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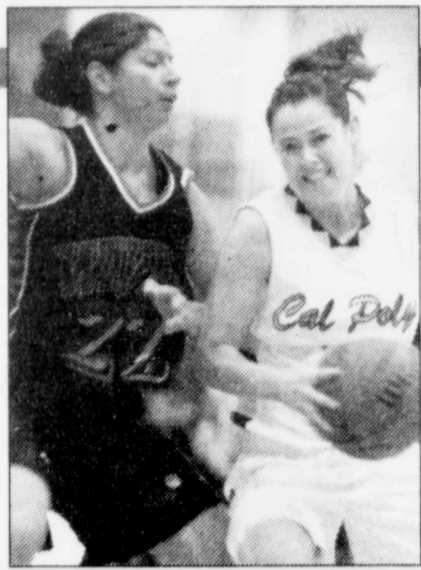
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# DAILY

## Police crack down on speeds at crosswalk

By Larissa Van Beurden  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students speeding to school on Grand Avenue have local citizens and police officers talking about new safety measures.

Pacheco Elementary School is located right before the Grand Avenue entrance to Cal Poly. Crossing guard Betty Headly works in front of the school helping small children cross the street. She worries that careless drivers won't notice the children crossing the street, and says she is trying to prevent an accident from happening before someone is hurt.

"I want anything to slow them down. I am trying to work with everybody. If students would leave for school just five to 10 minutes earlier, they wouldn't have to speed," she said.

Headly has already taken steps to try to warn drivers. She has put flashing red lights on her stop sign, blows a whistle whenever she steps into the

street and has placed cones at different spots in the road to try to warn people.

She has been working as the crossing guard for about two years, and has been trying to get the attention of officials for the past year.

"I've been making calls and writing letters for about a year, getting a response with no results. So I took the next step and contacted Rep. Abel Maldonado and finally got results," she said.

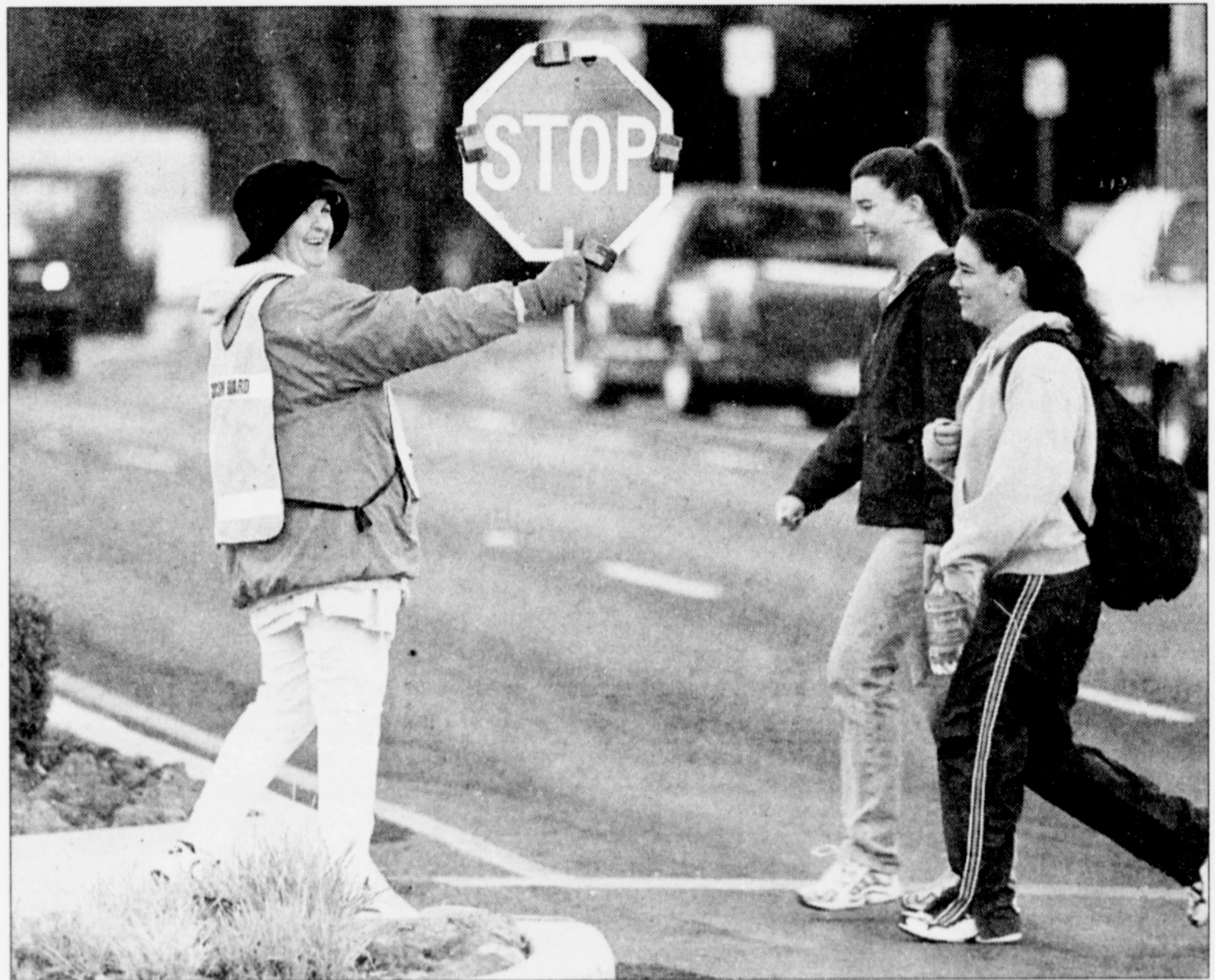
Headly would like to see flashing lights installed before drivers get to the crosswalk.

"Drivers need to be warned prior to the sidewalk," she said.

Cal Poly police officer Richard Lara said once he heard Headly's concerns, he tried to find out exactly what was wrong. He is now working with the city to try to get the situation under control.

"I talked to the San Luis Obispo Police Department about the steps

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Betty Headly, Pacheco Elementary School crossing guard, and others want drivers to slow down when entering the school's intersection near Cal Poly's Grand Avenue entrance. As a result of high speeds, the city has ordered additional traffic signs, including a school crossing sign.

## County count begins

By Larissa Van Beurden  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Census 2000 is starting, and local officials are urging Cal Poly students to fill out forms.

Students who live in San Luis Obispo County for six months or longer per year need to fill out census forms there. Parents can officially count their children who are living away from home on their census forms, but government leaders want students to fill out their own forms. Each county receives a certain amount of money per person, so students should fill out the forms sent to their house, apartment or dormitory to take advantage of the benefits.

Susie Black, Census 2000 marketing coordinator for the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments, said that before the 1990 census, parents counted their children on their forms. She said the rules changed so students could benefit from wherever they live.

"Each county gets about \$250 per person, and that money goes to schools and hospitals. If you're living in a place the longest, you want to utilize these benefits," she said.

Filling out census forms is important for reasons other than a population count. Communities get money for each person, meaning better public services.

Maps are made based on census numbers. Many 911 emergency systems use these maps, making it easier to locate houses during an emergency.

The government also uses census numbers. Rep. Lois Capps said that California was the most under-counted state in the nation during the 1990 census.

"It is estimated that 834,000 people were not counted in the 1990 census.

► Students living in San Luis Obispo County for six months or longer per year need to fill out census forms. This cost California \$2.2 billion in funding over the past decade," she said.

Capps also said that census numbers are of particular use to the younger generation. She said that a lot of work is being done this year to ensure that the numbers are as accurate as possible.

► Each county gets about \$250 per person for completed forms.

"Census 2000 is one of the most important things that is going to happen this year, more than any of us realize," she said.

Officials say that information on census forms is confidential for 72 years. Census workers are sworn to

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## Students needed to help with census

By Larissa Van Beurden  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The local census office has jobs for students that will help alleviate some of the pressures that the census office has encountered in preparation for the count.

The San Luis Obispo County census office, located in Santa Maria, needs more people to apply for the many jobs available. Jobs can either be in the office or in the field, going door to door to collect census forms.

Applicants must be 18 years or older as well as a legal U.S. citizen. Census employees cannot currently work as tax collectors, assessors or law enforcement officials.

A short skills test is given to every applicant, consisting of basic math, English, map reading and direction skills. The test determines where applicants should be placed. Test sites are located throughout the county, and nobody will be turned away.

Rick George, office manager of the local census office, said that wages for the jobs are between \$8.25 and \$13.75 per hour. Field workers are paid 31 cents per mile when using their own car.

The jobs can last as little as two

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## 'Deuces Wild' marks 22nd SLO Mardi Gras

By Kerri Holden  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Feathered masks, elaborate beads and gold and silver sequins were in abundance at Thursday night's Mardi Gras kick-off celebration, where this year's parade theme and royalty were announced.

According to Joe Empe, a Los Osos resident chosen as this year's king, "Deuces Wild" was selected as the theme in honor of 2000 and because this is the 22nd annual Mardi Gras in San Luis Obispo.

Presiding over the event with him

at the Creamery in San Luis Obispo was his queen, Sue Warren, also of Los Osos. The couple typified the festive mood of the night both with their costumes — he wore a crushed velvet white suit with gold trim and she a silver outfit with purple gloves — and with their opening remarks.

"Before we start, as king and queen, we would like to make it clear that public streaking is not our strong suit ... I mean public speaking," said Empe, amid cheers from the crowd.

The approximately 30 people,

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Los Osos residents Joe Empe and Sue Warren are presented as the 22nd annual San Luis Obispo Mardi Gras king and queen Thursday night at the Creamery on Higuera Street.



## CROSSWALK

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they have taken, and now we have some plans underway," he said.

Traffic signs have been ordered and will be placed at the campus exit on Grand Avenue. A standard school crossing sign should be in this week, and another custom-made sign should be in soon. Lara said flashing lights might also be installed, but that depends on the city's decision.

Lara also said that he is taking measures to inform the campus communities of the problem. Cal Poly police officer Jennifer Estelle will be working with students in residence halls to raise awareness about the speeding problem on Grand Avenue.

"She will be supplementing safety talks and having resident hall students make banners to make residents aware of safety problems," Lara said.

Traffic Sgt. Steven Miller of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said he is also taking extra safety measures in front of Pacheco Elementary School.

"Patrolmen who work the north side of town are aware of the area, and patrol at school time and during their free time," he said.

Miller said officers have clocked

cars leaving Cal Poly at over 60 miles per hour. He said that having an increased presence of police officers in the area definitely slows people down, but his main concern is to get compliance from drivers.

"Our object is not to write students tickets but to slow them down and watch for the 5- to 12-year-olds crossing the road," he said.

Zach Presnall, a third-year business student, drives down Grand Avenue every day on his way to school. He said he doesn't usually slow down in front of the school, and he has never seen any police on the road. He said he probably wouldn't slow down if he saw flashing lights or signs, although he is aware of the elementary school and crossing guard.

"I don't usually look down to see how fast I'm going on this road," he said.

Nicole Vert also drives down Grand Avenue every day on the way to school.

She said she slows down when she sees kids, but doesn't always drive by during Pacheco's school hours.

Vert said she wouldn't mind slowing down if lights were installed, even if it meant being late for school.

"I understand that it would be for the safety of the children and that's the most important thing," she said.

numbers are not accurate, Cal Poly and other universities could lose money.

Rick George, office manager of the local census office, said that the most important thing is that students are counted, no matter where they are living.

"If their parents claim them, they can be counted there, but they can also be counted where they are going to school," he said. Students can only be counted once, whether with their parents or in San Luis Obispo.

Census day is April 1. Beginning in late April, workers will visit all residences that did not return census forms.

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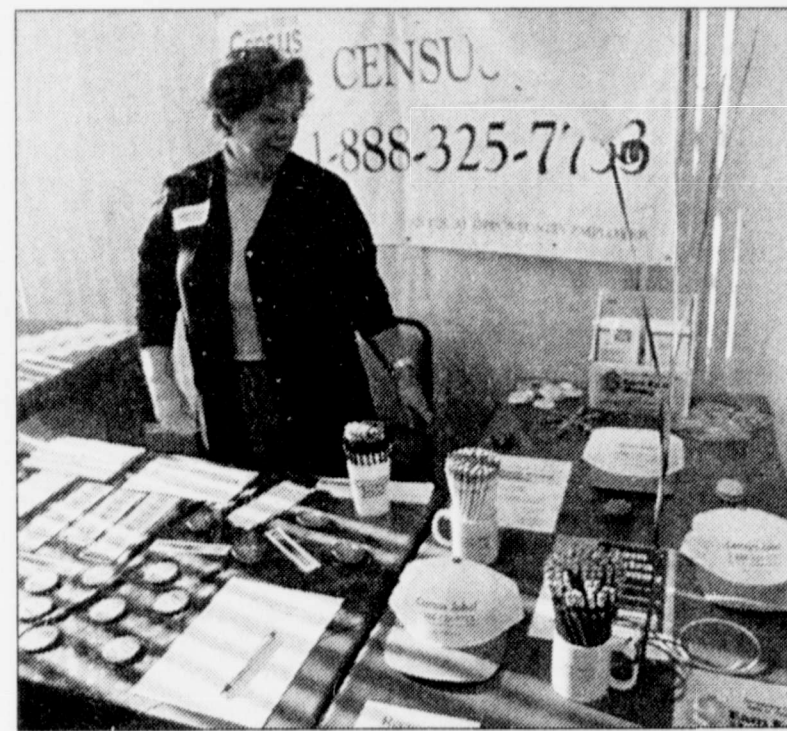
to three weeks, or as long as one year. "This is a good job for students," George said.

George said office jobs consist of normal office duties. Administration workers, payroll officers and organizational people are needed.

Field workers have flexible hours and usually start in neighborhoods close to their home. Positions range from field supervisors to small group members. Starting in late April, members of the group go door to door to residences that have not turned in forms.

"A lot of the hours are determined by what neighborhood the workers are in. It all depends on when people are home," George said.

Dorothy Kempton, a recruiter in the local census office, said that a lot of people are still needed. She said applicants may take the test more



Dorothy Kempton, Santa Maria Census Office employee, hands out census job information at a reception in Santa Maria Friday.

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than once.

"If you don't pass the test the first time because you're nervous, you can take it again," she said.

Kempton also said that the required skills test determines where people will work.

"We're looking for people to work

as individuals, and also for group leaders," she said.

To apply for a job and find out where a test center is, call either the local census office in Santa Maria at (805) 347-1281, or the toll-free national number at 1-888-325-7733.

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many "dead" kings and queens, as all those who reigned in the past are called, rang in the Mardi Gras season while feasting on king cake. The cinnamon bread loaf topped with green, gold and purple-dyed frosting has a miniature plastic baby baked inside, and the person who finds it is responsible for throwing the next king cake party.

Don Koberg, New Orleans native and co-founder of the local Mardi Gras celebration, estimated there would be about 10 king cake parties before the parade on Saturday, March 4. Koberg, a retired Cal Poly professor, said he is proud of the way resi-

dents have embraced the annual event.

"I don't think (Mardi Gras in New Orleans) is as much fun as Mardi Gras here," he said. "It's more personal here."

The final selection process for king and queen is a secret known only by members of the Mystic Krewe, Empe said.

Cynthia Hostetter, who helps plan the Mardi Gras events, hinted that the king and queen are usually prominent business people who have dedicated much of their time and money to Mardi Gras.

Empe and Warren fit this unwritten requirement as owners of Fast Frames in downtown San Luis Obispo. Both have also been involved in Mardi Gras for nine years as members of the Mystic Krewe, a

non-profit group that has run San Luis Obispo's celebration since its founding.

Hostetter said that the royal role includes a high level of visibility.

"They are the faces of Mardi Gras. They're out there in the public eye," Hostetter said. "It's a really big deal."

In addition to their public appearance duties, the king and queen are expected to ride on their own special float in the parade.

The parade, which last year drew 30,000 people, is without a doubt the best part of Mardi Gras, said Empe, who walked last year as part of a "krewe."

"Being on the parade route is like being the Beatles for 30 minutes — everybody's yelling and stamping their feet for you," he said.

## CENSUS

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secrecy and face a fine of \$5,000 and a five-year prison term if they give out any information. Workers cannot share information with any government agency, including the IRS, FBI or INS.

San Luis Obispo County Supervisor K.H. "Katcho" Achadjian said that when he immigrated to the United States to go to college 30 years ago, he was nervous when census workers came around.

"When they came knocking on my door, I was worried it was immigration and I had done something wrong," he said. "I know now not to worry."

Achadjian also said that if census



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## Local habitats undergo face-lift

As Avila Beach's cleanup is wrapped up, let's hope that Unocal does not forget its responsibilities at Guadalupe.

Ecologists and microbiologists from government agencies and Cal Poly are working together to restore the Guadalupe dunes. Encompassing a total of 2,900 acres, the cleanup and restoration project of this hazardous area will continue for years. The problem is the petroleum extract, which continues to seep from the vast matrix of large transport pipes.

In projects of this size, goals are immense. Many feel that use of native trees, plants and soil organisms can effectively reduce the percentage of the pollutants; this is termed "phytoremediation."

Phytoremediation, the use of native trees and plants to cleanse and purify both the air and soil, is not a new concept. Ten years ago the city of Arcata in Northern California successfully designed a sewage treatment plant. Native California plants such as Juncus and Carex naturally extract harmful mineral and organic elements out of waste-filled water.

Even closer to home, Montana de Oro State Park underwent restoration following AT&T's installation of an intercontinental fiberoptic cable in 1993. This project restored the dune community, which was removed during the installation of the cable.

With these success stories in mind, the future looks brighter for the nearby Avila and Guadalupe projects.

Josh Weismiller, environmental horticulture senior, writes a weekly Earth column.

## Poly meets state waste guidelines

By Adam Jarman

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Every year, Cal Poly produces engineers, architects, teachers, business leaders, and 4 million pounds of waste, which includes trash and recycling.

According to Ed Johnson, utilities coordinator for the campus, Cal Poly sent approximately 1,000 tons of trash to the landfill in 1999. About as much waste was recycled.

The Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) of San Luis Obispo County enforces state regulations established in 1989, which require that 50 percent of waste be recycled by the year 2000. IWMA recorded that San Luis Obispo, including Cal Poly, produced 51,000 tons of waste in 1998. Waste figures for 1999 are not yet available, but IWMA does not expect a large increase.

Although Cal Poly's 1999 waste totals are not yet available, Johnson said Cal Poly meets state guidelines.

"We should be proud of our recycling," he said. Johnson estimates that 45 to 55 percent of last year's waste was recycled.

"We focus our recycling program on where the waste is," Johnson said. Paper is the largest concern because it accounts for 60 percent of all waste, he added.

Aside from traditional recyclable items — cans, bottles and paper — Cal Poly has recycling programs for aerosols, fluorescent light tubes and a variety of chemicals.

More importantly, Johnson said,

are campus efforts to reuse excesses rather than recycling or disposing. Reprographics, the campus printing shop, turns paper scraps into free notepads. The shipping and receiving warehouse accepts packing peanuts from anyone on campus to be reused. Both recycling sites are located in building 70.

Garbage found in trash cans around campus isn't taken far. The majority of campus garbage is moved to Cold Canyon Landfill, 6 miles south of San Luis Obispo. On occasion, campus waste is taken to the Chicago Grade Landfill, 4 miles northeast of Atascadero.

"Cold Canyon accepts about 161,000 tons of garbage each year from the Central Coast," said site engineer John Brady. The 121-acre facility opened in 1965 and is expected to reach capacity in 2017.

Moving the campus' 1,000 tons of trash costs more than \$200,000 each year, Johnson said. Aside from the separate aluminum can recycling program in the residence halls, recycling does not generate funds.

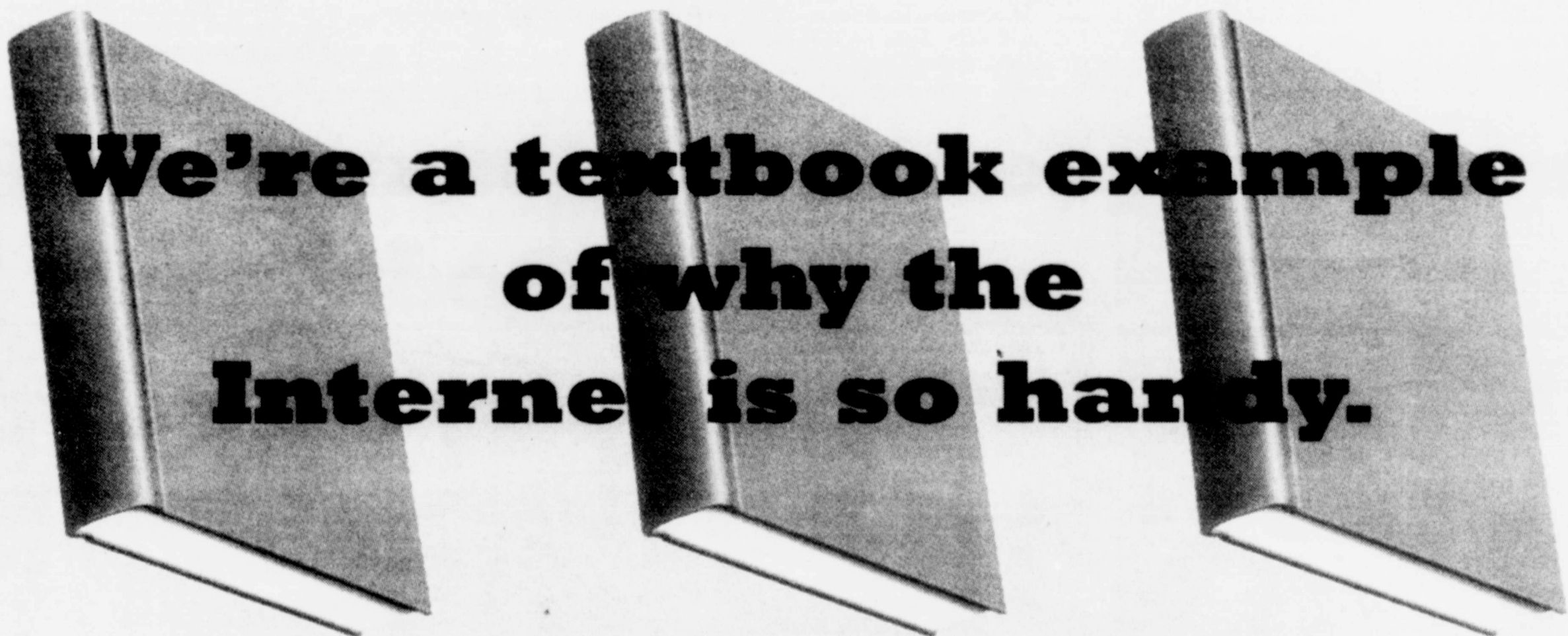
"Not enough companies use recycled products," he said. Too many of these types of goods are available, and not enough demand exists to make money, Johnson added.

Garbage and recycling tends to greatly increase at the end of each quarter, Johnson said, with the largest peak at the end of fall quarter. He attributes this to the large amount of files thrown away at the end of each calendar year.



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Liberal arts sophomore Kate O'Donnell stacks cardboard into a compressor behind the Avenue and the Lighthouse.



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## Parking mess shows campus disrespect

We at the Mustang Daily are going to follow the precedent established by the construction company working on the \$8.8 million campus parking structure. We're going to turn in the newspaper four months late.

We like to call it, "Learn by watching others not do." At this fine institution of higher education, our parking prayers are being sent to members of a profession who not only tolerate incompetence and tardiness but seem to promote it.

This hits especially hard to those of us in the newspaper business, who, at just 20, 21 and 22, already have an understanding of the crucial issue at hand — DEADLINE.

### Editorial

How do you feel about the parking structure delay? Why? [opinion@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu](mailto:opinion@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu)

We can't say, "Oops, made a mistake. No paper tomorrow."

Outside our own shell, we know that deadline and being responsible members of a society are practiced in all majors — every day.

Beyond blatant incompetence, the push from a January completion date to "delayed until at least April" shows no respect for the students, faculty and staff who park (or would like to park) on campus.

However, respect for students is not something any of you should expect from the Watry Design Group or Vicki Stover, vice president for administration.

This is the same Stover who erased the red handprints just in time for Week of Welcome this year, claiming the handprints were a form of vandalism. It was only after new students saw our pristine campus that Stover did the right thing and authorized the re-painting of the handprints. So if Stover publicly and clearly disrespected the victims of sexual attacks, don't hold your breath waiting for her to respect the people affected by the parking structure delay.

And don't believe the "structural reinforcement" hype. All you need to do is take a look at the work in progress, and it's obvious that even if the reinforcements were done correctly, it wouldn't have been finished on time. The decision was announced on Dec. 17 as soon as administration knew about the delay, according to Stover. So are we to believe that on Dec. 17 it was on schedule?

In addition, administrators decided to wait until the quarter break to release the news, which is probably not a coincidence since the same thing happened with the announcement that lofts were outlawed in the dorms and that Pepsi was taking over the campus.

So enough bitching. How about a solution?

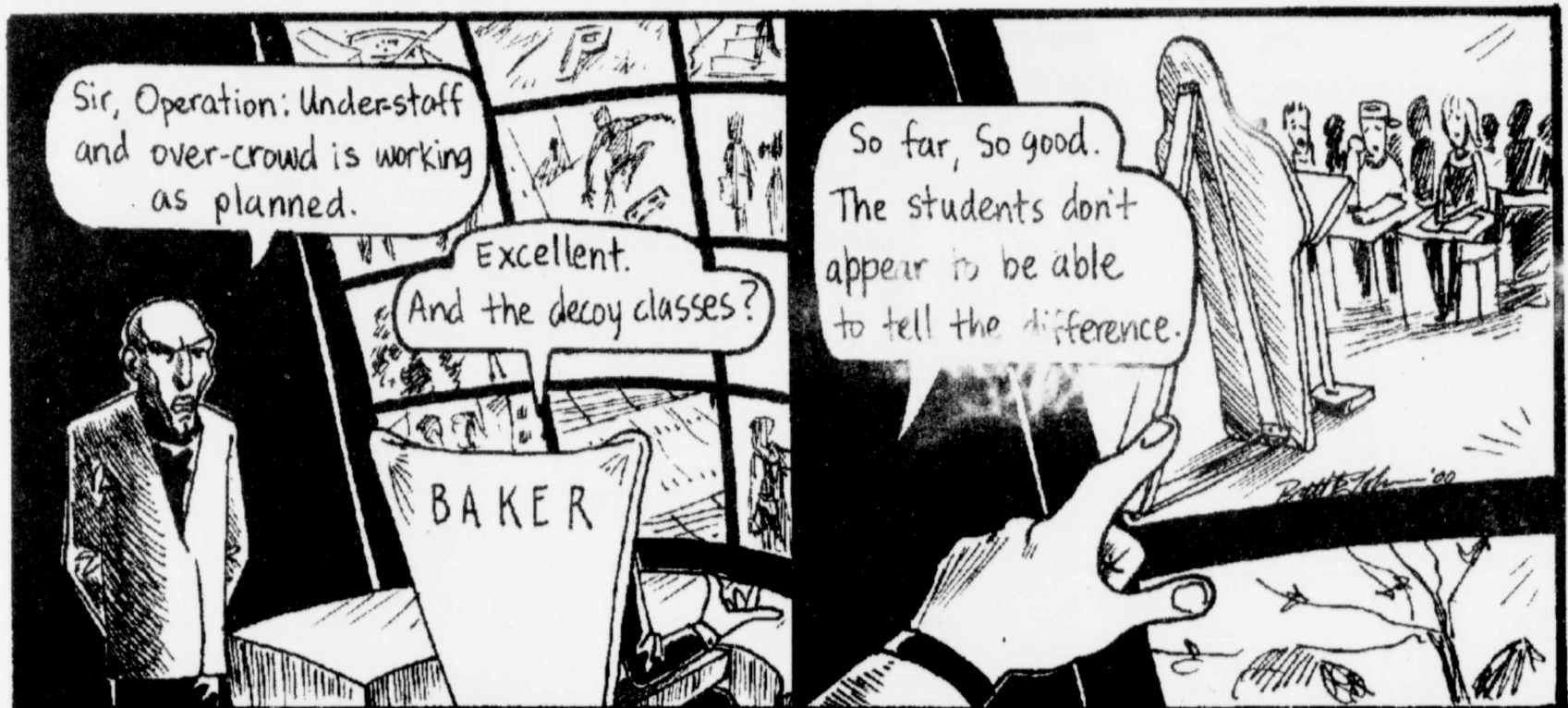
Try doing what students do when they have to make a deadline. Put in more work. Start by increasing the manpower on the site and work some 12-hour days. It would also be nice if people were held accountable for missed deadlines.

Perhaps this problem could have been avoided in the first place if a more realistic deadline had been set rather than getting our hopes up.

We're not sure when this practice of delaying completion dates became common, but it's not professional and it sure won't find sympathetic ears from students, faculty and staff who are taught the importance of meeting deadlines every day.

Maybe the real lesson is one you're supposed to learn in first grade — respect for others. And it's crystal clear Stover and the construction company haven't learned it.

Unsigned editorials are the voice of the Mustang Daily.



*POLYtex* by Brett F. Johnson

MUSTANG DAILY '00

## Game shows have simple appeal

Bob Barker, Alex Trebek, Pat Sajak, Regis Philbin. These are the men who come into our homes every night with the promise of gifts and riches. We play along with their games of trivia in the comfort of an easy chair knowing that there is no prize for the viewer.

### Commentary

For years, "The Price is Right," "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy" have been entertaining television viewers who want to watch a show that gives them a challenge. The fact that the prizes only go to the lucky contestant on the screen makes no difference.

"I watch game shows to see if I can beat the contestant," biochemistry senior Tony Smith said. "And I usually do."

Everyone has a reason why he or she watches game shows. For some it is the mental challenge; for others, it's to watch the contestants make fools of themselves on national television. Whatever the reasons may be, many watch game shows.

The newest addition to the television game show craze is "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?" hosted by Regis Philbin. This show asks questions in a multiple-choice format, like a Scantron test. Everyone hates to take tests, but for some reason, enjoys testing themselves. It is much more fun to take a test when there are no consequences.

"I became addicted to 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire?' the first time I saw it," psychology senior Alexandra Bishopp said. "My roommates and I would have contests every time it was on."

John Carpenter is the only person to win \$1 million on the show thus far. He was a national hero for two weeks. He was on the cover of People magazine and made an appearance on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno. This is proof that game shows are well-received in the United States.

In a society where technology is advancing at such a rapid rate, how can something as simple as a game show asking multiple-choice questions become such a success? We don't like to think of ourselves as simple-minded, yet simple things continue to entertain us.

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"Torture is being stuck in a darkroom listening to Britney Spears."



# 'Magnolia' features intertwined lives performed by top actors

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

It's easy to be in awe of director Paul Thomas Anderson's "Magnolia." The "Boogie Nights" director has created a film that chronicles the lives of nine characters, all ironically interwoven.

Flashing one after the other in fast-paced MTV-style, scenes detail the personal battles of each character through the course of the three-hour film that opened Friday. "Magnolia" is captivating from its first few moments when each character is introduced to a blaring rendition of Three Dog Night's "One."

"Magnolia" is about regret, loneliness, love and longing. From a dying father (played by Jason Robards) whose last wish is to see his son, to a boy prodigy forced to compete in game shows (Jeremy Blackman), "Magnolia" boasts an incredibly talented cast. For those who have seen "Boogie Nights," this movie will bring a feeling of deja vu.

In a performance that has perhaps bought him a ticket to the Oscars, Tom Cruise plays a popular sex advice guru who is forced to come to terms with reality. The spotlight isn't only on Cruise, though. His performance is equally matched with inspiring perfor-

mances by the rest of the cast.

A lonely drug addict (Melora Walters) reaches out to a cop (John C. Reilly) who has come to investigate her home. Her father (Philip Baker Hall) is a game show host who is paying for the sins of his past. There's also a former quiz show kid (William H. Macy) who can't figure out love and a sympathetic nurse (Philip Seymour Hoffman) who hovers over Robard's deathbed.

Anderson seems to reach down into the human soul and grab every emotion hiding there. Although parts of the movie are long-winded, the characters are easy to sympathize with, and music is the thread that weaves everything together. "Magnolia" is a movie to think about for days afterward, if not to ponder the meaning of the title, than to weed through the symbolism that is hiding under every couch cushion. And just try and catch, nevermind interpret, all the religious references.

Just when it seems that no more tears can be shed and no more problems can possibly unravel, Anderson throws in a shocking ending that literally comes out of nowhere. Watching this movie could be compared to running a marathon; it's exhausting, but when it's over the experience is definitely worth it.

## movie review



4 out of 4



Top: William H. Macy plays a smart guy confused by love in 'Magnolia.' Left: Julianne Moore portrays a neglected wife.

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## Hip-hop comedian Hoch coming to Cal Poly Theatre

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Straight off the mean streets of Brooklyn, comedian Danny Hoch brings his funny observations about the hood through hip-hop comedy at the Cal Poly Theatre on Jan. 27.

Hoch was a rapper, breakdancer, graffiti artist, drug dealer, street mime and magician by the time of his Bar Mitzvah, according to press materials. "At the age of 19 he was a full-time faculty member at New York University, bringing high-conflict, high-impact, volatile interactive improvisational theatre into detention canthers, alternative high schools and jails."

Hoch graduated from the High School of Performing Arts in New York City. He has written and performed for film and television, including Terrence Malick's "The Thin Red Line."

General admission tickets for the 8 p.m. performance are \$15-18, with student discounts available. The Cal Poly Arts event is sponsored by Cal Poly, numerous foundations for the arts and two Cal Poly Arts support groups.



DANNY HOCH: Rappin' Jan. 27.

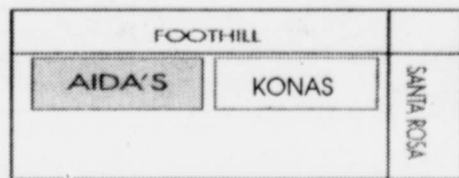
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George completed 12-of-25 passes for 212 yards and no interceptions. Robert Smith rushed 28 times for 140 yards, breaking his team playoff record of 124 yards set last year.

Moss dropped what would have been a 60-yard TD catch just after halftime. But he did haul in a 24-yarder that helped set up Gary Anderson's 38-yard field goal that made it 20-10 and gave Anderson an NFL-record 127 points in the playoffs.

Moss caught five passes for 127 yards.

Carter, the Vikings' only All-Pro player, didn't catch a pass until 12:40 remained, but it was a 5-yard bullet for a touchdown that made it 27-10.

The Cowboys committed two costly turnovers deep in their territory that led to 10 Minnesota points in the first half.

A punt bounced off Deion Sanders' chest at his 30, and Anderson followed with a 47-yard field goal.

Dallas fullback Robert Thomas fumbled at his 23 and Anthony Bass recovered, leading to Robert Smith's TD that tied it at 10. Smith, who didn't play the last time these teams

met, juked George Teague to the ground at the 10-yard line and sauntered into the end zone behind a block from Carter.

In the first quarter, Emmitt Smith, who ripped through a porous Minnesota defense in November for 140 yards and two touchdowns in just 1 1/2 quarters before breaking a hand, broke free for a 65-yard run, a Cowboys playoff best. Kenny Wright chased him down at the 3.

The Vikings stuffed Smith twice and Troy Aikman overthrew David LaFleur, so the Cowboys settled for Eddie Murray's 18-yard field goal and a 3-0 lead.

Sanders' muffed punt was recovered by Minnesota's Dwayne Rudd at the Dallas 30, and Anderson tied it at 3.

Aikman completed passes of 45 and 25 yards to Raghbi Ismail on a 79-yard drive Smith capped with a 5-yard cutback run for a 10-3 lead. Smith's 21st playoff TD tied Thurman Thomas' NFL record. Smith also surpassed Franco Harris' playoff record of 1,556 yards rushing on the score.

He finished with 99 yards and 1,586 yards alltime.

Jason Tucker fumbled the ball out of the end zone with 8:47 remaining for a touchback and Robert Griffith picked off Aikman's pass with 3:37 left.

## Marino still has some magic left

SEATTLE (AP) — There's some football left in Dan Marino after all.

The NFL's 38-year-old career passing leader, playing in the shadow of speculation he is about to retire, pulled off some of his old magic to keep the Miami Dolphins in the playoffs Sunday with a 20-17 over the Seattle Seahawks in the final football game in the Kingdome.

He did so by orchestrating an 11-play, 85-yard drive capped by J.J. Johnson's 2-yard run for the winning score with 4:48 left. Marino was 4-for-7 for 84 yards on the drive, including completions of 23 yards to Tony Martin on third-and-12 from his 13, and a 24-yard third-down completion to Oronde Gadsden at the 5-yard line that set up Johnson's game-winner.

It was the 37th fourth-quarter comeback of Marino's career, second only to John Elway, and it sent the Dolphins (10-7) to Jacksonville for a second-round AFC playoff game with the Jaguars next Saturday.

Marino, who was 17-of-30 for 196 yards and had a 1-yard TD pass to Gadsden, didn't do it alone as Miami won on the road in the playoffs for the first time since a victory

in Pittsburgh in 1972.

The defense sacked Jon Kitna six times, three by Trace Armstrong, and held the Seahawks to just 171 yards, 32 in the second half. Two of Armstrong's sacks came on one series after the go-ahead TD, and Armstrong almost got a fourth — Kitna got a 1-yard gain, so it wasn't a sack.

This game was hard work for both struggling teams — like Miami, Seattle lost five of its last six regular-season games. It backed into the AFC West title and was struggling on offense coming in.

Seattle's biggest play was by the special teams, an 85-yard kickoff return by rookie Charlie Rogers after Marino's pass to Gadsden tied the game at 10 in the third quarter. Even that was flawed — Rogers bobbled the ball before picking it up and racing for the touchdown.

The 38-year-old Marino, 4-6 in 10 starts in the regular season, remained alive for his first Super Bowl ring; he hasn't been there since his second season, 1984.

This game also may have prolonged the career of coach Jimmy Johnson, who stepped down for 12 hours a year ago before reconsidering.

The rift between coach and

quarterback was pretty clear Sunday, too: Johnson ran several times on third-and-long instead of having Marino throw.

He also showed some of his old tricks. After Olindo Mare's 50-yard field goal in the third quarter, he tried an onside kick. It worked, but typically, the Dolphins went three and out.

Seattle led 10-3 at halftime as its defense limited the Dolphins to just 69 yards.

The Seahawks scored on their second possession on a 9-yard pass from Kitna to Sean Dawkins at the end of an eight-play, 47-yard drive.

Miami's only first-half scoring drive resulted in a 32-yard field goal by Mare after Johnson declined to go for a first down on fourth-and-1 at the Seattle 13.

Todd Peterson's 50-yarder with 45 seconds before intermission was the other score.

But Miami opened the second half by almost doubling its yardage output, going 60 yards in 10 plays, capped by Marino's 1-yard TD pass to Gadsden. Marino, who was just 5-of-8 for 28 yards in the first half, was 6-of-6 for 55 yards on the drive.

Then came Rogers' return, which stood up until Marino demonstrated his old magic.



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Cal Poly's Odessa Jenkins had four points and four assists off the bench.

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Playing inspired, aggressive defense, the Mustangs tried to make an early run in the second half. Only two minutes into the second half, Sperry hit a free throw and freshman Jill Hodges made an easy lay up to bring Cal Poly within 10 points, 42-32.

"We didn't do a very good job of boxing out in the paint," said Hodges, who tied for the team lead with 11 points. "Defensively we did pretty well, but our shot selection was indecisive, which really hurt us down the stretch."

The quick guard play of Odessa Jenkins and Kristy Baker on defense helped Cal Poly create turnovers, yet the shots simply wouldn't fall. The Mustangs hit only seven of 25 shots from behind the three-point line.

The closest Cal Poly got to threatening Pepperdine's lead was

when Jenkins made a steal and took it the length of the court for an easy lay up to cut the lead to 61-52. However, Pepperdine took a wise time out, regrouped and reestablished its comfortable lead.

Mimnaugh gave praise to Pepperdine's players.

"Their athleticism was pretty impressive," she said. "They were clearly better athletes than we were at nearly every position. They are a very good team and if they are able to handle pressure, I think they might make the NCAA tournament."

Cal Poly looks to rebound from the loss with Fresno State coming into town Tuesday to close out the Mustangs non-league schedule. Cal Poly opens the Big West season hosting Idaho on Jan. 14 and Boise State on Jan. 16.

## WRESTLING

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nation in the 125-pound weight division. The match was forced into sudden death with Silverstein scoring a late reversal and giving the Boilermakers the final victory, 4-2.

"We wrestled really well and fought our tails off today," Cal Poly head coach Lennis Cowell said in a press release. "To not win this match is heartbreaking, especially since we had the opportunity to beat the 24th-ranked team in the country. We're good enough to do it."

With two key matches coming up next week against Boise State on Jan. 13 and Brigham Young two days later, Cowell is optimistic.

"I think our team did very well," Cowell said. "We are a very young team. We never know what we are getting every time we step on the mat."

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## Mustangs fall to Pepperdine, 73-55

By Stacy Meronoff  
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

Tenacious defense helped the Cal Poly women's basketball team stay with Pepperdine for most of the game Friday night in Mott Gym, but an 8-0 run in the final 3:56 helped seal the game for the Waves, who defeated the Mustangs, 73-55.

Cal Poly struggled on the glass, getting out-rebounded by Pepperdine, 47-28. The Waves dominated Cal Poly with their size, starting three players over 6 feet tall, while Cal Poly had no starters above 5-10. Cal Poly's season record fell to 3-8 while Pepperdine improved to 7-6.

The Mustangs did force 34 Pepperdine turnovers, but Poly shot only 29 percent from the floor. Pepperdine was led by freshman guard Damaris Hinojoso, who had 14 points. Junior guard Rasheeda Clark chipped in 13 points and seven rebounds for the Waves. Clark came into the game averaging 16.2 points per game.

Coach Faith Mimnaugh was upbeat about her team's aggres-

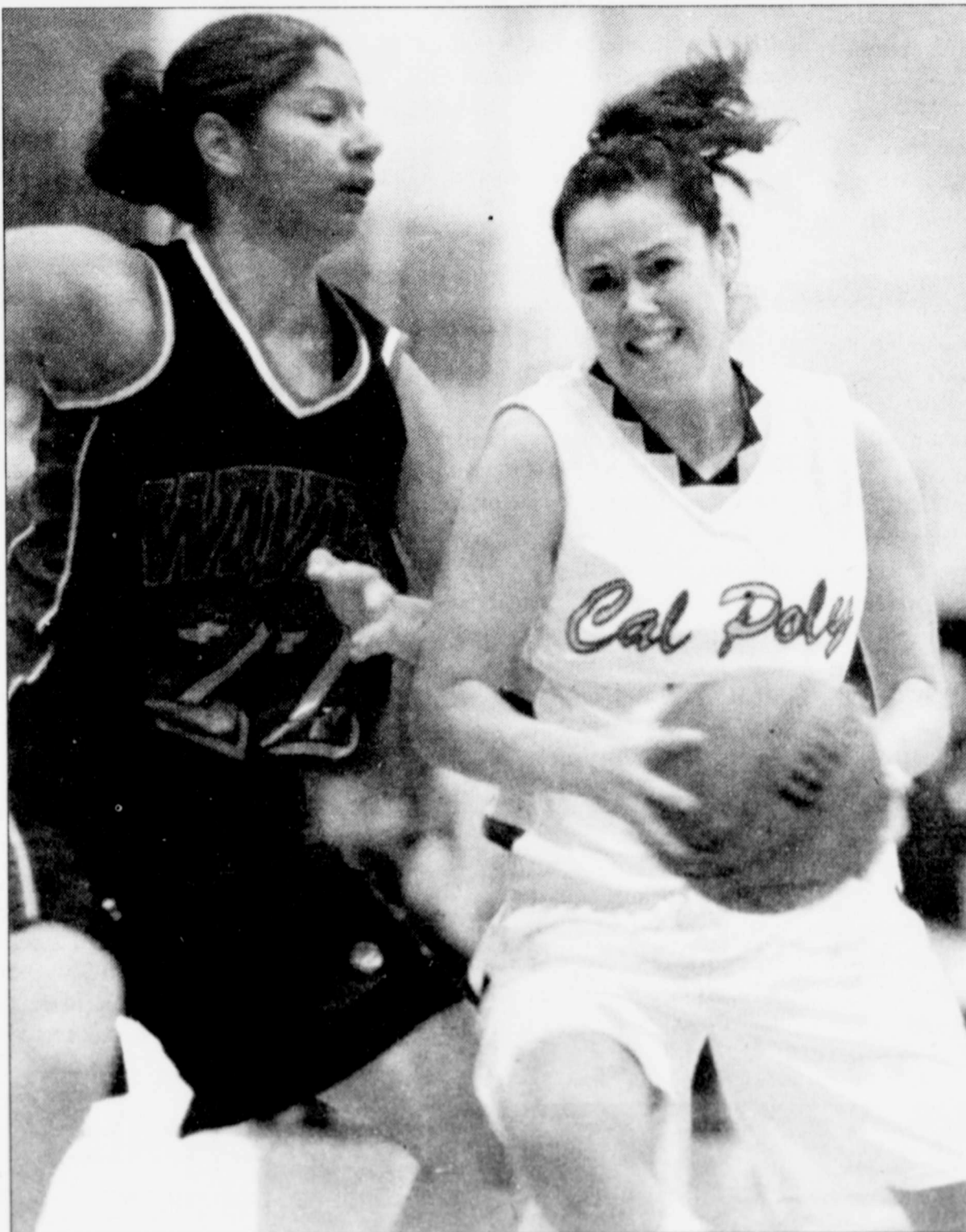
sive effort, but was also frustrated with its struggles shooting the ball.

"I am disappointed with our shooting percentage, and a bit disappointed with our execution on offense, but as for our defensive effort and hustle, I was not a lick disappointed," she said. "We had some opportunities, some missed lay ups, and we have got to hit our free throws."

In a game in which Cal Poly never held the lead, the Waves jumped out to a quick 7-2 advantage with 17:07 in the first half.

Cal Poly was able to tie the game at nine with 14:05 remaining in the first half after senior forward Taryn Sperry sunk two baskets. However, that was as close as the Mustangs would get as Pepperdine went on a 17-6 run to make the score 26-15 with just under seven minutes remaining in the half. Both sides battled hard for the rest of the half, going into the locker room where the Mustangs trailed Pepperdine, 39-29.

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Mustang sophomore Kristy Baker had an uncharacteristically poor shooting performance vs. Pepperdine, sinking only one of 10 shots taken from the field. Baker finished the game with seven points and two assists as the Mustangs lost to the Waves, 73-55.

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MUSTANG DAILY

## Vikings' George scores first playoff victory

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jeff George waited a decade for this.

The cantankerous quarterback with a powerful arm and checkered career won his first playoff game Sunday when he guided the Minnesota Vikings and their talented receivers past the Dallas Cowboys 27-10 in a wild-card matchup.

George threw TD passes of 26 yards to Robert Smith, 58 yards to Randy Moss and 5 yards to Cris Carter as the Vikings (11-6) advanced to face St. Louis in the divisional round.

Dallas (8-9) failed to become the first .500 team to win a playoff game following a full season. The Cowboys lost their eighth straight

road game despite a record-breaking performance by tailback Emmitt Smith, who became the NFL's career leading rusher in the playoffs.

George lost his only other playoff game, at Green Bay in 1995 when he was with the Atlanta Falcons, one of three teams that ran him out of town before he salvaged his career in Minnesota, where he is 9-2 as the starter.

George started slowly and didn't complete his first pass until the second quarter after Dallas had a 10-3 lead. But he threw a 26-yard screen to Smith for a TD to tie it, then found Moss for the score 28 seconds before halftime for a 17-10 lead.

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## Poly nearly upsets No. 24 Purdue

By Christian Von Treskow  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After losing the first four matches, the No. 24 Purdue wrestling team fought off Cal Poly with a 22-16 comeback victory in Mott Gym.

Purdue head coach Jessie Reyes was impressed with Cal Poly's strength early on.

"Our team was really flat emotionally," Reyes said. "I'm not sure if it is being on the road or not. We were startled by Poly in the early matches. Their 133-pound wrestler (Alberto Garza) was really tough."

Garza's win in the first match sparked a run that would see Poly

take a commanding 12-0 lead midway through the meet. Garza improved his record to 11-5.

The momentum began to change in the 165-pound matchup, pitting Poly freshman Nate Knutson against Purdue freshman Kirk Moore. Twenty-three seconds into the match, Moore pulled the Boilermakers within six points with a controversial move. A quick lockup knocked Knutson unconscious and gave the Boilermakers six points and the all-important momentum.

After Steve Strange got the Mustangs four points, Mustang sophomore Tyler Lunn lost 8-6 in the 184-pound division, closing

the gap to 16-9.

Purdue's strength became clear in the last three matches, which featured several nationally ranked Boilermakers taking to the mat. In the first of the final three matches, Purdue wrestler Jake Vercelli, ranked 12 in the nation in the heavyweight division, pinned Cal Poly's Eric Rodriguez to put the Boilermakers up 19-16 going into the final match.

The meet-deciding match proved to be the most exciting. It featured the lightest division of the meet with Cal Poly junior Jaime Garza wrestling Jason Silverstein, ranked No. 6 in the

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