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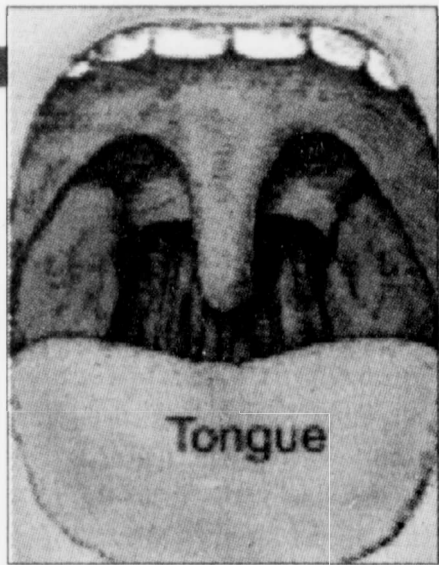
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Committee searches for new Student Affairs VP; 70 applications in so far

By Adrenna Benjamin

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The search continues in selecting a new vice president for Student Affairs.

After Juan Gonzalez's resignation last year, the division of Student Affairs has been looking throughout the country for a new vice president. Bob Detweiler is currently the interim.

"We have a search committee in place," said Preston Allen, assistant vice president for Student Affairs. "And we have reviewed over 70 applications so far."

After the applicants have submitted their forms, the committee goes to the first phase, which is an interview process.

"We have to check their references and recommendation letters," Allen said. "After that, we decide on who should be invited to the campus."

Those invited to the campus go through an open forum, which

includes students and people from the community asking the candidates questions.

After the interview process is over, the candidates meet with a number of administrators, such as student affairs personnel, university president, academic personnel and community members, Allen said.

"If the police chief, for example, wanted to meet with them, they would have to go and talk to him," Allen said.

The new vice president won't be selected until the middle of spring quarter. Until then they will continue to narrow down the number of applicants.

"I can't really say how many we have narrowed it down to, because we receive applications until the position is no longer available," Allen said.

Allen said the criteria the division was looking for were compiled by the

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Kevin Bromley, right, is named the new head coach of the men's basketball team at a press conference Tuesday. Athletic Director John McCutcheon, left, made the announcement. See full story on page 8.

Dancers receive regional recognition



COURTESY PHOTO/ORCHESIS DANCE COMPANY

Members of Orchesis Dance Company perform "Imminent Combustion."

They presented their dance to a panel of adjudicators in New Mexico last week and received rave reviews. Orchesis was one of only 10 groups out of 52 to be chosen to perform their dance at a gala concert on the last night of the conference. Cal Poly was the only school without a dance major to participate.

By Karin Driesen

MUSTANG DAILY NEWS EDITOR

For a school without a dance major, Cal Poly was well represented at a regional dance conference last week.

Orchesis Dance Company received the honor of being chosen as one of the best groups at the Southwest Regional American College Dance Festival in Albuquerque, N.M. March 7-11.

Ten members of Orchesis participated in the four-day conference. Among the 52 groups performing dance pieces that weekend, Orchesis was one of 10 that made it into the gala concert on the last night of the conference.

The group performed "Imminent Combustion," a modern dance piece choreographed by dance instructor Diana Stanton.

The festival included classes and seminars on technique, choreogra-

phy and dance performances by professional dancers from around the country. Classes included flamenco, jazz, hip-hop, musical theater, modern and tap dance.

Dance groups from schools such as the University of California, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, Utah State, University of Oregon and others from the East Coast. College groups performed their dances before panels of three adjudicators, who then critiqued the dances. The adju-

dication were high-level professional dancers who observed the performances. They gave feedback and suggestions to the dancers.

"It's not really a competition," said Sarah Farmer, an art and design junior and Orchesis member. "It was more for having it judged for the dancers themselves."

The top 10 groups that stood out from the adjudications were chosen

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UC, CSU seek injunction to protect current energy contract

By Larissa Van Beurden

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The California State University and the University of California are accusing their electric provider of attempting to alter contracts so the company can sell power publicly at a higher price, potentially leaving

the colleges with higher electric bills.

The universities are asking a federal judge for a preliminary injunction against

Houston-based Enron Energy Services, asking that Enron be blocked from abandoning the contracts. Enron signed a four-year contract with the colleges in 1998, guaranteeing the universities a reliable supply of power at prices 5 percent below the capped rate created by California's deregulation law in 1996.

Enron and the university systems have different reasoning for why the contracts are being broken.

According to a CSU and UC press release, Enron wanted to change the contract a year before it expired by returning the colleges to the electrical power distribution, scheduling and billing systems of Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and Southern California Edison (SCE).

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search committee after asking different campus units what they were looking for in a vice president. The search committee includes two students and nine faculty and staff. The Student Affairs division consists of Associated Students Inc., Career Services, Health and Counseling Services, and Housing and Residential Life as well as other entities.

"One thing the candidate must have is a doctorate," Allen said. "It's because they deal with areas of academics, get the respect of colleagues and they speak from an understanding of the world."

The requirements the candidates must have include an earned doctorate from an accredited institution, 10 years of progressively responsible management and administrative experience in student affairs as well as other references.

Detweiler is not one of the candidates, Allen said.

"Bob has been an outstanding leader for the division," he said. "He receives advice and counsel very well."

Allen said Detweiler wants to get back to the classroom and work with the students.

"He will be teaching history next quarter," Allen said. "Any student would be lucky to have him as a professor."

Allen said he wishes Detweiler was coming back, but understands the need for him to go back to the classroom.

"If we could clone him we would," Allen said.

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They said such a move would free Enron to sell power previously intended for the universities at higher prices on the spot market.

The CSU's annual electric bill is approximately \$40 million, and its natural gas bill is \$20 million. It generates approximately 10 percent of its total power needs through its own cogeneration plants.

Although the colleges would have to buy power from the financially strapped California power companies, they wouldn't actually be paying higher prices. Enron said the universities will still be guaranteed the price provided in the contracts until it expires in March 2002.

Officials from both the CSU and the UC said being returned to in-state suppliers could cost an additional \$132 million to \$297 million over 10 years. They estimate that they have saved \$30 million under the Enron contract.

Even if they were to stay under the Enron contract, the universities would have to go through the re-bidding process again next year because the contract ends. They could try to stay with Enron or find a lower electric provider.

"The real issue here is direct access," said Richard West, CSU executive vice chancellor and chief financial officer. "They want to change meters and the billing process, and we don't want that to

happen."

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, direct access was a major part of the state's deregulation plan, and was originally intended to lower prices for consumers by allowing companies to compete with the utilities. But the state legislature recently passed a bill that could suspend any new contracts under the direct access program because it was concerned too many customers weren't using the utilities.

Marty Sunde, vice chairman of Enron, told the San Francisco Chronicle that he was "shocked" by the lawsuit and believes it is driven by fear of the unknown.

"We absolutely, positively are honoring our contract," Sunde said. "(The universities) have a 5 percent discount off the frozen tariff rate."

Sunde told the Chronicle that Enron isn't pulling out of its contracts, it's just finding a better cost alternative to keep them in the game.

Cal Poly officials aren't sure how or if the problems will affect the campus.

"They're (Chancellor's office) not releasing any information to us," said Ed Naretto, director of facilities services. "They just tell us to pass on any questions to the Chancellor's office."

West said that even if the universities had to pay more for power, student fees wouldn't be raised. He said it would be covered by tax-based state funds.

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based on excellency in choreographic craftsmanship, integrity, performance and other criteria, Stanton said.

"You never know who the adjudicators are going to choose," she said. "We felt good about the choreography."

Some of the adjudicators said Orchesis looked like a dance company, not a group of students. They also commented on the sophistication and the complexity of the choreography, Stanton said.

Maria Junco, director of Orchesis, said the fact that Orchesis did so well compared to the other dance pieces is amazing because Cal Poly does not have a dance major or a formal dance program.

"What's really exciting is that we were the only university chosen that didn't have a major," Junco said. "All except for one had a graduate program in dance. We were able to meet the criteria even though we don't have the structure of a major to support this. That was really thrilling to all of us."

Stanton describes "Imminent Combustion" as a physical manifestation of psychosis and neurosis that reflects the darker side of the human psyche. Dancers began rehearsing the piece fall quarter and performed it at their winter performance, "Dance Perspectives."

This was Cal Poly's fifth time participating in the festival. Orchesis was formed 30 years ago by professor Moon Ja Minn Suh.

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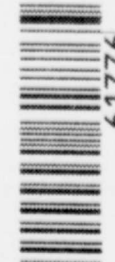
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More than just a simple sore throat

By Robin Nichols

MUSTANG DAILY FEATURES EDITOR

He couldn't get up from the couch the whole weekend. Architecture senior Peter Tax was coughing, lethargic and could hardly swallow. With a headache and painful muscles, he knew something was wrong. The diagnosis of tonsillitis came as a surprise.

Tonsillitis is the inflammation or infection of the tonsils, which are located at the back of the throat, and is caused by both viruses and bacteria, according to The Voice Center at Eastern Virginia Medical School. Scientists believe they work as part of the body's immune system by filtering germs that attempt to invade the body, and that they help to develop antibodies to germs, according to the American Academy of Otolaryngology.

Tonsillitis outbreaks usually occur during this time of year, when more people have common colds and allergies. The disease can resemble other illnesses, such as mononucleosis or strep throat in that its symptoms are similar. Almost feeling like a common cold at first, it can develop quickly into something more serious. There are a few key points to watch out for.

"It's mainly a sore throat for over three to five days, and if you look in the throat, usually the tonsils are very

swollen," said Vicky Meehan, a registered nurse at the office of Dr. Richard Hendricks in Templeton. "An abscess on the tonsil (can also develop), with difficulty swallowing. There are also feelings of malaise and tiredness."

Also accompanying these symptoms are sometimes redder than normal tonsils, a white or yellow coating on the tonsils, painful swallowing and swollen lymph nodes (glands) in the neck, according to the American Academy of Otolaryngology.

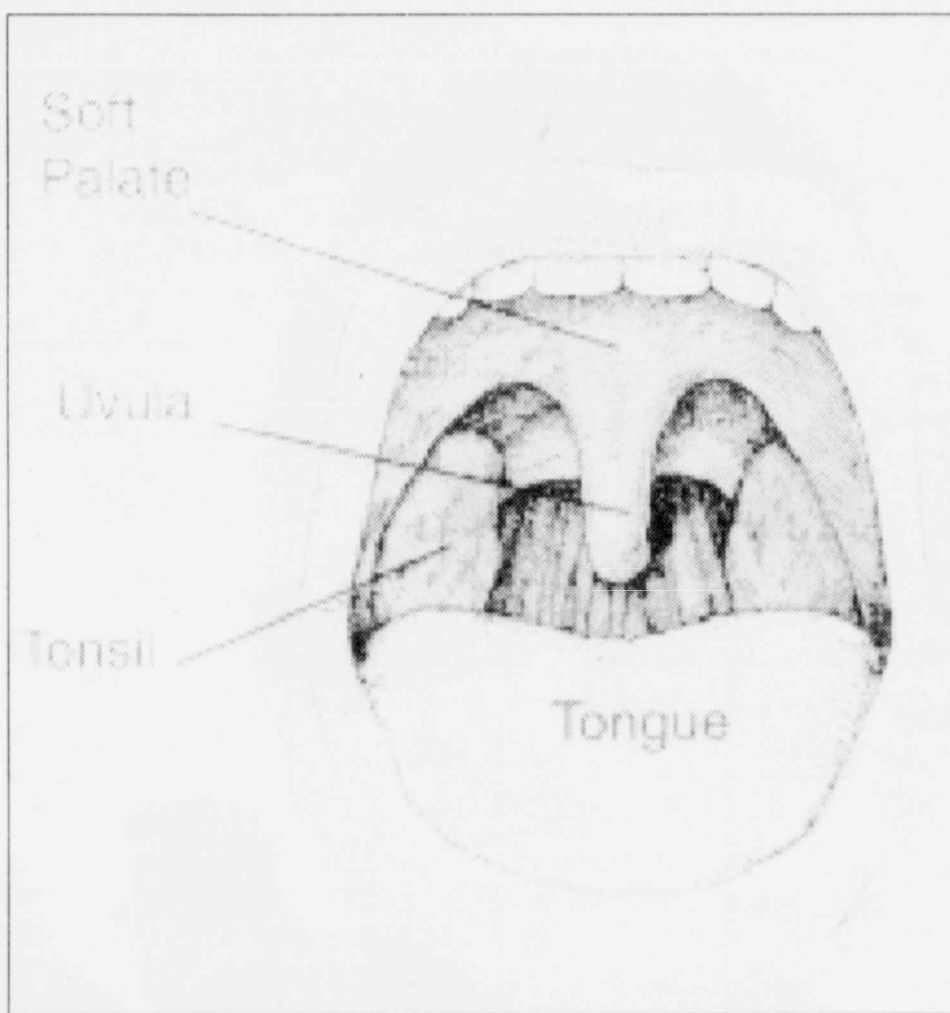
"I can't put my head back, and my throat is really swollen," Tax said. "Also, my throat looks bloody and inflamed."

While Meehan said there is no real way to prevent getting tonsillitis, there are some measures one can take to avoid catching it from an infected person.

"(It is good) to take Advil for a sore throat," she said. "(The doctor) also recommends Echinacea drops at the onset, which helps build up the immune system. Some of the zinc lozenges also help, especially with the discomfort."

Drinking from the same cups or cans as infected people can spread the disease, as can kissing, Meehan said. Treatment usually consists of drinking plenty of fluids, and taking antibiotics, but sometimes the disease can necessitate removal of the tonsils.

"Years ago, everybody had their



COURTESY GRAPHIC

Tonsillitis is an inflammation of the tonsils, and symptoms vary. Above, the tonsils are shown in relation to the other oral structures.

tonsils taken out," said Janice Parsons, certified medical assistant at Central Coast Ear, Nose and Throat. "But research was finding that that wasn't the best thing. We usually base (the

need for) a tonsillectomy on the number of times that (tonsillitis) happens."

The best advice seems to be to stay away from infected people, and take care to be healthy all year around.

Celebrate the greens!

You'll probably be seeing green everywhere this week in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day this Saturday. But what about on your plate?

According to the American Dietetic Association, green on your menu may be the key to healthful eating and disease prevention. Dark green vegetables like spinach, kale, turnip and mustard greens, broccoli, asparagus, and others are rich in phytochemicals — a possible key to disease prevention.

Phytochemicals are the full array of chemicals found naturally in plants. These chemicals may explain why people with high intakes of plant foods have lower incidence of disease. Not only do dark greens come with phytochemicals, many offer a whole other assortment of health benefits.

One example is broccoli, which is an excellent source of calcium as well as folate. Until researchers know the complete answer, try to incorporate several dark green vegetables into your regimen.

And, dark green veggies are loaded with vitamins and minerals — something we need everyday. So celebrate St. Patrick's Day by eating your greens!

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Confront all homophobia to eradicate it

Over the course of this quarter I've attempted to address some of the concerns of the gay and lesbian community. The great majority of you have been open-minded and attentive. Hopefully, I have challenged you to introspectively examine some of your positions on this matter.

The most refreshing responses to my columns have been from people who recognize the injustices we face today and want to know what they can do about it. As I am deeply committed to turning thoughts into action, I feel it would be beneficial to share my ideas on how we can end homophobia in our society.

First of all, know where your local elected officials stand on the issue of gay and lesbian equality. Contact your state assemblyman Abel Maldonado, your congressional representative Lois Capps, and your district state senator Jack

Mike Sullivan

O'Connell. As their constituent, you are entitled to know what positions they

hold on this matter, and the reasoning behind those stances. When they are up for re-election, you will know who to support.

For example, it may surprise many of us to learn that George W. Bush has publicly said he would not hire a gay person to work on his campaign or in his White House. This kind of statement is seen as problematic not only to gay and lesbian Americans, but to their friends, family, and co-workers as well. Considering the close outcome of the election, this information could have likely swayed enough voters to change its result.

Another way to make an impact is to join an organization that is working on behalf of gay and lesbian equality. The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) is one of the largest and most effective political groups that focuses on this issue. According to their mission statement, HRC is working to create an environment in which "lesbian and gay people are ensured of their basic equal rights – and can be open, honest, and safe at home, at work, and in the community." More information is available at their web site, www.hrc.org.

On a local level, you can take part in Cal Poly's Gays, Lesbians, and Bisexuals United (GLBU). The GLBU plays an active role in providing a voice for the political, social, and educational aspects of equality. Membership in the GLBU encompasses all genders, ethnicities, and sexual orientations – quite an accomplishment for a campus that is all but devoid of diversity. Meetings are held weekly – the time and location can be found at www.calpoly.edu/~glb-club.

However, the most effective statement you can make is to simply confront homophobia, and treat it as unacceptable. When someone tells an anti-gay joke, tell them that you don't find it funny – and they shouldn't either. Don't associate the word "gay" with "bad" by saying "that's so gay." Don't tolerate the use of the word "fag" or "faggot" any more than you would tolerate the use of the "n-word."

These ideas might seem like small, insignificant efforts that might largely go unnoticed. However, if everyone took these steps, we'd see some of the most radical progress in our nation's history, and we could likely end homophobia in a single day. Margaret Read, a world-renowned anthropologist, addresses this very concern: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Mike Sullivan is a computer engineering junior.

Hollywood has no 'smoking' gun



Dartmouth Medical School recently conducted a survey that found tobacco use was featured in an average of 95 percent of the 25 biggest box-office hits released each year from 1988 through 1997. Of the 250 movies that were studied, Dartmouth found that 217 of them featured tobacco use. The films that

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prominently had smoking were "My Best Friends Wedding," "Men in Black" and "Last Boy Scout."

Madeline Dalton, the study's co-author and a professor of nutrition and public health at Dartmouth, said the filmmakers need to know that kids are watching and modeling their behavior after what they see in the movies.

Dartmouth may have found how many movies display smoking, but they are only giving numbers and do not delve any deeper than that. There are many different meanings and reasons behind how and why smoking is used in the movies. I am sure this is not something Dartmouth took into consideration.

As mentioned before, Dartmouth found the movie "My Best Friend's Wedding" to have a high incidence of smoking throughout, especially by the main character, played by Julia Roberts. However, the message given about smoking is actually a negative one. Smoking is often associated with the stereotypical "bad girl" image for women, as it was for Roberts in this movie. And, who got the guy in the end? It was Cameron Diaz, who didn't smoke and had the sweet and innocent image. Isn't this actually giving a negative connotation to smoking?

In 1997, the U.S. Lung Association labeled "Titanic" as one of the worst movies

for smoking. They even gave it what they call the Hackademy award, which is given every year to the movies with the worst portrayal of tobacco.

Jay Stone, in an article in The Ottawa Citizen, explains the prevalent use of smoking in the movie.

"DiCaprio smoked because his character was a free spirit, and Winslet smoked because her character was rebelling," he said.

Stone also said that movie makers say such mannerisms as smoking add details to a performance and are therefore a part of artistic freedom.

"And, of course, smoking often doesn't mean anything except that this character smokes," Stone said. "Susan Sarandon is rarely without a cigarette in the current release of 'Twilight'; all this tells us about her character is that she smokes a lot."

Stone said there is also a return of smoking bad guys, and a cigarette has come to stand for villainy. He gave the example of the movie "Ransom," where the only characters who smoked were the kidnappers.

Dartmouth's survey does have some substantial evidence. However, more needs to be looked at than the numbers alone. Many movies today are portraying smoking in a negative way. Maybe the numbers of those movies need to be looked at. Smoking is a part of life – a huge portion of the population partakes in this habit. Why shouldn't movies reflect this reality? Many people complain that movies are often not authentic. Sometimes an actor or actress must smoke to personify a certain character correctly.

There are other types of media that children and teenagers are exposed to every day that consistently warn about the health risks of smoking. For instance, "Truth" commer-

cial are shown on television about every half-hour. These began in 1997 when Florida won \$13 billion from the tobacco company. The governor then, Lawton Chiles, insisted that teens run their own anti-tobacco program. Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) was born, and this allowed teens to come up with the commercials.

Teen-agers are receiving both sides of the smoking issue equally. If they choose to smoke, it more than likely has nothing to do with the images from the media. There are just as many promoting young people not to smoke as there are showing smoking as "cool."

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Letter to the editor

Conservatives do vote with intelligence

Editor,

Ethan Pratt's ignorant and elitist editorial on Monday ("Smarter people make better citizens," March 12) insulted me. You see, Ethan seems to think you must not be intelligent if you don't vote his way.

In fact, he seems to think you cannot be intelligent without being highly educated, which must surprise many quite intelligent people who, for whatever reason, never got to go to college but are smart, hard-working, successful and (God forbid) productive people.

He also makes some broad generalizations that just cannot go unchallenged. Apparently, he idolizes the counter-culture of his parents, but that same counter-culture is probably the most overrated and selfish phenomenon in the history of this country.

While the college "educated" elites were dodging the draft or trying to flunk their physicals so they could smoke dope and find their inner self, those who were not as fortunate or as affluent were dying in their place.

There is no honor in what that counter-culture did. It was radical, destructive, self-absorbed, and morally inept. The only good thing to come out of the 1960s was civil rights.

Also, his electoral college theory is quite off the mark. The fact is, Ethan, those blue states were due to large numbers of inner city

poor that are pandered to and EXPLOITED by the elitist left (read: YOU).

You can call the red states stupid, redneck, racist or whatever you want, but it doesn't make it true. Believe me, we DO think, and that scares you, because it gets in the way of the socialist utopia you so desire, and you need US to fund it.

The fact is you don't have to be overeducated to be intelligent. I am probably at or near as smart as you, Ethan. And guess what? Although I've learned quite a bit in my college years, and have had some great professors, the fact is, I learned more about the values that affect my everyday life, like teamwork, leadership and how to get a job done in four years of football and wrestling, and 13 weeks of Marine Corps boot camp than you will ever be privy to know, and more than I could ever get in the classroom.

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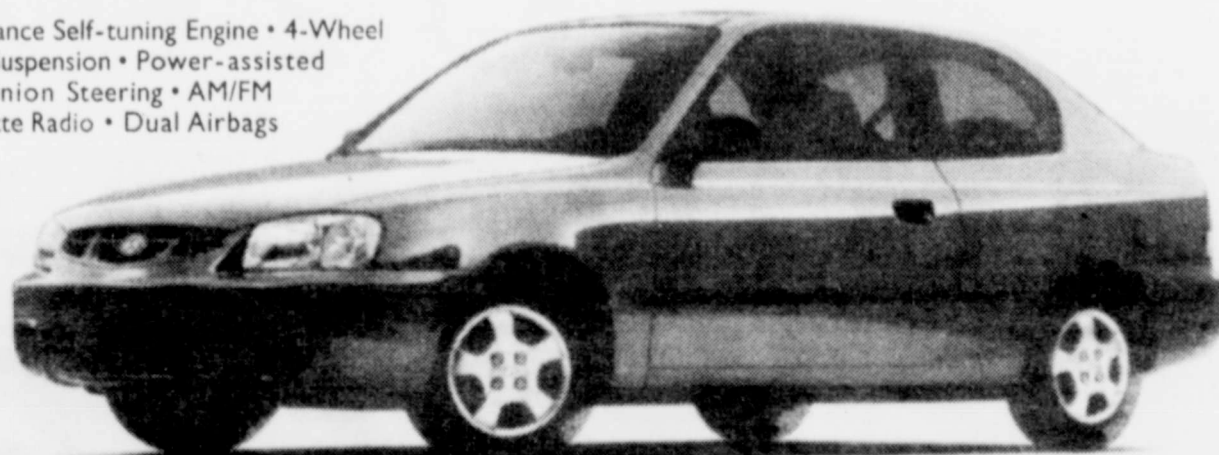
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don't think about playing Texas Corpus Christi," he said. "They dream about playing Stanford University or UCLA and that motivates them to lift (weights) harder and spend more time on the court and prepare for the best basketball team on the schedule."

Cal Poly played two games against Texas A&M Corpus Christi last season.

Cal Poly's all-time leading scorer, forward Chris Bjorklund, has been one of the biggest supporters of Bromley.

"I said on the radio after the (Irvine) game that I really hoped he got the job," he said. "He really knows the players - he's a players' coach."

Forward Varnie Dennis, who was named to the conference All-Freshman team for his 8.7 points and 4.4 rebounds per game, was also pleased with the decision. Like Scott, he has not yet confirmed that he will return to the Mustangs next

season.

"I'm not a 100 percent, but this definitely helps my decision on returning," he said. "I'm pretty confident, as long as the recruiting goes well. It's all about the players we have coming in."

At the press conference, Bromley spoke on the importance of recruiting and getting the right players to fit in at Cal Poly - players that value education as well as athletics.

"It's not the number of TV appearances or the size of our arena," he said. "It's the education they're going to get if they come to Cal Poly, and the quality athletic experience to go along with it."

Bromley received a three-year contract, and said that would be enough time to reach the next level and compete for the conference title.

"Even though this year we were 9-18, if you look at a dream season like UC Irvine who won a lot of close basketball games ... we're just a few baskets away from having a dream season just like they are," Bromley said.

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noon news conference.

Martin said he asked Ellerbe to resign Sunday. Michigan will have to pay Ellerbe about \$450,000 for the remaining three years on his contract.

"Brian took over this team in the midst of some trying times, and we all realize the challenges he has faced," Martin said. "I considered this during my evaluation of the team."

"In the end, my decision was based on the fact that I did not see the improvement in the program over the past four years that I hoped for and that I believe is possible," he added. "I believe it is in the best interests of our student-athletes and the basketball program as a whole to have new leadership at this time."

Ellerbe said he ran the program with "integrity," and he expressed his thanks for the opportunity.

"When I took this assignment, I knew our program faced several issues that were left for us to deal with," Ellerbe said Tuesday on the Detroit Free Press' Web site.

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collegiate triathlon competition, Cal Poly must work closely with individual representatives from other schools to arrange a suitable race schedule. Each school must be host to a race, and race winners are decided by comparing the top three men's and women's times from each team.

Cal Poly has been in close competition for the national championship in recent years, finishing in the top three nationally for the past six years and capturing the championship in 1995.

Ellison is confident that the team can again compete for the title at Wildflower.

"We're going to take a talented group of athletes, and my goal is for them to reach their individual goals," he said. "If that happens, everything else will fall into place."

In addition to Wildflower, the team will compete in roughly 7 to 12 races

from now until September. Some of the main races include Rocky Point in Puerto Penasco, Mexico, San Jose International in San Jose, Calif., and Pacific Grove in Pacific Grove, Calif.

The team trains hard throughout the year for their many meets, with workouts seven days a week.

Drew said that most members

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Rick Ellison
Cal Poly triathlon coach

attend most of the workouts, even those who may not be as dedicated as some of the more intense triathletes. "There are casual members, but they still hang out," he said. "Some people join just to stay in shape."

Ellison said that although the team is tightly knit, the emphasis of the triathlon club is to allow individual members to achieve personal goals and gain self-knowledge.

"I think it's the ideal sport because it tests physical fitness and mental toughness, and the competition is really only against oneself," he said. "The triathlon offers the opportunity to test the limits we set on ourselves."

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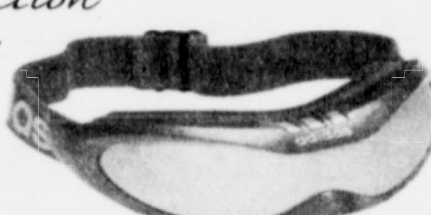
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Bromley named new head coach

By Matt Sterling

MUSTANG DAILY SPORTS EDITOR

While speculation for a replacement head coach for the Cal Poly men's basketball team had the program looking all over the country, athletic director John McCutcheon chose to go with someone in his own backyard — interim head coach Kevin Bromley.

Bromley was officially named head coach at a Tuesday press conference and was handed the reins of a Mustang team that went 9-18 last season and was forced to deal with the midseason resignation of head coach Jeff Schneider.

Bromley took over after the resignation and went 4-12, but did lead the team to the No. 8 seed in the Big West Tournament. In the tournament, the Mustangs fell just short of an upset of No. 1 UC Irvine, losing 71-66.

"It has been a difficult situation this year, but we have some quality young men in this program," Bromley said. "And we will continue to build and have the right building blocks to take it into the next three or four years."

McCutcheon said that he went through a lengthy interview process with a number of candidates, and

trimmed down the list from more than 60 to two, and then chose Bromley.

"I can't count the number of phone calls that I've had with various people in all levels of collegiate and professional basketball about this position," McCutcheon said. "The interest was intense, the understanding of our opportunity here, and the direction our program has the potential to go, is very well-known across the country and we're excited about that."

Before being named interim head coach Jan. 10, Bromley served under Schneider for six years. In that time he was an assistant and associate head coach. Prior to Cal Poly, Bromley spent time at Southern Utah and Cal Poly Pomona.

Big West Conference Freshman of the Year Jamaal Scott, who is currently mulling over the possibility of leaving the team, openly lobbied McCutcheon to take the interim tag off of Bromley's job title.

"I went into Mr. McCutcheon to

tell him that I would really love him to stay because it was really hard for him to come into the middle of the season and take over a team like this," he said. "We have full support

"We have full support from the team. Everybody wanted Bromley back — there's no doubt about that."

Jamaal Scott

Big West Freshman of the Year

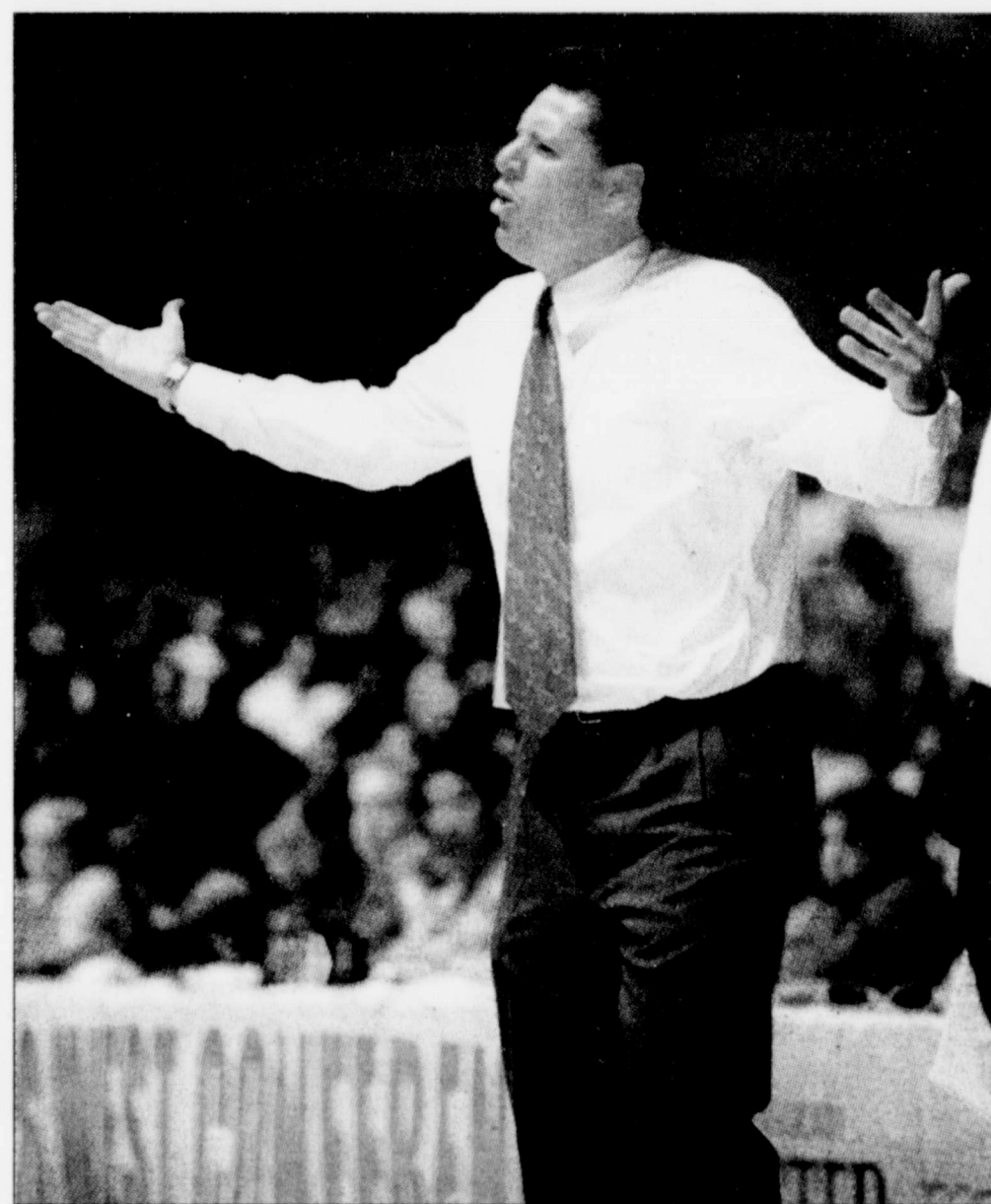
from the team. Everybody wanted Bromley back — there's no doubt about that. We're looking forward to having him as our coach."

Scott added that having Bromley on the sidelines next season is a definite plus. "It makes my (decision to come back) a little better," he said. "I like Coach Bromley, definitely, I want to see him successful. I'm still going to see what's up, check out everything, but it definitely makes it a little better."

Over the past few seasons, fans have criticized the program for a lack of quality non-conference opponents, and Bromley agreed with the criticism.

"Our young men, when they go home during the summertime, they

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AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Kevin Bromley, who was named men's basketball head coach Tuesday, instructs his team at last weekend's Big West tournament.

Triathlon team gears up for Wildflower



COLLIN HESTER/MUSTANG DAILY

Aerospace engineering freshman Jim Gagel rounds a turn at last weekend's Cal Poly Triathlon. The triathlon took place all over campus.

By Jon Hughes

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For many Cal Poly students, Wildflower is a prime opportunity to kick back and party. For Cal Poly's triathlon team, it's not quite as restful, but it's a lot more important.

The team will compete for the National Collegiate Triathlon Championship at the Wildflower Triathlon, to be held at Lake San Antonio in Monterey, Calif., on May 5. The team will enter around 50 members in the race, roughly double the number from last year. The influx of entrants represents a marked increase in membership for the club, which has seen its numbers double from last year to more than 60.

Head Coach Rick Ellison, who is also Cal Poly's Associate Vice President for University Advancement, said he is encouraged by the team's large roster.

"We're having a great year as far as

our membership growing," he said. "We have a strong core group of athletes and leaders."

Brandon Drew, public relations chair for the team, said that there are different types of people on the team.

"We have some members who have never raced and some who race professionally," he said.

Last weekend, Cal Poly was host to a meet on campus attended by six visiting schools. Among the schools competing were UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara and Sacramento State. J.J. Sclar from UC Santa Barbara won the men's race with a time of 1:13:38. The race was comprised of an 800-meter swim, a 16-mile bike ride and a 3-mile run. Jessica Gillett, another UCSB student won the women's race with a time of 1:22:08. Top Cal Poly finishers were Nathan Yuma at 1:23:05 and Katie Hunter at 1:35:15.

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Ellerbe out at Michigan

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Brian Ellerbe will not return as Michigan's basketball coach after being asked to resign by the school's athletic director.

Ellerbe just finished his fourth year as coach of the Wolverines. Athletic director Bill Martin said Tuesday he did not see sufficient improvement in a program that was once among the sport's elite.

Michigan went 10-18 this season and 4-10 in the Big Ten, closing the year with an 82-80 loss to Penn State in the Big Ten tournament. Ellerbe was 62-60 during his stay at Michigan.

"The program and the student-athletes did not make progress over this year," Martin said at an after-

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Sports Trivia

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Former Indiana University head coach Bobby Knight might return to coaching at Texas Tech.

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Today's Question:

Who won the NIT Tournament last season?

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Briefs

Rios waiting for green light from Giants

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Armando Rios is awaiting the day the San Francisco Giants allow him to let loose.

The right fielder, who had Tommy John surgery in the offseason, feels great so far this spring, but — under the advice of the trainers — he's taking it easy when it comes to throwing the ball.

"It's a step-by-step thing," he said. "And that is what's hard. You want to come back and let it all out."

Rios, who backed up Ellis Burks in right field last season, is expected to have a more stable position this season, platooning with veteran Eric Davis.

Davis, an offseason acquisition by the Giants, likely will start against left-handers. Rios will start against righties. Rios got the greatest test of his arm so far this spring on Monday with a throw to third against the San Diego Padres.

He said he didn't really cut loose on the throw, which bounced before it got to third baseman Felipe Crespo, but it sure looked like he was back to his old form.

"It was natural, and that's the main thing," Rios said. "I can throw over the top."

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