

# MUSTANG DAILY

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## Students celebrate governor's budget blocking fee hikes

By Remi Sklar  
Daily Staff Writer

California State University fees have escalated the last 25 years, but Gov. Pete Wilson's budget proposal could prevent a 10 percent increase of Cal Poly fees for 1996-97.

According to Wilson's budget plan, the CSU, the University of California and community college students' pockets won't be pinched by more fee increases. A fund of surplus tax revenue will provide the universities with a proposed \$57 million, the plan said.

Last fall, the CSU Board of Trustees decided to raise the CSU annual system fees of \$1,584 by 10 percent. To avoid that fee increase, Wilson's budget will give \$30 million of the \$57 million total to the CSUs.

The prospect of not having to raise fees was heralded by university officials.

"It is definitely a step in the right direction," said Harvey Greenwald, chair of the Academic Senate. "It is a step that should have been taken long ago."

CSU fees have steadily risen since the 1970s, but when Wilson

came to office in 1991, fees skyrocketed. His previous budget plans cut university spending.

Greenwald said it was nice to hear that Wilson will finally use state funding to support higher education.

The proposed budget would

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**Whitney Uyeda**  
Psychology sophomore

stop CSU system fees from rising, but separate campuses charge additional program fees for athletics and other student activities. Cal Poly's fees for next year have yet to be determined.

Some students are grateful for the chance of a reprieve from fee hikes.

"I'm happy and excited," said Scott Neville, an architecture senior. "I might actually have some money left over after I pay my fees."

"I think it is important that fees for state schools stay the same," said psychology sophomore Whitney Uyeda. "It allows more students to obtain a good education."

## Adding classes made easy with new permits

*Students and professors benefit from new adding process; Permits aim to end frustration*

By Val Avalos  
Daily Staff Writer

Most students at Cal Poly have had to endure the frustrations of adding a class. The new permit procedure for adding classes is aimed at alleviating some of that frustration.

The new procedure resembles the old in that students trying to add a class must first have its professor sign a permit form, then take the permit to the Office of Academic Records for processing.

This was the end for students in the old system.

Now students wait 24 hours for their permits to be processed, then call CAPTURE to add the class themselves. Students who fail to call CAPTURE are not added to the class.

"The new procedure is aimed at giving better service to students," said Associate Registrar Marcia Friedman.

According to Friedman, the records office had processed about 7,000 add forms per quarter. But not all went so smoothly.

"There were hundreds that weren't able to be processed, because of unpaid fees, time conflicts, etc.," she said. "This became a real problem."

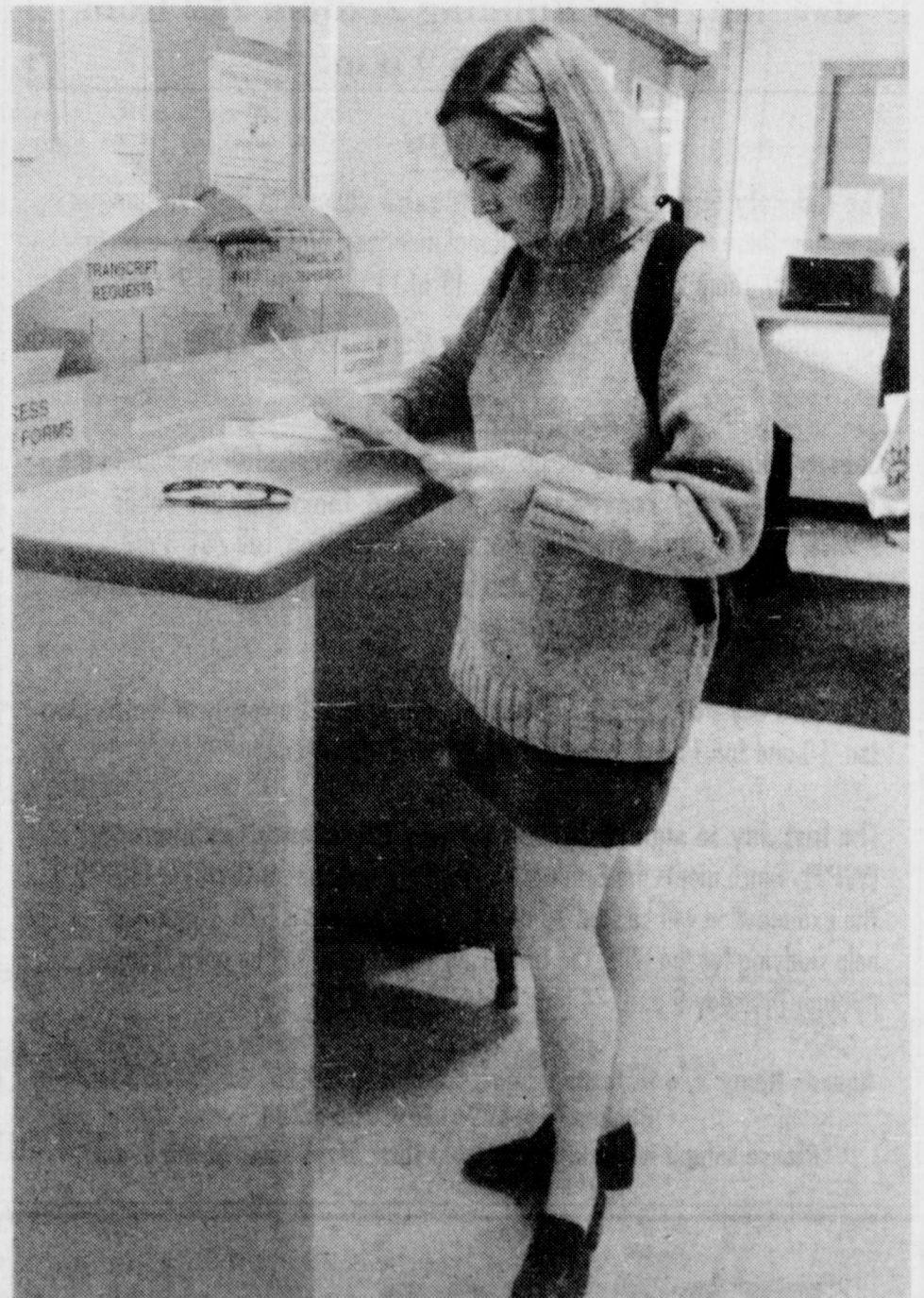
In some of these cases, the records office staff was unable to contact students immediately because it didn't have current addresses or phone numbers.

University Class Scheduler Debbie Arseneau agreed that this was a growing problem.

"This was very frustrating for students," Arseneau said. "They thought they had done everything they needed to do."

"Students dropped off the add form and assumed it would be processed," Arseneau continued. "We wanted them to be more informed of their records."

Another reason for the new



Animal science senior Crista Silva checks out the new add permits, now used in place of the old forms for adding classes / Daily photo by Maureen McDowell

procedure is to give professors more control over class enrollment.

"Professors can close a class after the first week if they need to control student enrollment," she said.

If a professor is using the permit procedure, the only way students can add is if they have

a signed permit.

This benefits students who have been attending class and waiting for an open seat to add. Because another student who is not attending the class will not be able take their seat by calling CAPTURE.

Professors using the procedure See PERMITS page 3

## KCPR's first fireside chat; hear Baker speak tonight

By Torea Galiardi  
Daily Staff Writer

It's never too late for a debut on the radio.

In his first campus radio address, President Warren Baker will discuss the Cal Poly Plan and the effect of the forthcoming California budget on Cal Poly.

A short interview will follow the address, scheduled for 6 p.m. tonight on 91.3 KCPR.

"I've always heard people say they've never heard the presi-

dent speaks to the university," Welch added.

Baker will discuss what has affected Cal Poly this year and what will be prevalent in upcoming quarters. Primarily, this will include the Cal Poly Plan and how Gov. Pete Wilson's budget will affect future university fees.

"There is clearly an indication that the governor will provide the amount of funding the trustees asked for," Baker said.

There should be no reason to raise fees next year, he added.

Welch envisions that the program will not only be continued throughout the year, with Baker speaking the second Tuesday of every quarter, he said, but may be the jumpstart for other faculty and administrative broadcasts.

He hopes to begin a new program in which faculty will prepare an hour-long broadcast of their choice. This will enable the students to become more aware of their professors and at the same time gain valuable knowledge on the subjects discussed.

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**Dave Welch**  
KCPR program director

dent speak," said KCPR Program Director Dave Welch. "Now a large audience can hear him. We'll find out what is important to him and Cal Poly."

"There's nowhere else on the Central Coast where the presi-

## Poly 'P' gets a facelift from students

By Susannah Linwood  
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly 'P' has been modified once again. But instead of being altered to read Greek letters, names, profanities or pastimes, the area surrounding it was cleaned up by a group of students on campus.

Anyone who has hiked to the 'P' has witnessed the trashy mess around our school's symbol.

Not anymore. A recreation administration group on campus, Resorts and Commercial Recreation Association (RCRA), gathered a group of students to clean up the 'P' Saturday morning.

The club's president, Mike Stirling, said that as a recreation administration student he is concerned with the environment and wants to do his part.

"We go hiking a lot up there," Stirling said. "People noticed

**"If you're bringing something up there, haul it back with you."**

**Mike Stirling**  
President of RCRA

there is a lot of trash up there. We just felt like we should help our university and community by (picking) it up."

Stirling said he wanted to help the environment, as well as send a message for people to take pride in their surroundings.

"This is our environment and we should protect it," Stirling said. "If you're bringing something up there, haul it back with you."

Wally Emory, a recreation administration student and RCRA member, said he hopes other people will notice the club's efforts.

"As a recreation administration student we've learned to take care of our environment,"

Emory said. "As a club, we wanted to say thank you to Poly and our community."

"Hopefully the student body will recognize others besides the janitor are making an effort."

RCRA Treasurer Teresa Haberman said the club wants to familiarize itself with the entire campus.

"We want to let the school know we want to make a difference," she said.

"So far as the (RCRA) goes, we want to get our name out," Haberman continued. "We're not taken as seriously as we want to be."

RCRA is a national organization See TRASH page 3

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A former professor at UC Berkeley wins a \$1 million lawsuit against Cal for a denied promotion to tenure.  
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OPINION

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47 days left in Winter quarter

TODAY'S WEATHER: warming temperatures

TOMORROW'S WEATHER: morning fog, light winds

Today's high/low: 70s/40s Tomorrow's high/low: 70s/40s

The Muslim Student Association is sponsoring a lecture by Imam Abdul Malik Ali Wednesday, Jan. 10 in Building 2, room 212 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Today**

The Cal Poly Summer Program in Mexico announces its 1996 summer program. There will be two informational meetings, one Jan. 9 at 6 p.m. in building 10, room 221; the other Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. in building 2, room 203.

For more information, contact Dr. William Martinez at 756-2889.

**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 Polo Team is having a game against University of Washington Jan. 10 and Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Cal Poly Rodeo Arena.

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.

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\*\*\*

**Monster storm buries East Coast**By Roger Petterson  
Associated Press

A blizzard of historic proportions shut down the East at the start of the work week Monday, stopping cars, trains, planes and just about anything else that moves. At least 40 deaths were blamed on the weather.

"The snow in some places was thigh-high. You had no idea whether you were stepping onto a curb or a snow-covered sinkhole. I did both," said lawyer Ron Kuby in New York City.

Only emergency vehicles were allowed on many highways and New York City streets — Hoboken, N.J., even set up roadblocks — and all major airports were closed from Washington to Boston. Bus lines

shut down, and passengers from one Amtrak train were stuck in a West Virginia hotel.

Hundreds of truckers and other travelers were stuck in truck stops, restaurants and highway service areas.

"It's better to be stuck somewhere comfortable rather than in the truck," said William Bedell, a trucker from Aiken, S.C., stopped along the New Jersey Turnpike. "The load is not worth your life. You can always get another truck, not another me."

It was the third worst snowstorm on record for New York City, where 20.1 inches piled up in skyscraper-surrounded Central Park. Outlying Staten Island got more, with 27 inches.

"It reminds me of when I was growing up in Iceland," said Olos Haggerty, trying to get a cab to work in New York City.

The city's worst blizzard was the day after Christmas in 1947, when 26.4 inches fell. But there was little wind, unlike the blizzard of March 12, 1888, when 21 inches got heaped into drifts that reached second-story windows. The 1888 storm killed more than 300 people on the East Coast.

The Northeast also got heavy snow in 1983, when Philadelphia received a record 21.3 inches. That city got more this time: 30.3 inches.

The Baltimore region got 23 inches, just short of the 24.7-inch record set in the big blizzard of January 1922.

**Prostate cancer takes Mitterrand at 79**By Christopher Burns  
Associated Press

PARIS — Francois Mitterrand, who turned away from his vision of a socialist France to champion European unity, died of prostate cancer Monday at 79.

Mitterrand, president of France from 1981 to 1995, was his country's most influential modern leader after his archrival Charles de Gaulle.

Judging that France would remain a world power only within a strong Europe, Mitterrand aligned French policy with the concept of European unity. His vision of a unified Europe and a nagging recession led him to cast off dreams of nationalizing broad sectors of French industry, and to push instead for European economic integration and a single currency.

He also sought to project a strong French presence on the international stage, sending troops to Rwanda, Bosnia, Somalia and the Persian Gulf.

Mitterrand "wrote an important page in the history of our country," said conservative rival Jacques Chirac, who succeeded him as president. "He made the concept of Europe progress with determination."

His reputation, like his health, declined swiftly in the last year of his presidency as unflattering disclosures tarnished his image.

Books and articles chronicled his work with Nazi sympathizers in World War II, confirmed he fathered an illegitimate daughter and depicted him as a schemer with few abiding political values beyond a thirst for power.

But the world leaders who shared the international stage with him hailed him as a statesman and an inspiration.

"France has lost a great leader. America has lost a good friend," said U.S. Ambassador Pamela Harriman.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, the other main force behind the push for European union, said "Europe has lost a

great statesman. I am mourning for a good friend."

Toward the end of his 50-year political career, Mitterrand pursued several multibillion-dollar "Grand Projects" — including the glass pyramid at the Louvre Museum, a new, high-tech opera and national library — that changed Paris and secured him a place in history books.

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## PERMITS: Students urged to call capture first

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Students also have more control over late enrollment. If the professor thinks the student has missed too many classes and will not be very successful in the class because of this, the professor can deny their add request.

Students seem to like the new procedure.

Computer Engineering Senior Vinh Lam, used the new procedure to add a music class this quarter.

"This is one way of reducing man hours for the records office," Lam said. "It's a little work for the students, but it's no big deal."

"I think it's the students' responsibility, anyway," he continued.

continued. "It's really up to them."

Agricultural business sophomore Melany Fuller agreed.

"It's a good idea," Fuller said. "I don't think it's much of an inconvenience, and I think it is the student's responsibility."

However, at this time not all professors are using the permit procedure, said Arseneau.

"I really don't know how many are using it," she said. "It depends on the type of class. It's more likely to be used in major classes."

Students are encouraged to first try to add through CAPTURE. If they are unable to add, ask the professor if he or she is using the permit procedure.

## TRASH: Campus club wants to get its name out

From page 1

tion that is great for recreation administration students to make contacts, Stirling said.

"It is mainly a business club and we try and make contact with people in our industries," he added.

About eight members from Cal Poly spent more than two

hours picking up various scraps — wood, chunks of peeled paint and beer cans, Stirling said.

Large planks of wood from people converting the 'P' into other symbols or words were the only things they could not take away with them, he said.

"We got a lot of Keystone Beer cans," Stirling said. "It seems to be the popular drink."

## MITTERRAND: 14 years of leading France

From page 2

But his international acclaim came at a price: His abandonment of many leftist policies disillusioned many of his supporters.

"I voted for Mitterrand, and I regret it bitterly," Claude Chabrier said at his sidewalk newsstand Monday. "We thought we had made a turn to the left, but the capitalists only increased their power."

Although an eloquent advocate of human rights and a veteran of the French Resistance, Mitterrand was criticized for working with Nazi collaborators during World War II, and his government in later years was plagued by scandals.

Affectionately called "Tonton" or "Uncle" and dubbed "Dieu" or "God" by critics of his imperious aloofness, Mitterrand was a stirring orator and a master of political theater, both bold and controversial.

He flew to Sarajevo to draw attention to the plight of the Serb-besieged Bosnian government, held hands with Kohl at a war cemetery, and last spring invited Cuban leader Fidel Castro for a visit.

During ceremonies in May marking the 50th anniversary of the Allied victory in World War II, a conciliatory Mitterrand drew both praise and criticism for saying Hitler's soldiers were "courageous," albeit "for a bad cause."

Insisting he maintained his Socialist convictions despite abandoning leftist policies, Mitterrand expressed regret shortly before leaving office that "I didn't modify society as much as I would have liked."

An international economic downturn constrained his choices, he said: "Economic power is becoming a real danger to political power. I had to live with that."

Francois Maurice Marie Mitterrand was born Oct. 26, 1916 to a conservative railway stationmaster in Jarnac in southwestern France.

Drafted in 1938, Mitterrand was shot and taken prisoner by the Germans in 1940, then escaped to France in 1942. He worked on veterans' affairs with Marshal Philippe Petain's collaborationist Vichy regime,

receiving a good service medal.

After the Germans occupied the Vichy zone, Mitterrand changed sides and formed a Resistance group in spring 1943. This switch in loyalties generated scandals during his presidency, with opponents charging he willfully ignored Nazi atrocities.

Simone Veil, a Holocaust survivor and former president of the European Parliament, said Mitterrand's attitude to his collaborationist past was a study in ambiguity.

"With regard to his ambiguities, it's too soon to tell," Mrs. Veil said. "It's up to historians to determine."

While in the Resistance, Mitterrand met a young woman named Danielle Gouze. They married shortly after the Liberation and had two sons, Jean-Christophe and Gilbert.

# Former UC professor wins suit

By Michelle Locke  
Associated Press

BERKELEY, Calif. — A former assistant professor of architecture at the University of California here who claimed she was denied tenure because she was an Asian woman has won a \$1 million settlement.

"I'm very, very happy," architect Marcy Wang said after the out-of-court settlement was announced Monday. "I think that it vindicates me and it's been a long, long journey."

Wang joined the faculty at UC-Berkeley in 1979. She was denied tenure in 1986 and again in 1988. Her case went through a lengthy internal grievance process and she filed suit three years ago.

According to a joint news release, the settlement was one of the highest paid by UC in cases of alleged race or sex discrimination. But UC-Berkeley officials denied that the settlement was an admission of error.

"Neither race nor sex was a factor in Marcy Wang's denial of tenure," said Vice Chancellor and Provost Carol Christ.

"We were really motivated by economic factors," she said.

An outside insurance policy which the university no longer holds will cover \$750,000 of the settlement, Christ said, so paying the remaining \$250,000 was cheaper than going to court.

But Wang's attorneys had another explanation.

"They were going to lose," said

J. Gary Gwilliam, who represented Wang along with attorney Marguerite Meade.

"It's not just about money," he said. "This was about a courageous woman that took on this large institution for many years."

Victor Schacter, an attorney who has represented management in employment cases, said the settlement, while not unprecedented, was "on the higher side," for such cases.

But he said it would be "a clear mistake to read into the size of the amount that there really was any culpability on the part of the university."

Wang acknowledged that her allegations might seem surprising considering that UC-Berkeley now has an Asian chancellor, Chang-Lin Tien, and its undergraduate body is nearly 40 percent Asian.

"In fact, that mindset lulled me into thinking the same thing before it happened to me," she said. "The problem is that the university is not a homogeneous stew."

Gwilliam said Wang was denied tenure because "she did not fit the mold of the good old boys club."

He and Wang said she was not the target of overt racist or sexist remarks, but was made to feel unwelcome.

"It's a matter of ignoring her," Gwilliam said.

Wang, now practicing privately in Berkeley, maintained she

was denied tenure after superiors solicited unfavorable letters and excluded favorable ones from a file being used to weigh her candidacy.

She left the school in 1988. Her husband, who also was a UC-Berkeley architecture professor, had left previously.

She was not the first woman to charge discrimination at UC-Berkeley.

Eleanor Swift had fought two years before getting tenure in the Boalt Hall law school in 1989.

In 1991, UC-Berkeley agreed to pay \$75,000 to former lecturer Merle Woo to settle a claim that she was fired because she was an outspoken Asian activist, lesbian and union leader.

In 1992, three female students in the school of architecture charged they were sexually harassed by a research assistant and a professor.

Christ said "any problems that have existed in the architecture department have been addressed and solved."

She said 19 percent, or 220, of UC-Berkeley's tenured professors are women.

Gwilliam said Wang has no interest in returning to UC-Berkeley.

"I think that Marcy's free now to finally let go of this battle," he said.

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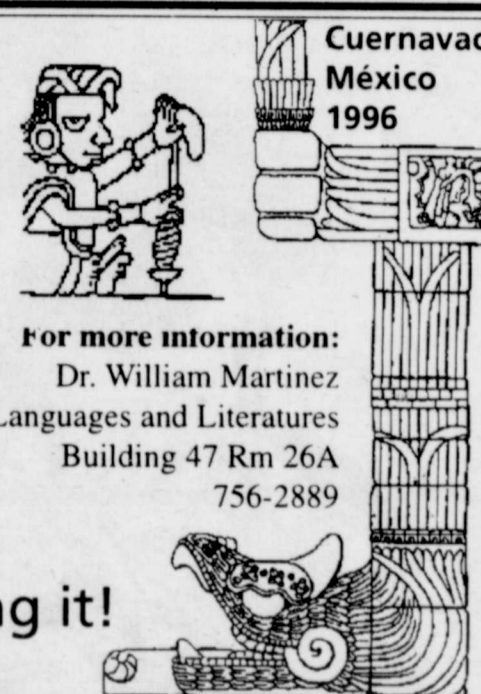
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## The sweet call of Spain

8:30 a.m. As I sipped the last drop of my cafe con leche, I bid Carmen a "buenos dias" and bolted out the door. Winding through various narrow passageways and jogging through cold, remote plazas, I arrived at the brightly tiled fountain near my school. Last night was late, but I'm mysteriously anxious for another day. What next? A Spanish debate in Jose's conversation class? A tour of the Alhambra fortress, the old residence of Moroccan kings? Wine tasting? The Gypsy caves? Flamenco lessons? AM I IN SCHOOL? AM I REALLY GETTING CREDITS FOR ALL THIS?

This is what went through my head over and over again last year during my semester abroad in Granada, Spain. New faces, places and spaces every day. New stories to tell, some exciting, others crazy. But nothing got old, and I did everything twice. I am dying to go back and do it again.

Some of my fondest memories stem from sipping the local brew on a Spanish patio, quiet afternoons spent in the palace gardens of Granada, and weekend sojourns to other parts of Spain. My scope of friends is no longer restricted to San Luis Obispo; it now extends from Asia to South America and everywhere in between. It is the most satisfying feeling to communicate sufficiently in Spanish, and I am not just talking about ordering a Carne Asada burrito at Tio Alberto's.

Deadlines for applications and financial aid are approaching, and I have been urging all of my friends (and those I haven't met yet) to take advantage of this opportunity. The amazing thing is that anyone can do this. Education abroad, in a variety of intriguing countries, is easily accessible. For further information, contact the Global Affairs Office at 756-1477 or call the American Institute for Foreign Study at 1-800-727-AIFS.

Vanessa Everard is a business junior.



## Hey everybody, look at this!

We have a cartoonist! Dave Held, a biology senior according to the extremely outdated ASI student directory we make do with, has graced the Opinion page with the products of his artistic endeavor.

Let us pause for a moment to acknowledge his contribution to this fine publication and again renew our vows to contribute something to the Mustang Daily Opinion page, even if it isn't near the quality of Held's wonderfully satirical pieces. You can still make the effort and will be appreciated.

Our e-mail address, fax and phone numbers, and university address are below. So give it a try with a letter to the editor, commentary, idea for From the Hip or whatever. I think you'll like it. -D.P.

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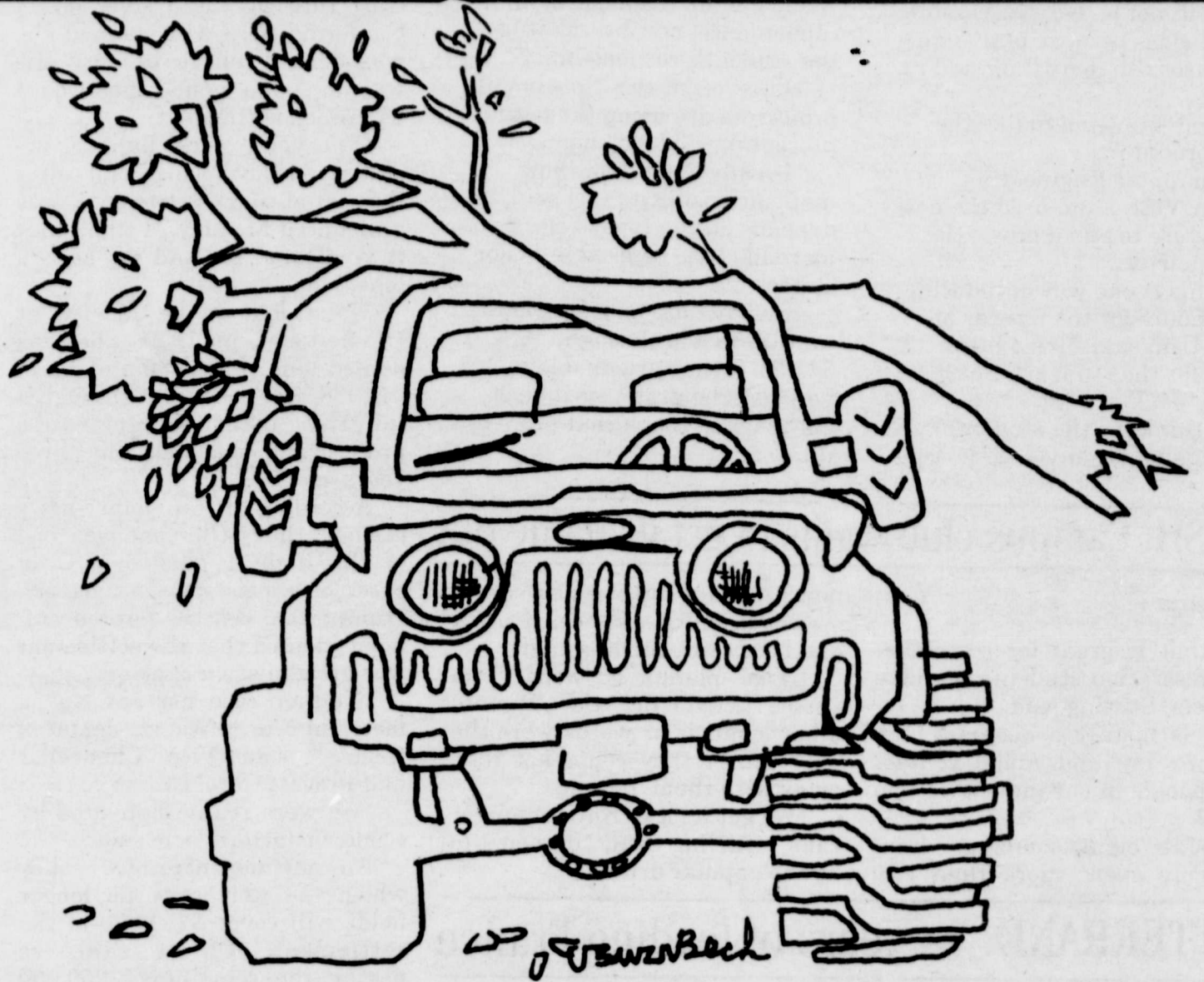
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## REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK



## God's temper tantrum

by Stephen Enders

Those familiar with the song, "Jesus built my hotrod" will have sympathy for the fact that God wrecked my truck. That's right. Last winter, my unfortunate Toyota truck fell victim to God.

Remember the torrential rains of last winter? I do; I absolutely loved it when I had to run to class and cover my head every day, to jump over the huge puddle when I came home from school that formed in the front yard of my house, losing my cable, and hanging my soaked jeans.

I actually love the rain and bad weather. It's much more exciting than all of this sunshine we're having now. There is hope, though, as clouds form while I type. Maybe the rains will come, hopefully with force. In fact, this lack of bad weather that we are now experiencing is driving me crazy. I can't go snowboarding, it's too warm to wear

**Blame it all on God. I think He hates me and I can't figure out why. I'm a non-practicing Catholic, I get good grades, I don't abuse drugs, and right now I'm not engaged in any immoral sexual practices. But last year God wrecked my truck, or at least that's what my insurance company told me when investigating the gigantic tree limb that fell on the hood of my truck last winter.**

my new jeans, and I can't even wear all of my long-sleeve clothes that I spent good money on last year.

Blame it all on God. I think He hates me, and I can't figure out why. I'm a non-practicing Catholic, I get good grades, I don't abuse drugs, and right now, am not engaged in any immoral sexual practices (I'm not getting any). But last year, God wrecked my truck, or at least, this is what my insurance company told me, when investigating the gigantic tree limb that decided to fall on the hood of my truck last winter.

Instead of blaming the man who owns the building and parking lot for the problem and properly reimbursing me, they blamed it on God. "It was an act of God," was the direct wording.

What began as an innocent trip to the bank turned into my nightmare of the day (Yes, I have these daily). As I was getting into my poor truck, I heard a loud, "CRACK!" My first instinct was to jump into the cab, and cover my head. Then the huge eucalyptus limb came crashing down on my hood, scarring it for life. This was a hit and run from God, and he didn't even have the cour-

tesy to leave a note. Thanks be to God.

There were men working on the building, and the owner was even there. They all came running over, and showed great concern for my plight. He gave me his phone number, and told me to call him when I got a damage estimate. Of course, of the six times I called him, I got an answering machine. So, I sent the insurance agent after him (not to be confused with Him), and they blamed it on God.

Sure, the easy scapegoat. The guy that no one can get in touch with: blame Him. I don't know why this happened. I just wanted money to buy something from the hardware store that day. Maybe it was my greed that made Him do it. My dependence on money and disregard for others, especially Him, to which I should have tithed that cash.

The moral of this story: You shouldn't park under trees that are famous for dropping huge limbs. If you see an old, blue Toyota truck cruising around with a dented hood, let it be a reminder (from God) for you to go to church on Sundays, give 10 percent to the church, and practice moral behavior daily.

Since this has happened, I have taken it upon myself to get better acquainted with the Bible, think about the

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choices I make in life, and whether or not God actually has it out for me. I fear God, and this fear was felt directly when God Himself set his heavy hand down on me in the form of a tree. Hey, it's better than lightning bolts.

Now, I find myself swerving to avoid crashes because I am constantly looking up when I drive.

However, I just can't find it in my heart to blame the big guy upstairs. But those rascal insurance agents sure can. They were probably kicking back in a plush office drinking scotch, and most likely didn't even get out to see what really happened. May a eucalyptus limb fall on their heads.

Steve Enders is a Daily staff writer.

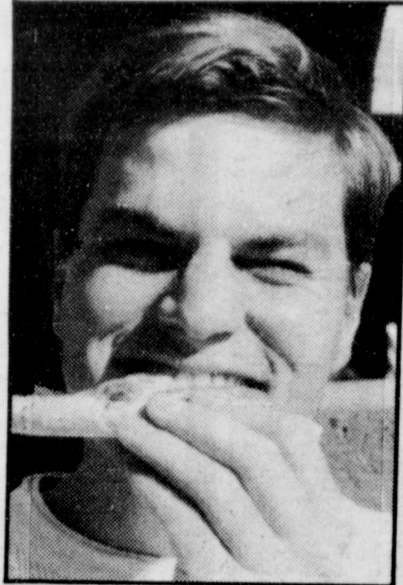


# FROM THE HIP: What was the quickest you've broken a new year's resolution and what was it?

Interviews by Val Avalos  
Daily photos by Juan Martinez



"Three months. To stay away from loser guys. But I broke it on March 9."  
Traci Anderson  
Physical education sophomore



"Less than a week. The resolution was to stop eating disgusting campus food."  
Jeff Haselby  
Mechanical engineering senior



"The same night. I was trying to quit smoking."  
Leann Higgins  
Micro biology freshman



"Four days. My resolution this year was to stop drinking, but I went out Thursday night."  
Pat Moeller  
Psychology sophomore



"One week. Last year I made a resolution to call my parents every weekend, but I didn't."  
Damon Bailey  
Biology junior



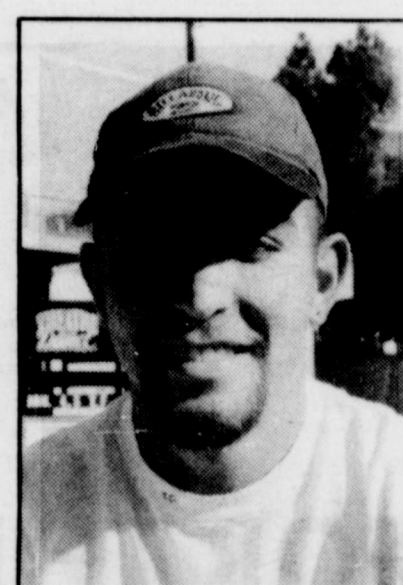
"My resolution this year is to be more evil, but I haven't broken it yet."  
Matt Cox  
Crop science senior



"One day. It was that I'd stop pressing snooze on the alarm clock."  
Brooke Manchester  
Physical education sophomore



"Two months. To try really hard in school. I lasted to about Spring."  
Samantha Borg  
Social science junior



"Four days. My resolution was to start working out again."  
Andy Karabatsos  
Social science sophomore

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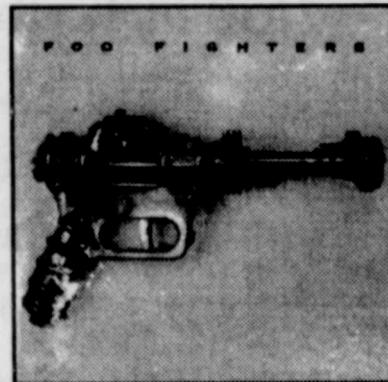
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## NCAA: Delegates want efficiency

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"I think there will be a good many things that are different in the future. But I think the main concerns have to do with efficiency of the structure. Everybody is sick of coming to this convention year after year and voting on the same things."

A good example of Hearn's point came later when delegates spent most of Monday's afternoon session arguing over proposals to weaken and strengthen academic eligibility requirements passed at the 1995 convention.

Many details of the new structure, which places a group of college presidents at the top and takes effect in August 1997, remain to be worked out by transition committees and further voting at the January 1997 convention.

Although it's at least three years away, one thing the new alignment might hasten is a football playoff. One incident that gave impetus to restructuring happened two years ago after the major conferences turned down an NCAA bid to have a playoff in Division I-A. The major schools still wanted a committee to continue studying the feasibility of a

playoff, but lower-division representatives, who would not even be involved, voted not to let them.

"You won't see that sort of thing happen again," said James Crowley, president of the University of Nevada.

"If we start moving in the direction of a championship game, then this will help quite a bit," said Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley, long a playoff proponent.

Several officials said Division I-A might soon add to the value of athletic scholarships.

"I think we'll see more opportunities there," Byrne said. "I would like to see us move toward the full cost of attendance for the (scholarship). You could talk about transportation back and forth, extra expenses like computers and books that are expected in so many classes now."

Said Hearn: "I think there'll be a lot more emphasis on trying to take care of the full cost of attendance. There's going to be a real effort to promote a series of policies that take away the perceived disadvantages that needy student-athletes have. We're talking about being able to include travel and other kinds of allowances in the student aide packages."

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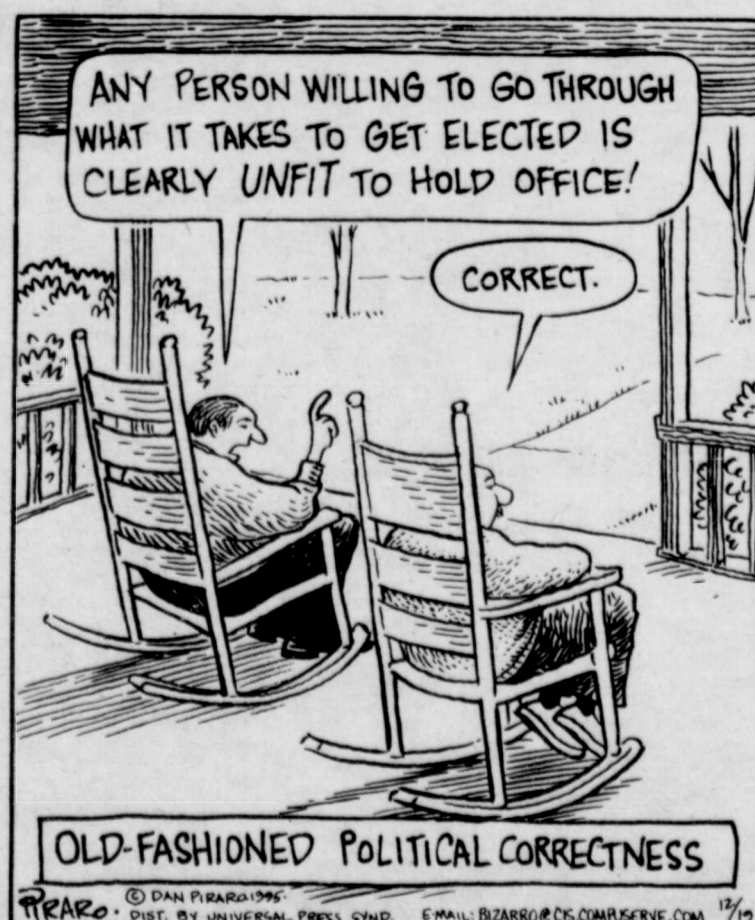
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**THE CAT'S MEOW**

By Steve Moore



**"Tape it up real tight, Floyd ... and the other ankle, too."**

## by Dan Piraro



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☐ Citizen Dog                      ☐ Bizarro



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#### TODAY'S GAMES

- Men's basketball vs. St. Mary's @ Moraga, 7:30 p.m.
- Women's basketball vs. Arizona @ Tuscon, 7 p.m.

#### TOMORROW'S GAMES

- Wrestling vs. Boise State University @ Mott Gym, 7 p.m.

### NATIONAL BRIEFS

### TOP 25 MEN'S BASKETBALL

1.	Massachusetts	12-0
2.	Kentucky	11-1
3.	Kansas	10-1
4.	Cincinnati	9-0
5.	Georgetown	13-1
6.	Connecticut	12-1
7.	Villanova	12-1
8.	Wake Forest	8-3-1
9.	Memphis	8-2
10.	North Carolina	11-2
11.	Iowa	12-2
12.	Mississippi St.	10-1
13.	Utah	9-2
14.	Syracuse	11-2
15.	Virginia Tech	7-1
16.	Clemson	10-0
17.	UCLA	9-3
18.	Arizona	10-3
19.	Georgia	10-2
20.	Penn St.	11-0
21.	Illinois	11-3
22.	Purdue	11-2
23.	Michigan	11-4
24.	Stanford	8-2
25.	New Mexico	11-1

### Big West accepts Sacramento State for baseball and softball

Irvine, Calif. (AP)-- Sacramento State University was invited to join the Big West Conference in baseball and softball as an associate member beginning in 1997, the league announced Monday.

Also, Cal State Northridge was invited to become a member of the league in softball beginning in 1997.

The addition of Sacramento State in baseball will bring the league's total to eight teams, which will be divided into two four-team divisions.

One division will be made up Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State, UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly. The other will be Sacramento State, Pacific, Nevada and New Mexico State.

With the addition of Sacramento State and Cal State Northridge in softball, the Big West will consist of nine schools -- those two along with Cal Poly, Fullerton, Long Beach State, New Mexico State, UCSB, Pacific and Utah State.

Cal Poly, Boise State, Idaho and North Texas will join the Big West as full members next fall, while San Jose State and UNLV will become members of the WAC.

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"He pitched a lot of games for me, won a lot of ballgames for me. You talk about durability, the guy never missed an assignment. He was a winner. I'll tell you, he belongs in the Hall of Fame"

Tom Lasorda

Los Angeles Dodgers' manager on Don Sutton's denial from the Hall of Fame

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## A W A Y F O R A N I G H T



Cal Poly men's basketball leaves the comforts of Mott Gym to face St. Mary's College tonight at 7 p.m. in Moraga, Calif.

The Mustangs (8-5) hope to continue their five game win streak and then return home for this weekends home game against George Mason.

Cal Poly's win streak began on Dec. 28 when the Mustangs beat Harvard at home, 73-64.

The Mustangs just ended a six-game homestand -- in which they went 5-1 -- with an overtime win over University of Idaho, 86-84, last Saturday.

With 50 total steals, guard Ben Larson looks to break Cal Poly's steal record of 54 set by Keith Wheeler in the 1982-83 season.

Larson was recently voted American West Conference Player of the Week after his performance in the Mustangs' last three home games.

Cal Poly's last road trip was for the Dec. 16 University of Portland game -- in which the Mustangs lost, 91-70.

The last time Cal Poly won while on the road was Dec. 18, 1993 at Cal State Hayward / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

## Baseball Hall of Fame elects no one

By Ben Walker  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For the first time in 25 years, no player was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame, with 300-game winners Phil Niekro and Don Sutton and slugger Tony Perez again falling short Monday.

Not since 1971 had members of the Baseball Writers Association of America failed to elect a candidate. But with 75 percent support needed, Niekro received only 68.3 percent, followed by Perez with 65.7 percent and Sutton at 63.8 percent.

This was just the seventh time since the original selection in 1936 that the BBWAA failed to elect anyone.

Niekro, on the ballot for the fourth time, got 321 votes, 32 short of the 353 needed for election. The knuckleballer had a career record of 318-274.

"I really have nothing to say," Niekro said in Atlanta.

Perez, on the ballot for the fifth time, was listed on 309 of the record total of 470 ballots. He had 1,652 RBIs lifetime, most among any player not already in the Hall.

"It's disappointing," Perez said from Puerto Rico. "I don't know what will happen next year. I can go down. You never know."

Sutton, on the ballot for the third time, got 300 votes. He was 324-256 lifetime.

"He pitched a lot of games for me, won a lot of ballgames for

me," Sutton's former manager, Tom Lasorda, said Monday. "You talk about durability, the guy never missed an assignment. He was a winner. I'll tell you, he belongs in the Hall of Fame."

There is still a chance someone will be enshrined during Hall of Fame induction ceremonies Aug. 4 in Cooperstown, N.Y.

The Veterans Committee, which considers players no longer on the ballot, along with managers, executives and former Negro Leagues stars, will meet March 5 at Tampa, Fla. Jim Bunning, Nellie Fox and Gil Hodges are among those who may be chosen.

"The absence of an electee this year emphasizes the exclusivity of membership in the Baseball Hall of Fame," said Hall of Fame president Donald Marr.

Tony Oliva (170 votes), Curt Flood (71) and the late Vada Pinson (51) were in their 15th and final years of consideration. Only Oliva will eventually be considered by the Veterans Committee.

Just three of the 13 first-time candidates — Bob Boone, Fred Lynn and Keith Hernandez — received the required 5 percent to remain on the ballot next year.

Pete Rose, not on the ballot because he is on baseball's ineligible list, received 19 write-in votes. He got 14 last year.

No eligible pitcher with more wins than either Sutton or Niek-

ro has been left out of the Hall. Perez ranks 16th in career RBIs, most among any player not in Cooperstown.

While all three players had impressive totals, the knock on all of them has been that they were very good for a long time, rather than being great for at least 10 years.

Niekro never won a Cy Young Award in his 24 years and Sutton was shut out from baseball's top pitching award in his 23 seasons. Perez, who hit 379 homers, never led the league in home runs or RBIs in 23 years.

"I think it's getting harder and harder every year to get into the Hall of Fame," Perez said. "The baseball Hall of Fame is hard to get into right now. You have to have really super numbers or whatever; you've got to be Babe Ruth or Hank Aaron."

Steve Garvey (175 votes), Ron Santo (174), Oliva (170) and Jim Rice (166) were Nos. 4-7 in the voting. Dan Quisenberry (18) and Bill Buckner (10) were among the first-time candidates who will drop off the ballot.

Niekro, Perez and Sutton may have another decent chance next year because Dave Parker and Dwight Evans will be the top newcomers on the ballot, and neither is a sure-fire first-time selection. By 1999, though, Nolan Ryan, George Brett, Robin Yount and Carlton Fisk will begin appearing on the ballot.

## Streamlining of the NCAA raises more questions

By Doug Tucker  
Associated Press

DALLAS — The streamlining of the NCAA has raised more questions than it has answered concerning the new freedom of big-time athletic schools.

Will such schools institute a football playoff system? Will they add basketball scholarships? Will they increase expense money for needy athletes? Nobody seems certain.

"I don't understand myself yet exactly what this means," said Bob Frederick, Kansas athletic director and chairman of the selection committee of the men's basketball tournament. "I don't think it will have any affect on the tournament. A lot of us don't know for sure what this means for the future."

One thing, however, remains clear: Putting presidents in command and giving major powers control of their destinies was a landmark move Monday by NCAA convention delegates.

"Issues like student aid will be better dealt with," said Wake Forest president Thomas Hearn, a leader in the presidential reform movement that began in the mid-80s and culminated Monday with an overwhelming vote to realign the NCAA's governing structure.

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