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Poly "P's" days may be numbered

By Michelle Castillo
Daily Staff Writer

Prediction: the Poly "P" will soon be a Poly "D" if something isn't done.

So says Michael McDonald, a graphic design senior who has proposed replacing the Cal Poly landmark with the initials "CP."

"The 'P' up there now won't be there forever," McDonald said. "Cracks in the concrete, water erosion and rusted metal — the whole thing is falling apart."

McDonald has predicted that the stem of the "P" will be the next piece of concrete to break off.

He said the crack is some 5 feet long and wide. "It will leave a 'D' instead of a 'P,'" he said.

The 50-foot concrete structure has adorned the hill on the east side of the campus since May 3, 1957. It is regarded as one of the most memorable pieces of Cal Poly tradition.

Yet, McDonald believes the current "P" is a poor representation of the campus because the emblem is in bad shape.

He said the main causes of erosion are people defacing and vandalizing the structure, like carving their names into it and hammering at the giant letter.

"Chunks of concrete lay halfway down the hill where vandals have damaged it," he said.

The replacement plan is McDonald's senior project. He



The Poly 'P' to the Poly 'D' or the Poly 'CP'? Michael McDonald, a graphic design senior, proposes to change the 30 year old letter that stands on the hillside behind Cal Poly Campus / Photo courtesy of Michael McDonald

proposes to upgrade the letter with the "CP" logo currently used by the Athletic Department. He said it would cost around \$10,000.

"It's a monumental project," said Chuck Jennings, art and design professor and senior project adviser. "It goes way

beyond the scope of a senior project."

McDonald said his plan will address issues of erosion, access, public safety, maintenance costs and environmental impact. But before he can imple-

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Lecturer slams ASI executive director at board meeting

By Steve Enders
Daily Staff Writer

Wednesday night's ASI meeting began with a bang, as chemistry lecturer Gail Wilson blasted ASI Executive Director Polly Harrigan, demanding she resign from her post.

Wilson said Harrigan is ineffective as an ASI leader. For more than a year, Wilson has repeatedly requested that ASI allow the students to vote whether they want Harrigan as executive director.

"Let the students decide if they want to keep (Harrigan) as their leader," Wilson said.

Wilson, in the meeting's open forum, also demanded that formerly embezzled funds be returned to their proper origins.

Wilson was referring to former ASI employee Susan Pierce, who recently pleaded no contest to embezzlement charges and will return \$99,700 to ASI. Pierce will be sentenced April 22 in San Luis Obispo.

Harrigan has not been connected to the embezzlement charges against Pierce.

Wilson didn't last more than two minutes, as ASI board members called her "out of line" and insisted she sit down. Harrigan

walked out of the room crying, as Wilson was stopped in mid-sentence.

ASI board members said Wilson had violated the purpose of the open forum session by making personal attacks on Harrigan.

Later in the meeting, Vice President for Student Affairs Juan Gonzales commended the board for speaking out for its director and taking a firm stance against Wilson.

"I urge you to respond to the libelous statements made by a part-time faculty member," Gonzales said.

With no other comments were made about Wilson, the meeting ended in an anticlimax, with general items discussed.

Harvey Greenwald, mathematics professor and Academic Senate chair, announced that the Academic Senate passed a resolution on Tuesday standardizing course units to four units instead of three units per class. The senate says this could help students graduate faster and "give you more bang for your buck."

The standardization is scheduled to go into effect for the 1997-98 school year.

7-year-old girl who dreamed of flying cross-country dies in crash

By Jon Sarche
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — A 7-year-old girl who hoped to become the youngest person to fly cross-country was killed Thursday when her small plane nose-dived to the ground "like a dart" soon after taking off in driving rain and snow. Her father and her flight instructor also died.

Jessica Dubroff, who used a red booster seat and extenders so her legs could reach the control pedals, spoke to her mother by telephone even as she revved the engine on the runway.

Lisa Blair Hathaway said she heard no word of problems as the three began to take off and ended the communication.

"I beg people to let children fly if they want to fly," a teary-eyed Hathaway said before flying from Boston to Wyoming to claim her daughter's body. She had flown ahead to Massachusetts to await the arrival of Jessica and her ex-husband.

"Clearly I would want all my children to die in a state of joy, but not at age 7," Hathaway said.

Jessica, her father, Lloyd Dubroff, and flight instructor Joe Reid began their journey Wednesday morning in Half Moon Bay, Calif., and spent the night in Cheyenne. They planned to arrive Friday in Falmouth, Mass.

The Cessna 177B owned by Reid crashed about one mile north of the Cheyenne Municipal Airport, narrowly missing houses and cars. Its tail section came to a rest just 25 feet from one home's garage.

"I kept thinking, 'Please! Please get some altitude!'" said Tom Johnson, a 15-year pilot who saw the plane fall. "It just went right into the ground. I knew no one survived. It would have been impossible."

Johnson, whose office is about a half-block from the crash site, said he spotted the plane shortly after takeoff and it appeared the pilot was trying to return to the airport. He said the plane never got higher than 400 feet.

Hours after the crash, the Federal Aviation Administration said it would review rules that govern when a pilot can allow an unlicensed passenger to fly the plane.

Youngsters have to be at least 16 to solo at the controls of an airplane. But children of any age can fly alongside a licensed pilot, who may let them operate the controls if he feels it is safe.

Shortly before takeoff, Jessica told a reporter for Cheyenne television station KKTU she thought about one thing when flying: crashing. But she said she did not worry about it.

Jessica lived with her mother, a 9-year-old brother, Joshua, and a 3-year-old sister, Jasmine, in Pescadero, a rural community about 40 miles south of San Francisco. Lloyd Dubroff lived with his second wife in San Mateo.

The children were schooled at home, learning to read, write and do arithmetic through such real-life activities as flying, riding horses and even helping rebuild a house.

On Tuesday, Lloyd Dubroff said he was inspired by another young girl's cross-country flight several years ago, and when Jessica expressed an interest in flying, he asked her if she would like to try such a flight. She agreed. "I'm the culprit," Dubroff said.

Holocaust victims' names read continuously in U.U.

By Mark Armstrong
Daily Staff Writer

Students of all faiths will converge on the University Union plaza Monday as students from the Jewish student organization, Hillel, offer a 24-hour remembrance of Holocaust victims.

The gathering will be in recognition of Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Yom Hashoa, on April 15. Approximately 20 students will read the names of those who lost their lives in the Holocaust during World War II, according to computer science junior and Hillel President Doron Holan.

Hillel has been reading names on Yom Hashoa, for more than 10 years, from a gigantic scroll given to the group by the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles, Holan said.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center is an organization that raises awareness about issues within the Jewish community.

According to Holan, the scroll contains four columns of names in tiny print.

"The number of names is in the 100,000s," Holan said. "We'll go through at least 1,000 in an

hour."

Hillel members and other student volunteers will begin reading the names at 4 p.m. Monday and will continue through the night until 4 p.m. Tuesday. Two students will trade off, echoing a name every three to four seconds.

Six million Jews, and millions of others, died during the genocide under Nazi Germany's rule. The remembrance hits home for Holan, whose grandparents survived detainment in a Czech concentration camp at the end of World War II. Holan's father was born in the concentration camp.

Holan said it is important to honor the lives of those who died during the Holocaust. He added that all students, not just those of Jewish faith, are encouraged to participate in the memorial.

"We want to encompass as many people as possible," Holan said.

Hillel members will be on hand to answer any questions people may have about the Holocaust, he said. Hillel will also present a community-wide

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P: McDonald needs approval of 14 committees

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ment the upgrade, he must obtain approval from 14 different planning committees on campus.

"I warned him about all the levels of bureaucracy," Jennings said. "Most students would have given up a long time ago."

McDonald said he is very aware of the challenges he faces in getting people to accept the change.

"Resistance is one of my biggest concerns."

The Cal Poly Alumni Department is aware of the erosion problems on the hill, but would like to see an informal survey administered to the campus alum-

ni, said Ben Beesley, associate director of alumni.

Still not everyone is totally receptive to the idea.

"It's easy to say 'Poly P,'" said Bob Anderson, communications officer for Cal Poly. "Can you imagine people going around saying 'Poly CP?'"

"If you're going to add something — add O-L-Y."

But McDonald doesn't take well to opposition.

"The new (emblem) is more modern," he said. "It's on hats, sweatshirts, key chains and backpacks at the bookstore. All the students like it."

HOLOCAUST: Survivors in SLO to attend services

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remembrance service on Sunday at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. Survivors of the Holocaust who now live in the San Luis Obispo area will at-

tend.

For more information about participating in the services, contact Hillel President Doron Holan at 541-8724, or e-mail the organization at hillel.

Most American voters don't want abortion ban, polls say

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sen. Bob Dole's placement of President Clinton on the "extremist fringe" for his veto of an anti-abortion bill sharpens battle lines for the 1996 presidential election. But for all the strong rhetoric from both sides, polls show a majority of American voters don't want a ban on abortion.

Dole's sharp comments, made after Clinton vetoed legislation Wednesday to ban partial-birth abortions, could make it harder for him to win support from the political center as he moves beyond the GOP primaries into the general-election campaign.

Asked about Clinton's veto as he campaigned in Pennsylvania late Wednesday, Dole said: "Big mistake. He's out there on the extremist fringe." Dole renewed his contention during a campaign stop Thursday in Memphis, Tenn., saying, "He is out there on the extreme edge."

Dole's point was that the bill, which would ban a seldom-used late-term procedure, had considerable bipartisan support in Congress — even if not enough to override a veto.

Clinton contended the procedure was sometimes necessary to protect a woman's health or save her life.

The president's veto and the Senate majority leader's caustic response are helping propel the entire abortion debate forward as a major fall campaign issue.

The last time Dole used the

tag "extremist" was against since-vanquished GOP rival Pat Buchanan, whose anti-abortion views Dole largely echoes.

But even though Dole, like Buchanan, favors a constitutional ban on abortion, exit polls show most Republican primary voters don't.

Asked, "Should the Republican platform support a constitutional amendment to ban abortion?" 54 percent of GOP primary voters said no and 40 percent said yes — even though such a plank has been in the party platform since 1980. The exit polls were conducted by Voter News Service, a partnership of The Associated Press, ABC, CBS, CNN and NBC.

Despite the poll numbers, many GOP strategists think the abortion issue will be a winning one for them in November.

In part, that's because anti-abortion organizations plan to target battleground states — mostly in the Midwest — that Clinton carried in 1992 but where anti-abortion support is strong. These include Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri and Pennsylvania.

Clinton's veto angered many Catholics, who have sizeable numbers in these states. "If we deny the humanity of a child as it is being born, whose humanity will be denied next? Thoughtful Americans should keep this in mind as they ponder their choices on Election Day," Cardinal James A. Hickey, the archbishop of Washington, said

in a statement.

Democratic strategists privately concede Clinton needs to carry most of these states to be re-elected and that opposition from Catholics could be a significant problem.

But publicly, they assert Clinton's veto won't cost him many votes, in those states or elsewhere.

"This is an attempt by Republicans to reframe the issue away from the issue of 'choice,' where they know they are out on the edge, out of the mainstream," said Ann Lewis, Clinton's deputy campaign manager. "It will not succeed. The president did the right thing in choosing to protect women's health."

The abortion issue is one that can cut both ways politically, and analysts suggest polls don't always tell the whole story.

"People generally say, 'I'm in favor of choice.' But when you ask them about specific restrictions, like parental notification, you see a fair degree of support," said pollster Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press. He guessed "people would probably, on balance, have a hard time with the Clinton decision."

"Abortion is a divisive issue and most people don't feel good about their opinions," Kohut said. He said it was not a good national political issue for either party.

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Down with cheaters!

Editor,

CHEATERS! They're all cheaters! Everyone who cuts across the H-2 parking lot and comes out behind the food processing building to avoid the long line of cars waiting their rightful turn on Highland to Via Carta is cheating. We are all in the same situation — we all need to get to the parking lots on the other side of the creek and we all have to use that lame little bridge to get there. But why do you people think you don't have to wait with everyone else? And what's worse, why do the poor shmucks who dutifully wait in the never-ending line allow these cheaters to get in front of them in line?

I urge everyone using the shortcut now to repent and reform. Changing your ways and doing the right thing will do away with a tremendous amount of guilt from your overburdened life. And for all you people who think you're being polite by letting these leaches in line, STOP! Don't be fooled! These people KNOW there are no spaces left in that H-2 lot. They KNOW it's pointless to even look. And they KNOW they can shave a good two minutes off their wait by cheating.

Nice people of Cal Poly, your good nature is being abused. Yes, we know you were raised better than those other people and yes, you are better than them. But now is the time to teach them a lesson, to give them their due. DO NOT LET THEM IN LINE ANYMORE! Show them you're fed up with this crap. Don't be abused any longer!

Brett MacArthur

Environmental horticulture science senior

ASI sticklers

Editor,

I am writing to support Jason D. Plemons in his statement concerning the recent, but not infrequent, failure of ASI to fulfill their obligation to the student body at Cal Poly. By voting to deny eight candidates a spot on the ballot, ASI has sent a discouraging message to those students who might wish to get involved on this campus.

It is the responsibility of the ASI corporation to recruit student involvement, as well as to fairly and accurately represent student sentiment on this campus. How does ASI expect to get students involved when they deny them a chance to get their name on the election ballot? Some argue that there was a deadline set, and that ASI needs to stick by that deadline. This is true; however, ASI was inconsistent in advertising the exact time that the applications were due.

All candidates got the correct paperwork in on the correct day.

Let's consider the facts:

- 1) The latest application was less than 30 minutes late.
- 2) Many offices on the upcoming election ballot now only have one candidate listed.
- 3) ASI itself did not stick to its deadlines.
- 4) ASI needs to welcome people, not push them away.

With these facts in mind, there is no logical reason for these eight candidates to not have a space on the ballot.

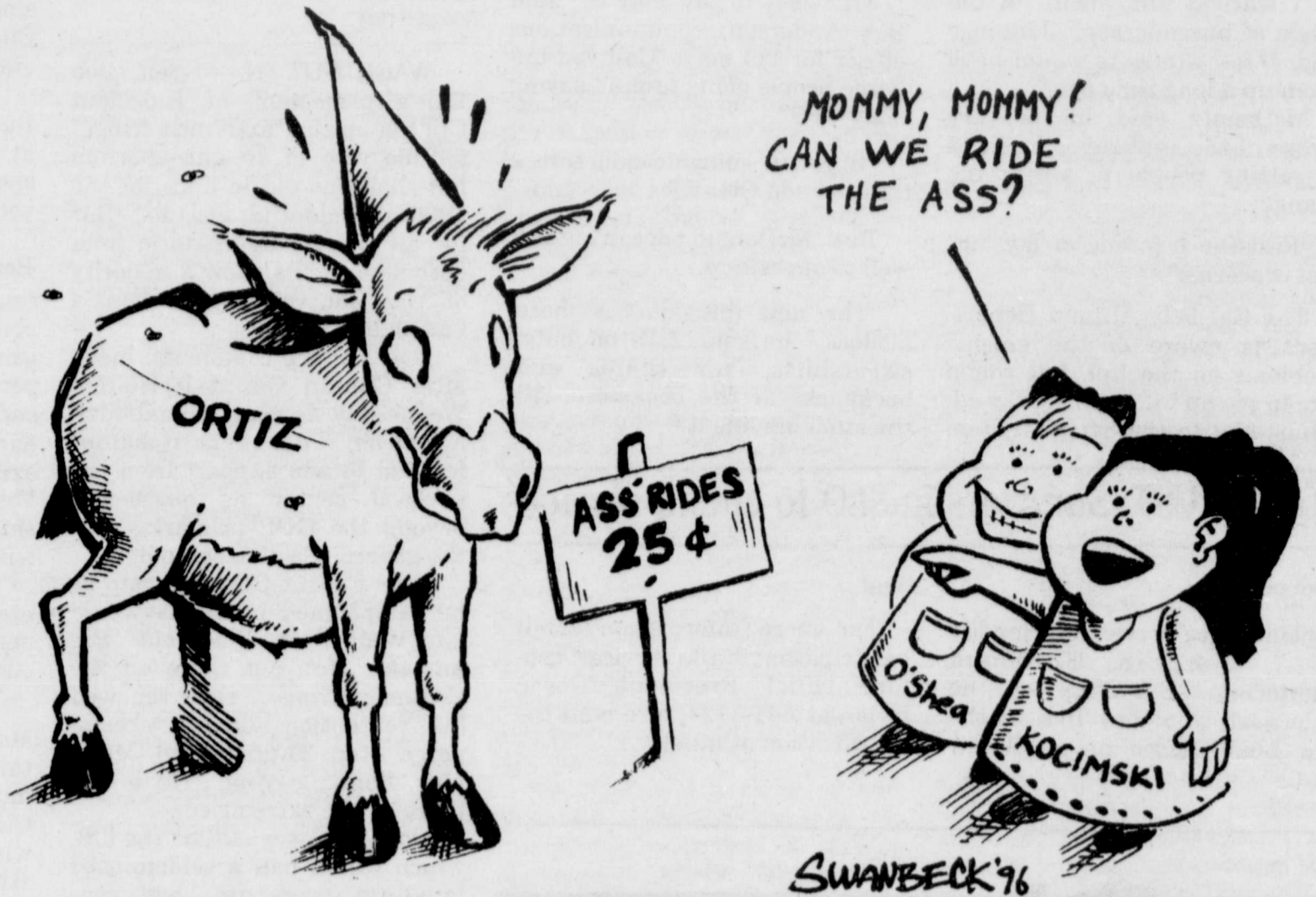
By practicing such exclusive policies, ASI not only scares others away from becoming involved with the corporation, but they also increase their tarnished reputation.

Joey Minervini

Soil science sophomore

Policy Box

The Opinion page has gone to electronic publication. Yeeaaaahhhh!!!! But this does not mean we no longer need your thoughtful, well-written contributions. It would be nice to see some. So send your opinions to dpillsbu@oboe, fax them to 756-6784, or mail them or bring them in to Graphic Arts Bldg. 226, Cal Poly, CA 93407. Please include your name, major, year and phone number. Letters should be less than a page double-spaced. Commentaries should be around two pages double-spaced. We reserve the right to edit all material submitted, regardless of if we're going to publish it or not. So nyah, nyah, nyah.



Defending Snow White

Just another sign dude

This is in response to the commentary by Walter Ortiz: It is people like Ortiz who make me proud to be free of religious beliefs. I would hate to be a member of the Protestant group that Ortiz aligns himself with. His criticism of Lisa Hansen's commentary was way out of line.

Ortiz accused Hansen of being intolerant and hypocritical with regard to religious expression. Funny, I saw no evidence of either in her commentary. However, Ortiz displayed both of these qualities in excess. He seems to be tolerant of everyone, as long as they are Protestants who uphold the "true Gospel of Jesus."

Ortiz accused Hansen of "running away from her chance to debate" when confronted by a campus evangelist. Whether or not she had the "answers," arguing with a religious person about religion is an exercise in futility.

And on hypocrisy, Ortiz accused Hansen of "running away from her chance to debate" when confronted by a campus evangelist. Whether or not Hansen had the "answers," arguing with a religious person about religion is an exercise in futility. People like Ortiz don't want to listen to religious alternatives, they only see it one way their way. The result is, Ortiz has done a major disservice to all Protestants and has lost any credibility that he may have had personally. Hey Ortiz, next time you want to be a complete jackass keep it to yourself!

Susan E. O'Shea is a business/management senior and the Mustang Daily credit manager.

Another evangelist fool

I read Walter Ortiz's rebuttal commentary and was saddened to see how ignorant he is. First, he missed the point of Lisa's letter entirely. The point was that she experienced unwanted evangelism. One doesn't expect to be approached while relaxing, eating or minding their own business. I am a tolerant person, and I would definitely be irritated, to say the least, if this happened to me. I think she handled the incident as maturely and efficiently as possible. I can't, however, say that for Walter.

You claimed to have studied every major religion in the world. You were the one who misunderstood much. And by your sarcasm and flippant attitude, you make yourself look foolish in front of everyone.

He directly attacked her, not because she refused the evangelist's "salvation," but because of her religion. As a Roman Catholic, I can refute every point he makes. Quite simply, Walter, you were wrong, and not only that, you were rude.

You claimed to have studied every major religion in the world. You were the one who misunderstood much. And by your sarcasm and flippant attitude, you make yourself look foolish in front of everyone. I didn't know whether to be indignant or laugh. I chose the latter. You are seriously misinformed about religion, especially about Catholicism, since it is the foundation of every form of Christianity. Hit those books again. It is okay to think before you speak, you know.

Elizabeth Kocimski is a math junior.

LETTER

No respect for the dead

Editor,

Have you noticed the flag that is in front of the admission building last week and or even this week? I live right across the street from the building, so I get to see its symbol of freedom and integrity every day.

This great country has been and still is shocked by the death of Secretary Brown and of the other Americans who were aboard that plane.

Flags were at half-post across the nation. Prayers are

sent out to families of the victims. I look out my window as CNN goes over this sad news every day since it happened. Yet, Cal Poly's flag did not drop to half post even for a day. How serious must the disaster be before Cal Poly decides to pay respect for the dead? Or are these victims not worthy of the respect? I am ashamed of our administration or whoever is responsible for this negligence.

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Fighting, looting in Liberia a 'serious humanitarian crisis'

By Nyenati Allison
Associated Press

MONROVIA, Liberia — Mobs broke down the gates at the U.N. headquarters and looters jumped the walls of the U.S. Embassy compound on Thursday, as even African peacekeepers reportedly joined in the widespread plunder of Liberia's warring capital.

Relief workers warned that a dangerous scarcity of food, medicine and fuel, compounded by a fifth straight day of fighting in Liberia's capital, will worsen matters for a population already among the poorest in West Africa.

"The fighting and ongoing massive looting of homes, market and shops has sparked off widespread food shortages for civilians in the city," said Tarek El Guindi, director of the U.N. World Food Program in Liberia. "A serious humanitarian crisis is likely to erupt if fighting continues."

"Lord, please help us out of this madness — your children are dying," said Maima Jones of Monrovia.

Dozens of dead bodies, mostly those of young men, lay by the roadside in downtown Monrovia amid burned-out vehicles and shops that have been looted since the worst fighting in three years broke out Saturday between rebels and government troops.

West African peacekeepers were reported to have engaged in "very heavy" looting in Monrovia, virtually paralyzing the U.N. food distribution system that feeds about 1.5 million people throughout Liberia. More than 23,000 tons of food is sitting in U.N. warehouses in Monrovia.

U.N. spokesman Sylvana Foa said communications with the U.N. headquarters in Monrovia were cut after mobs stormed the gates Thursday morning. She

said all staff members were reported safe and holed up at the U.S. Embassy compound.

Buildings used by UNICEF and the U.N. Development Program were also looted, along with the motor pool of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Foa said from New York.

Aid workers from Doctors Without Borders said they had treated dozens of people for bullet wounds and were running short of medical supplies because sniper fire prevented them from getting to the central hospital.

A senior defense official speaking from Washington said that as a result of the unrest, the number of U.S. military personnel involved in an evacuation mission had been increased from 600 to 900.

"The situation is very tenuous," U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said.

Foa said reports from the U.N. mission in Liberia spoke of a "frenzy of looting" and that it appeared leaders of the warring factions had lost control of their own fighters.

U.N. sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said some peacekeepers, particularly the Nigerians, were reported to have joined in the looting.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said a few looters had jumped the wall at the 27-acre American compound where up to 20,000 people have taken refuge, but were quickly run off by U.S. Special Forces.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the number of people evacuated by helicopter to neighboring Sierra Leone had risen to 620, including 156 Americans. Nationals from at least 35 countries had joined the airlift. The highest number from any one country was 189 from

Lebanon.

About 400 Americans remain in Liberia, mostly because street fighting has prevented many from getting to the embassy compound.

Defense Secretary William Perry told reporters at a Pentagon news conference that the evacuation of U.S. citizens was going smoothly despite the chaos.

"Most of those American citizens have gathered at the embassy and we're lifting them out from the embassy compound. Quite a few citizens are still at other locations in the city and those who want to be lifted out are now redeploying to the embassy and we will be prepared to lift them out from there."

As a result of the crisis — the third to result in U.S. evacuations from Monrovia since 1990 — three U.S. amphibious ships carrying roughly 700 U.S. Marines were ordered to Liberia.

"They were given the orders to move to the coast this morning," U.S. Army Maj. Lew Boone said. "We're talking about a steaming time of seven to eight days."

Boone identified the ships heading from the Adriatic Sea as the USS Guam, USS Tortuga and USS Portland and said they would provide the helicopters with additional takeoff platforms and medical facilities for evacuees.

Liberia's only international airport has been destroyed.

The 7-year-old war involving seven rebel factions has killed more than 150,000 people in the West African nation, founded in 1847 by freed American slaves. It has left at least half the country's 2.3 million people homeless.

Israel attacks Lebanon in retaliation

By Sam F. Ghattas
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Israeli aircraft unleashed a barrage of rockets across Lebanon on Thursday, targeting the command center of Hezbollah guerrillas in Beirut and bombarding cars suspected of carrying their commanders.

It was the first time since the 1982 invasion that Israeli forces have assaulted the Lebanese capital.

The airstrikes were in retaliation for Hezbollah attacks on Israeli soldiers in southern Lebanon and Katyusha rocket assaults on northern Israel that killed one soldier and wounded 38 other Israelis this week. But with Israeli elections just weeks away and recent suicide bombings deep inside Israel still fresh in the public's mind, the nine hours of strikes went beyond the usual reprisal.

Casualty and damage reports were conflicting, with four or five people reported killed and about a dozen wounded.

Ahmed Younis, a 35-year-old aide to a Hezbollah commander in the south, was seriously wounded when his car was gutted by a helicopter missile on the highway near the southern port of Sidon.

The commander was not in the vehicle, Lebanese security sources said. A 27-year-old woman passenger was killed and two other civilians were wounded at an adjacent highway rest stop

in the fishing harbor of Jiye, and another civilian was wounded when a gunship missile hit a car at Dirdghaya, near the southern port of Tyre, the sources said.

Israeli fighter-bombers also attacked bases of the Iranian-backed Hezbollah in eastern and southern Lebanon.

Hezbollah's top commander in southern Lebanon, Sheik Nabil Kaouk, swore to "burn (the Israelis) with their fire and blow up the ground under their feet."

Thousands of Israelis fled the border town of Kiryat Shemona, where 36 people were wounded by Katyusha attacks on Tuesday, to safety in central Israel. The army ordered all children under 16 to be evacuated from the north.

The attack on Beirut was Israel's deepest inside Lebanon since its troops invaded nearly 14 years ago to rout Palestinian guerrillas.

Four Apache helicopter gunships swooped in over Beirut under overcast skies from warships off the Mediterranean coast to blast Hezbollah targets in the slums with at least seven missiles.

"The message to Hezbollah is: We will chase them everywhere and we'll stop at nothing to make them stop their aggression against our north," Israeli government spokesman Uri Dromi said in Jerusalem.

Since Palestinian suicide bombers killed 58 victims in Israel six weeks ago, Prime Minister Shimon Peres of Israel has been

under extreme pressure to strike hard against guerrillas who threaten Israel's security.

With elections scheduled for May 29 and his own popularity flagging under the burden of guerrilla attacks, domestic politics may have colored Peres' decision to retaliate harshly and risk engulfing the region in new violence.

Israel demanded that Lebanon rein in Hezbollah, which is fighting to dislodge Israel from the buffer zone it carved out of Lebanon in 1985 to guard its northern communities from cross-border guerrilla raids.

Beirut, which has demanded that Israel first pull its troops out of southern Lebanon, said Israel's military offensive will not force it to change course.

Lebanon's prime minister, Rafik Hariri, said the Israeli attacks "will only lead to more violence" that can end only with Israel's withdrawal from the border enclave.

In Washington, Secretary of State Warren Christopher laid the blame for the bloodshed squarely on Hezbollah, saying "the problem was fundamentally created by the Katyushas."

Syria condemned the airstrikes and accused Israel of violating a U.S.-brokered 1993 understanding with Hezbollah guerrillas that civilian targets would not be hit. In a commentary by state-run Damascus Radio, Syria said the attacks "might be a prelude to more

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BASEBALL: Cal Poly starts a three-game series with Fresno State today

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Dave Oliver.

"He's one of the finest players on the West Coast," Price said of Macalutas. "He put on a show tonight that was special to watch. I kept hoping he would get that fifth hit."

"He deserves the opportunity to play every single game we play," Price added.

The Mustangs trailed Westmont 1-0 until the bottom of the third inning when Cal Poly capitalized on five walks, a passed ball and a wild pitch to score four runs.

That deficit alone was more than Westmont could overcome.

Again, in the fourth inning, the Mustangs took advantage of three walks. With the bases loaded catcher Marty Camacho walked to force in a run, and Cal Poly added one more on a misplayed fly ball, to extend their lead to 6-1.

After two had scored in the fifth inning, and pinch-hitter R.J. Radler was on third base, Macalutas blasted a homerun to left field. For Macalutas it was his fourth hit of the game and his second and third RBI.

But the Mustangs weren't done yet.

Cal Poly tallied four more runs in the seventh inning and added three runs in the eight in-

ning for the 17-1 victory.

Mustang outfielder Rob Neal returned to the Mustangs' lineup after breaking his nose in the first game of the series against Northridge last weekend. In the fourth inning, Neal pinch hit and then stayed in to play right field. He went 2-for-3, had two RBIs and two runs.

Neal says he'll be ready to play for the Fresno State series, but he'll have to have his nose reset during an operation next week. The operation will likely cause him to miss next weekend's series against Sacramento State.

Westmont first baseman Ryan Weeks, a San Luis Obispo native, was the lone bright spot for the Warriors. He had a good homecoming getting three of Westmont's seven hits.

The Mustangs start a three-game series with Fresno State today. The Bulldogs are in second place in the Western Division of the Western Athletic Conference with an 11-6 record, 24-18 overall. The Bulldogs took two of three games from the Mustangs earlier this year in Fresno.

Mike Zirelli is scheduled to start for Cal Poly Friday, he has a record of 4-3, with a 3.91 ERA.

Neal said he feels they can take two out of the three games

at the very least.

"We don't want them to win a game, period," Neal said. "We think we're capable of walking in there and showing them we can still play and hopefully kick them out of the WAC race so they don't have a chance to go to the playoffs."

"After the Northridge series we came together as a team," Neal added. "We pitched well, we hit well, we were doing everything right and playing good defense. If we can carry that over, if we can pitch like we can, hit like we can, and play good defense, there's no reason why shouldn't win a couple games against Fresno."

Though the two teams are at the opposite end of the spectrum in the West Division of WAC play, with Cal Poly second to last, coach Price is quick to point out that of the Mustangs 10 league losses, seven of those have been one-run losses.

The first two games of the Fresno State series will be played at Cuesta College, because of a Babe Ruth tournament at San Luis Obispo Stadium. The first game is today at 2 p.m., and the second game is Saturday at 1 p.m. The series wraps up Sunday back at San Luis Obispo Stadium starting at 1 p.m.

LACROSSE: The team has nine players and a goalie on field during play

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The winning tribe would get something representative of the other. To carry on the tradition Cal Poly paints on its sticks a feather with the colors of the school it beats.

The 'feather stick' represents all the wins the team has had this year.

The most cherished feather on the stick, said Stowe, is painted blue and gold for the UCLA Bruins.

LeGoy said beating UCLA was a big win for the program because "they have been a Division I school for the past

five years."

As a Division II school in the northern bracket, Cal Poly

hopes to move up to Division I next year by winning this years Division II finals.

LeGoy describes the game as a cross between hockey, football and basketball.

"The hitting comes from football, but you mostly see basketball in lacrosse," LeGoy said, "because you are constantly trying to find the open man."

The men's lacrosse team has nine players and a goalie on

the field. There are three attackers, three midfielders and three defenders.

LeGoy said 70 percent of the time the team wants to score during its extra man offense.

"My extra man offense unit will go on the field," LeGoy said, "when the other team has been penalized."

A player is penalized for one minute, when they throw an illegal check.

"The game looks intimidating," LeGoy said, "but it is simple if you can run, catch and throw at the same time."

VAN EXCEL: Apologized to teammates and fans

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"I wasn't expecting seven games," Van Exel said. "It wasn't worse than a head-butt."

When asked if he had a problem with referees, Van Exel replied, "I think I've got an emotional problem. I'm so into the game, I want to win so bad. ... I'm probably a marked guy. This is a big learning experience for me. Hopefully, I'll become a better player and a better person. Everybody makes mistakes."

Van Exel's suspension began Wednesday night, when the Lakers beat the Timberwolves 111-90 in Minneapolis. Van Exel, who apologized to the team Wednesday morning, traveled with the team, but remained at the hotel.

The league's action will cost Van Exel about \$187,000, including \$161,000 in pay during the suspension.

Jerry West, a Hall of Famer and now the Lakers' executive vice president of basketball operations, said the organization "won't tolerate" such conduct by a player.

"We've never been in this position before," he said. "It's new to us. I'm not making an excuse for any of these players. I've been around this game a long time, I respect this game. I did talk to him and told him I was very dissatisfied."

West said if he were a referee, players "wouldn't open their mouth or they would all get a technical. ... (Officials) have a right not to be abused."

When asked why there were fewer referee confrontations during his playing days, West said: "I think if you folks were competing for the same kind of stakes they are competing for, it might change your perspective. They don't like to fail."

Olympic leaders begin final preparations for Atlanta

By Larry Siddons
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Ninety-nine days and 2,500 miles from their destination, America's Olympic leaders began their final preparations for the Atlanta Games on Thursday.

On the shores of Mission Bay, the U.S. Olympic Committee's board of directors assembled for its last meeting before the Summer Games open July 19, facing proposals that will directly affect the performance of figure skater Nancy Kerrigan and the ensuing criminal case involving her archrival, Tonya Harding.

The affair — with Harding filing a \$25 million lawsuit against the USOC and skating in the Winter Games in Norway despite growing evidence of her part in the incident — exposed loopholes in the committee's old rules of behavior for U.S. Olympic teams. At the core was one question: When does an Olympic athlete become an Olympian, subject to USOC rules?

"It was a big, gray area," Hale said. "We had to come to a finite time."

The proposed code tries to do that by setting a 15-day window for all national sports federations to formally submit their Olympic teams. For Atlanta, that window would be May 22-June 5, except for sports such as gymnastics, track and diving that pick their teams later.

"This will be in effect for At-

lanta," USOC executive director Dick Schultz said. "It contains a clear line of authority and a clear line of transfer of power."

Once an athlete is nominated to the Olympic team, he or she comes under USOC rules and must sign the code in its unaltered form.

In 1992, Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson, members of basketball's "Dream Team," crossed out sections of the code requiring them to wear USOC uniforms from sportswear companies other than their own sponsors. When they collected their gold medals, Jordan, Johnson and other team members draped the American flag over the offending corporate logos.

Try that in Atlanta, and an athlete could be thrown off the team under the proposed code, which also automatically takes most grievances to the American Arbitration Association.

"It's not a perfect document," Hale said. "But it is flexible and easy to change as circumstances with international rules change."

The drug-testing plan will cost some \$2.8 million a year, about \$1 million more than the USOC now pays for a patchwork quilt of anti-doping programs.

It's key element is no-notice testing, something anti-drug experts say is necessary to avoid giving drug cheats a chance to flush performance enhancers from their system or mask their presence.

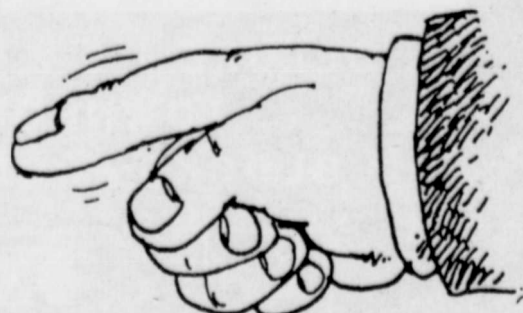
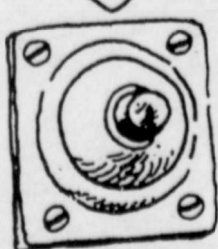
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Death sentence for stabbing upheld

By Bob Egelko
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The state Supreme Court upheld the death sentence Thursday of a Sacramento man who fatally stabbed a clerk during a 1987 gas station robbery, then kidnapped and raped a woman two weeks later.

The justices unanimously rejected defense arguments that Pedro Arias' right to a fair trial was violated by some of the prosecutors' comments and by Arias' own behavior, including his tearing off his shirt and pants in front of the jury. Arias said he was forced to disrupt the trial when the judge refused to let him leave the court.

Arias, then 24, drove to a south Sacramento gas station with a friend in May 1987 after drinking all day. After the friend grabbed a 12-pack of beer and ran out, Arias pulled a knife on a clerk and demanded money from

the cash register, the court said. When another clerk, John Waltrip Jr., 22, came out from a back room, Arias spun around and stabbed him in the stomach, the court said.

Two weeks later, Arias got into a freeway collision with another car, then kidnapped the driver at gunpoint, took her jewelry and bank cards, and raped her in a field, the court said. She managed to escape, half naked, while he was waiting in line to use a bank card. Police were called and chased Arias down. The woman told officers Arias said he had killed someone.

Arias was sentenced to prison for the rapes and sentenced to death for the murder. The jury found he had intended to kill, rejecting his testimony that he had stabbed Waltrip by reflex after being grabbed.

Friends and relatives testified that Arias was neglected as a child and was introduced to

drugs and crime by a brother at an early age. A defense psychiatrist said Arias showed signs of brain damage, possibly from his mother's drinking during pregnancy and his own drug use. A prosecution neurologist found no signs of brain damage.

During the trial, Arias' lawyer told Superior Court Judge Allen Fields that the defendant objected to the prosecution's tactics and wanted to leave court. Fields refused even after Arias said he would disrupt the proceedings. Arias removed some of his clothes, repeatedly clicked his handcuffs together, and eventually stripped down to his undershorts before Fields called a recess.

After reviewing a recent state Supreme Court decision, the judge told Arias he could sign a daily waiver to be absent from the trial. Arias stayed out for several days, then returned for the rest of the trial. In his ap-

ISRAEL: Attacks 'will only lead to more violence'

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dangerous consequences."

Beirut police said a 60-year-old man was killed and five people were wounded in the gunship raid on the southern slums.

Israel's military headquarters said the helicopters attacked "the operations center of Hezbollah," located in the teeming slums of southern Beirut. The army accused the group of using "civilians as a shield and cover for their operations."

Israel television quoted high-ranking Israeli security sources as saying the 10-story building took a direct hit.

peal, defense lawyers argued that Fields, by refusing to excuse Arias immediately, prompted actions that prejudiced the jury and violated Arias' rights.

But the Supreme Court said Fields had not forced the disruption and had merely kept the trial going briefly while he studied the issue.

Hezbollah said "residential buildings" were struck in the Bir el-Abed and Haret Hreik neighborhoods, and denied the party's headquarters was hit.

Guerrillas blocked people from entering the command center, but there were no signs of destruction visible from the outside.

A seven-story building housing Hezbollah's main decision-making body, and the homes of its top leaders are also located in the stricken neighborhoods. It was not clear whether they were hit.

"Nothing in our cases required (Fields) to suspend the trial instantly in order to consider and grant defendant's impulsive demand," said the opinion by Justice Marvin Baxter. "...It is well established that the accused shall not benefit on appeal from his own misconduct before the jury."

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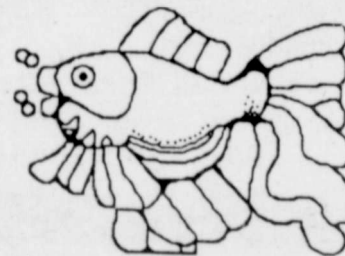
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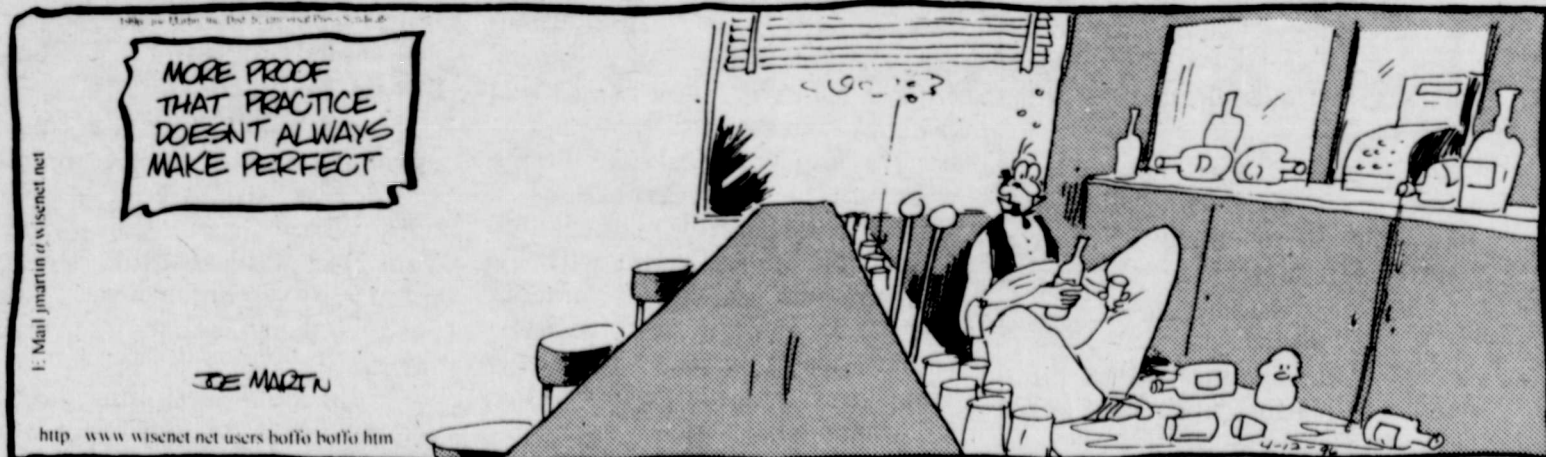
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• Baseball vs. Fresno State @ San Luis Obispo Stadium, 2 p.m.
 • Men's Tennis vs. San Diego State @ San Diego, 11 a.m.
 • Women's Tennis vs. Fresno State @ Fresno, 1 p.m.
 • Women's Lacrosse: Western States Tournament
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Mountain bike biathlon Sunday

This Sunday Cal Poly will be the host of the 2nd Poly Canyon Mountain bike Biathlon. The biathlon will cover five kilometers on the run and 14 kilometers on mountain bike.

The race begins at 9 a.m. at the Performing Arts Center.

The run will take the runners around campus and the biking portion of the biathlon will take racers to Poly Canyon.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Irvin's troubles continue

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man allegedly tried to extort \$119,000 from troubled Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin, authorities said Thursday.

Irvin said the alleged extortion attempt is part of a pattern of abuse to which he has been subjected since his indictment on drug possession charges last month.

"There have been all kind of blackmail attempts on me and my family," he said on station KLIF-AM.

Teddy Wayne Solomon, 44, was arrested April 2 by undercover investigators who had arranged to make the payment demanded of Irvin and his attorney, Kevin Clancy. He has been charged with felony attempted theft.

In an interview with Dallas station KLIF-AM Wednesday night, Irvin said extortionists threatened to blow up his lawyer's office unless he paid \$119,000. The extortionists claimed the debts were for drugs, he said.

Clancy said he contacted district attorney officials after demands were faxed to his office.

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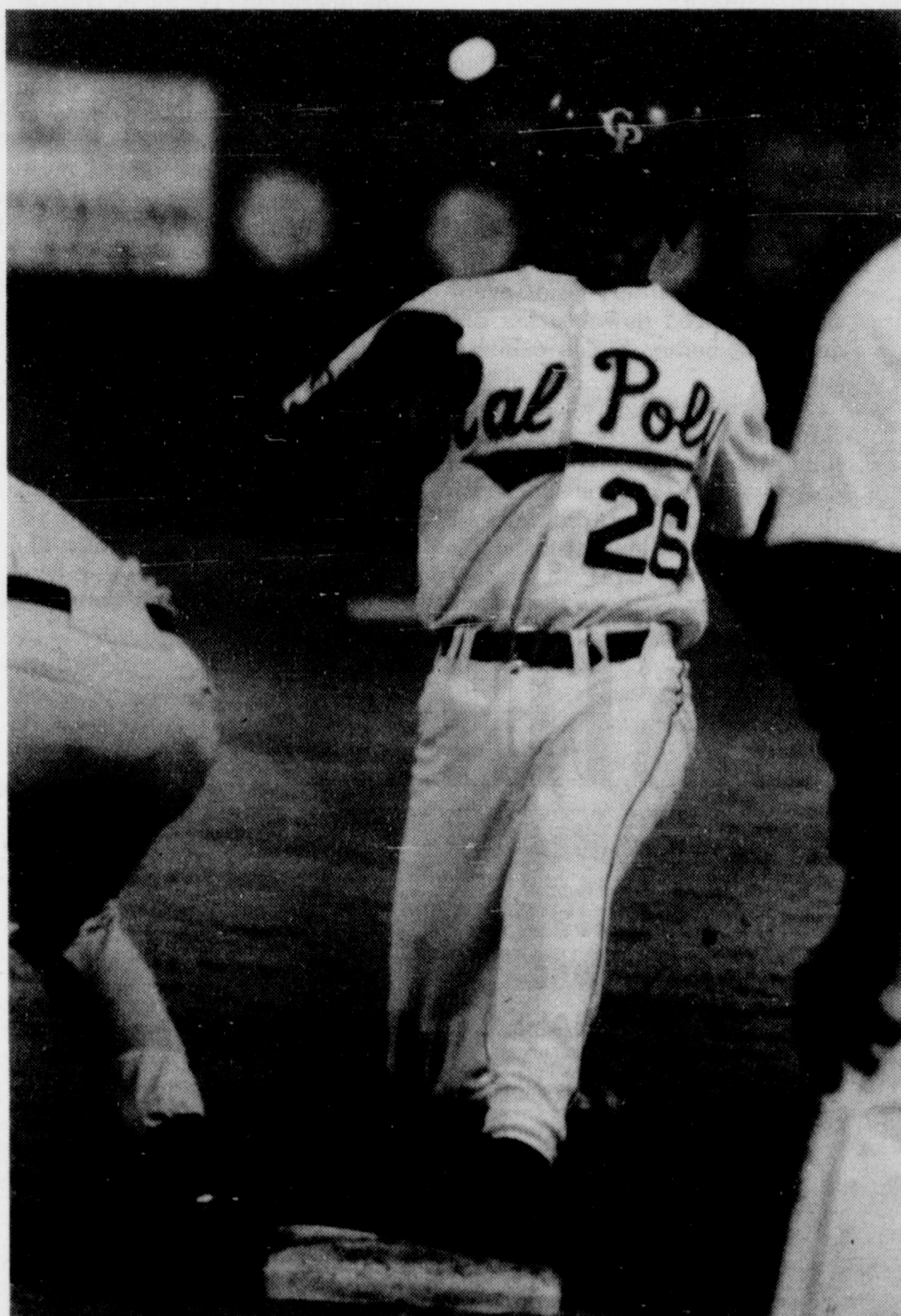
Ritch Price

Cal Poly head baseball coach about senior left fielder Jon Macalutas' four hit game against Westmont College

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Mustangs wallop Westmont

The Cal Poly baseball team came alive Wednesday night driving in 17 runs



After walking to start the third inning, Cal Poly designated hitter Chris Ewing avoids a pick-off throw by Westmont pitcher Steve Bajari / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

By Greg Manifold
Daily Assistant Sports Editor

The Cal Poly baseball team delivered the ultimate birthday present to head coach Ritch Price Wednesday night with a 17-1 victory over Westmont at San Luis Obispo Stadium.

The win moved Cal Poly back to the .500 level, with an overall record of 17-17, 7-10 in league play.

The Mustangs used 26 players in an attempt to give everyone some playing time. Cal Poly batters combined for 18 hits for the evening, sending 10 batters to the plate in the third inning, eight batters in the fourth inning, and nine batters in the fifth, seventh and eighth innings.

All seven Cal Poly pitchers put in a good performance, only allowing seven hits while walking three batters.

Mike Lee started for the Mustangs and allowed the only run of the game for Westmont. Kevin Mohr came on to pitch the second inning and lasted until the fourth inning in relief of Lee. He was credited with the win despite only working two innings. Mohr improved his record to 1-1.

Chad Snowden pitched until the sixth inning for Cal Poly, striking out four batters and allowing two hits. Wesley Faust, Jeff Wallace, Ken Dolan, and Matt Brady all pitched one inning in relief for the Mustangs, each allowing only one hit.

"This game was needed to give us the opportunity to run our freshman (pitchers) out there so they'd have a chance to execute everything they've been doing in their bullpen workouts," Price said.

Westmont used six pitchers, to no avail.

Starter Steve Bajari got the loss for Westmont, he lasted three innings, allowed four runs, and walked five batters.

Cal Poly left fielder Jon Macalutas led all Mustangs batters going 4-for-6 on the night, with a homerun, three singles, 3 RBI, and two runs scored.

Macalutas is closing in on breaking the Cal Poly record for career hits. His four hits on Wednesday night moved his career hits to 220. He is only six hits behind all-time Cal Poly leader

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Lacrosse heads for playoffs

By Jeff Deach
Daily Staff Writer

Tough, talented and competitive is how to describe the Cal Poly Men's Lacrosse Club.

Heading for the playoffs this weekend with an overall record of 9-1, the team has made a lot of improvement from last years record of 11-4.

"This year we are a more competitive team," Coach Jon LeGoy said. "The other teams are now gunning for us."

Captain Adam Stowe, a business senior, said this is by far the best record the team has had in the past six years.

"The coach has contributed a lot to the success of the team. But it is also because of the bigger numbers," Stowe said, referring to the 32 players that make up the lacrosse roster.

Tough is a way to describe the physical side of the lacrosse team, as hitting is as much apart of the game as it is in hockey.

Stowe said the average player takes about five or six good hits a game from the other team, but also dishes out about the same.

Body checking is allowed, LeGoy said, if you go strictly for the ball, but it has to be within five yards of the players.

"There are a number of different checks a player can use," LeGoy said. "But we try to use a lot of picks."

With all the hitting going on in a game, players must wear a

helmet with a chin strap and a mouth piece. They also use shoulder pads and gloves along with a stick that has a pocket for cradling.

Cradling is when you move your wrist back and forth to keep the ball in the net pocket.

With the style of coaching LeGoy brought to Cal Poly two years ago, the array of talent on the team has increased.

LeGoy said he coaches his players to move the ball around as much as possible; quick passing is the style of play he likes to see.

"If a player takes more than three steps with the ball, he has held it too long," LeGoy said. "I tell them to let the ball do the work."

"Cal Poly has been fortunate. Talent came to Poly for academics first and lacrosse second," LeGoy said.

Approximately one out of three players come to Cal Poly with high school experience in lacrosse, Stowe said.

Stowe added the team is a close-knitted bunch that gets along well on and off the field and has bright hopes for the future.

"I think we will keep getting better," Stowe said. "We should be an extremely competitive team in Division I in 4-5 years."

Lacrosse is an old Native American war game played between different tribes.

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Van Exel's apology skips referee

By John Nadel
Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Nick Van Exel apologized to just about everyone he could think of Thursday with one notable exception — referee Ron Garretson.

Otherwise, the third-year Los Angeles Lakers point guard was contrite when discussing his suspension for shoving Garretson onto the scorer's table Tuesday night in Denver, although he said he thought seven games was probably too severe.

"No, no," Van Exel said during a Forum news conference when asked if he would apologize to Garretson, whom he hit with his left forearm during a timeout with 3:23 remaining in a 98-91 loss. "I would expect an apology from him. If he apologizes to me, I'll apologize to him."

Speaking publicly for the first time since the incident, Van Exel made it clear his behavior was unacceptable, but acknowledged he had a history with Garretson.

"Behind the scenes, me and him have been going at it for three years," Van Exel said. "(But) I could have walked away. I didn't. I didn't go back to hit him, I didn't go back to touch him. It shouldn't have gone that far."

Van Exel, 24, went after Garretson after being hit with a pair of technical fouls, meaning immediate ejection.

"I said, 'Good call, good call,' that's exactly what I said. He

gave me a technical," Van Exel recalled. "I know that wasn't right. I think sometimes authority uses their authority too much. If you get a technical foul for saying, 'Good call,' it doesn't make any sense to me."

The NBA moved swiftly, handing down the seven-game suspension and a league-record \$25,000 fine Wednesday.

The penalties came less than three weeks after Dennis Rodman was fined \$20,000 and suspended six games for head-butting an official.

"First of all, I would like to apologize to everyone in the Laker organization, starting with Jerry (Buss, the owner)," Van Exel said to start the 10-minute news conference. "I've already apologized to my teammates."

"I did make a big mistake, I'm paying for it. It definitely won't happen again."

Van Exel went on to apologize to his teammates and fans, "especially the little kids. I'm really disappointed. I know I let a lot of kids down. I know I've let the team down big-time."

At one point, he said, "Who else can I apologize to?"

Rod Thorn, the NBA's director of league operations, said Van Exel would have been suspended for seven games even if that meant missing part of the playoffs. Coincidentally, the Lakers had seven games left in the regular season at the time.

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