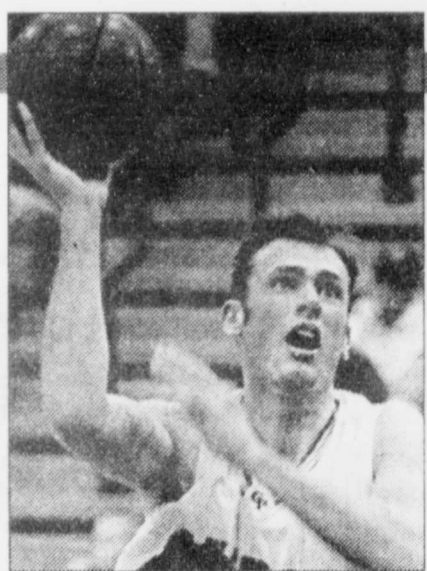


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## ASI fights back with letters to Baker

By Kerri Holden  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Members of Associated Students Inc. want to discover if the pen is indeed mightier than the sword.

ASI leaders announced Friday they are sponsoring a letter-writing campaign to address Cal Poly President Warren Baker's use of \$919,000 in University Union reserves to help fund the sports complex.

ASI Vice President Aron DeFerrari said students can either write their own letters to Baker, or they can stop by UU room 202 to sign a letter authored by members of the board and officer's team. The prepared letter is also available for download from a link on ASI's Web page at [asi.calpoly.edu](http://asi.calpoly.edu).

"We feel the letter ASI formatted is the best way to organize the momentum on

campus right now to accomplish a goal," DeFerrari said.

Kris Elliott, director for the College of Agriculture and one of the campaign coordinators, said the goal of the campaign is to present a way for ASI to maintain a healthy level of UU reserves without resorting to student fees.

► Students can sign a letter to Baker, prepared by ASI, proposing ways to recover funds used for the sports complex.

► ASI wants first right to any revenue opportunities.

some of the money soon to be taken from the UU reserve account.

"President Baker's not giving the money

back and we know that for certain," DeFerrari said. "We could either sit on our hands and just accept what happened, or we could do something that would benefit the students."

The letter asks Baker to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with ASI giving them the first right to any future revenue opportunities. Foundation currently has priority in choosing which retail outlets are allowed on campus, limiting the types of revenue-generating services ASI can offer, DeFerrari said.

If Baker agrees to the request, ASI would have first choice of retail store ownership in such projects as the expansion of the library and Rec Center and the construction of a second university union.

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## El Corral may reserve books for all students

By Ryan Miller  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Some incoming freshmen completely ignored the long lines at El Corral Bookstore this past fall. The new students simply walked up to a table, handed someone a paper and walked away with a box full of books for the quarter.

This option may soon be available to Cal Poly students of all ages and class standing.

El Corral Bookstore is working to take the strain off of purchasing courseware by offering an online textbook reservation system that ties in pickup and buyback.

"We did textbook reservations in the fall for all incoming freshmen," said Frank Cawley, El Corral Bookstore director. Cawley said more than 1,600 students used the service to reserve books for pickup. "We had no idea we'd get this kind of response from incoming freshmen."

Cawley said El Corral plans to make online reservations available to all students by next fall. Despite the initial success, however, Cawley is unsure whether online reservations will appeal to anyone other than freshmen.

"Whether it's going to be a big selling point for students who've been here for four years, I don't know," Cawley said. "We're just toying with ideas now."

Phillip Davis, associate director of El Corral, said the response for textbook reservations was much smaller for winter quarter, but the bookstore plans to offer the service again in the spring.

"I doubt we'd get a massive response," Davis said. "I doubt we could handle a massive response."

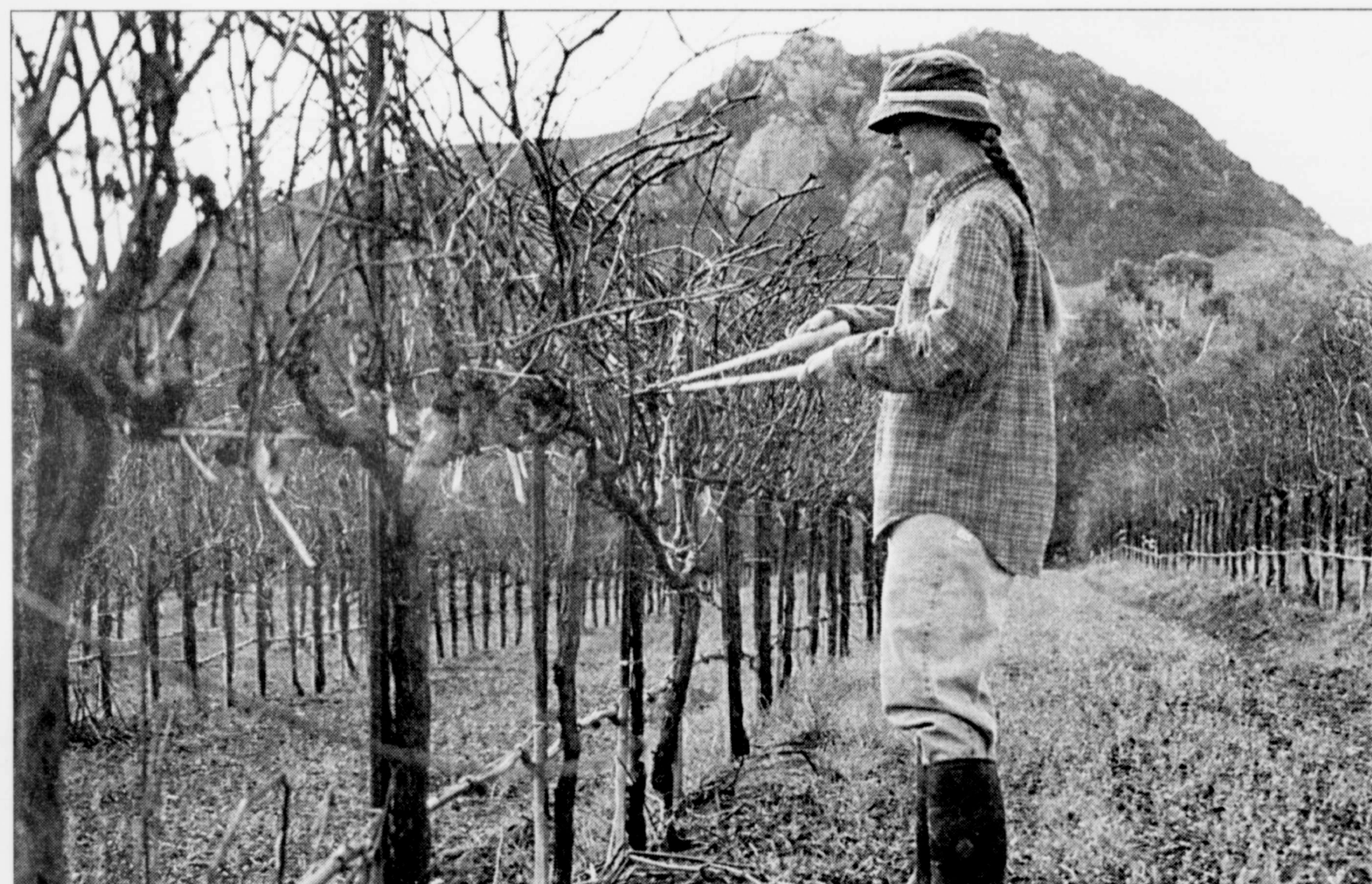
Davis said El Corral has faced some problems getting the books to students.

"The hardest thing is finding a place to distribute (books)," Davis said. "The bookstore doesn't have room for it, unless we have everybody come in on a schedule."

Still, Davis said he is committed to making online reservations available to all students by fall.

The process of online textbook reservations was

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ASHLEE STEWARD/MUSTANG DAILY

Crop science senior Becky Gangnath had 10 minutes to prune five vines during Friday's grapevine pruning contest at the Cal Poly vineyard. Fruit science freshman James Neumiller took first place. See story in Earth, page 3.

## New contract streamlines building process

By Melissa McFarland  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Thanks to a new bidding contract, students and faculty can enjoy the end result of small construction projects much faster.

Cal Poly is the first university in the California State University system to adopt this new bidding method, called Job Order Contract (JOC).

Cal Poly has a \$2 million, one-year contract with the construction company Ameriko. The university can request any of the 40,000 on-campus jobs that have been outlined in the company's two pricing books.

All items are preapproved, so jobs that used to take up to six months for approval

and construction now take less than a month. Jobs not listed in the books can be negotiated.

Since JOC started at Cal Poly in November, four projects have been in the works. One of those, a repainting job in Chumash Auditorium, is already finished. It took only three days for the paperwork, and one week for the actual painting.

If Cal Poly used the traditional method, the project would have taken more than three months, said Greg Lampman, a project manager for Facility Services.

Lampman took charge of the new contracting method early on.

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## Crandall pool makeover sails through new process

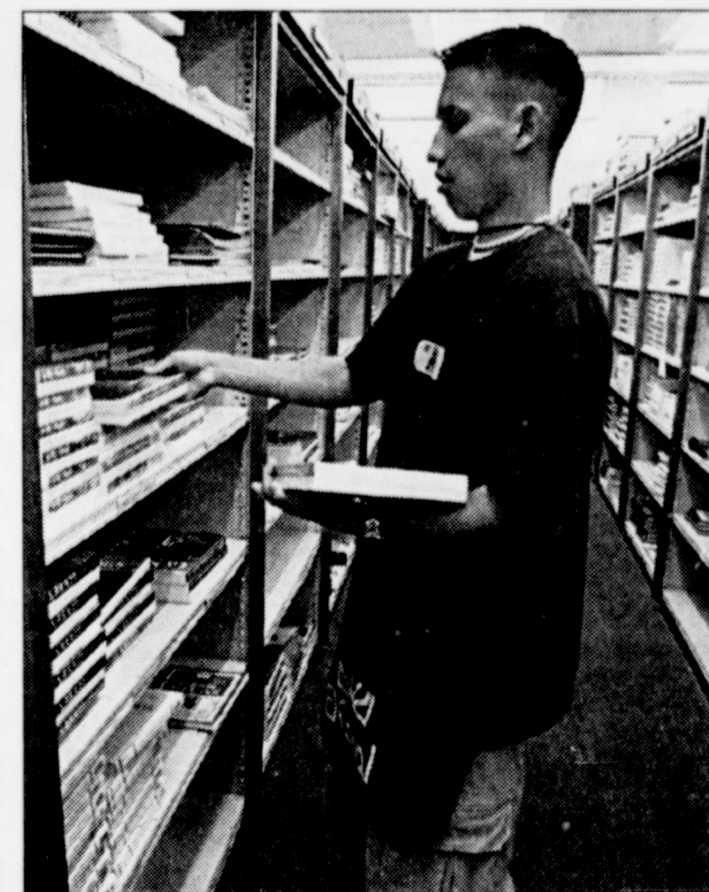
The swimming pool makeover in Crandall Gym is one project under the new construction contract.

Flaking lead paint has required the walls of the swimming area to be stripped down to the concrete, said Greg Lampman, a project manager for Facility Services.

The project, which will be finished by next quarter, also involves coating the swimming pool, replacing a railing and installing new light bulbs.

The pool is currently drained, and classes that formerly met there have been moved.

"Unfortunately, when you use a facility all year around, you have to have a timeout to repair it," Lampman said.



STEVE SCHUENEMAN/MUSTANG DAILY

El Corral employees look forward to a larger-scale textbook reservation system by fall.



## LETTERS

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Juan Gonzalez, vice president for Student Affairs, said he was expecting ASI to do something along these lines after Wednesday's board of director's meeting.

"I'm not surprised ASI did this because it was one of the ideas suggested at the meeting," Gonzalez said. "I just assumed people would take action."

Gonzalez said the revenue idea deserves discussion and analysis, but he can't predict how Baker will react to the campaign.

DeFerrari said he is optimistic the campaign will have a positive effect, especially if a large number of students participate.

"I think if we send enough letters, the president will take the request seriously and some compromise can be reached to benefit the students," DeFerrari said.

Elliott said the campaign is ideal because it takes only 30 seconds for students to sign their name, but the effect is lasting and powerful.

Many of those who already signed letters said they thought ASI did a good job making the process convenient for students.

"You come in, sign your name and pass it on for someone else to take care of. How much easier can it get?" said Lenore Timko, an animal science senior who signed a letter Friday.

## TEXTBOOKS

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designed to minimize long waits to purchase material and to facilitate greater ease in selling books back.

"We thought it was perfect for WOW," Davis said. "Everybody's here with their parents — it's pretty intense."

Students who have used the system have been able to submit a class schedule to El Corral online and pay for their books with a credit card or campus debit card. Workers at El Corral hold class schedules and package the necessary books just before students pick them up.

"When you sign up, especially if you sign up early, your classes could change," Davis said. El Corral will wait to see which books professors

are adopting for their classes, as well as individual students' final schedules. "You're signing up for a program whereby at the last possible minute, we're pulling all the books you need for your classes."

Davis said online reservations may allow students to specify conditions, such as requesting used books and both required and recommended texts.

At the end of the quarter, students who reserved their books online may be able to forgo buyback lines and quotas as well.

"Since we know what you bought, we might have a way of confirming which books you could sell back," Davis said. "People who do resell online would, in a sense, be first in line. You don't have to keep coming in throughout the week to sell your books. For us, it's like a reverse reser-

vation."

Since this is a fairly new system of selling and buying books, no one knows how it will affect El Corral's budget.

"We're not sure at this particular point really how much we might save or how much extra we might spend," Davis said.

In spite of some uncertainties, the El Corral staff is looking forward to what may potentially save students time and money.

"We're excited in the store about this," Davis said. "We're not the first, but we're pushing it in a direction other campuses haven't taken it."

Students aware of the proposal are excited as well.

Liberal studies freshman Hilda Schmelling was able to reserve her books online before coming to Cal

Poly this year. Although two of her books were not yet in stock when she arrived, she said she didn't have any trouble getting what she needed.

"There weren't lines," Schmelling said. "It was definitely quicker and more efficient than the method of buying books at El Corral and Aida's (University Book Exchange), which is what I did this quarter. I got most of the books online used also."

Child development freshman Debbie Elkin did not hear about online reservations before coming to Cal Poly, but said it sounded like something she would try.

"I definitely think it's a good idea, because it would save a lot of time," Elkin said. "The fact that you can choose whether you want your books to be new or used is a good option for students."

## JOC

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system) wanted it, and asked if any university wanted to take it on. Cal Poly raised its hand, because we had been talking about how great it would be to have something like this," Lampman said. "So we were the first university to say, 'We want to do this and we want to do it now.'"

Lampman explained that the traditional bidding contract, known as the design-bid-build method, involves time-consuming and costly steps. Most of these steps are eliminated with the JOC method.

In the past, Cal Poly would request a project and an architectural or engineering firm would create the designs. The project would then be advertised, and bids, or proposals, would be requested. At this point, a contractor would still need to be selected before the contract could be finalized. The entire process takes around six months.

The JOC method takes considerably less time — between 20 and 30 days, Lampman said.

"The idea of this program is not to cut construction time down, but cut the procurement cycle time down," he said.

The contract required Ameriko to

have an office in San Luis Obispo County.

"If we need someone here tomorrow, they can't be four or five hours away," Lampman said. "And they are required to man all our projects, whether we have one project or 10."

Items not in the pricing books are negotiated, but this poses the contract's disadvantage.

"Do those two books cover everything possible that we may need?" he said. "When you think you have all the different scenarios, a new one always pops up. For instance, with the Sports Complex, let's say we want the contractor to furnish and install a scoreboard. I kind of doubt

it's in there."

If it's not in there, the price is negotiated.

"But you try to stay away from that, because it opens up just about any price," Lampman said.

The only defense against this is adding new items each year, Lampman said. The next printing of the pricing book, he added, will probably have another hundred items.

"We've found there are parts missing out of the book, so the next time we go out for a contract like this, we'll get those in there," Lampman said. "This is our first year, so every year it will get better."



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## Altering Mother Nature sparks international genetic food fight

If you eat tortilla chips tonight, you may be munching on genetically engineered corn.

When Monsanto, a large chemical company, introduced a revolutionary variety of corn in 1999, many farmers and agricultural interest groups spoke out to crush this new bio-engineered plant. As it stands today, large U.S. food production corporations are rejecting

**Josh Weismiller**

genetically modified organisms (GMOs). Also, the European Union, which consists of many large European countries, does not buy GMOs from the United States. In addition, ingredient labels have become standard in many countries, including Australia and New Zealand, listing GMO ingredients.

In the last three or four years, GMOs have become a part of our lives. There's the tomato implanted with a flounder gene to make it more resistant to cold. A variety of corn is inserted with a gene from a bacterium that produces an insecticide within the plant. The insecticide kills many unwanted pests, such as the corn earworm, a member of the butterfly family.

There are many advantages to GMOs, from increased yields and lower cost to consumers, to longer shelf life and disease-free crops. The controversy, it appears, involves a lot bigger picture than the quality of life for humans. In this country, the Food and Drug Administration, Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Agriculture

have approved GMO corn and soybeans, yet American farmers are finding traditional grain buyers increasingly wary of GMO harvests. In fact, large U.S. food corporations, such as Gerber and Heinz baby food, have decided against using GMO-modified ingredients.

There are other concerns as well. This bio-engineered corn made by Monsanto to resist disease and pests has been recognized as a possible threat to Monarch butterflies. Following an experiment at Cornell University, Iowa State researchers found pollen drifts from ears of this GMO corn, onto nearby milkweeds, where Monarch butterflies feed. The possibility exists that these milkweeds can be toxic to butterflies if doses are large enough. However, no problems have been documented concerning milkweeds and the Monarchs.

There is no definite evidence that these GMO products are unsafe, yet they have ignited an explosion of controversy, especially in Europe, where even restaurants require labeling of GMO ingredients.

This year a third of the continent's corn and more than half of its soybean harvest fit the description of a genetically modified organism. Perhaps there is something these other countries know about GMO products that we here in the United States don't know. Or these European countries are looking out for their own markets, and using this GMO issue to preserve what they have.

Josh Weismiller is an environmental horticulture senior who writes a weekly Earth column.

## Students compete with vineyard professionals in pruning contest

By Monica McHugh  
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The third annual Central Coast Wine Growers' Association grapevine pruning contest was held Friday at Cal Poly vineyards.

"I came out here to see how good or bad I really am," said crop science junior and contestant, Becky Gangnath.

Those who participated in the event included professionals from several vineyards, an Alan Hancock College student, and three Cal Poly students.

"Pruning is so important in vineyards that we wanted to recognize the skill and expertise of those who do it," said Cheri Sinor of the Central Coast Wine Growers' Association.

After harvest in September or October, grapevines become dormant and lose all their leaves. Done in the winter, pruning is a big determinant of the following year's crop.

Students on the grape enterprise project are pruning Cal Poly vineyards.

"This contest is a good opportunity for students to see how professional pruning is really done," project manager Nick Grillo said.

Contestants were able to find out what

they were doing wrong and how they could improve.

"It's not just a competition," said Andrea Belser of Bahco Tools, a sponsor of the event. "It's educational."

Contestants pruned five vines in 10 minutes. Grading was done on a 100-point scale. Contestants were judged on how fast and accurately vines were pruned. Judges were two Cal Poly crop science professors, Paul Fountain and Keith Patterson, and Mary Lark from Alan Hancock College.

After the event, prizes were distributed at a barbecue sponsored by Farm Supply. First prize for the professionals was \$100 cash, hand pruners, loppers, a pruning saw and sharpening saw.

Among the students, fruit science freshman James Neumiller, took first place. He received \$25 and pruning tools.

"It's a lot of fun," said contestant and fruit science major Luke McCollom. "We need more Cal Poly students participating."

Belser said that the ultimate goal is to make the competition statewide and to send the winner of the statewide competition to France to compete. Currently, pruning contests are taking place in Sonoma County as well.

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# Opinion

## Baker didn't have to ask, but he should have

So President Warren Baker did what he had the right to do: he allocated student money from the University Union reserve fund to the money-sucking sports complex. The deed is done. Life goes on.

However, there are a few residual issues that we at the Mustang Daily need to stir up.

First, at the core of the issue is Baker's move.

### Editorial

Let us know what you think about paying more for the over-budgeted sports complex. What do you feel are the alternatives? [opinion@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu](mailto:opinion@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu)

As president of the university, he has the authority to shift funds as he sees fit. He is not required to seek student approval. Nor is there a system of checks and balances to make the Cal Poly president warn Associated Students Inc. of his actions.

The point here is that Baker should have communicated to student representatives beforehand. He should have at least notified ASI President John Moffatt that the money would be transferred to the over-budgeted sports complex. Instead,

Baker only consulted university executives, leaving Moffatt and the rest of the campus to learn of the transferred \$919,000 after the fact.

However, even if Baker had consulted ASI and/or the student body and received a negative response, he probably would have transferred the funds anyway. A similar move was made last spring with the Poly Plan fee increase issue. Students voted against potentially raising registration fees, but Baker set the fee raise in motion anyway. It's fully in his power to choose what he feels is in the campus's best interest, even if it means overriding student concerns.

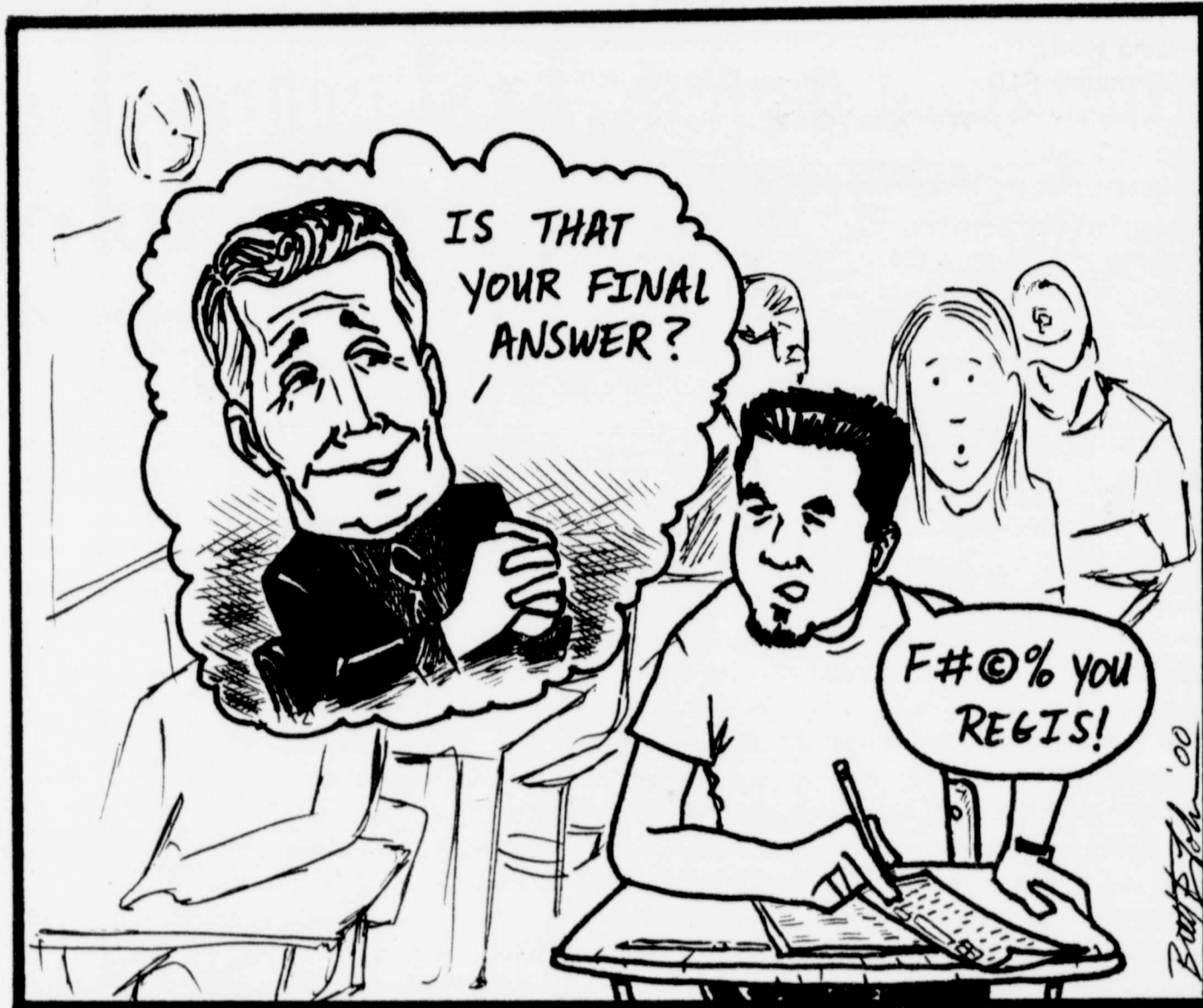
The second issue is that parts of the sports complex may be torn up in a matter of years. ASI officials said the preliminary long-term master plan includes building a football stadium over one sports complex field. So it seems the \$3.1 million over-budget complex is a temporary monument to short sightedness.

Granted, all this expensive planning is for the students' benefit and is not without extensive research. However, the sports complex is becoming another example of botched planning on campus. One doesn't have to look any farther than behind the Performing Arts Center to see an unfortunate incidence of delayed construction.

We recognize that projects everywhere run up against unforeseen obstacles and money runs short. But the fact remains: We still have no parking structure, and we will not have the \$9 million sports complex originally planned.

We will have a \$12.1 million complex and students have that empty feeling in their pockets once again.

Unsigned editorials are the voice of the Mustang Daily.



POLYtix by Brett F. Johnson

MUSTANG DAILY '00

## Half-truths about David Blakely are whole lies

### Editor,

There were many half-truths and unsupported conclusions in the recent editorial by Tamas Simon in regard to my past and my experiences on the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors ("Just the truth..." Feb. 3). His editorial was so full of half-truths and whole lies I felt it necessary to respond.

Simon uses a very deceptive technique in an effort to bias the students of Cal Poly against my efforts to get elected to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors. He takes a truth out of context, then quickly adds his own conclusions that are based on his own pretzel logic.

The truth is that some 20 years ago, when I was much younger, I did things involving drugs. Contrary to Simon's statements, I have never been arrested for drug use, possession or selling. The district attorney who is quoted out of context by Simon never charged me with any crimes. I volunteered the information to the general public in a press conference I held before the district attorney even released his report. To imply that I was using and selling drugs while I was teaching my seventh- and eighth- grade students at Atascadero Junior High School is despicable. It is not even a half-truth; it is a whole lie. If it really mattered, my opponent in this race has also admitted to taking it up a time or two.

Then Simon tosses another unsubstantiated allegation my way. He alleges that I

might have been involved in vandalizing someone's home, threatening their life and even trying to ruin their career. I always valued the constitutional principle that a person should have a right to confront his accusers. For me to do something like this, or for me to even suggest that someone else do it, is so out of character that anyone who knows me understands how ludicrous this is. Had I been asked, I could have told Simon the real truth about these people who he says "shall remain nameless."

Then there is the letter I wrote for my neighbor whose husband was to be paroled from one of the local penal institutions. I wrote a letter supporting my neighbor in her efforts to bring her husband into my neighborhood. This was a mistake because the community was not ready for this to happen. I worked with the community and my neighbor, who I still care very much about, and together we decided that it would not be in the best interest of herself, the community or her husband for

him to move next door to me. So I wrote another letter to the parole department rescinding my first request. The man never moved into the neighborhood. He is now living in a neighboring county. He is successfully employed as a heavy equipment operator, and he is caring for his new wife and family. The whole mess was very unfortunate. I made a mistake, I fixed the mistake, and I learned from my mistake.

I am striving to make this a clean campaign, focusing on the real issues — not half-truths and whole lies.

I love this beautiful county and I enjoy working with the faculty, staff and students here. I am committed to working with the Cal Poly community in an effort to bring us together in reaching our goals. I want to step up to the plate again and offer my services to you in an effort to make county government responsive to your needs.

David Blakely is a candidate for 5th District Supervisor and a Cal Poly graduate.

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Jeremiah Mayes got the rebound but missed the put-back. Michael Burris also grabbed an offensive rebound, but his shot was also errant.

"On the last shot, we get three shots, and you can't get any better shots than that," Schneider said.

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Increase the intensity, but make sure the equipment can handle it. Another reason for the rule changes have been for the players' safety, so that must be of utmost importance for the XFL.

5. Make the emphasis on sport, not entertainment.

When sports are played well, they are entertaining — there's no need to artificially create that. With McMahon's rules to speed up play in place, the foundation is set to make the game more entertaining. McMahon must keep in mind that when people turn on a football game, they are expecting a competitive sport, which in itself provides the entertainment sports fans want.

The XFL has plenty of potential, and it has already made some good decisions to start the league. McMahon is smart by not trying to compete with the NFL — he simply wants to add to it. Sports fans may or may not be ready for the XFL, but I am.

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"Those are three point-blank 1-foot shots and those were the shots you like to have."

After Woods, Jackson and Wozniak sank two free throws each, the Mustangs took the ball down court with eight seconds left, with a 3-point-er needed to tie the game. Jason King, who made all three of his 3-pointers in the second half, missed his desperation shot in traffic as the buzzer sounded.

While the Mustangs controlled the second half, it was the first half that buried the team.

"That first half, effort-wise, was as poor as any team I've had here," Schneider said. "But I thought we really competed and dominated the second half."

The Mustangs, however, are only two games behind Cal State Fullerton (3-5) for the final playoff spot.

**Report Card**

Here's how the men's basketball team fared during its past weekend at home.

**Shooting guard:** Mike Wozniak's 36 points, seven rebounds and no turnovers on Thursday was his best game at Cal Poly (and he's had some good ones). Saturday, he was two of 11 from behind the arc and had five turnovers, but still managed 20 points. Watende Favors rebounded well and played outstanding defense in both games.

**Grade: A-**

**Power forward:** Simple assessment for Jeremiah Mayes. Thursday, Mayes was terrible with one point and four rebounds. Saturday, he was outstanding with 17 points and nine rebounds. Simple conclusion: When Mayes is aggressive, he's very difficult to stop.

**Grade: C**

**Small forward:** David Henry fouled out of both games and was a combined three for 12 shooting. Henry also needs to hit the offensive glass as well as he grabs defensive rebounds. Henry did play great defense. James Grace III can drive to the basket but didn't look to take it to the hoop enough.

**Grade: C-**

**Center:** Despite getting double-teamed, Chris Bjorklund continued to dominate inside. He averaged 20 points in two games and found his open teammates (3.5 assists). The rebounding statistics (4.5) could be better.

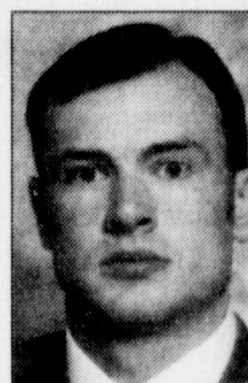
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**Point guard:** Michael Burris got the start and played with a big heart. However, the 1:3 assist-to-turnover ratio must be reversed. Jason King's shooting helped get Cal Poly back in the Boise State game, but like Burris, he must take care of the ball.

**Grade: C+**

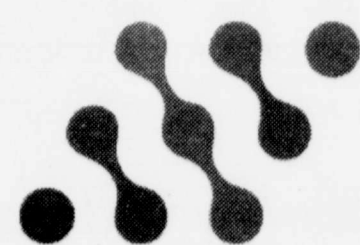
**Coaching:** Opponents are exploiting a gaping hole in the Mustangs' defense — the 3-pointer from the corner. UC Santa Barbara's Brandon Payton rented out the area Thursday, racking up 27 points, and Boise State's Abe Jackson made five of eight 3-pointers. Also, when a player makes a mistake, he looks to the scorer's table looking for a sub. Less substitutions may increase cohesiveness.

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- By Joe Nolan

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## Mustangs sweep two conference games

Cal Poly gets first two Big West wins

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly women's basketball team earned its first Big West Conference victory by routing the Cal State Fullerton Titans 94-55 in Mott Gym Friday night.

The win was the first of two home victories for the Mustangs this weekend.

Cal Poly (6-13, 2-5) had all five starters score in double figures for the second time this season, led by Jennifer Sorosky's career-high 24 points. The junior shot 50 percent from the field, including five of 10 from 3-point territory.

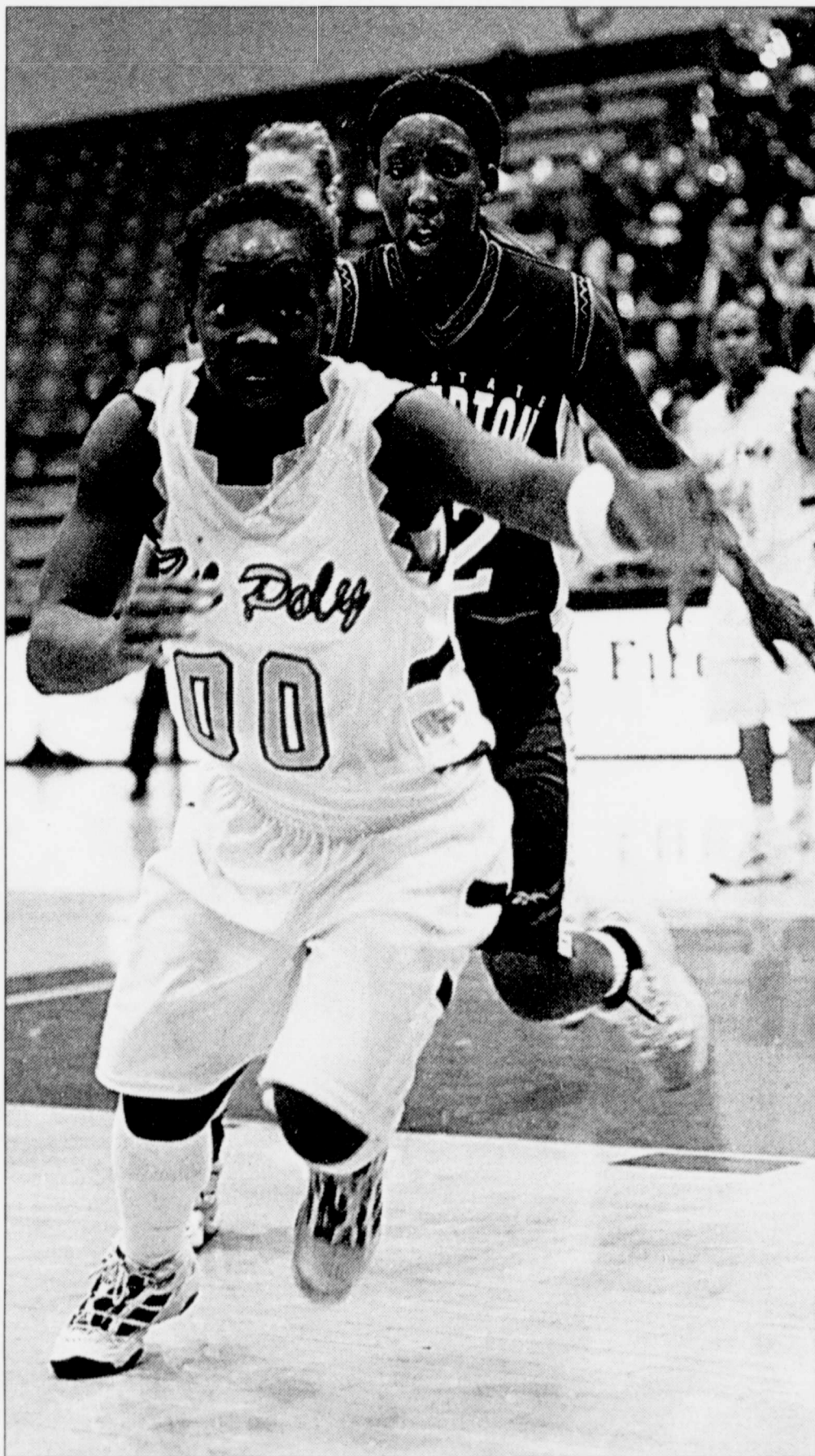
Junior Stephanie Osario shot just under 50 percent and added 21 points and five rebounds. Guards Odessa Jenkins and Kristy Baker combined for 17 points and eight rebounds for the backcourt combination.

Erin Whiteside led the Titans (2-17, 1-6) with 13 points.

Cal Poly then defeated UC Irvine 74-69 Sunday afternoon in Mott Gym for its second straight win.

The Mustangs led by as much as 14 points in the second half before the Anteaters went on a late run to cut the lead to two. But Cal Poly made its free throws and Irvine's Brandy Hudson's 3-pointer in the closing seconds rimmed out and the Mustangs held on for the win.

Baker had 20 points and senior Taryn Sperry scored 11 points while



STEVE SCHUENEMAN/MUSTANG DAILY

Mustang guard Odessa Jenkins scrambles for a loose ball Friday.

leading the team with 10 rebounds. points.

Chelsea Mackey led the Anteaters with 12 points and eight rebounds, and Shannon Anders added 11

The Mustangs next travel to Long Beach State Friday and then to Pacific Sunday.

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## Mustangs can't find winning ways

By Joe Nolan

MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

The Mustangs dug a little deeper into their Big West hole Saturday when a terrific comeback was once again wasted in a loss to Boise State, 71-68.

Cal Poly also lost Thursday to UC Santa Barbara despite Mike Wozniak's career-high 36 points.

Down 13 points at halftime Saturday, the Mustangs (1-7) fought back to take the lead with less than two minutes to play, only to let it slip away and lose 71-68 to Boise State (2-6) in Mott Gym. It was the Mustangs' 12th loss in their last 13 games.

"The hardest thing is just to try and stay positive," said Jeremiah Mayes, who had 17 points and a team-high nine rebounds. "I think one win will get us started and get a run going and get our confidence up. It's hard to lose this many games. Confidence-wise, I feel like sometimes at the end of the game, I don't know if we really believe we can win. We're always right there and we never seem to be able to finish it off."

It was a familiar sight for head

coach Jeff Schneider's Mustangs, who have been close in nearly every Big West game, yet have only come away with one league win.

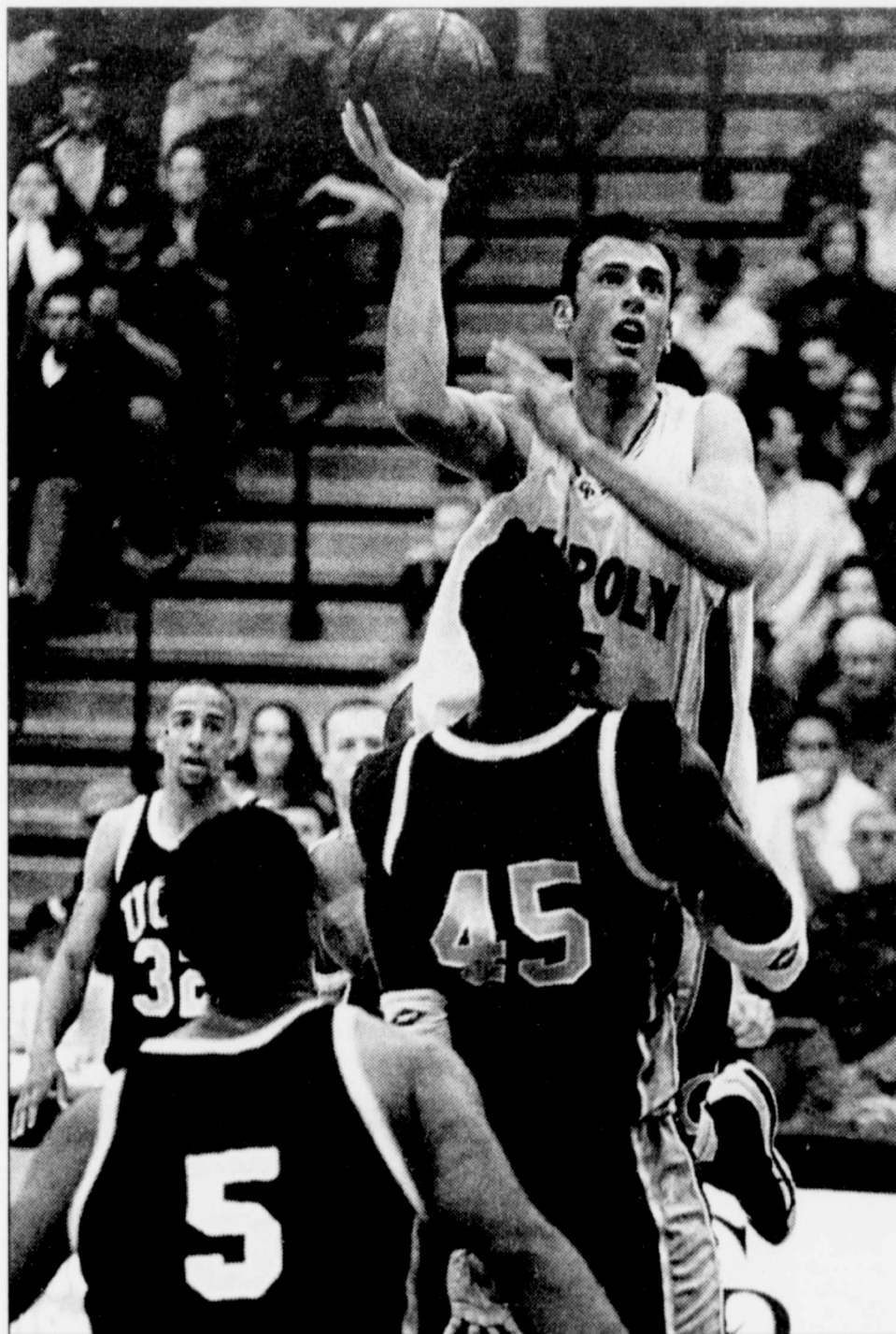
"How many close games do you have to lose?" Schneider said. "Every single game we've played has been close. I think it comes to a point where ... good players go out and win games."

The Mustangs shot just 36 percent in the first half but were able to claw back and take the lead with 1:54 left in the game on a questionable play. Mike Wozniak subbed in for Watende Favors who, after a hard foul, told the referee he hurt his wrist.

"It had a little pain when I hit the ground, so I couldn't shoot my free throws," said Favors, a 58-percent free-throw shooter. "I knew Woz was on the bench to come in and shoot the free throws."

Wozniak made both, giving Cal Poly a 66-65 lead. After a free throw by Abe Jackson (27 points) and one by Kejuan Woods (20 points), the Mustangs got the ball inside to Chris Bjorklund with 32 seconds left.

After missing a 3-footer in traffic,



DAN GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

see BASKETBALL, page 6 Center Chris Bjorklund soars over a Santa Barbara defender.

## XFL will spice up football?

Vince McMahon, the father of the World Wrestling Federation, is starting his own brand of football next winter, and I'm ready for it. The Xtreme Football League is an eight-team pro league that is set up to be both exciting and exhilarating, and is designed for fans that want more than the NFL currently offers.

McMahon says the XFL is 100-percent sport, but I've got some doubts about that, since it comes from a man who oversees the scripting of wrestling matches.

I've got five takes on what the XFL needs to succeed.

1. No pro wrestlers in the league.

No matter how much I'd like to see "Stone Cold" Steve Austin suit up for the new league, nothing will take away from credibility more. The second I see "The Rock" on one of the teams, I'm turning the game off and it's not coming back on.

2. Don't make it another Arena league.

McMahon said that rules would be adapted to promote faster play, but that should not lead to rules like the ones that exist in the Arena league. No 60-yard fields and no three-down systems like those in the Canadian Football League. These rules have no place in the new game.

3. Don't script the results.

This seems obvious, but as fans, we have no desire to watch games where the winner is pre-determined before the match. That works for professional wrestling, but it will not work for the XFL.

4. Bring back smash-mouth football.

McMahon was right when he said that the current NFL is not smash-mouth football. That has been lost over the last decade, due to many rule changes that have slowed down the game and taken the edge off of it.

see STERLING, page 6



Matt Sterling

## Softball sweeps two doubleheaders



STEPHEN KEMPERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly couldn't have asked for anything more, winning all 4 games.

By Carolyn Ficara

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly's softball team opened up the 2000 season in grand fashion, winning all four games the team played last weekend.

The Mustangs started their season at home Saturday, taking both ends of a doubleheader against Santa Clara University. Cal Poly won the first game, 2-1, and the second, 8-0.

Cal Poly scored in the first inning with the bases loaded when Holly Ballard brought home the team's first run with a line drive down the third base line.

Strong pitching by Maggie Del Rio, making her first start for Cal Poly, as well as tough team defense, held Santa Clara scoreless in the first game until the Broncos tied it in the top of the seventh. But Cal Poly fought back in the bottom of

the seventh, getting a base hit and capitalizing on a Santa Clara error. An overthrow to first on a bunt allowed Brooke DeVusser to score Cal Poly's winning run.

The Mustangs exploded out of the starting gate in the second game, putting up five runs in the first inning en route to an 8-0 victory over the Broncos.

In her Cal Poly debut, Del Rio gave up only one earned run and four hits to earn her first victory.

"This is my first quarter playing for a Division I team," Del Rio said. "I was nervous but I am pleased with this game."

Del Rio came up big again for the Mustangs on Sunday, pitching nine innings for her second win in two days. Cal Poly defeated St. Mary's 2-1 and later beat the Gaels 9-2 to sweep the doubleheader.

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