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Mechanical engineering sophomore Mike Petty cutting some steel for the Craft Center's Open House booth / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

Horticulture students top competition

By Sandra Naughton
Daily Staff Writer

While others played hard during spring break, 18 Cal Poly students worked hard to win first place in a national ornamental horticulture competition hosted on campus.

They were among 475 students identifying cymbidium orchids, designing sales presentations and recognizing environmental stresses during the Association of Landscape Contractors of America's Career Days competition.

Students from schools such as North Carolina State University, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the University of Illinois competed on 30 teams in the March 22-23 competition.

"We're back on top again,"

said Mike Zohns, one of the faculty coaches for the event. He explained that Cal Poly has won the honor for seven consecutive years since 1987. "We had to do better each year, which brings everyone's quality and workmanship up and upgrades the entire industry."

Cal Poly won the overall team category by accumulating 3,281 points, making Poly the only school to surpass the 3,000-point mark.

Cal Poly's two-person teams placed first in six of the 20 events, including pest management, patio construction and maintenance estimating. They also won the annual and perennial identification event, in which students were asked to recognize 50 selected plants from

a possible list of 175.

Senior Laura Gilbert, a third-time ALCA participant, said this year's team surpassed those of the past.

"We were really unified," she said. "Everyone went to each others' events to offer support."

The team spirit and friendships that strengthened the group developed throughout winter quarter at their weekly 7 a.m. practices, said faculty coach Steve Angley.

He said the team's success represented efforts from all sides of the ornamental horticulture department. Three other faculty members, Dan Lassanske, George Newell and Zohns, served as coaches and 70 students sacrificed their spring break to

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U.S. begins flying Americans out of war-torn capital

Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — The first U.S. helicopters flew into Monrovia on Tuesday and began evacuating Americans from the chaotic capital, in the grips of fierce rebel fighting.

Twenty-six Americans, including two children, were on the first flight to arrive safely late Tuesday in neighboring Freetown, Sierra Leone — a two-hour flight from Monrovia — U.S. officials there said.

The fighting that broke out Saturday was the worst in Monrovia since 1993. Liberia, which was founded in 1847 by freed American slaves, has been wracked by civil war since 1990, the fighting broken occasionally by truces that collapse within a matter of weeks.

Late Tuesday, State Department officials said they expect the helicopters to continue shuttling Americans out of Liberia. There are 470 Americans holed up in the West African country.

But, one official said, "We want to avoid use of the word evacuation." The Pentagon is concerned that an unstable situation could develop if at this point there is a formal announcement of an evacuation, the official said.

cial said.

Some 15,000 people, many of them foreigners, have crowded into a U.S. Embassy compound since Monday seeking safety from the worst fighting in three years.

State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said U.S. helicopters were ready to take out all of the Americans who wish to leave Monrovia. The helicopters can carry about 25 passengers each.

"The several helicopters that are there, that have brought in the military assessment team, will not go back to Freetown empty if we have anything to do about it," Davies said. "We want to make sure that American citizens are given the opportunity on those helicopters to leave the country if they wish."

U.S. Embassy spokesman Dudley Sims had no details on how any further evacuation would be carried out except to say it could take several days.

In Freetown, more than 100 U.S. special forces from the Air Force and Army — some from Germany, some from other places — and at least four MH-53 helicopters were spotted at the Lungi international air-

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Pair fighting for women's health care speak at Poly

By Amy Conley
Daily Staff Writer

With a Health Center on campus, the biggest worry for most women at Cal Poly probably doesn't involve searching for health care.

But for women in Latin America, it's often a different story.

According to Dorothy Granada and Carmelita Wingchang, from the Maria Luisa Ortiz Women's Cooperative in Mulukuku, Nicaragua, it is often difficult to offer gynecological services in the conservative, patriarchal culture of Roman Catholic Latin America. Granada and Wingchang discussed women's health in developing nations on Monday in a talk sponsored by Women's Programs and Services.

The women's cooperative was formed in 1989 in a Mulukukuan village — to repair the damages of Hurricane Joan. Few men lived in the village at the time, as they were fighting in the Contra-Sandinista war.

Though the men doubted their abilities, the women of the village learned to build cement

blocks, and later, houses. They then built a clinic for women and children.

Granada, a registered nurse, became coordinator of the clinic in 1990. The clinic offers pediatric care, nutrition workshops, prenatal care, general care and family planning, Wingchang said.

"Women want birth control," Granada said. "Even women that are scared of their male companions or belong to a conservative church want birth control; they just want it to be a secret."

Granada said many women get IUDs, a form of birth control, because no one will know they are using contraception. But Granada said she is unhappy about that choice.

"I hate using IUDs; there's a greater risk of infection whenever you put something in the uterus," she said.

"Now that we have DepoProvera — a hormonal injection given every four months that is almost as effective as birth control pills — women can come in with their children and no one's the wiser," Granada

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TODAY'S WEATHER: mostly sunny

TOMORROW'S WEATHER: morning clouds, mostly sunny

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Poly Plan Forums will be held April 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in U.U. 220, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium and April 30 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in U.U. 220. This is an opportunity for students to voice their concerns and have questions addressed.

Today

The College of Business Council is presenting the spring club luau from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the College of Business breezeway. For more information, call Ryan Azus at 541-6077.

Upcoming

Physics Colloquium is having a lecture titled "In Search of an Improved Science and Public-Policy Process" April 11 at 11:10 a.m. in building 52, room E-45. Dave Hafemeister will lead the lecture.

Alpha Phi and Phi Delta Theta will be putting on a volleyball tournament at Teach School on April 13 and 14. This is a philanthropic event and everyone is invited to participate. For more information, call 782-9954.

Friends of the San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden presents "Garden Festival -- flowers, fun and friends" on April 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at El Chorro Regional Park.

Poly Canyon Biathlon to support the performing arts center is taking place April 14 at 9 a.m. Sign-up in the U.U. Friday, or at the race.

The final mandatory Open House meeting is taking place April 18 at 11 a.m. in building 8, room 123.

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Unabomber suspect believed to have known 4 bombing victims

By Richard Cole
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Investigators have discovered possible direct links between suspect Theodore Kaczynski and at least four Unabomber victims, federal law enforcement sources said Tuesday.

Until last week's arrest, investigators had theorized that the Unabomber chose his targets from books, the media or radical environmental publications.

But with the identification of Kaczynski, they discovered four of the targets had frequented universities where the suspect studied or worked, or had positions in those areas. And at least two other bombs also included written references to people who may also have crossed his path.

"I think the possibility of that is very high — that there was much more of a personal connection with these people that we previously had believed," said an investigator who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Four victims in the 16 attacks taught at, attended or frequently visited schools where Kaczynski was enrolled or worked:

— Pat Fisher, professor of computer science at Vanderbilt University, was the target of a 1982 mail bomb. Fisher said he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology when Kaczynski was at Harvard University — both are in Cambridge, Mass. — in the early 1960s, and took a class at Harvard.

"We could have been in the same class," Fisher said. "I think he knew who I was." The connection continued. Kaczynski went to graduate school in math at the University of Michigan, and Fisher frequently visited there because his father worked in the same department.

— James McConnell, injured in a 1985 Unabomber attack, was a psychology professor at the University of Michigan when Kaczynski attended that school in the mid-1960s.

— The Unabomber's first fatal victim was Hugh Scrutton, a Sacramento computer store owner. Scrutton took math classes at the University of California-Berkeley during the summer of 1967, the year Kaczynski began teaching in that department, although he didn't teach Scrutton's course.

— Percy Wood, the airline executive targeted by a 1980 mail bomb, lived in the Oakland-Piedmont area when Kaczynski taught in neighboring Berkeley. More significantly, Wood served on the San Francisco Bay Area Air Pollution Control District's advisory council from 1967-69, the years Kaczynski taught at UC-Berkeley.

Wood told The Oakland Tribune that he didn't remember Kaczynski or any major environmental controversies that might have attracted the Unabomber's attention, however.

There were intriguing references to two other people Kaczynski knew in two other bombings.

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— In 1982, when the Unabomber left an explosive device at a computer science and engineering building at UC-Berkeley, he left a note saying, "Wu It works! I told you it would. R.V."

In the late 1960s when Kaczynski taught at that school, a fellow math department professor was Hung-Hsi Wu. He told the FBI he must have known Kaczynski casually since they were in the same department, but doesn't remember anything about him.

— In one mail bomb, the Unabomber used the return address of Buckley Crist, an engineering professor at Northwestern University in the Chicago area where Kaczynski lived. Crist also attended an American Physical Society conference at UC-Berkeley in 1968 when Kaczynski taught there, but doesn't remember his attending.


One of the most tenuous connections involve the Unabomber's use of the name "H.C. Wickel" at San Francisco State University in the return address of a 1994 bomb that killed a New Jersey advertising executive. Investigators discovered a former student named Wickel who had lived in Salt Lake City in the 1970s when Kaczynski lived there after leaving Berkeley.

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HEALTH CARE: Clinic encourages natural cures

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said. The clinic tries to keep the cost to its patients down.

"Our goals are to develop and learn as much as we can about natural healing so we are not dependent on expensive pharmaceuticals," Granada said.

The clinic uses local herbs and recommends dietary changes to treat many common ills. The women are encouraged to incorporate soy beans into the traditional diet of rice, corn, and beans to fight chronic protein deficiency.

The problem, according to Granada, is that "the poor are

disposable."

Granada blamed the Contra government for an 80 percent reduction of funding for social programs and medical services since 1990.

"Children die in our arms," Granada said. "If you withhold food, if you withhold medicine, that is murder."

Granada's and Wingchang's mission to inform universities about women's health does not end at Cal Poly.

The two women tour every two years and are in the middle of a speaking and fund-raising tour along the West Coast for the clinic. Their next stop will be the University of Arizona.

HORTICULTURE: Two students organized event

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staff and set up the event.

"They got a free T-shirt and some free meals, but they did it because we asked them to," he said. "It was a pride issue — we convinced them they should be proud of the department."

In addition to the volunteers, two students, Tony Asborno and John Niedziejko, organized most of the event as their senior project and also competed.

"It was a lot more work than I expected," Niedziejko said, mentioning the transportation, enter-

tainment and other arrangements for the 675 attendees that he and his partner were responsible for. "But it was well worth it."

The industry organization ALCA coordinated donations for the \$50,000 event from companies throughout the country, with most support coming from California businesses. Representatives from about 40 companies administered and graded each of the events, while about 200 participated in a trade show and held interview sessions which occupied 47 rooms on campus.



Clinton signs line-item veto bill, promises examination of budget

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a dramatic shift of purse-string power, President Clinton signed a line-item veto bill sought by presidents since Ulysses S. Grant. He promised unprecedented scrutiny of "the darkest corners of the federal budget."

Opponents accused Congress of surrendering a precious piece of its constitutional prerogative to spend the people's money. Federal employees immediately filed a court challenge.

Tipping his hat to Republican and Democratic predecessors, Clinton kept four pens used in Tuesday's signing and dispatched them to former Presidents Reagan, Ford, Carter and Bush — all of whom had pleaded for the power to slash specific provisions from spending bills.

"Their successors will be able to use this power that they long sought to eliminate waste from the federal budget," said Clinton, who won't be able to use the line-item veto unless re-elected.

The bipartisan bill will be a fixture in the presidential election, with Clinton and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole both claiming credit. "It will help put Washington on a pork-free diet," Dole said Tuesday.

Clinton, who seldom used the line-item veto as Arkansas' governor, noted that 43 of the nation's 50 governors can carve away at budget bills. "They have used it well and without any upsetting of the constitutional

framework," Clinton said.

Under the new law, presidents can sign spending bills and — within five days — cancel specific items, including appropriations, narrowly targeted tax breaks covering 100 or fewer people and new or expanded entitlements.

It does away with a requirement, in place since the nation's founding, that a president must approve or reject legislation in its entirety.

Congress still gets the last word on spending: A line-item veto can be overridden by a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress.

The bill, part of the GOP "Contract With America," passed Congress easily despite a rich history of failure. Congress has jealously guarded its spending powers, turning back more than 200 attempts in the last 120 years to give presidents a line-item veto.

Rep. Marge Roukema, R-N.J., said the bill will prompt "more partisan bickering, legislative horse-trading and even more pork-barrel spending."

She noted that a line-item veto can be sustained with the support of just 34 senators. "In the real world of Washington politics, this gives the president a new tool to punish and reward lawmakers by threatening to line-item veto spending in their districts," Roukema said.

Federal judges are concerned the courts would have no recourse if the president vetoes their budget. The judges say that

would improperly weaken the judiciary's standing among the federal government's three branches.

And a federal employees union said it fears "a hostile president" will veto pay raises for bureaucrats. The National Treasury Employees' Union filed suit in U.S. District Court, calling the law "a device that subverts the Constitution's separation of powers."

Clinton said Congress' power to override line-item vetoes will protect against a president abusing the new tool. Presidents also will be wary of the public scrutiny that comes with the issuance of a veto, he said.

Seated at his desk flanked by bill supporters, Clinton said, "For years, presidents of both parties have pounded this very desk in frustration at having to sign necessary legislation that contains special-interest boondoggles, tax loopholes and pure pork."

Ronald Reagan made the same case more than 10 years ago. Pleading for a line-item veto, he said: "Then I'll make the cuts; I'll take the responsibility — and the heat ... and I'll enjoy it."

Clinton has long supported the measure. But as Arkansas' governor, he used a line-item veto just nine times in 10 years — a period in which about 2,500 spending bills crossed his desk.

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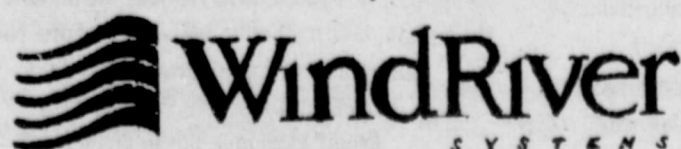
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Indoctrination 101

by Kurt Horner

This quarter I enrolled in Econ 211 to knock out my G.E. requirement. A friend forewarned me that I would not enjoy the way the class was taught. I should have listened.

I already have significant knowledge of economics both from my own reading and from a high school course, so admittedly I bring to class a certain bias toward what I have read before. However, I cannot bear the blurring of fact and opinion in economics textbooks and the professors who use them.

Some economists have this funny habit of thinking they're some sort of scientist — that they deal in a realm of undeniable facts controlled by specific mathematical formulae. In reality, economists are ideologically divided and their statistics are hopelessly fuzzy. But you wouldn't get that impression from economics classes.

According to my economics textbook, "The market economy has certain biases and shortcomings which compel government to supplement and modify its operation." I can think of at least half a dozen economists who would disagree with this. It is far too sweeping a statement for an author to present as fact, unless the author's intent is to create converts rather than present ideas.

And that is exactly the intent of the author. The academic economists who pen these texts are fully aware that most Americans have little knowledge of economic theory. They know that an illusion of objectivity is all that is necessary to convince people that economic theory supports a mixed economy. So students leave college with the false impression that government policies have a stamp of approval from nature itself.

At this point a conspiracy theorist would hint darkly at "brainwashing" by state universities. But the rejection of pure capitalism by academia should not be surprising. After all, these are the same universities which teach philosophy majors that reality does not exist and poli-sci majors that Marx had good ideas that "unfortunately" don't work. State universities have always been breeding grounds for statistics in every nation in which they have existed. After all, aspiring dictators cannot begin brainwashing the general public until they have a body of intellectuals to do the brainwashing.

Nations with command economies have universally been totalitarian. Such nations always began with some measure of pre-existing controls of the economy, usually quite a lot of them. Nations which turned to collectivism did not do so instantly, out of some inherent revulsion for the free market. Rather those nations decayed by slow rot, through the type of economy harmlessly described by economics texts as mixed economy.

A mixture of freedom and control is like a mixture of oil and water. It eventually separates into its two polar parts. At some point, the choice between freedom and control must be made. But what will Americans choose when our mixed economy breaks up?

If they accept the statements of their professors that the market economy compels government to enact controls and regulations, then their choice becomes obvious. Forced to choose between freedom and slavery, America will choose slavery. But if people learn to think out critical concepts — such as economics — on their own, rather than mindlessly absorbing compulsory lectures, then America will choose freedom.

Kurt Horner is an architectural engineering freshman

LETTER

Or perhaps gas fumes

Editor,

In reference to Bruce Rose's commentary "Compacts, pickets and large car justice," I believe that Bruce has watched, perhaps, one too many Seinfeld episodes.

Randy Warren

Advisor, Cal Poly Wheelmen

COMMENTARY



Snow White ain't all that pure

by Walter Ortiz

I must say, Lisa, that if I was a Roman Catholic I might be real upset with you. You honestly didn't do anything worthwhile for Rome with your article filled with hypocrisy. Shame on you, you bad little Catholic. What would your dear old Pope think of your commentary? You may have to spend 14,000 years being tormented in purgatory before you get out for not defending your Romanism. I think you should e-mail him John Paul.

Maybe when you get out of Purgatory, you still won't get to go to Heaven. By the way, when was the last time that you as a Romanist went to confession? You mean you didn't go today? Or yesterday? It's been that long! Well, according to your Romish leaders, you lost your salvation, (if you earned enough to begin with), the first day you missed confession. I bet good ol' John Paul doesn't think that you are "innocent" at all, at least not as "innocent" as you seem to think you are. As a matter of fact, he would probably anathematize you. Did you know that your Pope is a really good debater? He's actually very argumentative and passionate about what he believes, although he couldn't hold a candle to Martin Luther, much less light a match. Still, Johnny Pope would probably feel ashamed at you that you know so little of your Romanism that you couldn't even defend it against that big bad "evangelist." Oh, yes, John is also a real big "evange-

Your hypocrisy is that you want tolerance of your own religion, but not of the Christian religion. You sound intolerant to me. The truth is, Rome teaches a false gospel. But Rome thinks the same of us.

list" too. You mean you didn't see him when he came to the States? All of the "good Catholics" did!

Unwarranted attack, huh? I thought you journalists believe in freedom of speech? Oh, I see, you only believe that when when it is "convenient" for you and fits "your agenda," right? Lisa! Lisa! Lisa! Don't you see your hypocrisy? You obviously want religious tolerance, right? (Are you fuming yet?) Why is it that your "pet peeve" is "that evangelists — young and old — force their religious views on others?" You make a pretty good "evangelist" yourself. Only you get to slander some poor immature Protestant (a protester of Rome) in your cheezy Opinion page. But you certainly are a pretty "evangelist," I'll give you that much. Your hypocrisy is that you want religious tolerance of your own religion, but not that of the Christian religion. You sound very intolerant to me.

You don't fool anyone, except fools themselves. Now you're

mad again.

Hey, be a little tolerant, OK? No one gave you "permission" to abuse your privilege as a "journalist" to write about your religious views, did we?

Oh, ya, it's that agenda thing again. My dear Lisa, you as a Roman Catholic don't know what you believe, nor do you "believe in what (he) was preaching" to you. Romanism and Protestantism have been mortal enemies since the late fifteenth century. Hello, McFly!! You probably missed Mass, again, the day they taught History, right? Honestly, do you think Johnny Pope asked the Muslims during the Crusades if they wanted to be evangelized? Are you accusing your head honcho of being intrusive and disrespectful? Careful! 14,000 more years! The truth is, Rome preaches a false gospel. Don't worry, Rome thinks the same of us Protestants too. But the reality is, logically, one of us is damned!

Either you believe that one must perform the essential five of the seven sacraments your dear Rome preaches loudly to help accomplish your own salvation, or that one is saved by God's grace ALONE, through faith ALONE, in Jesus Christ ALONE as the rest of us Protestants do. You cannot be saved by your works, Lisa. (Romans 3:20, Galatians 3:11, Ephesians 2:4-9) Ask yourself, Lisa: Why couldn't you answer his simple questions?

Maybe you don't have the answer at all? You defaulted on your "chance to debate" when you ran away from him. Don't blame that guy. How wickedly deceptive that is! You crucified him in your paper "without even looking at who (he is). Sounds pretty hypocritical to me." Feeling haunted by your own words now? Let's face it. Any "evangelism" in the face of any reprobate sinner will never be welcome. God the Father is the one who has to prepare the heart before they can receive and embrace truth. (John 6:44)

I don't approve of most evangelistic "methods," because methodologies tend to hack up the true Gospel of Jesus Christ and leave no room for the sovereign work of God. (They can be very impatient as you have learned). If you truly want to hear the Gospel, just e-mail me back.

I'll write it to you, or if you want to meet on neutral ground, that would be fine too. I hope that you seriously consider what you have done. You have misunderstood much. Rome hasn't taught you much. I can't save you, but I can tell you the Gospel. And yes, I have studied every other major religion in the world.

Walter Ortiz is a city and regional planning senior. I'm not sure I could stop making fun of him if I started, so I'll leave it to you, gentle readers.-D.P.

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"I have a six-pack in the fridge at home."

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TENNIS: Cal Poly now has a 14-3 record

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players: No. 2 Casey Wood, No. 4 Alex Reyes, No. 5 Matt Hibbard and No. 6 Nadare Izadi. All players were undefeated in the tournament.

The tournament itself was also considered a success, offering different levels of competition for a number of teams. Many of the participants are set to come back next year along with some new ones.

Eppright was happy with the way the tournament ran, as well as with the crowd turnout; between 100-150 people filtered in and out during the final round of play.

Piccata, on the other hand, was not as happy with the turnout. He was surprised that the teams' No. 50 ranking didn't help draw more people to the courts.

The tournament victory pulls

the Mustangs' season record to 14-3. Izadi noted the teams success is due in part to its good chemistry on and off the court.

"We like each other and hate everybody else," Izadi said sarcastically about the team's opponents. "That's part of our strength."

The team travels to San Diego this weekend to take on the University of San Diego (USD) and San Diego State (SDSU) — two teams the Mustangs have never beaten.

Cal Poly needs to win at least two out of three of its remaining matches to have a shot at the NCAA tournament.

"We have a really good shot against San Diego State," Magyary said. "USD will be tougher but I think we can beat them."

STAMPEDE: Fundraisers hope for \$1 million

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thing they're getting, the contribution is only about \$160," he added.

Sleeper said during the first two days of the drive, approximately 50 people had made the \$500 donation.

"So far, the response has been really good," Sleeper said. "I hope we keep building on the momentum. But it takes a lot of work."

Sleeper said the idea of merging season ticket sales with Cal Poly's annual fund drive will decrease the number of times the athletic department will have to hit the community up for support.

"(The Mustang Athletic

Fund Board of Directors) came up with the idea of combining season tickets with the fund drive with the notion that this is a small community," Sleeper said, "and they're constantly being barraged with a number of fund-raising plans, not just from Cal Poly."

Though the fundraiser will be the most ambitious run for donations yet for Cal Poly since it ventured into Division I, other fundraisers will continue to raise money for specific sports. Groups such as Krukow's Klubhouse for baseball and the Three-Point Club in basketball will continue to generate donations and support, Sleeper said.

COLUMN: Students respond to Franco Castaldini

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ball and for Cal Poly athletics. The nationwide exposure we could gain would be excellent for a school that has only been in D-1 for, what, two years now? Take a chance — why the hell not? Sure, there is going to be controversy. Let the kid come here and prove himself — to everyone. The article said the incident occurred when Parker was a senior in high school. My God, he is just a kid, give him a chance. I think it will greatly benefit the athletic programs, not only because he would be an unbelievable asset to the Cal Poly basketball team but the exposure would bring national attention to Cal Poly. Please let me know what is going on with the whole thing. I am very interested in what will happen to Parker.

Casey Lyon
Ornamental horticulture junior

I feel Richie Parker should be offered a scholarship at Cal Poly. I looked at an old college basketball preview and it had him ranked as the 38th-best high school player in the country, and the fourth best in all of New York City, which is famous for making basketball superstars. No details of his crime were given in the article, but everyone makes mistakes. If he has learned from his past, then shouldn't he be given a second chance? It is rare for a school like Cal Poly to have the chance at a player of this caliber. If he is as good as advertised, he could be the player to lift the continually improving basketball program here to the next level. If he comes here and is successful, Dick Vitale and all the other broadcasters will be talking about Jeff Schneider and the administration here at Cal Poly and how great it was of them to

give Parker a chance.

Alex Schernig
Industrial engineering sophomore

Are you kidding? Recruit an admitted sex offender? I don't care how good a hoops player he is, that is the last type of person we need at this university. Is Cal Poly going to become the next UNLV of basketball or become similar to the Nebraska football team? Are you going to invite Michael Jackson to work at the Children's Center? Forget it. This guy is a violent criminal who admitted to assaulting a woman. Your idea of recruiting him is absurd. I believe Cal Poly can build a strong hoops team without criminals, and if they can't, at least the women on campus will be safer.

James Slane
Business graduate

Now for my opinion.

Cal Poly's basketball program is at its infant stage competing at the Division-I level. Recruiting Parker would be a controversial issue for Head Coach Jeff Schneider and his coaching staff to involve themselves in. I could see a more established Division-I program recruiting Parker. But Cal Poly should stay away from such student athletes and build a program made up of quality individuals who excel on the court and, as importantly, off the court.

Coach Schneider feels the same way. He looks for players who would compete both academically in the classroom and physically on the basketball court. In regards to Parker, Schneider said he didn't want to involve himself in a controversial issue that his program is not even involved in.



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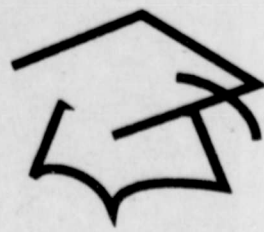
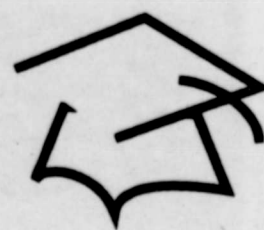
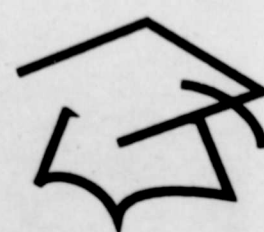
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After tough weekend, Mustang baseball ready for Westmont

By Greg Manifold
Daily Assistant Sports Editor

The Cal Poly baseball team watched as the last game of the weekend series against Cal State Northridge slipped away from them.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, a home-run off the bat of designated hitter David Stevenson sailed over the outfield fence at Matador Field.

The Mustangs had come back in the top of the ninth to gain an 11-10 lead heading into the ninth inning, until the two-run homerun.

The win gave Northridge, the No. 5 team in the nation, the

edge in the series, taking two out of three games.

Cal Poly, now with a 16-17 record (7-10 in the Western Athletic Conference), gears up for a non-league game tonight against the Westmont College Warriors of Santa Barbara. Game time is 7 p.m. at San Luis Obispo Stadium.

Mike Lee (0-1, 3.68 ERA) will likely get the start for the Mustangs, and Westmont pitcher Chris Kurz (8-5, 1.90 ERA) will be looking for his ninth win. Kurz has notched 57 strikeouts in 15 appearances.

Though Cal Poly first baseman Jeff Marston doesn't know much about Westmont, he's

confident the Mustangs will be able to handle them.

"We're on a roll," Marston said. "I think we'll roll right over (Westmont)."

"This is our chance to finish strong," Marston added. "We're frustrated, but everyone is still playing well. Our stats don't show it, but we almost had Northridge beat."

Westmont, 14-11 overall, will challenge the Mustangs using many of its pitchers, said Warrior Coach John Kirkgard.

"We've heard good things about Cal Poly," Kirkgard said. "They're a very strong club, and we're looking forward to seeing

how we match up."

Mustang third baseman Steve Rohlmeier leads the team with a .327 batting average in 107 at-bats.

But in almost every other category, the Mustangs are led by left fielder Jon Macalutas, who leads the team in five categories. With 25 runs scored, 39 hits, he is tied for a team-high nine doubles, and leads the team with five home-runs and 26 RBI.

The Mustangs are still awaiting word on right fielder Rob Neal, who broke his nose in the second game of the Northridge series. He was struck in the nose by a throw from the Northridge first baseman. He was hitting

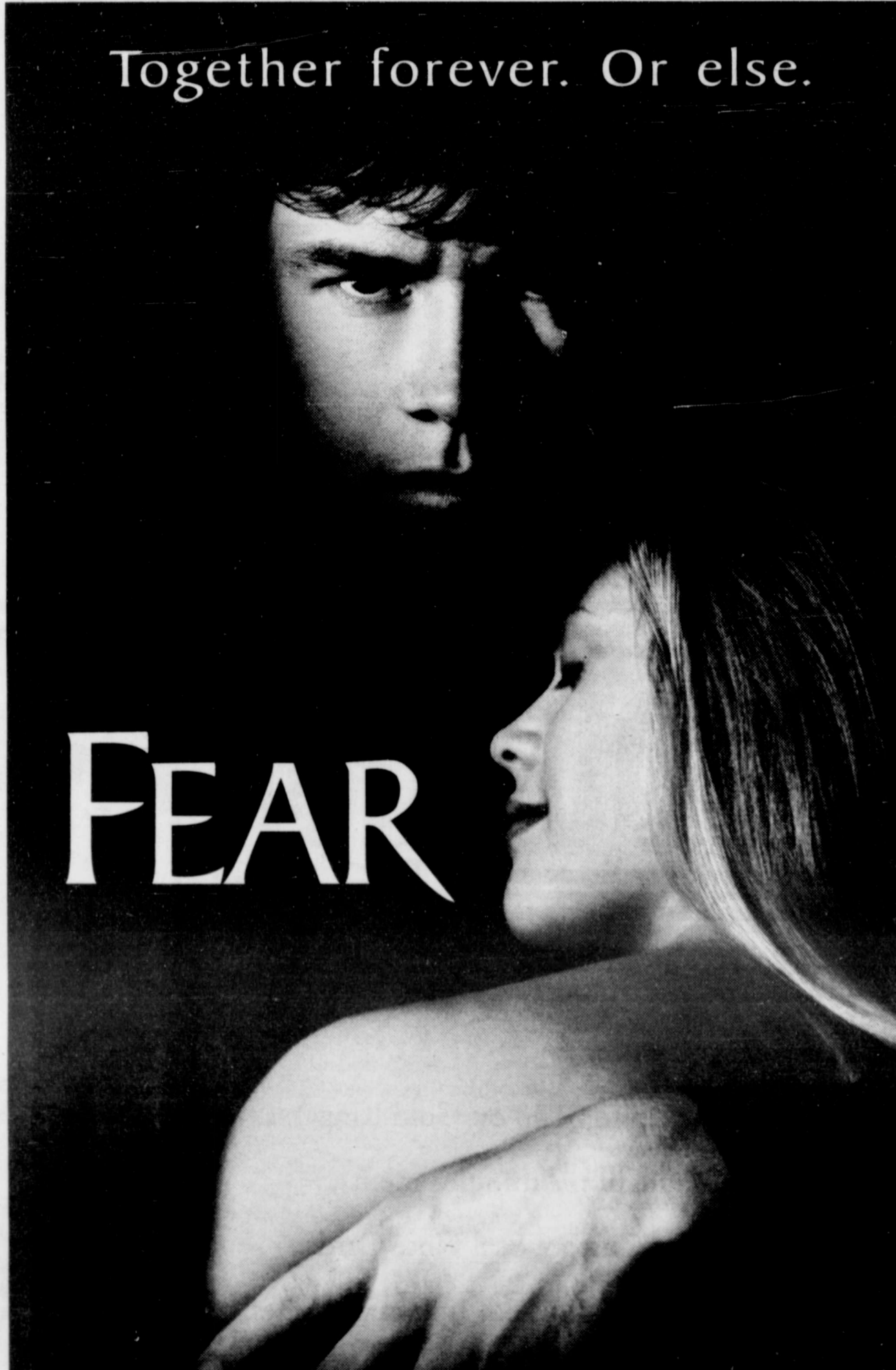
.275 and had eight doubles.

Westmont first baseman Ryan Weeks will have a homecoming, returning to San Luis Obispo after going to San Luis Obispo High School and spending time at Cuesta College. He leads Westmont with a .365 average, with 38 hits and seven doubles.

"He's the best all-around hitter I've seen in 13 years," said Kirkgard of Weeks.

Cal Poly will return to league play Friday as it plays the first of a three-game series against Fresno State. The first two games will be held at Cuesta College and admission is free.

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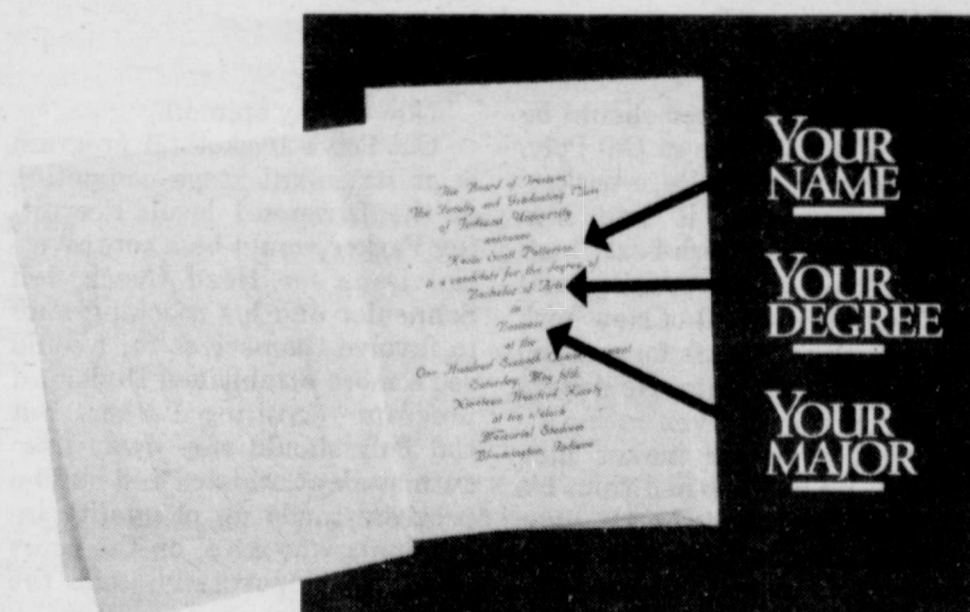
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A peace accord was supposed to clear the way for elections this

"There is a real degradation of the situation in Liberia," Boutros-Ghali said. But, he added: "It is important for us to maintain the presence of the United Nations in Liberia because without this presence the situation would get worse."

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• Baseball vs. Westmont @ San Luis Obispo Stadium, 7 p.m.

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• There are no games tomorrow.

POLY BRIEFS

George Booker hired to coach football defensive line

George Booker has been named as a full-time assistant football coach for the defensive line.

Booker will immediately help out, as Cal Poly opens spring practice for football today.

Cal Poly gets Booker by way of Montana State University, where he coached the defensive lineman for three years.

He graduated from Western Washington in 1993, and played under Cal Poly head football coach Andre Patterson, when Patterson was a defensive line coach there.

Booker replaces Jim Mastro, who left to become an assistant coach with San Jose State. Mastro had been with the Mustang football program for seven seasons.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Sampras justifies skipping the Davis Cup Tournament

Hong Kong (AP) — Pete Sampras, criticized for skipping the Davis Cup quarterfinals, says if the year-long tournament was played less frequently, he might be more involved.

"If the Davis Cup was held once every two years, maybe then I would be more committed, but with the Olympics this year, there is a danger that I will play too much tennis," Sampras said.

The four highest-ranked Americans — Sampras, Andre Agassi, Michael Chang and Jim Courier — all chose to pass up the quarterfinal series with the Czechs and the defending champion United States was eliminated.

"I made the decision earlier this year not to play in the Davis Cup tie," Sampras said. "I can't play all the tournaments."

Sampras and Chang both said they felt sorry for MaliVai Washington, who lost the deciding singles match.

"I watched it on TV and thought he had a chance," Chang said.

"Hopefully, we can rebound from this and do better next year."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We like each other and hate everybody else. That's part of our strength."

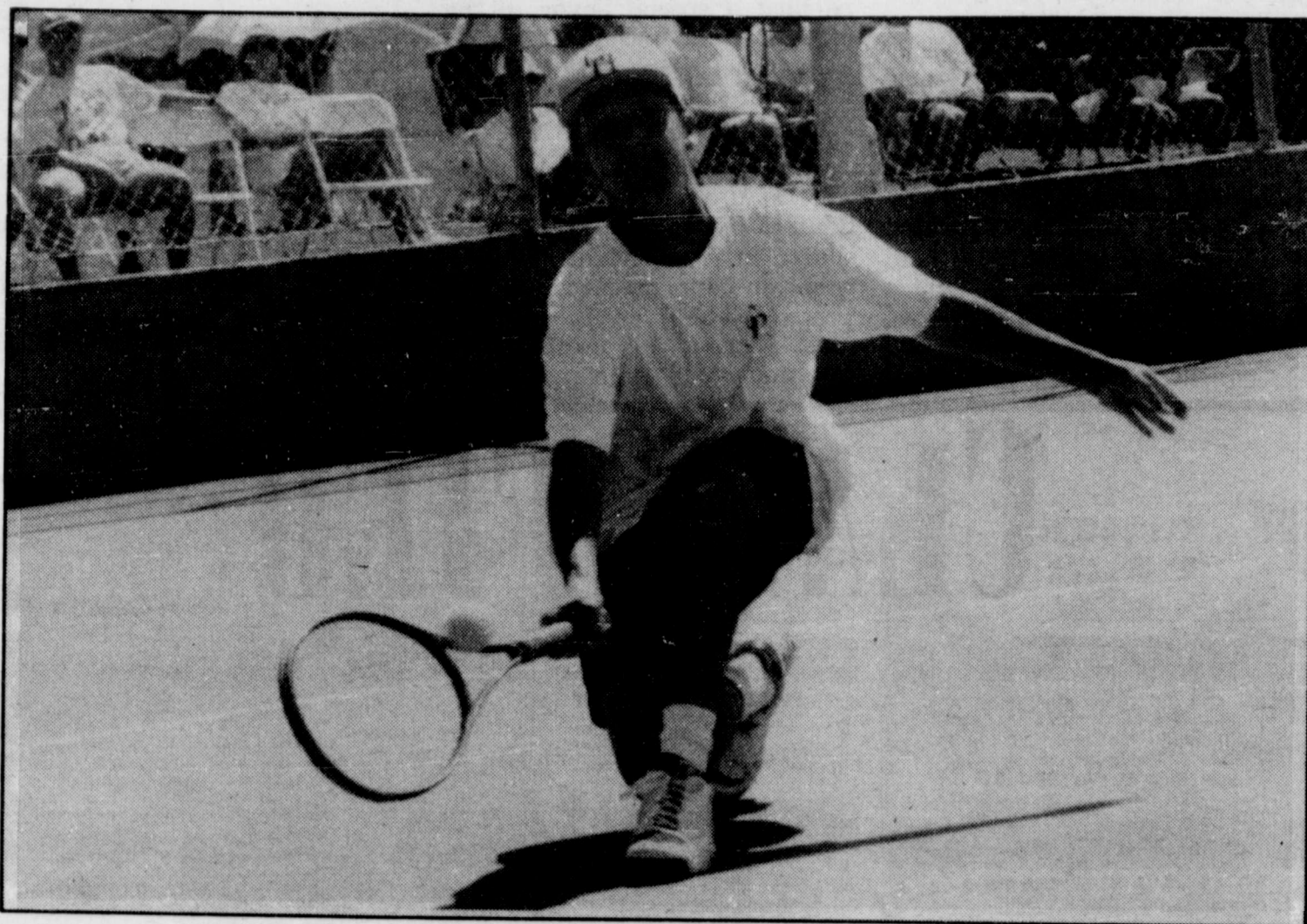
Nadare Izadi

Cal Poly men's tennis singles player on the team's opponents

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The men's tennis team captured its 5th straight Mustang Invitational title losing only one match



No. 2 singles player Casey Wood aced his way through the Mustang Invite last weekend. Wood, along with several other Mustang athletes, went undefeated in the team's fifth tournament win / Daily photo by Maureen McDowell

By Jennifer Cornelius
Daily Staff Writer

The scores may look one-sided, but the Cal Poly men's tennis team battled three straight days this past weekend to win its fifth Mustang Invitational title.

Cal Poly defeated the University of San Francisco, 7-0, in the first round, Sacramento State, 7-0, in the semifinals and the University of California, Santa Cruz, 6-1, for the tournament title.

"It looks like an easy victory because of the scores," said No. 6 singles player Nadare Izadi. "But it wasn't that easy."

"Santa Cruz is very good," said Head Coach Chris Eppright, who added that despite being a Division-III school, Santa Cruz has played competitively with

top teams in the nation.

Cal Poly won a lot of close first sets, which put the pressure on Santa Cruz, Eppright said. The Mustangs were able to capitalize on that and close out the sets for the 6-1 victory.

The only loss in the tournament came from the unlikely of players.

No. 1 singles player Chris Magyary lost to Josh Vining, 0-6, 6-2, 6-4. Magyary said he was unable to find his rhythm during the match and was bothered by some questionable calls by Vining.

The Santa Cruz match was the fourth match in four days for the Mustangs, who also played a makeup match against Santa Clara on Thursday. Cal Poly also won that match, 6-1.

"It was tough playing four

days in a row," said No. 3 singles player Tony Piccuta, who showed no ill effects from the rigorous weekend, defeating all four of his opponents.

Piccuta also teamed with Magyary for the first time this season in the No. 1 doubles slot.

The 6-foot-4 Magyary and the 6-foot-2 Piccuta proved a difficult pair to beat with their big serves and towering net game. The duo went 4-0 on their first weekend of play.

"The matchup of Piccuta and Magyary is the strongest one for us," Eppright said. "Chemistry-wise, it's the best team we've got."

Not to be forgotten, however, were the impressive performances from the other singles

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Mustang Stampede running at full force

By Mark Armstrong
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly basketball coach Jeff Schneider and football coach Andre Patterson stand, shoulders shrugged and looking baffled, in front of the Cal Poly ticket office, grimacing from a sold-out sign for their sporting events.

Associate Athletic Director Chuck Sleeper hopes this scene from a recently launched ad campaign comes true with the conception of the Mustang Stampede.

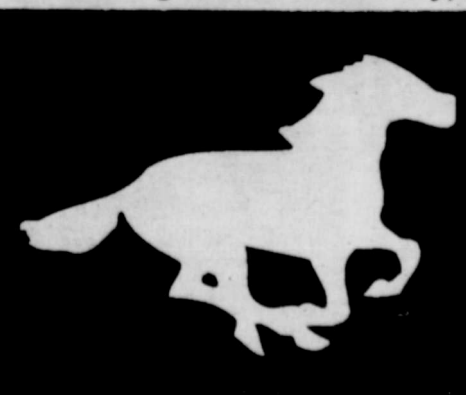
Sleeper said this new fund drive for Cal Poly athletics, which began on April 2, will eventually try to pull in \$1 million annually for the department to give out for scholarships. With stiffer competition in sight for the Mustangs, Sleeper said the money will be a necessity.

Just five years ago, the Mustangs had two administrative positions in a Division-II athletic department that annually raised about \$47,000. State funding cuts also threatened that sum. Sleeper said that last year, the athletic department

brought in about \$301,000.

"I'd like to see us, realistically, reach \$1 million within the next two or three years," Sleeper said. "That would help our program immensely."

To put things in perspective for funding in athletics today,



Sleeper said Southern Methodist University has a \$1.5 million goal, and Fresno State is shooting to pull in \$5 million. Yet Sleeper added that Cal Poly's monetary goal will be on par with many other Big West Conference schools.

"I have a sense they're not raising a bunch more than we are," Sleeper said about next year's competition.

The six-week fundraiser will enlist the help of volunteers

throughout the community to raise money through season-ticket sales. Sleeper said a \$500 donation to the Stampede Club will include two season tickets for two different sports. Although Sleeper said the fundraiser will most likely be driven by basketball and football ticket sales, all sports are included in the fundraiser, and all sports will benefit.

"Our minimum goal is to try to raise at least \$200,000," Sleeper said. He added that Stampede Club organizers came up with the goal by figuring in possible renewals of season tickets for men's basketball.

"Basketball will probably be the driving force behind this, although we're really pushing football and all the other sports," he said.

Benefits from donating to the Stampede Club will also include recognition in Cal Poly publications and special parking at football games, Sleeper said.

"When you total up every-

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By
Franco
Castaldini

IN THE HOUSE

The response to last week's column was tremendous and surprising. I received 15 e-mails from students who expressed their opinions on whether Cal Poly should recruit the once-heralded high school basketball player and convicted sexual offender Richie Parker. Of the 15 e-mails, 13 were in favor of recruiting Parker. Here are some of their opinions:

I believe that any individual should be given a second chance to prove himself, and Richie Parker should definitely not be an exception. He knows, along with everybody else, that he made a mistake.

If he was to be recruited by Cal Poly, he would be in the limelight and have even less chances to commit similar mistakes again. All I know is that Cal Poly could be passing up a golden chance by not at least checking him out. Face it, everybody makes mistakes, and he was ready to admit it; that is a sure sign of a recovered criminal. He knows all eyes will be on him if he comes here, and he will be ready to play ball.

Nader Heydari

Civil engineering freshman

I understand that Parker committed a crime but we have to remember he has served his time. A university of any credibility should not punish this man for his whole career. I believe he should be given a second chance, and why not at Poly? It shouldn't be for our basketball team — it should be because of morals and ethics.

Rebecca Macon

City and regional planning junior

This article is the first I have ever heard of Richie Parker and he sounds like he is a very impressive basketball player. I think if Cal Poly and Coach Schneider have any possible opportunity to get this kid — JUMP ON IT. In your article, you mentioned how he might bring "bad press" to Poly and to Cal Poly sports in general. How many times in recent past have you heard of Lawrence Phillips mentioned as the "bad guy" (since Nebraska has won the National Championship)? I don't think I've seen him as anything else but a superstar. And how many times have you heard of Allen Iverson — in my opinion, the most explosive player in D-1 hoops this year — as being anything but a "P.T.P." (that's prime-time player for the Dick Vitale ignorant) Iverson did an awesome thing; when no one else would take him, Georgetown gave him a chance — and he probably made the best decision of his life by staying in school for his senior year. A very classy move, not only for him but for everyone who has watched him. In your article, you mentioned Parker has been talked about as the next Webber or the next Felipe Lopez — IF CAL POLY CAN GET A CHANCE AT A PLAYER OF THIS CALIBER ... WHAT'S THE PROBLEM? GO FOR IT!!!!!! This would be a great move for Cal Poly basket-

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