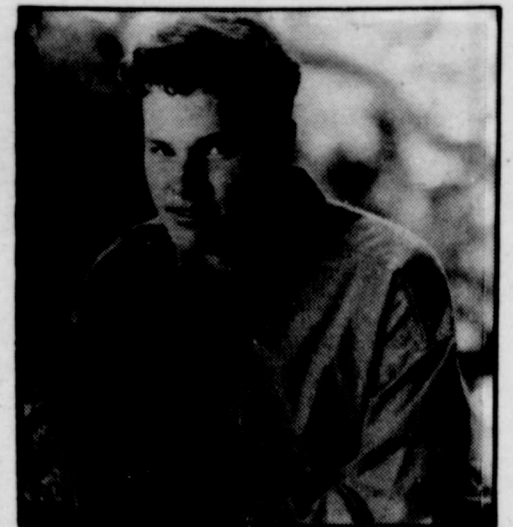
Harmon described Cade Rigmaiden as a guy who always got things done but had fun while he was doing it. He did not get "too serious" about things.

Hoskins said Rigmaiden would take time out to help anyone. Well-versed in computers, he would take time to help friends with computer problems.

"If anyone had problems, Cade would listen, really listen, and then give you advice," Hoskins said.

A memorial service was held on Dec. 19 in Salinas, and Rigmaiden was later buried in a private ceremony at the Garden of Memories cemetery.

Rigmaiden is survived by his parents Monte and Gay Rigmaiden, and his sister Kyle Rigmaiden, a freshman at Cal Poly. He also has a grandmother, Artie Herron, of San Luis Obispo and a grandfather, Vern Relitz, of El Sobrante.



Cade Rigmaiden

The Rigmaiden family has set up the Cade Rigmaiden Memorial Scholarship Fund at the First National Bank in Salinas.

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The men's basketball team continues to upset opponents and adds to its winning streak.

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Shari Coffenberry is going through withdrawals since Calvin and Hobbes called it quits.

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## Upcoming

**Cuesta College** is looking for nominations for "Women of Distinction" in the following categories: Progress for Women Award, Community and Public Service, and Women in Education. For more information, call 781-3503. Nomination forms must be completed by Jan. 10. Forms are available at all chambers of commerce or Midstate banks.

**The Cal Poly Summer Program in Mexico** announces its 1996 summer program. There will be two informational meetings, one on Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. in building 10, room 221; the other on Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. in building 2, room 203. For more information, contact Dr. William Martinez at 756-2889.

**The last day to sign up for the Writing Proficiency Examination (WPE)**, which meets the Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR) is Jan. 12. The examination will be Jan. 20 at 9 a.m. and the fee is \$20. For individual help studying for the WPE, the University Writing Lab will be open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**The Ballroom Dance Club** is meeting every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at the Oddfellow's Dance Hall. Beginning classes begin at 5:45 p.m. and Intermediate classes begin at 6:45 p.m. No experience or partner is necessary. For more information, call 783-2571.

Agenda Items: c/o Natasha Collins, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Phone: 756-1796 Fax: 756-6784

\*\*\*Please submit information at least three days prior to the event\*\*\*

## New way found to 'surf the net'

By Travis Mooney  
Daily Staff Writer

"I wanted to actually surf the 'net.'"

Brian Smith  
Industrial technology senior

If you were looking at Brian Smith, you'd probably see a long-haired surfer with sun-bleached hair and freckles garnered from many days spent under the sun and in the ocean.

What you wouldn't be able to see, however, is the fact that he is one of the first students to embrace one of the newest Internet technologies, virtual reality markup language (VRML), and he is the cofounder of a virtual reality company.

VRML is one of the newest Internet technologies. Capped inside a product that is only two-years old — the World Wide Web — VRML is in its infancy. However, Smith thinks it is one of the Internet technologies that's riding the wave of the future.

Smith believes in it so much that, in addition to having his own VRML page at Cal Poly, he started his own company, the Cyberian Construction Company. Although he's currently pushing VRML in its current form, Smith acknowledges that there's more to come.

"In VRML everything is static — you move around it," Smith said.

However, there are animated bitmaps, essentially normal animations, that give the illusion of life to VRML, he said. Even with the current level of VRML as a way to view and move around immobile objects, Smith is excited about the possibilities.

As a senior in industrial technology, Smith has used his major, where the greatest emphasis is placed on the packaging concentration, to increase his

knowledge of the Internet.

"For every project I've had at Poly, I've tried to incorporate some sort of Internet technology," Smith said. "I've done more with my major than most people."

In addition to using the Internet in his classwork, Smith has set up a VRML page at Cal Poly.

"It's a tube ride," Smith said. "A lot of the VRML people didn't get it, but I showed it to some surfers and they liked it."

His page allows you to "shoot the tube," "duck dive," and cut left and right across the face of the wave.

"I wanted to actually surf the 'net," Smith said with a grin.

According to Smith, the next step in VRML is the creation of behaviors — ways to express actions. Moving objects, live scenery and viewer interaction will all be handled by behaviors. The viewer will then be able to interact with the environment and actually manipulate objects that are placed there.

According to Smith, who saw and heard all the talk about VRML at the VRML '95 conference he attended during winter break, there are several companies competing to be the ones that will provide the language for behaviors.

Because there are so many companies competing, Smith is worried that the market for VRML will fragment, killing the technology before it matures and creating numerous standards that will be incompatible.

"I think you'll see Microsoft

doing their own thing," he said.

Traveling in "cyberspace" is not what Smith sees as the purpose for VRML — not the purpose he has in mind, anyway.

He isn't waiting for the behaviors code to be finished, or to even be started on. And he's not looking for the feel of immersion into the Internet, which Smith refers to as a sort of astral plane.

"I'm looking to make it into something practical," he said.

That's where his ideas of designing a virtual travel network, something he has been approached about, have come from.

"VRML offers a whole new range of possibilities," Smith said.

Readers can download browsers for Brian Smith's VRML page from the following locations:

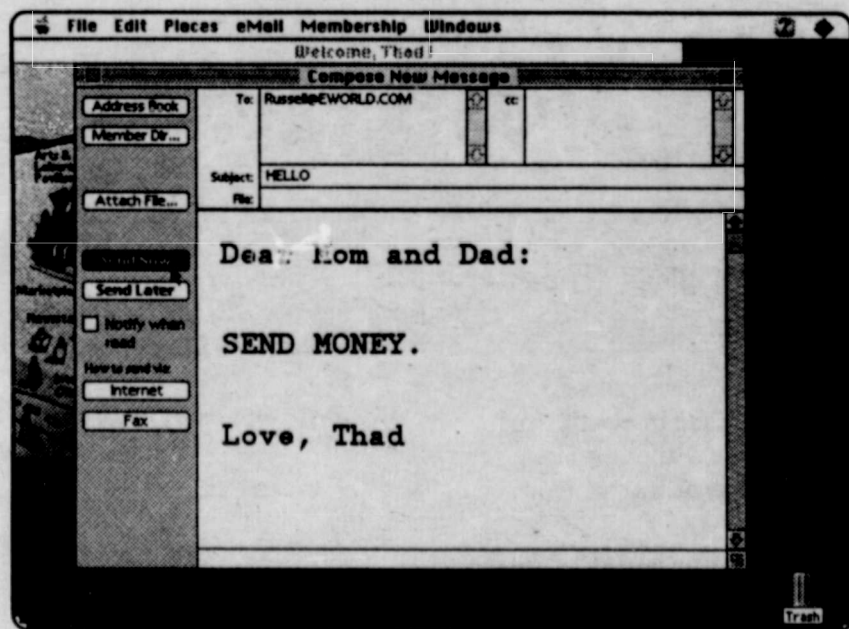
For IBM compatibles go to: <http://www.paperinc.com/webfx.html> and download the Netscape navigator 2.0 beta and the webfx plug-in.

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Smith's VRML page can be found by accessing his web page at Cal Poly: <http://www.calpoly.edu/~bsmith>

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## ARTS: Performing Arts Center over halfway done

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the food-service provider)," Hoffman said. "They are the only food-service providers on campus."

"There will be a complete commercial kitchen," he continued, "which will be able to serve refreshments to patrons at performances and accommodate large banquets."

Hoffman said the main construction will be completed in April, with only finishing touches

remaining, like adding stage lighting, audiovisual equipment, mobile seating and drapes.

Currently, Heslop said, the FPAC is raising the \$1.2 million needed for the remaining work, but the bulk of the fund raising and construction is behind them.

"It's getting pretty exciting," Heslop said. "It's 85 percent completed."

"Everything's on schedule and on budget," Hoffman said. "We've been very lucky."

## Moderate quakes shake up Southern California

Associated Press

RIDGECREST, Calif. — A moderate aftershock to last September's Ridgecrest earthquake and a swarm of smaller tremors rattled Southern California early Sunday, but no damage or injuries were reported.

A 5.2-magnitude temblor struck at 6:32 a.m. and was centered 10 miles north of this high desert town, said seismologist Jim Mori at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

"It shook pretty good here. It sounded like a sonic boom. We sort of bounced around here for five or six seconds," said Lori Benson, a dispatcher with the Ridgecrest Police Department.

Residents reported feeling the quake as far south as Newport Beach, 135 miles away although it wasn't felt in downtown Los Angeles.

It as followed by six smaller quakes in the same area: a 3.3-

magnitude tremor at 6:50 a.m.; two 3.0-magnitude temblors at 6:57 a.m. and 6:59 a.m.; a 3.6-magnitude tremor at 7:40 a.m.; a 3.7-magnitude quake at 8:04 a.m.; and a 3.3-magnitude at 8:24 a.m.

"It's pretty typical of that area — when there are quakes up there, there are quite a lot at one time," said Caltech seismologist Kate Hutton.

There have been more than 8,000 aftershocks to a magnitude-5.8 quake that struck the Ridgecrest area on Sept. 20. That quake was preceded by a 5.4-magnitude foreshock on Aug. 17. No serious damage or injuries were reported from those shakers.

Ridgecrest is about 100 miles north of Los Angeles.

Earlier Sunday, an unrelated 3.9-magnitude temblor struck the Inyo County desert near Death Valley. It was not an aftershock to any other quake, Mori said.

## GOP says budget truce temporary

by Jim Abrams  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans rejected President Clinton's plan for a balanced budget Sunday and warned that they will close government programs they don't like if there's no agreement on a budget plan in the next few weeks.

"We are going to fund only those programs we want to fund," said House Republican Whip Tom DeLay of Texas. Spending bills must originate in the House, he said, adding, "We're in charge. We don't have to negotiate with the Senate, we don't have to negotiate with the Democrats."

Clinton ended a three-week shutdown of federal programs Saturday when he acceded to Republican demands and offered a new seven-year balanced budget plan.

That announcement kicked in congressional action to fund all government programs, but only through Jan. 26. If there's no budget agreement by then, federal offices could close for the third time this fiscal year.

At that point, DeLay said on NBC's "Meet the Press," if House Republicans don't want to fund programs they don't like, such as the National Endowment for the Arts or the Legal Services Corporation, "we just won't bring it up on the floor and fund it."

The Clinton proposal provided far less savings in Medicare, Medicaid and welfare than the seven-year plan that emerged from Congress last year, and would cut taxes over seven years by \$87 billion, well below the \$241 billion sought by the Republicans.

"I am fulfilling my constitutional obligation of doing everything possible."

Robert Rubin  
Treasury secretary

"It shows us that Bill Clinton is the big spending liberal Democrat we always thought he was," said Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, on CBS' "Face the Nation." "We are a long and far way apart."

"We're very concerned about whether there are two snow jobs going on here in Washington," said Sen. Trent Lott, R-Miss., speaking of the snowstorm that shut down the capital and led to cancellation of further budget talks Sunday.

Clinton, asked as he left church what he would do about Republican criticisms of his budget, replied, "Keep working for it."

The Republican response was not all negative. Lott, also on CBS, said the Clinton budget was "a positive step. He finally gave in to submitting a real budget."

Lott and Boehner also agreed the two sides could split the difference over the amount of Medicare savings — Congress has proposed \$201 billion over seven years, the president \$102 billion. "It's realistic and doable," Boehner said.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, appearing on "Meet the Press," was less enthusiastic about a Medicare compromise. "I think the answer there is very simple and that is no."

And Republican presidential candidate Steve Forbes said on NBC that he would oppose any changes in the GOP tax cut plan if capital gains were affected.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, Forbes' presidential rival, has "shown once again he's too eager to make a deal," Forbes said.

Rubin and the Republicans also clashed over the fate of the debt ceiling, which has been stuck at \$4.9 trillion since last fall, when Republicans linked raising the ceiling to a budget deal.

Republicans have threatened to start impeachment proceedings against Rubin because of his maneuvers, mostly borrowing from federal trust funds, to keep from exceeding the ceiling, and another crisis looms when the Treasury must meet more interest payments in mid-February.

"I am fulfilling my constitutional obligations of doing everything possible" to meet the government's debt responsibilities, Rubin said, warning that the failure of Congress to

raise the ceiling could threaten Social Security and Medicare payments and "cause a question mark with respect to the integrity of our country."

But DeLay accused Rubin of "looting the trust funds." He said that while the secretary was operating legally, "if corporate America had done what he has been doing they would be in jail right now." DeLay said Congress would not raise the debt limit until a balanced budget agreement is reached.

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## LETTERS

### The hit and run nightmare

Editor,

So, it finally happened to me!

What?

The most dreaded nightmare of any car owner — to find the side of the car bent, and, "Sorry, I might have hit your side" (with no name) in the windshield.

He/she/it might? A \$400 repair job is not something light, and is hardly a "might." Well, dear, "Sorry," I don't forgive you. Furthermore, I am placing a curse on you: May you fail all your classes!

And, I will turn to the good people of this campus, to trace you.

Yes, good people. Even though the police said that no body cares, that people do not step forward, I believe. I believe that people care, that people saw, that somebody will help. Remember, it could be you looking at an ugly dent on the body of your shiny car and realizing that you can do nothing — nothing — to catch the bastard. To make matters worse, if you are a poor student like me, you can do nothing to repair the ugliness.

If you witnessed a car hitting a blue Mazda 323, in the Library parking lot, on Jan. 2 (it was the first day of school), please let the Cal Poly police or me know the make and color of the car.

However, even if you didn't see, or did not care before, it's not too late! Open up your eyes, and get ready to fight the evil scratch-and-runners.

The next time you, a student or faculty member, notice an event like this, do not hurry on, thinking that this is not your problem. It is. It is the problem of any car owner. Notice anything you can, and report it to the campus police. Let's send a message to everybody out there: if you don't know how to park — don't park.

And if you Hit — don't Run.

Konstantin Gol  
Computer science sen.

### Baby-proofing Atascadero

There is something truly offensive afoot in San Luis Obispo County today. Something new and repulsive to the good taste of any decent human being. Something that bears absolutely no interest or excitement for anyone and is there simply to disgust and rouse us to action against this evil.

This affront to good taste is threatening the good people of Atascadero who would never even consider going into a porn shop.

Yeah, right. As distasteful as many people might find "adult" stores, they are not opened up to corrupt the young people of a town or seduce the married men away from their wives. They are there to make money. If there was no market for a store dealing in pornography in Atascadero, the people capitalizing the venture would either find that out through area studies, or would close down shortly because of lack of business.

This situation reminds me of the opening of the infamous 101 Cafe in Santa Barbara. The 101 Cafe offers expensive juice, a hefty cover charge and topless dancing.

When this idea was proposed to Santa Barbara city, there was, to understate, some unhappiness. Citizens sent in letters to the News-Press claiming that the area would become inhabited by lust-crazed derelicts, that the incidence of rape would skyrocket, that it would drag down the morals of Santa Barbara and it was an affront to good taste, decency and the good Lord above.

There were threats of lawsuits. There were lawsuits. There was a juice club with topless dancing. And of course, the neighborhood...looks pretty much the same. The cafe has solid, white blinds. The neighborhood is still a bunch of warehouses and restaurants. No harm done.

So if the people of Atascadero and the rest of SLO county are worried about their morals, feel threatened by pictures of naked people, or are plain disgusted by the thought of people getting sexually excited, they shouldn't patronize the store and keep an eye on their kids so they don't either.

But if you like pornography, Atascadero might be your best resource, if the shop ever goes in.

We can't baby-proof the world. There are going to be drug dealers, porn shops, broken glass and litter. The best we can do is not buy from one, don't go into the second, not step on the third and throw out the last.

At least that's what I think. How about you?

Dawn Pillsbury is the Daily Opinion editor.

## REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE DID THIS TO US!  
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO NOW  
THAT MY YOUNG LIFE HAS ENDED?



### RIP Calvin & Hobbes

by Shari Coffenberry

While some people were recovering from unwanted hangovers and others were making unattainable new year's resolutions, something happened that is going to severely affect our lives (or at least mine). The last syndicated Calvin and Hobbes comic strip was published on Dec. 31. (gasp!)

I admit it. I have been addicted to Calvin and Hobbes for many years (Yes, I've passed that first stage of denial.) The front page of the newspaper took a back seat to the comics every day. Old strips that made me laugh hysterically are posted on my computer. On campus, you could hear everyone laughing about it after reading it in the Mustang Daily. But not anymore.

I did try to prepare myself for the inevitable, but when the final strip ran I was extremely disappointed. What a joke! That wasn't an ending. I wanted something memorable, not ordinary. I wanted Calvin realizing Hobbes was only a stuffed toy. The more cynical people wanted Hobbes given to the goodwill. All we wanted was a solid ending. Instead we got the two of them walking off into eternity. What's up with that?

**I wanted Calvin realizing Hobbes was only a stuffed toy. The more cynical wanted Hobbes to be given to Goodwill. All we wanted was a solid ending.**

Bill Watterson can't do this to us. I depend on that juvenile delinquent and his stuffed tiger every day because my own life is fairly uneventful (It's not true that blondes have more fun). But Watterson doesn't care what we think. No. Instead, he wants to be selfish and give up the daily grind of doing a syndicated comic strip.

And Watterson is not only selfish, but also downright hateful. How could he make the final Calvin and Hobbes be so stupid? It wasn't even funny. I didn't laugh a bit. Instead, the corner of my mouth curled up in disgust and I shook my head in disbelief (kind of like the look you have when you look at your report card).

But I guess you could say there is some light at the end of the tunnel. Watterson said he no longer wanted to work under the pressures and restrictions of a daily comic strip. But he said nothing about books. Maybe we can grasp that sliver of hope that there will be more Calvin and Hobbes at their best. I don't necessarily see a coffee table book in the works, but maybe a paperback. Keep your fingers crossed.

If that ray of hope doesn't help you with withdrawals,

maybe a 12-step program will be created on campus. This way all Calvin and Hobbes fans will have help in getting over their addiction.

I can see it now: there will be signs posted all over campus for the new "C&HA (Calvin & Hobbes Anonymous) Meeting in Fisher Science on Monday at 7 p.m." We all need to band together to survive.

But Calvin and Hobbes wasn't the only one to go. 1995 was a year for many strips to make their journey to comic heaven. First, there was Gary Larson and The Far Side and then, another great, Herman. Why have these cult favorites died while others continue day after day?

Look at Family Circus. That's been around millions of years and it's still going. Why? I think it is boring and it rarely warrants a laugh. Then you have Beetle Bailey. Sure, it's funny, sometimes, but it is so sexist. The secretary prances around in her dress (which looks like it has been applied with some sort of adhesive) while all the men's eyes pop out of their heads. What quality comic strips are left?

Well, that brings me to my call to action speech. You must exercise your democratic right as a Cal Poly student and assist in choosing the new comic for the Mustang Daily. I urge you to vote for the one that you feel is worthy of replacing Calvin and Hobbes (although I don't think that is entirely possible). These are the choices: Mr. Boffo, The Fusco Brothers, Citizen Dog, In the Bleachers and Bizarro.

My personal favorite is Bizarro. Bizarro is definitely bizarre. Some of those strips are almost as worthy of saving as my precious Calvin and Hobbes clips. It's the type of strip that catches me off guard. Sometimes I have to sit there for a minute and let it soak in before I get the full effect (some people say that's just because I'm a blonde). Bizarro has definite potential.

But just because I feel this way doesn't mean you have to follow my lead. I don't want to be accused of swaying opinion. I want you to find the strip that fills the cavernous void left by Calvin and Hobbes in your heart and vote for it by Jan. 12. Even if you don't vote on a regular basis, make this one time that you carry your body, with its soul devoid of Calvin and Hobbes, to the ballot box.

Shari Coffenberry is a Daily staff writer.

### Calvin and Hobbes



by Bill Watterson

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"It's that banana thing."

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# Pepper spray is now permit-free

By Alison Levitt  
Daily Staff Writer

Feeling safer in California was just made easier. Starting this year, you no longer need a permit to carry one of the newest self-defense devices.

Mace Security International, Inc. announced the introduction of Mace Brand Triple Action Pepper Spray, now available to Californians upon the enactment of the new law AB 830.

As of Jan. 1, Californians can now easily purchase and carry pepper spray for their own protection. The new law essentially allows for the "off the shelf" purchase and carrying of pepper spray by removing all training and certification requirements that were once imposed by the law.

Professional Business fraternity Delta Sigma Pi will be holding a fund-raiser Monday

through Thursday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Dexter Lawn. They will be selling both keychains and a pen containing the pepper spray.

The prices will range from \$18-\$24 depending on the size. The amount of spray will vary from 1/2 an ounce to three ounces.

Andrea Mathews, assistant vice president for finance, feels confident that the fund raiser will be a success.

"We are hoping to provide a safer environment for our students on campus," Mathews said.

This newly offered product has the ability to spray as far as 10 feet, and has a shelf life of four years.

The pepper spray's greatest attribute is its efficiency rate. Pepper spray works 100 percent of the time, compared to mace, which only sprays 80 percent of the time.

Pepper spray is also stronger than mace and works in any situation, while mace doesn't work on alcohol- or drug-impaired people.

Erin Nunes, assistant vice president of finance for Delta Sigma Pi, is enthusiastic about the new law. "We're really excited about the opportunity that is available to us to sell a product (that could) help protect people against violence," Nunes said.

Students throughout campus are equally as excited about the sale of pepper spray over the next week.

"It makes me feel safer to carry the pepper spray, so I'll be purchasing some first thing Monday," said political science senior Deana Harder.

If sales are successful, the selling will continue for another week.

# Freshmen say: casual sex no, marijuana yes

By Deb Riechmann  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — College freshmen are voicing dwindling support for casual sex and legal abortion, a survey says. But they have more liberal views on marijuana, with support for legalization reaching a 15-year high.

Support for keeping abortion legal rose steadily in the late 1980s, according to the University of California's annual freshmen survey. But in the 1995 survey, it declined for the third straight year, to 58 percent.

In 1987, 52 percent of the freshmen responding to the survey supported casual sex. Now, 43 percent say it's OK for two people to have sex even if they've only known each other a short time.

"There are more diseases and stuff. And I just don't think people want to sleep with the first person they meet. They want to get to know them better," said Dennise Ledesma, an 18-year-old freshman at California State University-Los Angeles.

Among college freshmen, the belief that homosexual relationships should be prohibited has declined from a high of 53 percent in 1987 to an all-time low of 30.6 percent. And support for legalizing marijuana has risen to nearly 34 percent — double the 17 percent who held that view in 1989.

"It's so abundant. It's no big deal because everybody is using it," said Jason Zavada, a 19-year-old freshman at the University of Kentucky who supports legalization. "We don't see all the bad it's causing. It's an insane policy to treat people like criminals for using something that comes from the earth."

More than half the freshmen surveyed labeled their political views as "middle-of-the-road." But the 30-year-old survey says

growing bands of liberals and conservatives are scooting farther to the left and right.

"For the first time in the history of the survey, we have a situation where the large majority of young people are moving toward the center at the same time the small minorities at the extremes are growing," said Alexander W. Astin, a professor and director of the survey conducted by UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute.

The fall survey, sponsored by the American Council on Education, was given to 323,791 entering freshman at 641 two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Of these, 240,082 questionnaires from 473 institutions were used. The institute then weighted the data in an effort to make it reflective of the views of the nation's 1.5 million first-time college freshmen.

The survey showed that students' commitment to keeping up-to-date with political affairs dropped for a third straight year, to an all-time low of 28.5 percent, compared with a high of nearly 58 percent in 1966.

Student activism rose at the beginning of the 1990s, but since then freshmen have become less interested in influencing politics and social values, cleaning up the environment and promoting racial understanding and participating in a community action program. Since 1992, freshmen interest dropped from 3 percent to 11 percent in each of these categories.

Not surprising then is the finding that the number of students who believe individuals can "do little to change society" reached a 10-year high at nearly 34 percent.

"Apparently, increasing political apathy goes hand-in-hand with disengagement from social action and a growing sense of powerlessness," Astin said.

# Wilson adds millions to school budgets

By Doug Willis  
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Pete Wilson will offer \$276 million in extra state funds for local public schools and propose new welfare, Medi-Cal and juvenile justice reforms this week, he said in weekend statements.

The school proposal was unveiled Sunday by Wilson in a written preview of the 1996-97 budget which he will submit to the Legislature on Wednesday. The welfare Medi-Cal and juvenile justice plans were outlined by Wilson earlier in a videotape preview of his Monday State-of-the-State address.

Wilson said the extra \$276 million — about 1 percent of the overall budget for California's public schools — would be earmarked for priority programs.

They include \$100 million for computers and other new classroom technology, \$100 million more for teaching basic reading and mathematics; \$66 million for extra school safety measures and \$10 million more for school libraries.

"If our children are to be

tomorrow's leaders and compete in the global marketplace, we must ensure that they have proficient computer skills," he said in a written statement announcing the one-time extra appropriation for new and refurbished classroom computers.

He didn't give any details on the new reading and mathematics money except that it would be dedicated to teaching basic skills. The school safety money would be earmarked for alternative schools where discipline is stressed more for students who disrupt regular classes or are expelled.

"We will no longer tolerate and babysit the bad apples who virtually prohibit 99 percent of our kids from feeling safe and learning," Wilson said. "We are sending a clear message: If you bring a weapon or drugs to school, or simply can't follow the rules, you are out of there."

The extra library money will be one-time funds allocated to a series of local pilot projects.

Wilson's welfare and Medi-Cal proposals anticipate congressional enactment of legislation

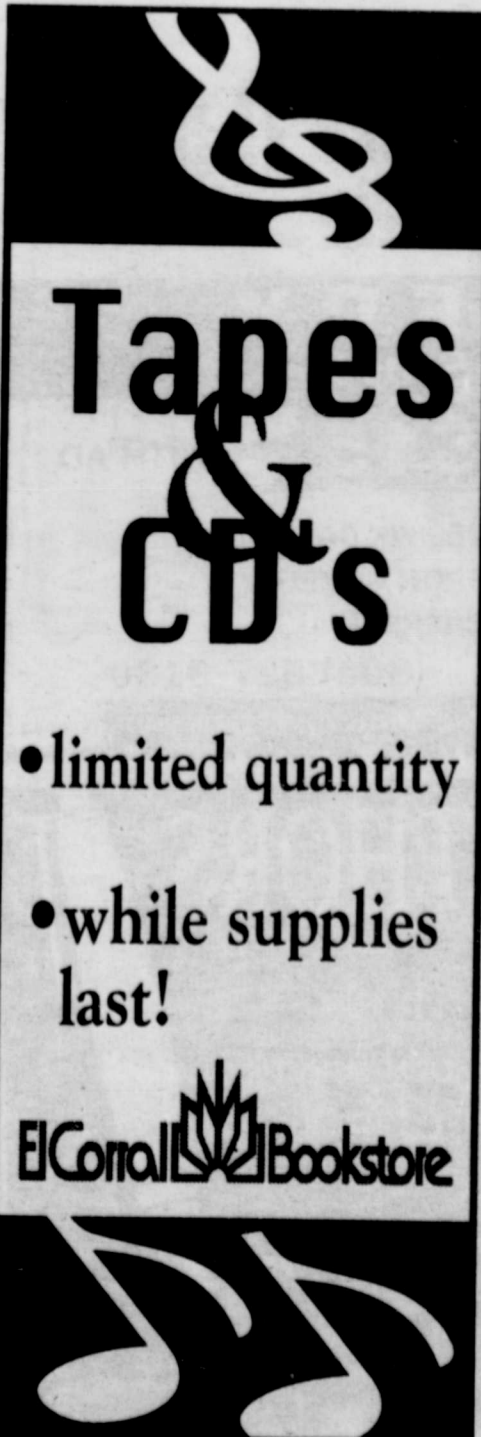
giving states block grants to spend as they wish on social services instead of dozens of allocations for of specific programs, each with its own eligibility standards and spending mandates.

He said in the videotape preview of his annual address to the Legislature that the goal of his welfare and Medi-Cal proposals is "not to just reform the flawed welfare system ... but to replace it."

"Our goal is to recast and to re-invigorate our culture so that hard work is rewarded, the rule of law is respected and individuals take responsibility for their actions," Wilson said, promising "a top-to-bottom overhaul to give taxpayers a much better deal for their dollar."

Wilson said crucial components of his proposed welfare reforms would be to reduce unwed pregnancies and to stress the responsibility of parents for their children and the responsibility of children for crimes they commit.

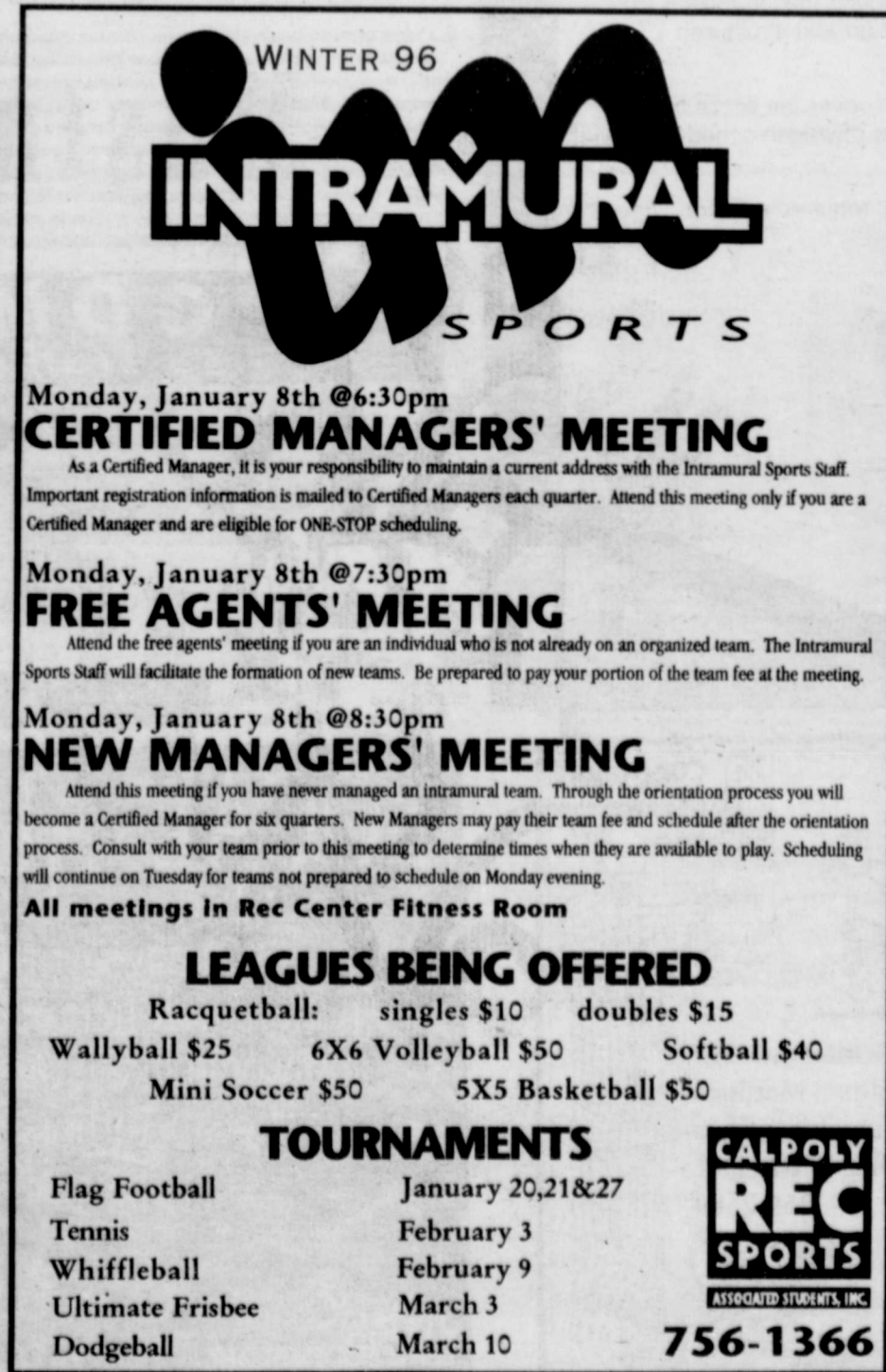
"We've got to end welfare policies that discourage marriage and reward irresponsible behavior," Wilson said.



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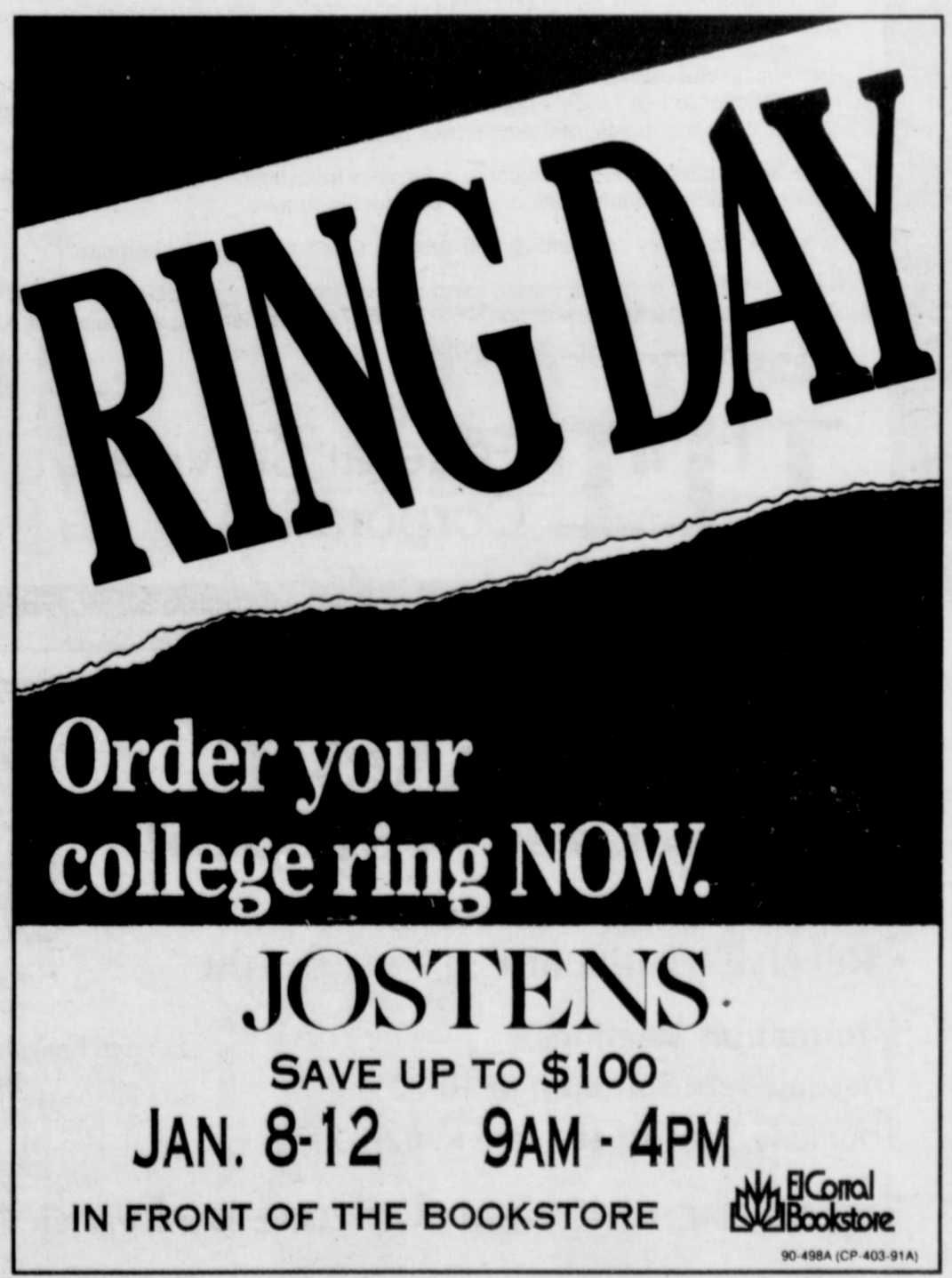
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## BASKETBALL: Larson sealed the victory

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dunked the ball, bringing the crowd to its feet.

"I was excited when I heard the place erupt," Levesque said, "but I knew there were still a few seconds left."

Idaho used its last 15 seconds wisely and got the ball to guard Reggie Rose for an off-balance three that tied the game once again, 84-84.

With one second left, Idaho's Shawn Dirden did the unthinkable by fouling Larson, a 74-percent free-throw shooter.

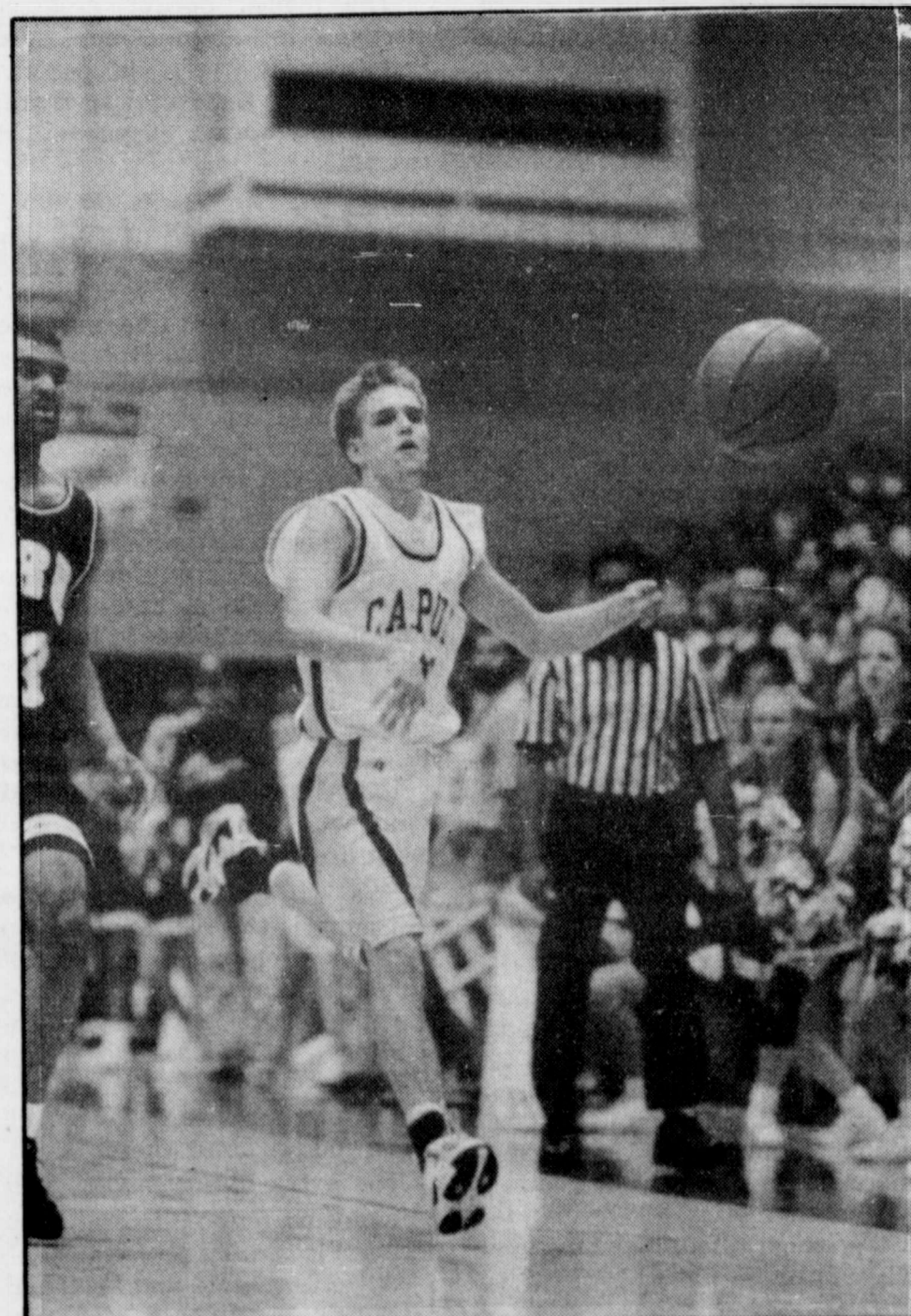
"I was as surprised as anybody," Larson said of the foul. "I saw him coming in, but I didn't

know exactly what he was doing."

Larson stepped to the line and sunk both, locking up the game for Poly, 86-84.

"At least it didn't have to go into double overtime," Larson said, laughing. "It lowers your (shooting) percentages too much."

Cal Poly will see if they can take their streak on the road when they take a quick trip to Saint Mary's on Tuesday night. Cal Poly's last road trip was for the Dec. 16 University of Portland game, and they have yet to win away from Mott Gym this season.



With 1.5 seconds left in overtime, freshman guard Ben Larson sank both his free throws to give Cal Poly the victory / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

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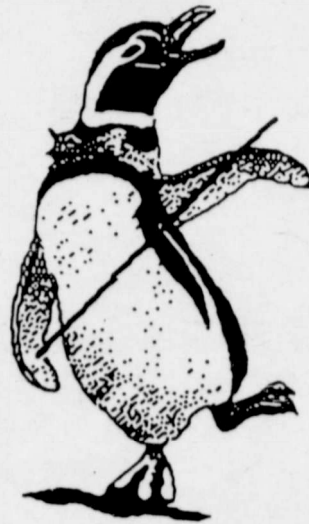
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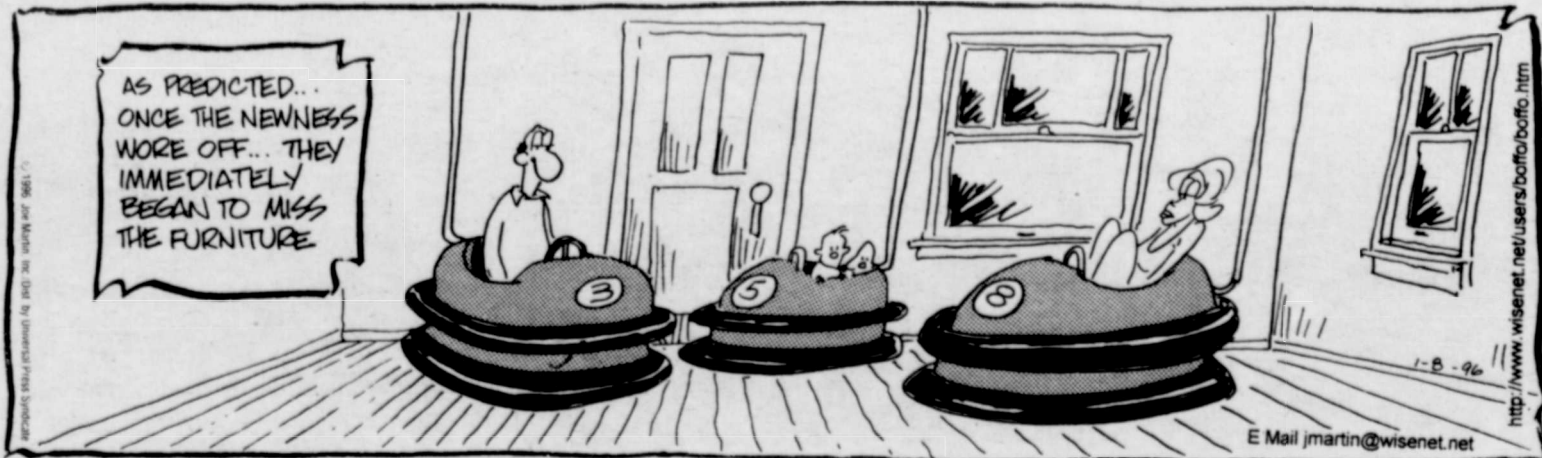
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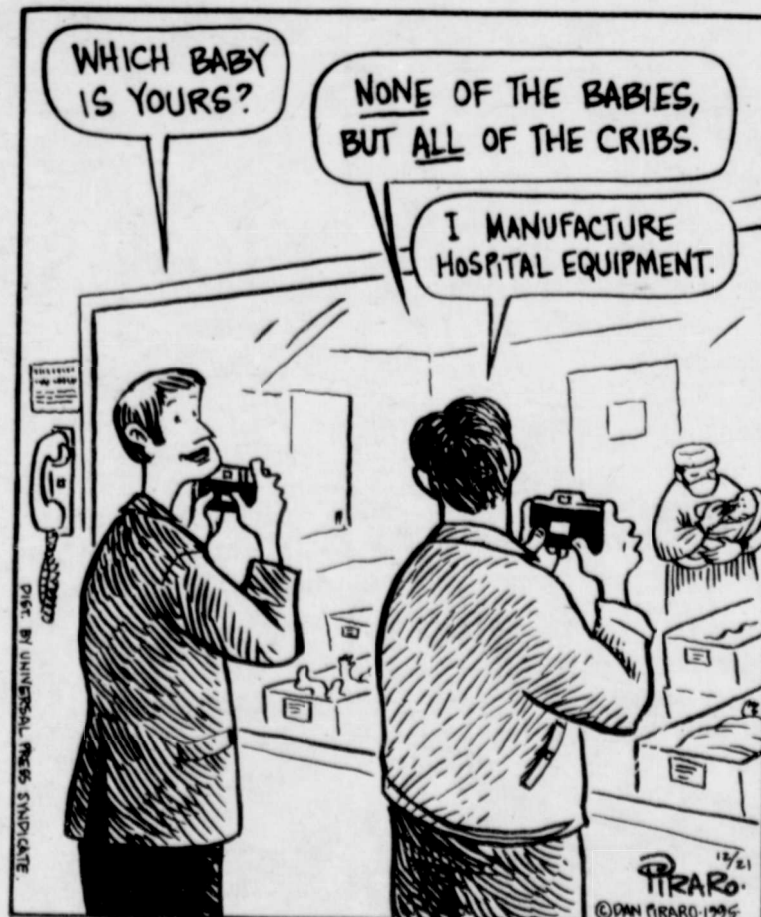
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## Bizarro

by Dan Piraro



## The people's choice...

So far it's been a close contest. Each strip has received a number of votes, except for *The Fusco Brothers*, which has received only one. Someone requested *Dilbert*, which is a good choice, but we can't run that cartoon because the Telegram-Tribune has it and the new rule is that only one daily newspaper in any given city can run any particular strip. That's why we can't run *Peanuts* and *Shoe* and other cartoons that appear in the T-T. Casting a vote for your own cartoon means you want to draw a daily or weekly strip for the Mustang Daily--and we have received one of those so far.

Please cast your vote by Friday, January 12, and drop it off at the Mustang Daily classified box at the U.U. Information Desk or send it to our classified dept. (26-226). Thank you for your input.

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- Men's basketball vs. St. Mary's College @ Moraga, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's basketball vs. University of Arizona @ U of A, 7 p.m.

### POLY BRIEFS

#### Cal Poly's football team adds new recruit to its roster

Cal Poly announced last Friday that a student transfer from San Jose State will play for the Mustangs' football team next season.

Transferring quarterback Alli Abrew threw for a compiled total of 2,070 yards, five interceptions and 11 touchdowns while playing at San Jose State.

He also had 323 total passing attempts with 160 completions.

Mustang coach Andre Patterson said Abrew's experiences gained through playing against nationally-ranked Division I teams adds experience to Cal Poly's quarterback position.

### NATIONAL BRIEFS

#### A different UCLA basketball team may struggle this season

Seattle (AP) -- If the first weekend of Pac-10 play was any indication, defending NCAA champion UCLA may have to scramble in its own conference.

Take it from Jim Harrick: It might even be tougher than beating Arkansas in the Kingdome.

"I'm real glad this road trip's over," Bruins coach Jim Harrick said. "It's going to be hard."

UCLA beat Washington 78-70 Saturday night, scoring the game's final eight points, including six on free throws.

"All year long, teams have been gunning for us," UCLA's J.R. Henderson said. "They give it everything they've got right down to the wire."

Henderson, who scored a career-high 29 points in a 78-73 overtime win at Washington State on Thursday night, had four of the Bruins' final eight points.

It's a different UCLA team than the one that beat Arkansas 89-78 for the NCAA title in Seattle last April 3. It doesn't have Ed O'Bannon, Tyus Edney and George Zidek, all playing in the NBA.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"At least it didn't have to go into double overtime. It lowers your (shooting) percentages too much."

Ben Larson

Cal Poly guard after the Mustangs' overtime win over Idaho, 86-84

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## Streaking Mustangs tally fifth straight

By Mark Armstrong  
Daily Staff Writer

The streak continues. But not after severe nail biting and serious weight loss for Cal Poly.

A pumped-up crowd of 2,152 showed up Saturday to cheered on the Mustangs after an overtime win against the University of Idaho Vandals, boosting their winning streak to five.

The Cal Poly fans' head cheerleader, Coach Jeff Schneider, jumped into the arms of freshman guard Steve Fleming at the buzzer and the team celebrated another confidence-boosting victory in the middle of their home court. The win came two days after the Mustangs beat Oral Roberts University.

"It was an excellent college basketball game," Schneider said. "It was just two teams going after each other."

The Mustangs jumped out first against the Vandals, rarely missing a shot in the first 12 minutes, and shooting 82 percent (14-17).

Cal Poly staked a 17-point lead over the Vandals after an 11-point shooting spree eight minutes into the first half.

Cal Poly racked up an even bigger lead after Colin Bryant tumbled through the cheerleaders. He emerged from the crowd, snatched the ball from unassuming guard, Eddie Turner, and fed it to Shanta Cotright for another quick two, making it 33-16.

The same flat play that

plagued Cal Poly during the middle of the game against Oral Roberts Thursday night, reared its ugly head again.

Idaho went on a 16-6 run at the end of the first half, but Cal Poly managed to hold a nine-point lead at halftime.

Idaho, picking up its defense in the second half, crept up on the Mustangs' comfortable lead and pulled within four points with only five minutes remaining in the game.

Cal Poly remained stagnant, allowing Idaho to convert with a last second shot by Turner to tie the game 75-75 at the end of regulation.

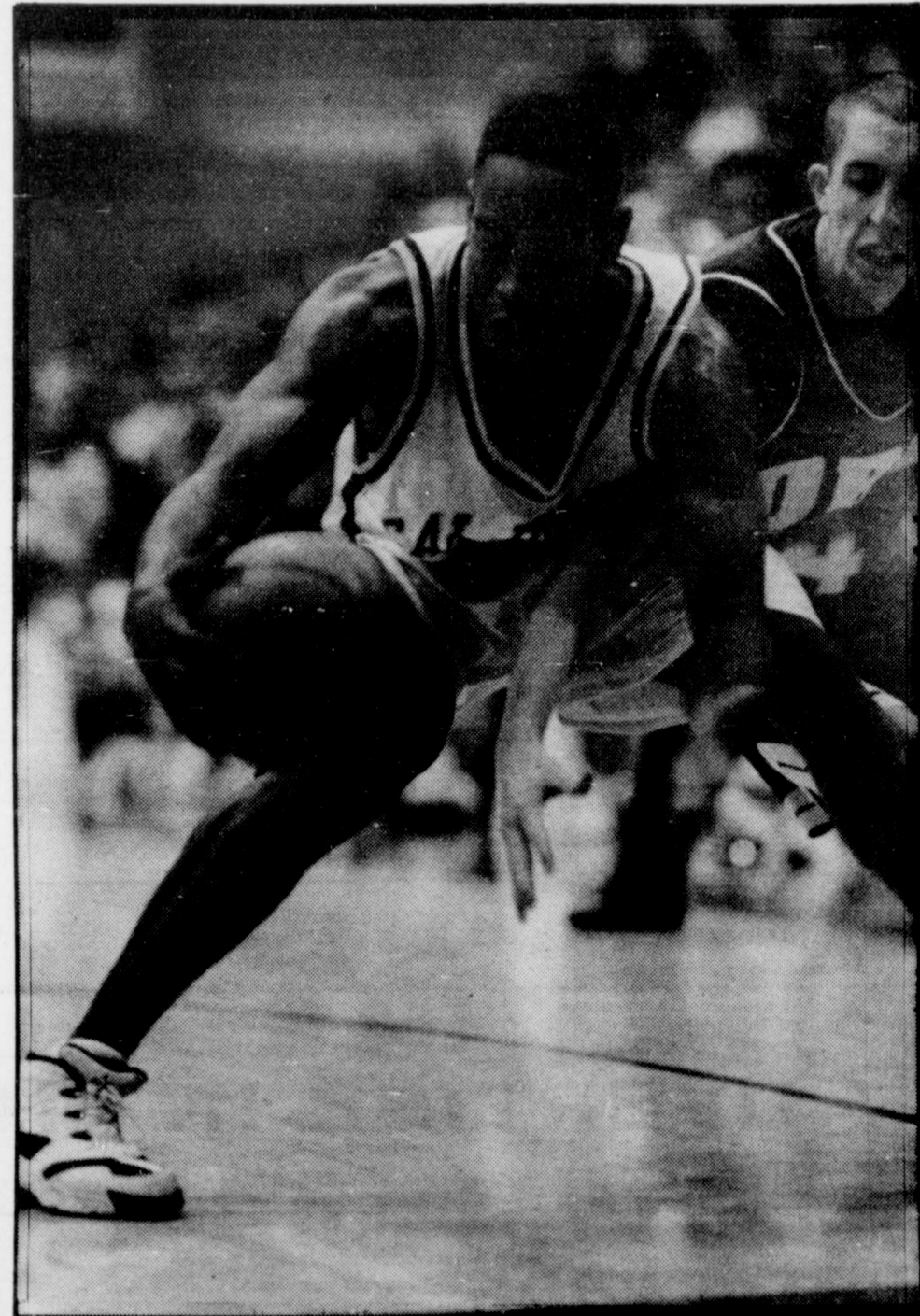
In overtime, Idaho grabbed a four-point lead with two free-throws by center Nate Gardner and another basket by Turner. Cal Poly moved within two after lay-ups by Cotright and Damien Levesque, both shots were assisted by Jim Croy.

Levesque, who had trouble all day making his free-throws, sunk three of his four shots after being fouled twice with one minute remaining, putting Cal Poly ahead 82-81.

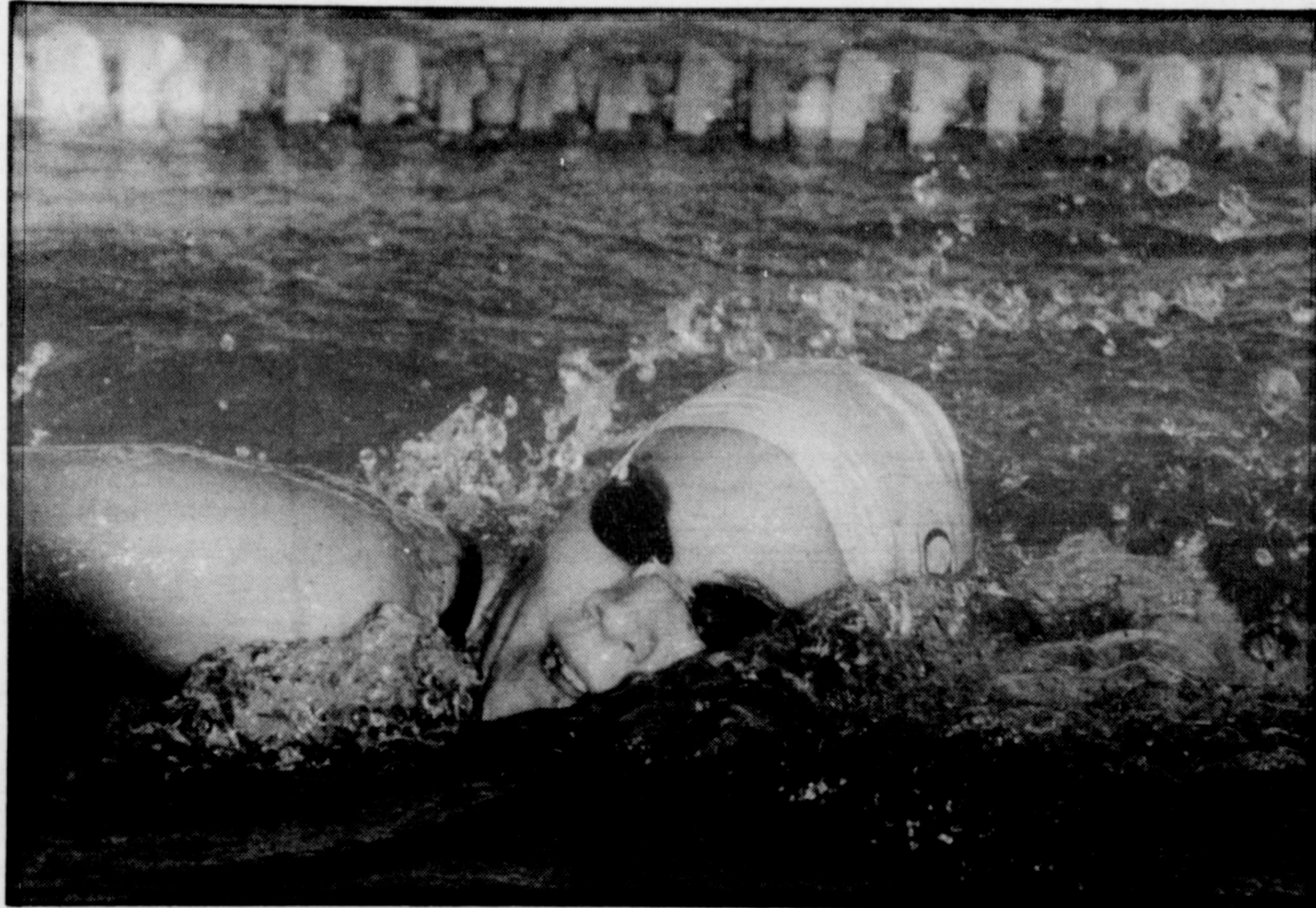
"I wanted the ball when it came down to it," Levesque said, "and I was going to make those free-throws."

The Mustangs slapped what appeared to be the final blow against the Vandals when freshman guard Ben Larson stole the ball with 20 seconds left and found a wide open Levesque who

See BASKETBALL page 6



Junior guard Shanta Cotright led Cal Poly in scoring with 22 points against the University of Idaho — a future Big West foe / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar



An unhealthy women's swimming team pulled together to beat the University of Pacific / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

## Swimming teams split dual meet

By Melissa M. Geisler  
Daily Assistant Sports Editor

Cal Poly's swim teams faced University of Pacific last Thursday — with the Mustangs' women leaving the pool victorious, 120-80, and the men swimming behind UOP, 89.5-119.5.

Mustang coach Rich Firman cited health as a dominating factor in the meet hosted at Cal Poly.

"We knew it was going to come down to who had the greatest number of sick swimmers," Firman said. "It just so happens that UOP had more sick swimmers on their women's team and we had more sick swimmers on our men's team. Otherwise, we would have done very well on both sides."

## Slow start shadowed when Prime Time rolls in

By Jim Litke  
Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Most people will say he was brilliant. But real Deionologists know better. For \$35 million, he should have had a new touchdown dance ready.

"But I haven't done it in so long, I was rusty," Sanders protested.

That's Deion for you. While the rest of Dallas celebrates Sunday's 30-11 playoff win over Philadelphia, he is ready to go back to work.

"I got to get that better choreographed for next week," he said.

Modest guy that he is, Deion doesn't boast that he is the single biggest reason why the Cowboys even have a next week — and why the San Francisco 49ers do not. But that's because he doesn't have to. Someone else al-

ways does it for him, sometimes on cue.

"You played for both teams," a questioner asked. "What's the difference between them?"

Deion is ready for this one. A smile creases his lips.

"The team I played on last year is home, watching on TV," he said. "The team I'm with this year is going to the NFC championship."

Despite what people will say, this is more than mere coincidence. True, Deion missed the Cowboys' first six games, first by playing baseball and then having his ankle reassembled. And skeptics will note that he hardly made an impact in the nine regular-season games that he did make.

That was a fair enough assessment. Over that stretch, Deion totaled exactly two interceptions playing cornerback. He caught two passes playing wide receiver. He played run-

ning back for one play and returned a few kickoffs and one punt for a very forgettable number of yards.

During the one big game in that string — against the 49ers on Nov. 12 — he never got close enough to Jerry Rice to find out how things were getting on in San Francisco without him. For all the hoopla and the TV commercials plugging him as a two-way threat, the \$35 million contract Dallas owner Jerry Jones gave him began to look suspiciously like a one-way street.

Then Sunday rolled around.

Playoffs.

Prime Time.

"It's why I have the nickname. It's when the big names have to come out. That's why they pay us like they do," Sanders said.