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Colorful campus?

Poly may not be the most diverse campus, but the administration says it's trying

By Mary Hadley, Daily Staff Writer

Dr. Paul Zingg, Cal Poly's provost, has a cheery yellow banner in his office that reads "celebrate diversity." From an administrative standpoint, Zingg said he's doing everything he can to ensure that Cal Poly increases its diversity, specifically by enrolling more ethnic or minority students.

During the past six years, the minority undergraduate student population increased from 26.6 percent to 34 percent, according to the Institutional Studies Fact Book.

"The challenge is to continue to support that kind of performance," Zingg said.

Upstairs in the University Union, one building away

from Zingg's office, the word "diversity" springs to life in the form of the busy MultiCultural Center (MCC) and the people who work there.

The MCC, nestled between the Information Desk and the Disabled Student Services room, is easy to miss. But it's where a number of students volunteer, work, hang out, or just pop in once in awhile to eat lunch and talk.

Operated by coordinator Everardo Martinez, six or seven staff members, and a varying number of volunteers, the MCC serves many purposes.

"As much as possible, we have to make efforts to expose students to people who aren't like them," Martinez said. "Then they're not as likely to misunderstand or have fear towards people of different cultures. Then when the students graduate, they'll have more tools. That's what we're trying to do with a multicultural education."

The MCC works towards this goal by interacting with the 62 different cultural clubs on campus.

"Every week, we assign a different club," said Edith Hernandez, a political science senior and MCC staff member.

"They send their representatives up here and put out a presentation. They put up pictures, list any events that might be coming up, and talk to the people at the MCC who might be interested in joining."



Two artists from Mexico donated this wooden cat and other artwork resting in the MCC. / Daily photo by Maureen McDowell

Hernandez coordinates the Citizenship Program, designed to help local immigrants become United States citizens.

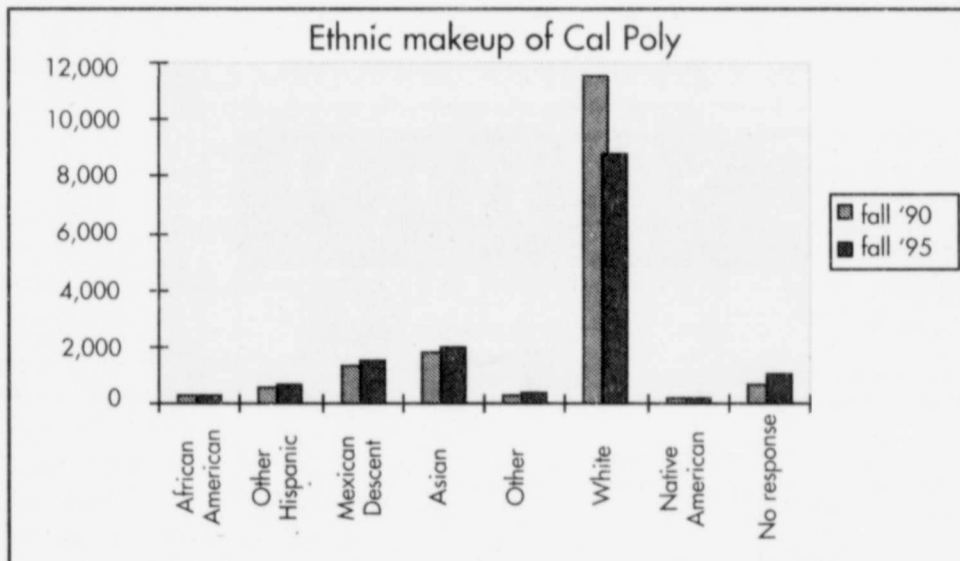
"We teach a class two times a week on U.S. history to prepare them for the test," Hernandez said. "Sometimes we help them with their paperwork. Right now we're trying to figure out how to deal with Proposition 209."

The Citizenship Program is only one example of an "outreach" program sponsored by the MCC, which receives funding from ASI and Student Affairs.

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Civil engineering senior Ashanti Branch (facing, rear left) speaks to a group of eighth graders from an outreach program run by the statistics department. / Daily photo by Maureen McDowell



Ceremony remembers Chiune Sugihara and the 6,000 Jews he helped to save

By Jessica Yamada
Daily Staff Writer

More than 400 people gave Hiroki Sugihara, the son of a Japanese man that saved more than 6,000 Jews during the Holocaust, a standing ovation as he entered the stage to speak about his late father, Chiune Sugihara, at Cal Poly's Chumash Auditorium Sunday.

Hiroki Sugihara was 5-years-old in 1939 when his father, the Japanese consul general in Lithuania, decided to obey his conscience and issue transit visas to Jewish refugees contrary to orders from the Japanese government.

Risking his career and their lives, Sugihara and his wife, Yukiko, hand-wrote as many travel visas as possible until they were forced to leave Lithuania

and return to Japan in disgrace.

"He clearly understood that to go against these orders would bring dire consequences," Sugihara said. "He chose to disobey his government and not to disobey his god."

Sugihara's visas allowed thousands of Jews to escape the Nazis

"He clearly understood that to go against these orders would bring dire consequences."

-- Hiroki Sugihara,
Chiune Sugihara's son

by traveling through Russia to Japan and other countries that would grant them asylum.

It is estimated that the survivors and their descendants number about 40,000, scattered

throughout the world.

Hiroki Sugihara's speech about his father was part of a program celebrating Sugihara Recognition Day, Nov. 17, which was recognized by the city of San Luis Obispo and the county board of supervisors.

The event was sponsored by Buddhist, Japanese, Jewish, Polish, Unitarian and other groups throughout the Central Coast.

Sugihara has been described as the "Japanese Schindler," after Oskar Schindler, of Steven Spielberg's movie "Schindler's List."

Stephen Schwartz, a speaker and promoter of the recognition day, said that Sugihara was different than Oskar Schindler.

"Unlike Oskar who profited, Chiune Sugihara acted against his own interest and was never

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NATO authorizes military to plan new Bosnia peace force

By Jeffrey Ulbrich
Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium - NATO's military chiefs received their marching orders Monday: Begin planning for a new force of up to 30,000 troops to keep the peace in Bosnia while the country continues to rebuild.

The North Atlantic Council, the alliance's top policymaking body, told Gen. George Joulwan and his staff at NATO headquarters to create an operations plan for a multinational force half the size of the one sent to Bosnia nearly a year ago.

The mandate for the current force, which at its peak numbered just under 60,000, expires Dec. 20. The new one will include about 8,500 Americans and may stay on for another 18 months.

There had been a consensus that a military force would be needed in Bosnia well beyond Dec. 20., but NATO couldn't go ahead until the United States announced its decision to participate, which President Clinton did Friday.

The Council had to choose from among four options: Total withdrawal, a small deterrence force to prevent an outbreak of fighting, a "deterrence-plus" force capable of a wider mission, and continuation of the present force. No serious consideration was given to the first or last option.

Ambassadors instructed military

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Tuesday November 19 TOP OF THE AGENDA

17 days left in fall quarter

Today's Weather: rain, rain go away, don't come back until April
 Tomorrow's Weather: here comes the sun... maybe
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TODAY

KCPR, Cal Poly's radio station at 91.3 FM, is conducting its annual fund raising pledge drive now until Nov. 25 at 7 a.m. Listeners who call the station to pledge will receive packages of donated items and services, and those who donate \$2 or more receive a discount card for use at local businesses. Higher donations receive other benefits.

UPCOMING

The **Physics Colloquium** will feature Dr. Estelle Basor of the Math Department with a presentation called "Distribution of Eigenvalues for Random Matrices" on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 11 a.m. in Building 52, Room E-45.

Grass Roots II will be holding its traditional Thanksgiving dinner for the 25th year. This year's dinner will be held at the Wilson Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church, located on the corner of Marsh and Morro streets in San Luis Obispo on Wednesday, Nov. 27 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. If you can volunteer, or are disabled and would like a home-delivered meal, call 544-2333.

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DIVERSITY

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"We at the MCC are involved in hundreds of programs," Hernandez said.

Martinez said he believes the increase in campus diversity can be attributed to Cal Poly's high school outreach program.

"For eight years I was involved with admissions and outreach," Martinez said. "I actually visited high schools all over the state."

"We chose schools that had high academic achievement and met with students that came from schools that would most likely have a target population for students to apply and be accepted," Martinez added.

These schools were in large California cities that had significantly higher percentages of minority students than the San Luis Obispo area, and the program itself was successful, Martinez said.

"That's why in the last three years we've increased the applicant pool and we've increased the diversity of the student population," he added.

In 1990, the student population percentages were 69.6 percent white, 26.6 percent minority, and 3.8 percent unreported.

In 1995, the student population was 58.8 percent white, 34 percent minority, and 7.2 percent unreported.

The breakdown of percentages of ethnic students shows that only certain minority groups have made gains, though.

Asians have jumped from 10.8 percent of the student body in 1990 to 13.5 percent in 1995. Cal Poly's Mexican population has increased from 7.8 percent to 10.2 percent in that same time period.

But the African-American student population has seen no significant increase, hovering right around two percent.

Frank Marshall Davies, an environmental engineering senior, is black and has gone to Cal Poly for the past four years.

"The population of African-Americans on campus is pathetic," Davies said. "This is not a diverse community at all. It's a homogeneous community. It's lopsided. Cal Poly is a state school, not a private school. It should have a distribution closer to the distribution (of African-Americans) in California."

Considering diversity in California State Universities, Cal Poly is near the middle in percentages, Zingg said.

"The most diverse schools are places like (Cal State) Los Angeles, San Jose State and San Francisco State. These campuses draw their students from a more ethnically diverse population than we do," Zingg said.

"All the other campuses in the (CSU) system primarily serve a local geographic area. Ours is statewide."

Two areas that reflect minimal diversity at Cal



Ryan Trammell updates the bulletin board at the MultiCultural Center on campus. / Daily photo by Maureen McDowell

Poly are ethnicity and gender of faculty.

Cal Poly tenure-track faculty ethnicity in 1995 showed 84.2 percent White and 15.8 percent minority.

Non tenure-track faculty consisted of 86.7 percent White and 13.3 percent minority.

Women comprised 21.5 percent of the total faculty in 1990, and in 1995 that percentage was 24 percent.

Martinez fears that the passage of Proposition 209 will make matters worse for women on campus.

"If the university is not taking a proactive stance to allow more women then it is going to affect female students," Martinez said. "Right now the faculty is 85 percent white male. And to get female students to identify with role models when we don't have role models for them won't work."

Speaking from the viewpoint of a Mexican/Chinese-American woman, Hernandez opposes Proposition 209, but salvages one positive idea from it.

"Maybe it will be a wake-up call for a lot of us. Before, people could say to minorities and women, 'I know why you're here. Affirmative action, right?' Well, people can't say that anymore."

The student distribution based on gender is closer to equal. Of all undergraduate students, 41.8 percent were female in 1990 and 42.1 percent were female in 1995.

"We have certainly demonstrated that we are capable of building toward a more diverse community and we are committed to doing that," Zingg said. "The evidence suggests that we're succeeding."

As far as the threat of Proposition 209 to campus diversity is concerned, Zingg said that all administration can do is "try to balance our intention to obeying the law with our responsibility to serve the people of California."

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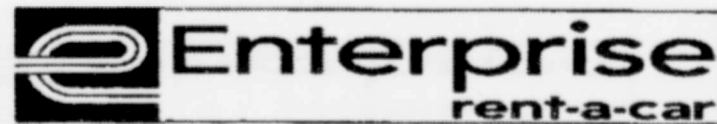
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Aid workers insist international force still needed for Zaire

By Tony Smith
Associated Press

GISENYI, Rwanda - Out of food and out of touch, up to 700,000 Rwandan refugees still face death in eastern Zaire, aid agencies said Monday. The agencies urged Western powers to stick to their plans to send soldiers quickly to central Africa.

WORLD

Ragged columns of refugees returning home, many exhausted, hungry and with bleeding feet, stretched 35 miles into Rwanda. But those still trapped in eastern Zaire were in even greater danger, aid workers said.

No decision on a military mission to help them is likely before Thursday.

Although the crush of refugees had eased since the weekend, more than 5,000 people an hour poured across the border Monday, U.N. officials said.

An estimated 500,000 Hutu refugees have walked home to Rwanda since Friday - many barefoot on the rough, volcanic soil - after escaping from Hutu militants who once dominated the world's largest refugee camp.

Aid workers were caring for some 1,050 children - either abandoned, orphaned or separated from their parents during the exodus.

"I was holding her hand yesterday, and then suddenly she disappeared," said Marceline Myiramzbrimba as she found her 8-year-old daughter Vestine at one U.N. tent. "I am so happy she is with me."

Aid officials say an international humanitarian force must now focus on the refugees in Zaire's hills and forests south and west of Lake Kivu, some 60 to 120 miles south of here.

"People are dying because they're out of touch, with no food or water," said Peter Kessler, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "We need the kind of protection that could be provided by an interna-

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UCLA grad assistants begin 5-day walkout

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Graduate teaching assistants at University of California, Los Angeles, went on strike Monday for collective bargaining rights.

STATE

The five-day walkout, called by the Student Association of Graduate Employees, was intended to be a "rolling" strike. If the UCLA walkout brings no immediate results, assistants at UC San Diego planned to leave their classrooms on Tuesday, followed by colleagues at UC Berkeley on Wednesday, organizers said.

"We hope that we can win recognition without any more disruption to education than is necessary," said John Medearis, a UCLA graduate student on the association's executive board. "That's why we've made it very clear that we are escalating over time to give the university the opportunity to respond."

Organizers and the school had no immediate figure on how many assistants walked out.

The school is appealing a September ruling by an administrative law judge in San Francisco that graduate assistants have the right to unionize, as they have been trying to do since 1993.

There are only a handful of such unions in the country, most

dating back to the early 1970s. But labor officials cheered recognition of a union at the University of Kansas last year, and campaigns are under way in several states.

"We believe that unionization would seriously harm the flexibility, collegiality and harmony the university strives to foster between our students and their academic mentors," Chancellor Charles E. Young said in a letter to deans and department heads.

Young also released a letter to UCLA students on Monday that laid out the university's position on graduate teaching assistants.

"We believe their on-campus employment advances their education, and that they are not employees in the traditional sense," Young wrote. "Thus, students in these apprenticeship positions are not an appropriate group for collective bargaining."

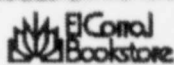
The average assistant is paid \$14,000 for half-time work over nine months and the equivalent of \$4,000 more in benefits, including student fees and health insurance, said UCLA spokeswoman Linda Steiner Lee. They work a maximum 20 hours while studying for a higher degree.

The Student Association of Graduate Employees, an affiliate of the United Auto Workers, claims 4,000 members at UCLA. Organizers said they expected

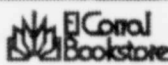
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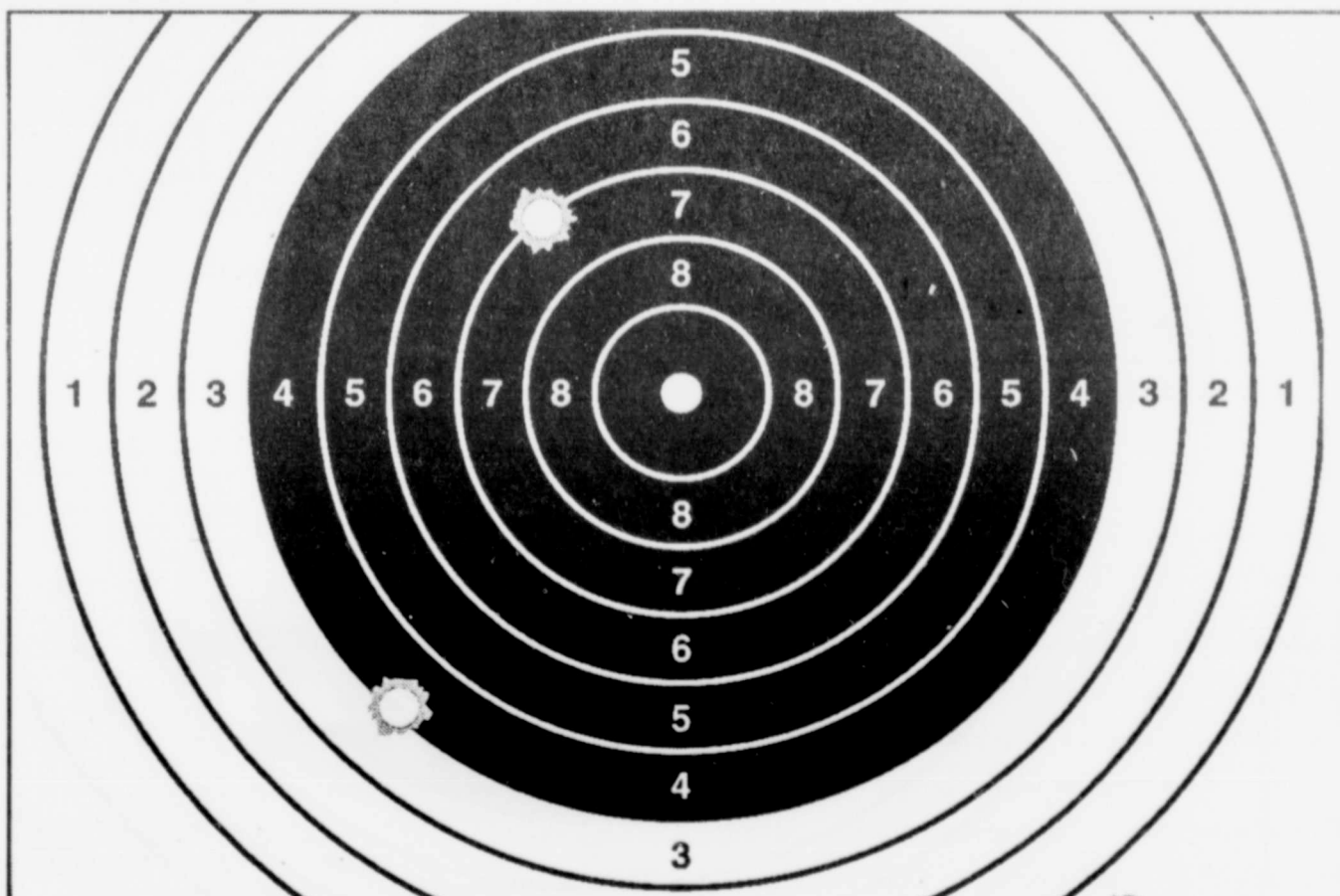
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Opinion

4 Tuesday, November 19, 1996

RAMBLINGS

By Karen E. Spaeder

Shel Silverstein wrote a poem called "Whatifs" several years ago which describes those nasty little pests called Whatifs that crawl into our ears at night. They "prance and party," driving us crazy wondering, "What if this?" and "What if that?"

I can remember reading the poem when I was younger. I would chuckle to myself; I thought the poem was catchy and cute. But I would usually drop off to sleep quickly every night, worrying only about what stuffed animal to sleep with or what to have for breakfast the next morning. I never really understood what a Whatif was until I got older.

I think a Whatif or two must have crawled into my ear last night. Otherwise, I wouldn't be wasting my time wondering things like: "What if I don't get the job I want? What if I forget everything I'm supposed to do tomorrow? What if my hard drive catches on fire?" "What if Cal Poly has a secret plan to destroy all my records just before I graduate and make me start all over again?"

It happens to the best of us. We're doing perfectly fine, enjoying life, and suddenly, Whatifs sabotage it all, making us wonder and worry and wish we had just one more hour in a day.

I guess Whatifs can be good, too. They motivate me to try my best to make things go my way. They make me stay up late and do my homework. And they get me out of bed every morning with their obnoxious little reminders of everything I need to get done.

But Whatifs can also drive me bonkers. They make me stress about things. They make me drink too much coffee. And they keep me awake at night with all their partying and prancing.

Asking the question "What If?" makes no logical sense; after all, there are certain things that we have no control over. The rational part of me tries to remember this most of the time. I try to just cross bridges when I come to them, because it does me no good to worry about what might happen if things don't go as planned. But those nasty Whatifs can make me quite irrational. As Silverstein wrote, "Everything seems swell and then / the nighttime Whatifs strike again."

It's time to unite against the Whatifs. I've had enough. I would like to take this opportunity to invite Whatif victims to join the new Whatifs Anonymous support group. We like to chat, eat some munchies, punch weebles — all kinds of fun stuff. Meet at the airport tonight at 8 and we can hop the next flight to Hawaii. Your treat.

Karen Spaeder is an English senior and was really only up late last night worrying about how to color coordinate her lipstick with her sweater today.

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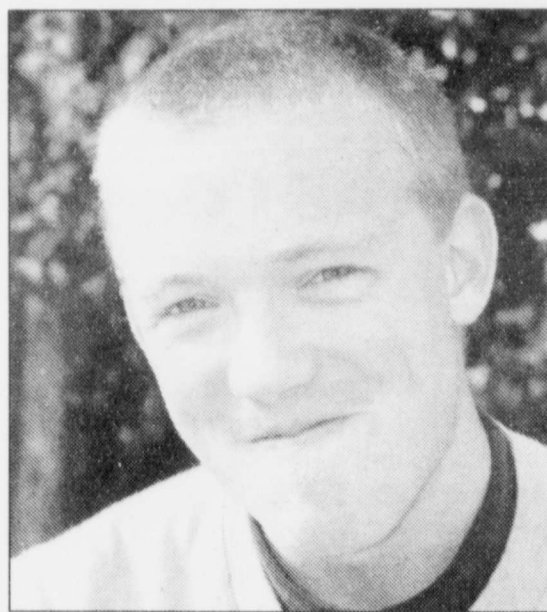
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WHAT'S THE QUESTION?



"Ponder the meaning of life."

Brett Gimlin
Psychology senior



"Draw pictures of fruit and write down lyrics to songs."

Sarah Russell
Mathematics sophomore



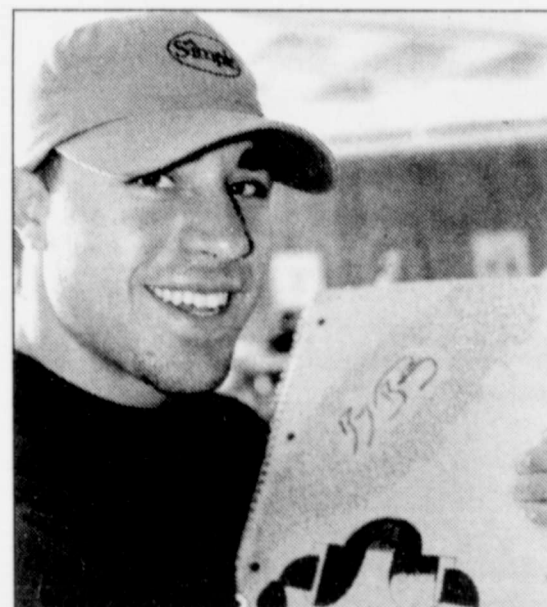
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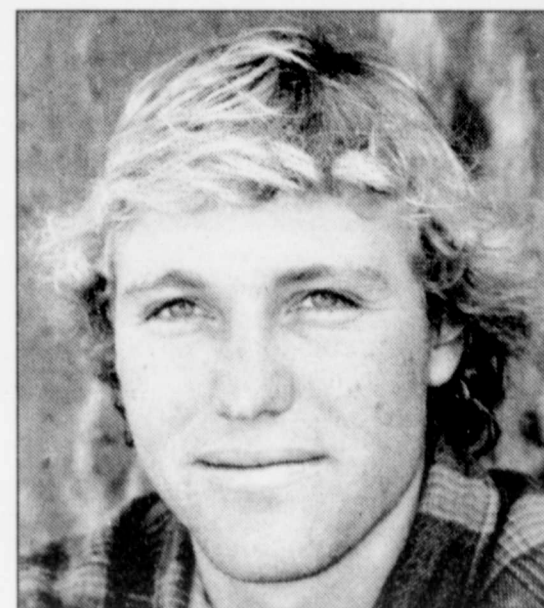
"I organize and make lists."

Katy Ducale
Recreation administration junior



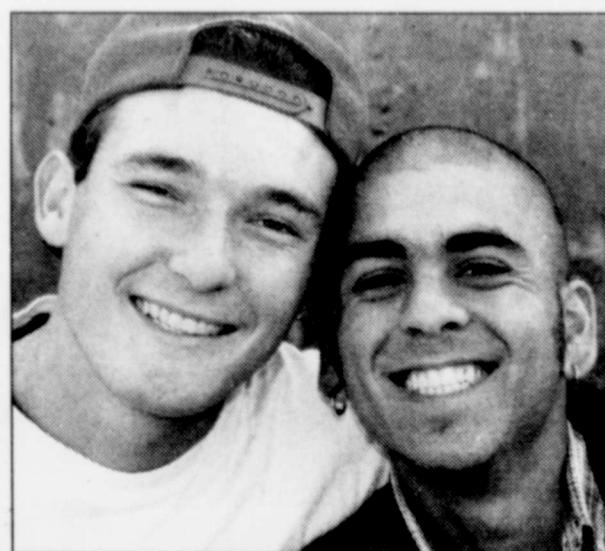
"Doodling."

Kevin Balestrieri
Speech communications junior



"I try to draw a caricature of my professor on my notes."

Chris Webster
Business junior



"We write love letters."

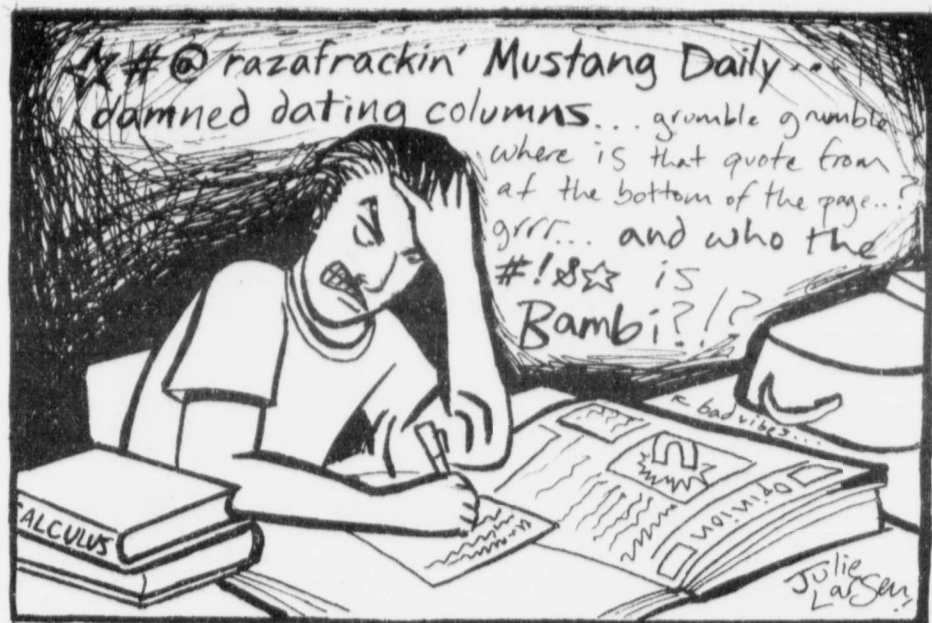
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Microbiology senior

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"What do you do to amuse yourself in class when the professor's lecture is boring?"

Interviews by Rachel Brady
Photos by Joe Johnston

Letters to the Editor



The annoyed unite

Editor,

I agree entirely with your article, "Could you please stop that?" I, too, tend to suffer from the noisy habits of others! It is at the point now where I've virtually given up on paying full attention in lecture, and cannot remain in a computer lab for too long, because of others' noisiness!

A few things you forgot to mention:

KNOCKING / DRUMMING :

I mentioned knocking in a letter to the Mustang last spring. Drumming is related. Are these classrooms and computer labs, or friggin rock concerts? Also, I've heard more tap dancing in these classrooms than in all of my wife's favorite Broadway music videos.

LEANING / KICKING / ETC:

Why must they lean their feet on MY DESK?

SPITTING:

I have to avoid being downwind from these spitters.

BOOMING CARS:

Another classic '90s thing to just totally piss me off.

Anything else? Maybe we should have a Top 10.

Bruce D. Wefler

We want our credit/no credit!

Editor,

I found it very discouraging to find out about the possible abolishment of the credit/no-credit grading policy. This grading policy allows students to explore other aspects of education outside of their own major without having to worry about jeopardizing their GPAs.

I can understand that in the past and even today students have abused this policy. I do feel that a general education is beneficial to a student's knowledge; however, I aim to concentrate my studies within my major so that I can succeed in the future. It is already hard enough to get through this system in four years, and having credit/no-credit lightens the load just a bit.

The credit/no-credit policy helps students who struggle with certain classes succeed. It isn't a cop out, but simply a way to achieve a goal. If we are here to learn and study, why should the university take away a useful learning tool?

Stephanie Caprino
Biological sciences freshman

Pick up some pom-poms

Editor,

This is in response to Franco Castaldini's sports commentary Nov. 14 about "Being a fanatic, not a fan."

I personally invite Franco Castaldini to Cal Poly's Men's Basketball game vs. Simon Fraser Friday, Nov. 22. But please don't just show up to watch, paint yourself green and gold, wear a wig, stomp on the bleachers and bring your obnoxious attitude. Even better yet, why not participate in the fun and excitement of the game with Cal Poly's SPIRIT ORGANIZATION, RUNNING THUNDER???

This is the solution to your problem you stated last week of lackadaisical students. Not only has this group of students done all of the above for the past two years, but more, including: camping out at Mott Gym, pre- and post-game parties, traveling to away events and playing practical jokes on the other team. Did I mention they actually DID break a bleacher last season by stomping on it? These are the same students who lighted that infamous letter on the hill during Homecoming, gave the Mustangs a new mascot this year and handed out the green and gold "pom-poms" you saw at football games.

So, please, join them this Friday in the craze against Simon Fraser. Who knows, maybe with a bit more involvement from the 16,000 students here at Cal Poly we could be known as "Mott Maniacs?" Have a great Mustang Day!

Dawn Mazzagetti
Animal science senior

No more dorms

Editor,

I would like to respond to the article by Jaime Borasi, "Administration Taking Initial Steps To Create On-Campus Housing." I disagree with the small group of administrators that plan to request an increase in campus housing. If more housing is built, our campus will be over-impacted. And today, registering for required classes is almost impossible. This year alone, Cal Poly overbooked campus housing and had to reject incoming students, referring them to off-campus housing. These new students who deserve to live in the dorms are missing out on their first-year experience and the many opportunities that come along with it.

Cal Poly is supposed to be the hardest state college to be accepted into. And a surplus in new students suggests that Cal Poly is either lowering its prestige or simply accepting too many students. There should be stricter GPA requirements or a limit to the incoming-student acceptance.

Furthermore, it is not fair to the freshman or continuing students have to stay here longer than what they had planned because there are too many students filling up classes.

April Deter
Agribusiness freshman

All we need is love

Editor,

I don't agree with the "Resolution on Amorous Relationships" proposed by the Status of Women Committee for several reasons. In the first place, this policy which intending to do good will only make a bigger issue out of instructor-student relationships. This resolution if passed has the potential to hurt all instructor-student relationships by causing instructors to be wary of helping students. Instructors in their free time might fear the possible punishment for misunderstood signals given off by either them or the students and the actions that might be taken against them. Also, if a instructor and student want to have a relationship together they will, regardless of any rules they might be breaking.

Then, nothing yet has been said about what would happen in the situation of relationships started before being in the same class. Is a student not to take the needed class then? Does the student drop a class that just says staff on it when they register and later find out the instructor is their boyfriend or girlfriend? What about the possibility of the last class that is still open is being taught by the involved instructor?

This is an area of concern that has not been addressed yet for the whole student body to think about. Therefore, because of these reasons and the fact that both members of the relationship are adults and know what they are doing it should be left as the way it has been in the past.

Adam Lee
Civil Engineering freshmen

Thank you, Cal Poly

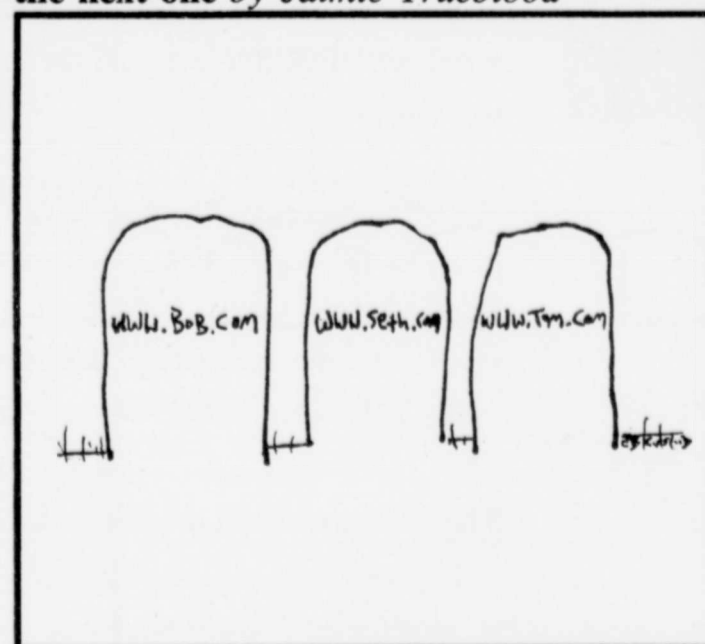
Editor,

I would like to publicly thank all of the many wonderful people of Cal Poly for the outpouring of support you have shown Marc, Julia and me upon the loss of Marco (Immordino, the library custodian killed in a car accident on Oct. 30).

Thank you also to the Cal Poly Staff for your cards, kind words and compassion, for with these we have felt so loved. Thank you to Coach and Mrs. Schneider and the Cal Poly Men's Basketball team, you have done so much for the children and me in your contribution to fulfilling Marc and Julia's basketball dreams.

Affectionately,
Marlene Immordino

the next one by Jaimie Trueblood



RECRUITS

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ney for juniors in Colorado and also played on a national championship three-on-three tournament team.

At 6-3, Washington, from Minneapolis, Minn., is the shortest out of the four recruits. All-Conference and All-Metro for two years, he led Minneapolis North High School to two state championships in the 1994-95 and 1995-96 seasons, with a combined record of 58-1.

Already a preseason All-State selection for this season, Washington has shot 79 percent from the line and 52 percent from the field at North High. He has also averaged 18.5 points, nine rebounds, three steals, three blocks and three assists per game.

"Washington and Bjorklund are without question two of the top five players in the state of Minnesota," Schneider said.

When he recruits, Schneider said he looks for athletes to fit four categories: academics, basketball, campus and community.

"I feel that they were all the perfect fit for our program," he said. "I want to have the type of student-athletes that Cal Poly can be proud of."

BOSNIA

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planners to begin work on the basis of the third option, which includes continuing with the military task of providing a stable environment in Bosnia while providing some support to the civilian reconstruction and reconciliation mission.

On Monday, the United States proposed a few suggestions for the new force, including extending the mission to 18 months instead of just one year and reviewing the situation every six months to see if the force could be cut.

The Council meets again Wednesday after ambassadors have considered the American proposals.

The current 30-nation, NATO-led peace force numbered about 58,000 troops at its peak, including 15,000 Americans. It now stands at about 47,500 and includes about 4,500 newly arrived Americans, mostly from the 1st Infantry Division, who are to protect the withdrawal of U.S. soldiers.

ZAIRE

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tional force."

Military officials from nations offering to join the 10,000- to 12,000-strong multinational force are meeting Thursday in Stuttgart, Germany, to decide the fate of the mission.

Canada, which will command the operation, and the United States, which has offered up to 4,000 troops, agree that it is still needed, but officials in Rwanda think otherwise.

The U.S. commander in the region, Maj. Gen. Edwin Smith, met with Zairian officials Monday and later told reporters that no specific course of action had been determined.

The Hutu refugees still in Zaire fled camps around the cities of Bukavu and Uvira in October amid fighting between Zairian government troops and rebels supported by the Tutsi-led Rwandan army.

The refugees have been cut off from the outside world since the rebels drove out the Zairian army and closed border crossings from Bukavu into Rwanda and from Uvira into neighboring Burundi. Relief workers don't even know where to find most of the refugees.

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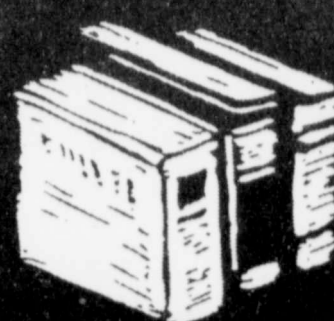
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HERO: 'My father said that any decent human being would have done the same thing,' Sugihara said during the speech.

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rewarded for doing good, only punished. That is why we honor him today," Schwartz said.

When he and his family returned to Japan in 1947 after being imprisoned for more than a year in a Soviet internment camp in Romania, he was unceremoniously dismissed from diplomatic service. His heroism went virtually unrecognized in Japan for more than 40 years, according to "Visa's For Life," a book written by his wife and translated into English by his son Hiroki.

Sugihara later etched out a living as a store clerk, selling light bulbs and doing other odd

jobs. He moved to Moscow, away from his family for 16 years, to import oil for Japan.

Although his family suffered socially and economically for many years after the war, Sugihara said that his father never regretted what he did.

"My father said that any decent human being would have done the same thing," Sugihara said. "This is the kind of story our children should hear over and over so they can know that one man can make a difference and overcome evils such as the Holocaust."

In 1985, he was honored at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust

memorial in Jerusalem, but at 85, he was too weak to attend, according to an article in The New York Times.

Although Sugihara died near Tokyo in 1986, his courage has only recently been recognized in Japan because of efforts from his wife and family.

A slide show featuring old photographs of Chiune Sugihara and his family in Lithuania brought deeper significance and insight to the man and his heroic acts.

Slide presentations of two other diplomats, Aristides de Sousa Mendes of Portugal and Raoul Wallenberg of Sweden, were also shown to commemorate

them for risking their lives and careers to help the Jews during World War II.

The three diplomats, in relation to Jewish history, were called "the righteous among nations," or non-Jews who helped save Jews during the Holocaust, according to Eric Saul, who narrated the slide show.

"Sugihara, we will never forget you," Saul said.

Holocaust survivors Marianne Tolchin and Marion Wolff told personal accounts of their struggles to endure the war and persecution of Jews and thanked the late Sugihara for his courageous humanitarian efforts.

Other speakers included Mayor Allen Settle, Steve Dalen, Rev. Jim Yanagihara and Cal Poly professor Dan Krieger. Each expressed an appreciation and inspiration from Chiune Sugihara's story.

"Peace starts with each individual, not a nation," Rev. Yanagihara said.

The program, which also featured ethnic music and dance, was free of charge and was followed by refreshments and book signing by Hiroki Sugihara.

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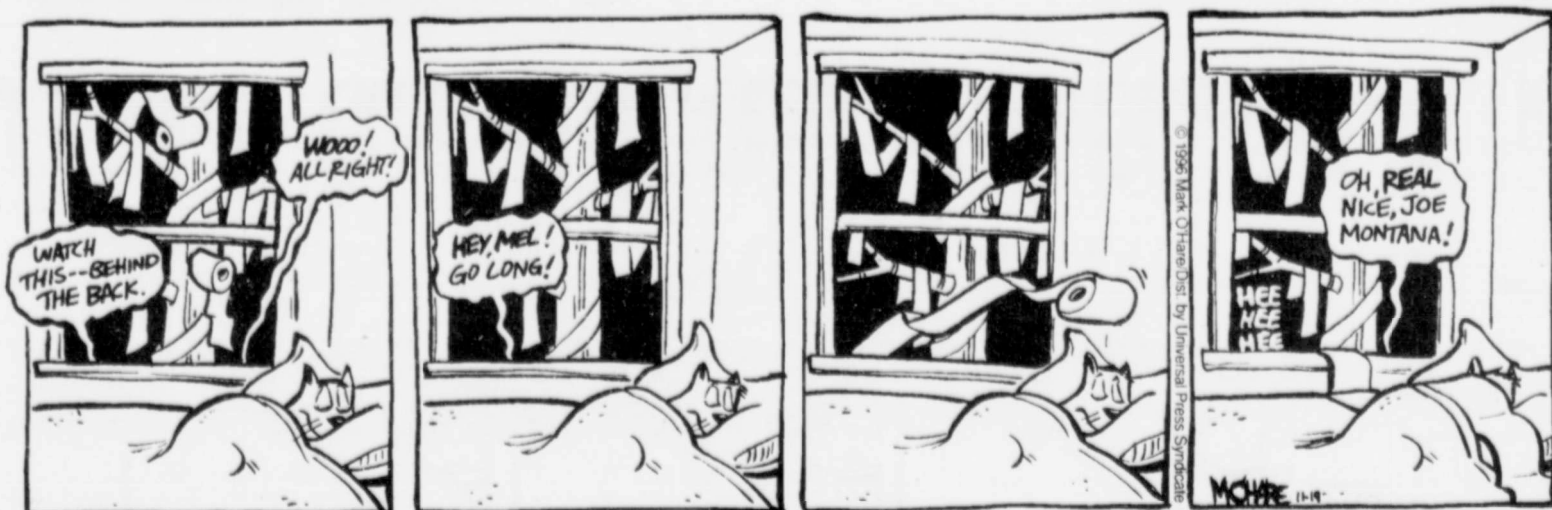
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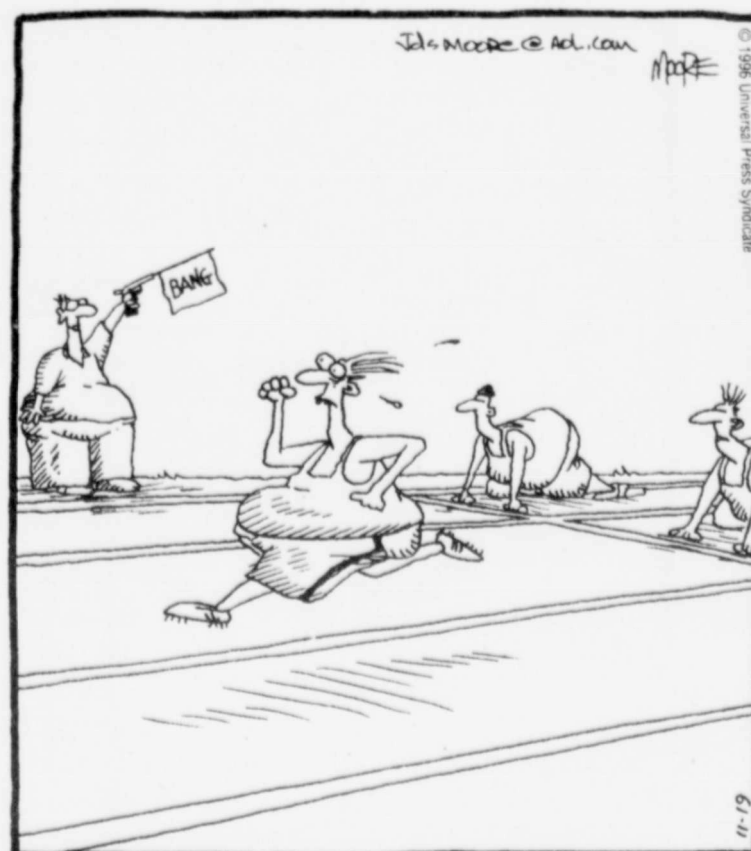
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"I feel that this is the best recruiting session I have been involved with in 14 years."



• Jeff Schneider, Cal Poly men's basketball coach on the Mustangs' four recruits for next season

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TODAY'S GAMES

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TOMORROW'S GAMES

• There are no games tomorrow.

Men and women runners finish season ninth

The Cal Poly men's and women's cross country teams placed ninth at the Division I Regional 8 finals hosted by Fresno State this past weekend.

No runners from either team qualified for the NCAA tournament race, meaning the season is over for the Mustang runners.

The highest finisher for the women was Nikki Shaw, who finished 32nd out of 135 runners. She finished the 5K course with a time of 18:03.

Claire Becker wasn't far behind in 35th place with a time of 18:05.

Leading the Cal Poly men was Gregg Phister, who finished 37th out of 96 runners. He ran the 10K course in the time of 32:33.

Joe Taverner was the next Mustang to cross the finish line in 46th place with a time of 32:50.

Cal Poly signs three softball recruits

Three student-athletes have signed national letters of intent to enroll and play softball at Cal Poly next year.

Kasey Poet, is a third baseman/shortstop from Northern California. She played with the Northern California Tremors and was an all-Empire League selection her sophomore and junior years.

Robin Poet is a centerfielder from Southern California. She played on the Southern California A's and was an ASA All-American last year.

Michelle Uithoven is a catcher from Northern California. She was a three-time All-League catcher and a varsity scholar athlete.

Head Coach Lisa Boyer says she is pleased to have signed the recruits early and says they will be able to contribute a great deal to the program at Cal Poly.

Coming...

Five years ago Cal Poly students voted to support Cal Poly athletics. Find out the whole story Friday in the *Mustang Daily*

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Schneider signs four recruits

By Melissa M. Geisler
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

Before the Cal Poly men's basketball season has officially started, Head Coach Jeff Schneider can already sit back and breathe a sigh of relief.

He has already finished recruiting for next season.

• Men's Basketball

Schneider, who took advantage of the NCAA's one-week early signing period which began last Wednesday, has successfully recruited four high school seniors to replace this season's four seniors.

"I feel that this is the best recruiting session I have been involved with in 14 years," Schneider said.

Last Thursday, Schneider confirmed that all four of the athletes had committed to signing with the Mustangs, but was not able to release their names until now, due to NCAA rules.

Brandon Beeson, Chris Bjorklund, Jeremiah Mayes and Jabbar Washington have signed national letters of intent to enroll at and participate in men's basketball at Cal Poly for the 1997-98 school year.

"This is an excellent rebounding group," Schneider said of the recruits who range in height from 6-3 to 6-8. "These are guys who can play above the hoop...and shoot. They are the perfect blend of players to add to the 10 we will have returning next season."

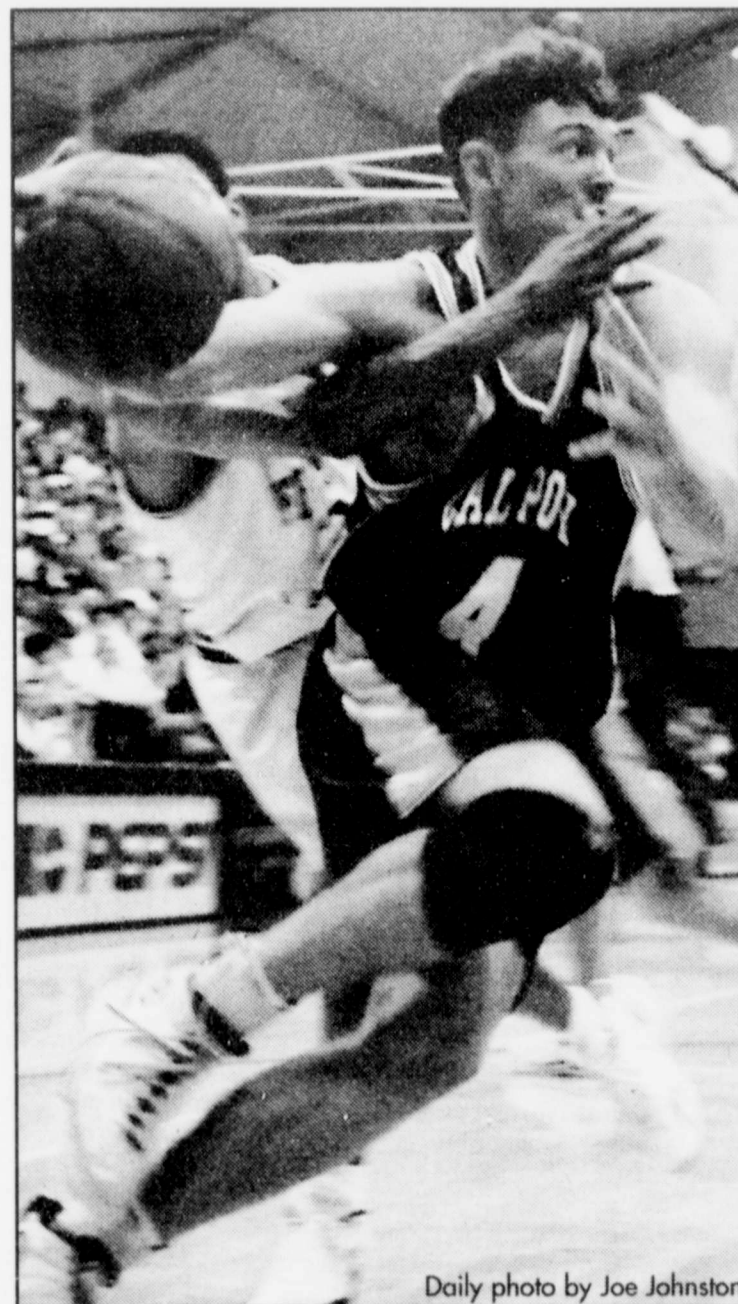
Beeson, a 6-6 forward from Irvine, Calif., was named First Team All-City and Second Team All-League last season at Woodbridge High School. In Woodbridge's 23-7 season last year, Beeson shot 70.3 percent from the line, 52 percent from the floor and 40 percent from the three-point line. He averaged 9.6 points and 7.5 rebounds per game.

Schneider said signing Beeson was the "first time we have beaten other state schools for an in-state player."

Schneider credited the success of Beeson's recruitment to the amount of exposure Cal Poly has recently received in Southern California through the press and through joining the Big West Conference.

The 6-8 Bjorklund was a two-time All-Conference and All-Area forward at Brainerd High School in Baxter, Minn. An All-State junior last year, he was also named the 1993 BCI All-American and played for the 1994 BCI National Champions. The BCI is a summer league tournament.

As the 1995-96 MVP who shot 64 percent from the floor and 85 percent from the line, Bjorklund led Brainerd's conference in scoring and rebounding. He also averaged 23.1 points, 11.1 rebounds and 2.6 blocks per game.



Daily photo by Joe Johnston

Cal Poly forward Josh Porter was a junior college recruit last season. This season the Mustangs have no junior college transfers and four freshman recruits.

Schneider said Bjorklund originally committed to Colorado, but backed down when he found out the school had signed two other recruits who could "cut into his time."

Bjorklund played with Cal Poly freshman guard Mitch Ohnstad two summers ago in the BCI and Schneider claimed he is "a top candidate for the Minnesota Mr. Basketball honor."

Also 6-8, Mayes was an All-State Honorable Mention and First Team All-Conference last season at Green Mountain High School in Lakewood, Colo. He led the state in blocked shots and was second in rebounding. Mayes was the MVP at the "Triple Crown Future Player" tournament, a summer tour-

See RECRUITS page 6

Holtz set to resign as Notre Dame football coach

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The Lou Holtz era is over at Notre Dame.

The coach will announce at his weekly news conference today that he's resigning after 11 seasons. Details were completed at a meeting Monday with athletic director Mike Wadsworth and the Rev. William Beauchamp, the university's executive vice president.

"He met with the administration and told them he's leaving," one of two university sources, who spoke on the condition they not be identified, told The Associated Press.

School spokesman John Heisler declined to confirm Holtz's resignation, saying only he had met with Wadsworth and Beauchamp. Wadsworth declined comment, and Beauchamp was not immediately available.

"They have reached a decision and it will be announced at 1 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday)," Heisler said.

Holtz's resignation ends nearly a week of speculation that he was leaving. He did nothing to deny it, saying at one point: "We can talk about this forever, but there isn't

much I'm going to say. But there's a time and a place for everything."

Though there was some speculation Holtz might make his announcement earlier, Tuesday's news conference is the logical place. Local media are there, and national media participate via conference call.

With Holtz gone, speculation now turns to who will replace him. It was not immediately known if his successor would be announced today. Among the top contenders to take over college football's glamour job are Northwestern's Gary Barnett and Irish defensive coordinator Bob Davie.

The Chicago Sun-Times, citing unidentified sources, reported Monday that Notre Dame wants Barnett to succeed Holtz and has agreed to talk with him. But Barnett said such talk was premature.

"I don't think you ever say never," he said Monday. "I don't know at this point in time. I would hope Northwestern wants me here. You never know."

But Barnett, in shades of Holtz, refused to say if he'd been contacted about the job.

Others mentioned include

LSU's Gerry DiNardo, former UCLA coach Terry Donahue and Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez.

What Holtz, 59, will do now isn't clear, but he could be interested in returning to the NFL. One scenario has Holtz coaching the Minnesota Vikings if current coach Dennis Green leaves.

Vikings president Roger Headrick said Sunday that his team has had no official contact with Holtz.

But Headrick told the Star Tribune of Minneapolis and the Saint Paul Pioneer Press that he could not rule out that at least two board members might have discussed the former University of Minnesota coach's availability.

The 10th-ranked Irish (7-2) have two games remaining — at home against Rutgers and at Southern California. A bowl bid, probably the Orange or Fiesta, would close out Holtz's career at Notre Dame.

He is 99-29-2 at Notre Dame — six wins shy of tying Knute Rockne's Irish all-time victory record — and 215-94-7 overall. But he encountered rough times recently. Notre Dame lost 10 games in the last three seasons — more than his 1988-1993 teams.

On the Side...



BY
GREG
MANIFOLD

Stop the Chop

Imagine 50,000 people swinging their arms in a hacking motion, while at the same time singing a war chant.

No, it's not the movie "Braveheart," it's an Atlanta Braves baseball game.

In an effort to rally their Braves, the fans at Fulton County Stadium will all do the "Tomahawk Chop." In unison, 50,000 fans chop down the competition.

This act perpetuates the stereotyping of Native Americans.

How are we as a nation ever going stop thinking of Indians as savages, if 50,000 are willing to buy foam tomahawks and pretend to hack at someone. No wonder Native Americans are up in arms trying to get the names of these teams changed. They are protesting in front of stadiums and arenas, yet nobody seems to notice or care. These sports teams are too concerned about generating revenue, then the plight of an entire group of people.

All the other names of sports teams all conjure up positive images. "Kings" rule over countries. "Cowboys" are tough and rugged. Yet "Indians" and "Redskins" are portrayed with the stereotypical "red-faced" Indian. I can understand when people say it's just a name or a mascot, but there's really a lot more to it. These teams are making money off an image that is not even their own. I would be very interested to see how many Native Americans, if any, are working in the organization. That is probably the only way I would ever endorse an Indian mascot - if the team or the ownership was made up of Native Americans.

It's hard for the majority of Americans to relate to being mocked and imitated like the Indians. It's like having someone take something from your past and acting it out for the entire nation to see.

You may have committed the act in self-defense, like the case of Indians, or the act might not be something you normally do. In any case that is how you are labeled for a long time. Let's put a bad picture of you on a shirt, jacket, jersey, hat, and mug. Then have a crowd of 50,000 mock you. Now see how people treat you.

Only when the majority of Americans open their eyes to the fact that the actions of imitating and using the image of Native Americans is wrong, then and only then, will sports teams finally rename their Indian mascots. But until their own fans ask that their mascots be changed, owners will continue to sit on their wallets and nothing will get changed.

And outside a stadium another picket sign goes up unnoticed...