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Questions remain in flier controversy

By Sonia Slutzki

MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

Reginald Jones' speech last Wednesday dealt with the issues of rebuilding communities, and of individuals taking it upon themselves to fix their current situation instead of relying on government.

The nature of his speech can be perceived as controversial. He was a black speaking against the Democrats. He said many civil rights leaders did not do what they are said to have done, and black leaders today, such as Jesse Jackson, do not have the black community's best interests in mind.

Yet, the controversy surrounding Reginald Jones' visit, sponsored by Cal Poly College Republicans (CPCR), started long before he had even arrived in San Luis Obispo.

Many audience members attended the speech hoping to find resolution to their anger.

"What caught my attention were all those fliers posted around campus," said Angeligan Lassey, city and regional planning senior. "Especially the one that said, 'In yo face whitey,'"

At the end of the speech, Amon Browning, a city and regional plan-

ning senior, showed Jones the controversial flier after his speech.

"I was upset," Jones said in a phone interview. "I think that anybody who knows me knows that doesn't represent me."

Another controversial flier encouraged students to boycott "this Uncle Tom," and to "spread the word about this conservative sell-out."

Andrew Streenan, a mechanical engineering freshman and the advertising chair for CPCR, said the point of the campaign was to get people upset.

"We wanted to draw people who normally would not want to go to one of our events," Streenan said. "We have to be somewhat controversial."

But not all the fliers designed by club members were meant to reach the campus community. Most club representatives did not agree with the content of those fliers. The designer of the second controversial flier has not been identified.

"The controversial flier in question ('In yo face whitey') was not approved by the club and was not copied or hung up for the first wave of advertising," Streenan said in a letter

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They're "Wheel" watchers



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Four contestants wait to solve their puzzle Saturday afternoon as part of the 'Wheel of Fortune' visiting Wheelmobile. All the contestants won prizes that included 'Wheel of Fortune' hats, shirts and mini-packs. Wheelmobile contestant coordinators auditioned students for the game show. The coordinators have visited 22 different cities in the past year looking for contestants.

Students get to live and learn in artificial Earth

By Audrey Amara

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In September 1991, a team of eight people (called biospherians) began a two-year experiment, which consisted of living inside an artificial earth called Biosphere 2.

Today, students from Cal Poly can take part in a Biosphere 2 study abroad program through a partnership with Columbia University in Arizona.

Students from Cal Poly, along with other students from across the nation, work with Columbia University to use Biosphere 2 as a tool in helping people learn more about biosphere 1 — Earth.

"We may be the only California school that is partners with Columbia University," said Philip Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics.

Cal Poly's partnership with Columbia, which is through the College of Science and Mathematics, gives students a discount price that is one-third of what students from other schools are required to pay.

"Columbia University picked Cal Poly because of our great students," Bailey said.

Columbia doesn't have partnerships with many public institutions, and they wanted to see if they could make it work, Bailey said.

Students interested in attending the semester away must have an open mind and good social skills, Bailey said.

"You have to have an interest in your planet and you can't be a slacker," he said.

Everyone involved in the program becomes close, and teamwork is essential in obtaining the planetary knowledge that the Biosphere 2 offers, he said.

"You can't be a loner there or you are pretty much trapped," Bailey said.

Students will try to gain an appreciation of social, political, economic, cultural and scientific influences on our environment, Bailey said.

The experiment with the biospherians gained a great deal of negative exposure when the public learned that problems including lack of oxygen and limited agricultural productivity had been covered up.

Edward P. Bass, Biosphere 2's founder, built the 3.15-acre structure in the late 1980s as a step toward the colonization of Mars. But the Biosphere had an image of a tourist attraction, as opposed to the scientific basis for which it was intended.

In 1996, Columbia University changed the image of Biosphere 2 to a more scientific one, when it assumed full responsibility of the site.

The semester-long program starts

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in early September and ends Dec. 21, so students are only away from Cal Poly for one quarter.

"It's more for the experience than for the units," said Lesly Swanson, a biological sciences sophomore, who attended the program last fall. "You can't learn what we learned there at a regular university; it's so close knit and personable."

Swanson, a native of Arizona, has been familiar with the site since her fifth-grade class went there on a field trip. At that time, the biospherians were living inside.

"I thought it was a good experiment, but then I didn't hear about it anymore," she said.

It is a common assumption that students actually live in the Biosphere. Instead, they are housed in apartments not far from the site.

"It is in the middle of nowhere, 30 minutes from Tucson, pretty far from the grocery store, but there are shuttles on the weekends," Swanson said.

Students who have projects to do inside Biosphere 2 have keys, and some have unlimited access.

"Some people got in trouble because they were caught jumping off a 40-foot cliff into the ocean (in the Biosphere)," said Evan Friedman, an earth science junior, who also attended the program.

In addition to the ocean, this human-made ecosystem has desert, marsh, savanna and rain forest biomes. Friedman said he liked the rain-forest biome the best.

"Except for the glass and there being no animals, it seems pretty real," he said.

Besides the five biomes, a thornscrub sits between the desert and savanna. An agricultural biome, which used to serve as part of the habitat in which the biospherians once lived, is also included in the complex.

There haven't been vertebrate animals living inside Biosphere 2 since its experimental days when the biospherians were locked inside.

"The only living creatures I saw were little black ants that don't bite," Friedman said.

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Study: CSU faculty paid less than counterparts

By Whitney Kobrin

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Despite a possible three-year contract settlement between the CSU system and the CFA announced Saturday, many are still concerned about the increasing salary gap between CSU faculty and faculty from other comparable institutions.

Alice Sunshine, a communications specialist for the California Faculty Association, said the California Postsecondary Education Commission reported a 2.7 percent growth in the salary gap during the current school year. This year, the CPEC estimated a 7.9 percent gap between CSU faculty salaries and those at similar colleges. Even with the across-the-board 2 percent salary increases proposed in contract negotiations, the gap would widen to 10.6 percent by next year, according to the CPEC calculations, Sunshine said.

Karl Engelbach, chief fiscal and policy analyst at the CPEC, verified the projected 10.6 percent gap for next year. He said the figure is based on a set of 20 institutions with stu-

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MyCalPoly offers online convenience

By Katrina Telfer
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Checking out the news, weather and campus-wide announcements can be done with a few clicks of the mouse.

MyCalPoly is a Web site that gives students access to personalized book-marks, San Luis Obispo weather, Robert E. Kennedy Library resources, announcements, links to local news sources and even a number guessing game.

Cal Poly students, faculty and staff with an e-mail alias and Central UNIX password can use MyCalPoly by visiting <http://my.calpoly.edu>, and there are on-screen instructions to help first time users.

MyCalPoly has been available since the beginning of the school year, but not many people know about it, said Chris Stavros, a Web strategist with the university.

Brian Miller, history sophomore, said he likes the premise of the Web site.

"I've never heard of it before today, but it sounds like it would be really helpful to a lot of people if the word

was spread about it," he said.

Stavros said that an effort was made to get the word out to incoming freshmen about the portal, but not many of them know what it is.

Jenny Stone, an agricultural business freshman, is one of these people.

"I've heard of it, but I'm not sure exactly what it is," she said.

MyCalPoly is Cal Poly's first Web portal. A Web portal is a Web page, or pages, which combines access to information and services from different sources into a single, easy-to-use browser-based interface. Each service is presented as a channel to users, who are able to select the channels that meet their needs and organize them within the portal, Stavros said.

Cal Poly was an early adopter of Web-based technologies to improve access to university services such as registration and grades (POWER), personal information (MustangInfo), Kennedy Library resources and more. The problem is that many of these were developed separately and, often-times, each service requires a different log-in. Also, each service may be

located at different and unrelated destinations on the Web.

MyCalPoly has been built to help solve these issues by integrating the existing systems, Stavros said. He added that for users, this means faster access to important campus information and services by requiring only one log-in and less hunting-and-clicking to get to their final destination.

Many students who have used the portal find it helpful.

"I use the portal all the time," said Chrissy Roth, a journalism sophomore. "It's a great tool to use to find out what's going on in the community."

To developers, the portal provides a framework that minimizes the work of creating new Web applications and that provides a common means of exchanging information to improve the continuity of data between them.

The combined budget for the portal project for the 2000-01 and 2001-02 fiscal years is approximately \$80,000, plus staff expenses (currently a team of five). MyCalPoly is based on a free technology called uPortal, which was developed by a group of higher-education

institutions called the JA-SIG.

This free technology has allowed Cal Poly to invest the majority of the budget into the development of new custom applications (as opposed to framework or infrastructure costs). Alternatives to uPortal can cost \$100,000 or more for the framework license, which does not take into account the cost of content development or implementation and maintenance, Stavros said.

Future plans call for a significant expansion of the list of available channels, including contributions from many other groups across campus. Users can anticipate the release of new services such as classified ads, Web surveys, personal information management, system status and many others over the next six to eight months, Stavros said.

For more information about MyCalPoly, or to learn how to become a contributor or application developer for the portal, students can contact Stavros at 756-6733 or cstavros@calpoly.edu.

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dent populations and budgets that are similar to universities in the CSU system. The group of institutions was agreed on by all parties years ago, but Engelbach said there is currently some desire to revise the list.

Philip Fetzter, president of the local chapter of the CFA and political science professor at Cal Poly, said that although both the CFA and CPEC agree on the gap projected for next year, the CSU administration is not in agreement. The CSU administration offered a recalculation of the CPEC data that showed CSU faculty salaries being 1 percent more than those at comparable institutions.

Engelbach explained that because data for two of the comparable schools was not yet collected, the data was preliminary at the time the salary gap figures were released. Even

though the figures were not yet solidified, the lack of data from two schools does not explain such a large disparity in the salary gap figures, Engelbach said.

Sunshine said the legislature acknowledges that universities compete to find the best faculty and consequently developed the CPEC to compare the salaries at each institution to make sure that the competition for faculty takes place on fair ground.

"In 1998, promises were made to eliminate the gap, but that clearly hasn't happened," Sunshine said.

Salary gaps are a symptom of a larger problem, Sunshine said. She said the compensation disputes signal a shift away from viewing teaching as a priority. If professors do not feel valued and are not compensated at an appropriate level, the CSU system will be less likely to draw quality faculty and will likely lose the faculty it currently has. This would force the CSU system to hire new faculty with less experience,

Sunshine said.

"It is poor business to disrupt the work force, but there is no question that it is cheaper," Sunshine said. "The question is whether money is your measure."

Fetzter said the CFA has been negotiating contract terms since its initiation in 1983, but for the last several years, contracts have been very difficult to agree upon. The contract that is currently in the works has been under negotiations since July 1.

Fetzter said that it would not be logical for prospective faculty to enter the CSU system when they consider the historical difficulties of negotiating an effective contract, high workload and low compensation. By perpetuating these difficulties, the CSU system is not working to the general good, but is using its power to its own ends, he said.

"Our biggest problem is recruitment and retention of faculty members," Fetzter said. "When the CSU administration is not credible, it is counterproductive to the quality of

education within the CSU."

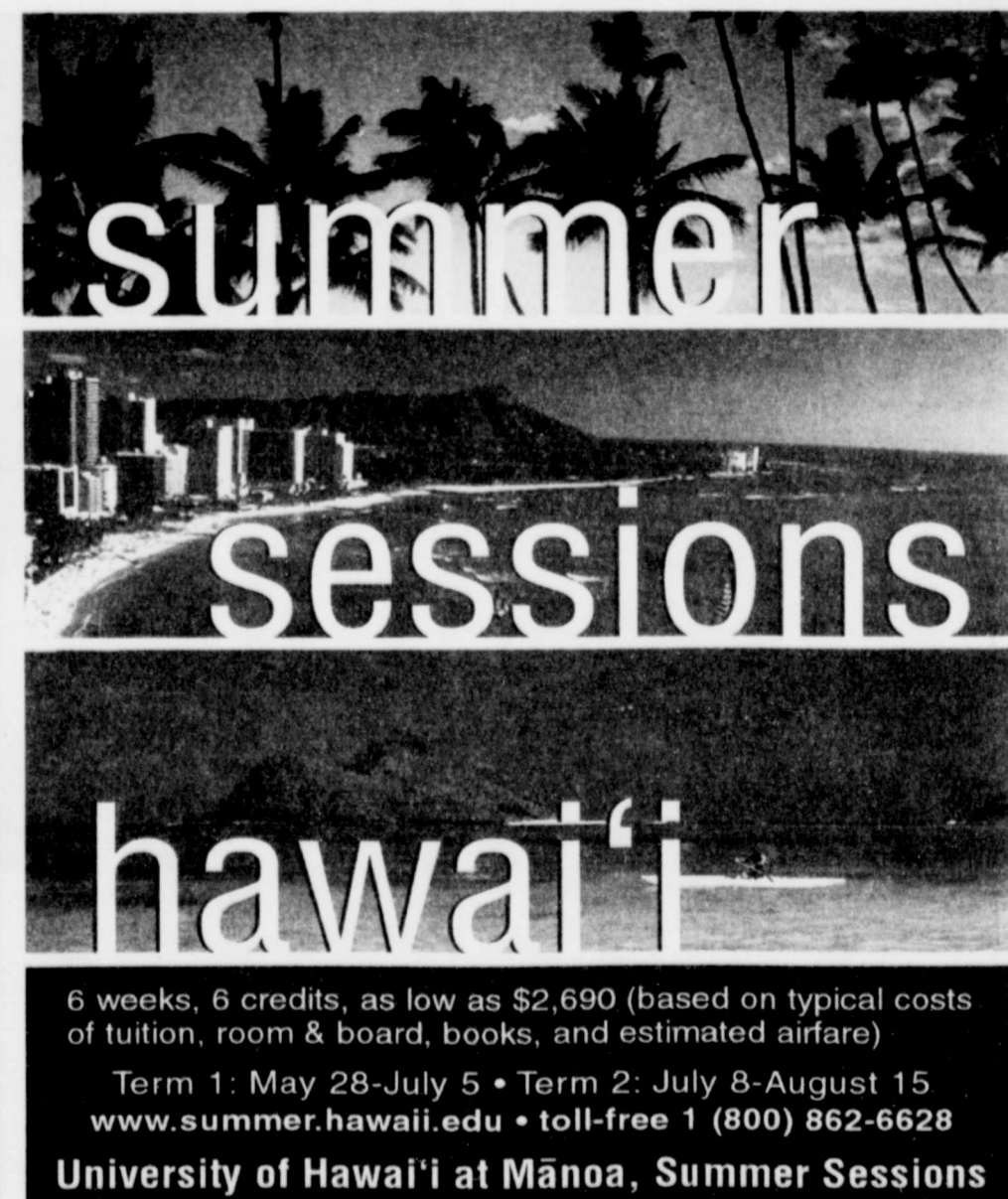
Fetzter said he recognizes that a large number of high school students want to go to Cal Poly, but anticipated that if the CSU salary gap does not close, faculty members will decrease in number and class sizes will consequently be larger. With this type of deterioration, Fetzter said Cal Poly could expect a drop in student enrollment that would be contrary to the interests of the CSU administration.

Fetzter said the CSU system has been much more time-efficient in closing salary gaps for administrative positions in the past, but he questions how committed the administrators are to closing the salary gap for faculty.

"I always want to be an optimist, so I want to believe there is a genuine commitment to close the gap, but I am awaiting evidence to support my optimism," Fetzter said.

The chancellor's office did not return numerous attempts to contact it.

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National Briefs

Nine U.S. soldiers killed in an Afghan air attack

WASHINGTON — Pentagon officials said Monday that nine U.S. soldiers have died in a U.S.-led attack in Afghanistan. At least eight were killed when two helicopters were fired on by enemy forces in the largest offensive assault of the five-month war against terrorism.

Several hundred al-Qaida fighters, located in the eastern Afghanistan mountains, are fortified with "lots of weapons," said Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In one of the incidents, a Chinook helicopter crashed after it was fired upon. Seven died in the crash or in the following firefight on the ground, said a senior defense official.

In the second incident, an American died when a rocket-propelled grenade was fired on a helicopter. The helicopter made a hard landing and then took off again, said Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld. The grenade evidently ricocheted off of the helicopter and did not explode. The soldier who died may have been knocked out of the helicopter by the force.

Another U.S. soldier was killed Saturday due to enemy fire, the Pentagon said. He was Army Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman, 34, of Wade, N.C.

At least 40 American soldiers were wounded in the incidents, which started Friday, against suspected al-Qaida and Taliban that are believed to be re-grouping in eastern Afghanistan.

Half of those wounded have resumed fighting, while the other half are no longer in the region, Rumsfeld said.

The Chinook helicopter is the first U.S. aircraft to be taken down by enemy fire in the war on terrorism.

— Associated Press

Proposal to raise smoking age to 21 in California

SAN FRANCISCO — A drive is in the works to raise the legal smoking age in California from 18 to 21. The bill, proposed by a Santa Rosa obstetrician-gynecologist, will be introduced this session, state lawmakers said. The California Medical Association voted unanimously to urge the change at its annual meeting in February. The American Medical Association has endorsed raising the legal smoking age to 21 since 1987.

In 46 states and the District of Columbia, the legal smoking age is 18. It is 19 in Alaska, Alabama and Utah.

California's anti-tobacco laws are already the most stringent in the nation. It is the only state that bans smoking in bars and private workplaces. It is one of two states that forbid tobacco advertisements within 1,000 feet of schools. The State Legislature is expected to raise the cigarette tax from 87 cents to \$1.52 a pack this year — the highest in the nation. California spends \$135 million a year on its anti-smoking campaign — also the highest in the nation.

Studies show that at least 90 percent of smokers are addicted before they turn 19, and that people who do not smoke before 21 probably won't smoke later in life.

Since 1995, California's teen-age smoking rate has fallen 41 percent.

— USA Today

Secret Service agent bites off part of ear in bar brawl

ENCINITAS, Calif. — An off-duty U.S. Secret Service agent bit off the tip of a man's ear in a fight outside the Daley Double bar, The San Diego Union-Tribune reported Saturday. The agent was one of four off-duty agents who fought a crowd of locals in the bar on the day Vice President Dick Cheney began his four-day California tour, an agency spokesman said Saturday.

About 15 locals were involved in

the brawl, which allegedly began when agents made rude comments to a local woman, the newspaper report said.

Secret Service spokesman Jim Mackin told Reuters News that the agents were defending themselves in the incident, which occurred Feb. 18 at 2 a.m. No details on whether the agents guarding Cheney were released.

A sheriff's detective said that one agent had his nose broken and may lose his front teeth.

The Secret Service agents never identified themselves as being agents. They did not draw their weapons.

The sheriff's office kept the incident secret for "sensitivity" reasons and did not arrest anyone. The agents said their work was related to Cheney's visit.

— Reuters

Rare medieval book found in farmhouse

CAMDEN, Maine — A copy of the Nuremberg Chronicle, a 600-page history of the world as written by a medieval scholar, was discovered in a Maine farmhouse. It is one of only 1,500 in existence, and was published in 1493. The book was written by medieval physician Hartmann Schedel, and was considered to be one of the most important books published in Europe at the time.

The book was found by Barrie Pribyl, a book dealer from Camden, Maine, after a client settling up his parent's estate put some of their book collection up for sale.

The book is believed to have been worth \$1,500 when it was first published. It is now valued at \$80,000.

The chronicle is written in Middle High German language and is illustrated with more than 1,800 exquisite pictures made from woodcuts in the traditional style of the era. Other illustrations include ancient maps, genealogies, and biblical and classical scenes.

— BBC News

International Briefs

Middle East

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Missiles were fired into a building inside Yasser Arafat's headquarters compound by Israeli helicopters Monday, Palestinian officials said. But Arafat, the Palestinian president, was unhurt.

The bomb hit a military intelligence building, situated about 10 to 15 yards from Arafat's office in the city of Ramallah, on the West Bank, officials said.

The air raid was part of a series of attacks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip by Israelis, in retaliation for four Palestinian attacks that have killed 22 Israelis since Saturday. The Israeli attacks killed 16 Palestinians, including the wife and three children of an Islamic militant leader. A doctor whose ambulance was hit during rescue efforts was also killed, and three of his colleagues were wounded in the incident, said the ambulance company.

Israeli officials said that the ambulance approached a checkpoint at high speed. Israeli soldiers opened fire, fearing the ambulance would run them down. The military said that the ambulance then exploded, raising questions about what might have been in the vehicle. The Israeli army has claimed that ambulances have been used to smuggle weapons and gunmen. Palestinians say that soldiers have been firing indiscriminately at ambulances.

— Reuters & Associated Press

Middle East

KABUL, Afghanistan — At least 150 people were killed in a landslide in northern Afghanistan on Sunday when a powerful earthquake sent the rubble down a mountainside and into the village of Dahani-Zeu.

One hundred houses and one hotel in the village were destroyed. Another 400 homes were flooded when the landslide dammed a river in the village, said Abdul Rahman of the Bakhtar Information Agency.

The U.N. World Food Programme

(WFP) is trying to send helicopters into the region to assess the situation. The WFP estimated the death toll to be closer to 100.

In Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, at least six people died in the earthquake and at least 30 people were injured. Dozens of homes were destroyed.

A spokesman for the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said the earthquake had a magnitude of 7.2.

The earthquake lasted about a minute and was felt as far away as India.

An earthquake of 6.9 magnitude in May 1998 killed more than 5,000 people in northern Afghanistan.

— CNN News

Africa

KAMPALA, Uganda — Eighty rebels in southern Sudan have been killed by Ugandan troops, an army spokesperson said Sunday. The killings were part of an attempt to end a 15-year insurgency by the group calling itself the Lord's Resistance Army.

The rebels, who are pushing to make the Bible's Ten Commandments the law in Uganda, are known for abducting children and using them as fighters. The war between the rebels and the government of President Yoweri Museveni has killed thousands of civilians and ousted almost 500,000 from their homes.

The troops killed the rebels Friday after crossing into Sudan in an ambush near Labone, six miles inside Sudan, Maj. Shaban Bantariza said. The troops entered Sudan again on Sunday.

Sudan has backed the rebels in retaliation of Ugandan support for southern Sudanese rebel groups. But the countries have re-established diplomatic relations after they both promised to stop supporting the rebel groups.

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Photos indicate water on Mars

By Robert Cooke
NEWSDAY

(WIRE) WASHINGTON — Although scientists are well convinced that Mars once was wet — blessed, perhaps, even with an ocean — few imagined that the water might have flooded across the rocky surface quite recently, in terms of geologic time.

Now, based on photos sent home by an American spacecraft locked in orbit around Mars, planetary scientists at the University of Arizona argue that water did gush from deep fissures they've spotted near the planet's equator. And they think these gushers were active as recently as 10 million years ago — a mere eye-blink in the planet's history.

In a research report published in *Geophysical Research Letters*, Devon Burr and Alfred McEwen described images of deep fissures that stretch 600 miles or more across a lava-covered area called the Cerberus Plains. Some water, they added, may still be hidden there, absorbed within porous

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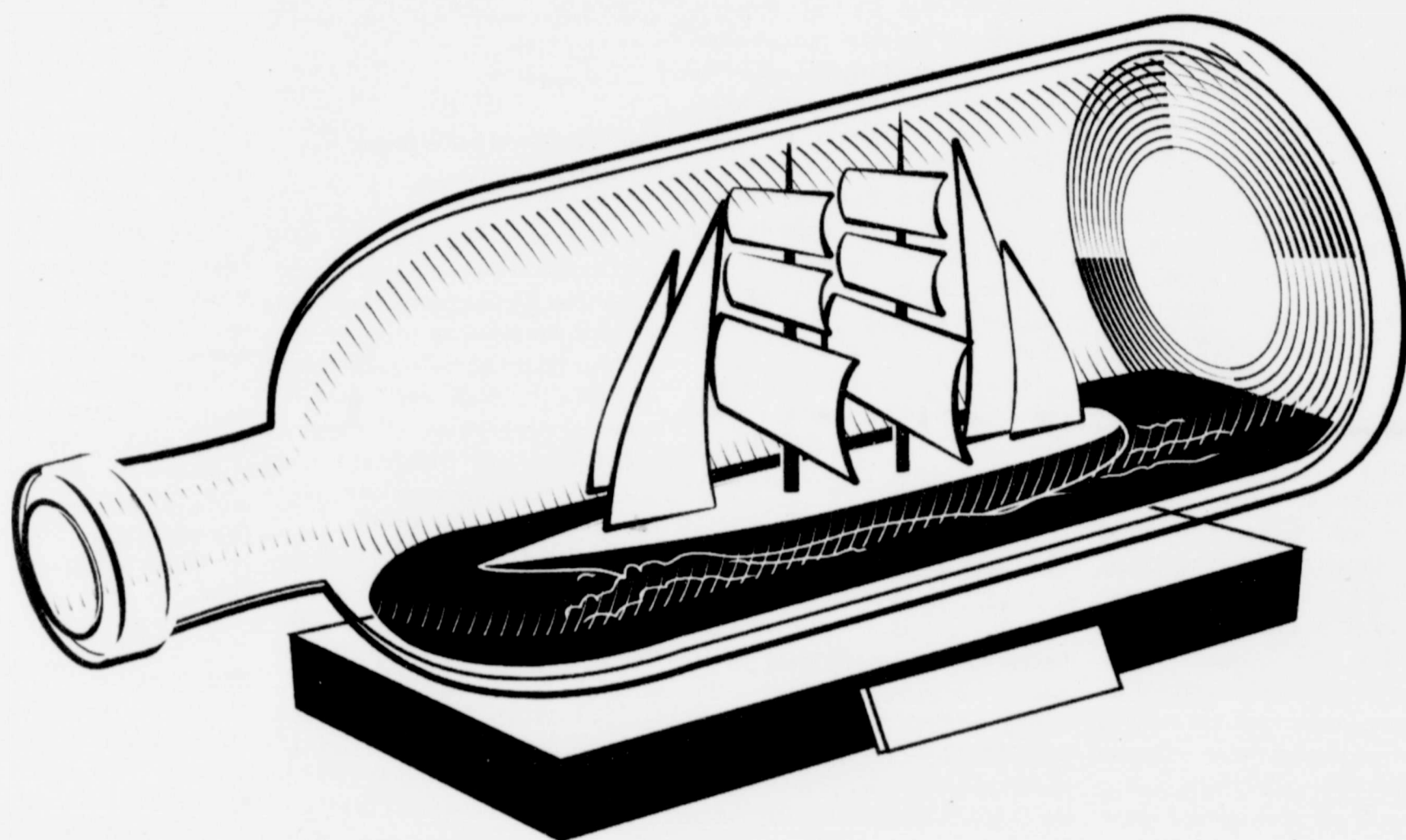
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Fighting without contact is essence of Capoeira

By Kristy Charles

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Close your eyes and feel the slow-quick-quick rhythm of the drum, the musical notes of the bow-like berimbau, and the noise of the crowd. Feel the heat of fast-moving bodies flipping, twirling, advancing and retreating into the circle that makes them one. Enter the universe of Capoeira.

A blend of martial arts and dance from Brazil, Capoeira has been taught through classes at the Cal Poly Recreation Center for the last two years and now includes approximately 30 students.

"Capoeira means everything," said Ryan Anderson, mestre, or master, of the group. "It's a complete art form. It includes fighting, music, and it's very sociable. It's all about communicating and cooperating with other people."

Capoeira fighters, often called players, attack and retreat, kick and flip, but the participants hardly ever touch each other. However, by the time the one-hour performance is over, players have cuts, bruises and bloodied elbows both from the pavement and from the "fight."

Anderson, a Cal Poly graduate, had the idea to start a group at Cal Poly after learning Capoeira from a master at Capoeira Mandinga in Berkeley. He and a few of his students teach classes three nights a week for participants of all skill levels.

Capoeira is approximately 400 years old. African slaves brought it to Brazil and, since they were not allowed to practice it, disguised the martial art as a dance-like game, Anderson said. Opinions differ on how the sport evolved after it arrived in Brazil.

Although it was illegal from its inception until the 1930s, Anderson said he believes that Capoeira evolved as a form of street fighting used mostly by the lower-class citizens of Brazilian society.

"Being a Capoeirista is traditionally seen as a bad thing," Anderson said. "Thieves, burglars, robbers and muggers practiced Capoeira. Being a Capoeirista was like being a bum."

It wasn't until the 1930s that the

"(Capoeira) is also the most difficult martial art I've tried. It takes years to learn some of the acrobatics involved."

Colin Harris

Cuesta College music student

martial art was legitimized with the creation of the first Capoeira academy. A belt system was established, and for the first time, Capoeiristas had to wear "whites," or all white clothing.

Capoeiristas earn belts as they progress in skill levels, similar to karate or other martial arts. The 11 total belts incorporate colors from the Brazilian flag. Students take an average of 12 to 13 years to earn the equivalent of a black belt. The higher the level, the harder it is to advance, Anderson said.

Despite Capoeira's brutal beginnings, the fighters stand sweating, tired and sometimes bleeding, yet with smiles on their faces. Many fighters speak of their love of the sport and how much it means to them, not just as a martial art of the body, but as a spiritually satisfying part of their lives.

Pedro Ávila, a computer science junior and Capoeira instructor, said he uses Capoeira as a way to stay in touch with his culture.

"I've been (in the United States) for 13 or 14 years," Ávila said. "I felt like I was too Americanized, and I wanted to find out about Brazilian history and culture and what drives my people. Capoeira incorporates a lot of aspects of Brazilian life."

Capoeira still retains traditions that have been passed down from master to student from the very beginnings of the art form. One such tradition, Ávila said, is giving each Capoeirista a nickname based on a certain characteristic they display. One participant's nickname, Moto, comes from his love of motocross racing.

A blend of the traditional and the modern, Capoeiristas play music that sounds like African tribal drumming with a Latin influence. Instruments include a bow-like object called a



Capoeira students practice the 400-year-old Brazilian martial art Monday night in the Cal Poly Rec Center. Capoeira fighters, often called Capoeiristas, attack, kick and flip, but rarely make contact with each other.

ERIC HENDERSON
/MUSTANG DAILY

berimbau and a drum, or atabaque.

Songs are called out by the participants in Portuguese, Brazil's official language. Some songs tell a story about the beauty of Brazil and the longing that the Capoeiristas feel to return to the country, Ávila said. Other, much older, songs lament about the pains and hardships of being a slave in a foreign land.

San Luis Obispo resident Heather Fitzstrawn and her son, Aidan, said

they were enthralled by the group's performance at Farmers Market on Thursday night.

"It's beautiful when you see them intertwining," Fitzstrawn said. "Some (players) have chemistry together, and others look like bad dancers stepping on each other's toes."

After the performance, players happily talked about their views on Capoeira and the importance it plays

in their lives.

Colin Harris, a music student at Cuesta College, said that he has tried other forms of martial arts in the last few years, including kickboxing and karate, but none compare to Capoeira.

"It's so much more spiritual and more of an art," Harris said. "It's also the most difficult martial art I've tried. It takes years to learn some of the acrobatics involved."

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Letters to the editor

Republican club clears up controversy with fliers

Editor,

I am the advertising chair for the Cal Poly College Republicans, and I am writing this as an official statement from the club. The method for advertising in the club is done in the following manner: a committee makes up a handful of fliers, the fliers are then voted upon by officers and board members of the club, and finally the approved fliers are sent to the copy shop. The controversial flier in question was not approved by the club and was not copied or hung up for the first wave of advertising. However, since most of our fliers were torn down soon after they went up, another wave of advertising had to be done. Unfortunately, the originally approved posters were put back in the same folder as the unapproved fliers. As a result of the similar format among all fliers, this one was mistakenly grabbed and copied. Since the fliers had been voted on previously, the posting crew did not question the fliers. It was an unfortunate mistake that this was posted throughout campus. The club wishes to grab people's attention, but not in a manner such as this. Our club does not promote hate, and we regret the consequences that have resulted in this mix-up. We are currently in the process of arranging meetings with Reginald Jones and our co-sponsor, Young America's Foundation, to resolve any hurt feelings that arose. We were happy to be able to bring Mr. Jones to campus free of charge to the students, and we hope to be able to bring more speakers to campus without having to offend people just to get them to show up. Upon speaking to Mr. Jones after the event, he mentioned to us what a great job we did in bringing people to the event. Our meetings are open to the public. Please go to www.calpoly-gop.org for the meeting time and location.

Andrew Streenan is a mechanical engineering freshman.

Chancellor's office shows no respect for faculty

Editor,

In the March 4 Mustang Daily article on the faculty's no confidence vote, "Poly faculty vote 'no confidence' in CSU," one of the chancellor's underlings in charge of public relations exhibits the main reason why I think the faculty voted this way: disrespect, unprofessionalism and lack of knowledge of what college teaching is all about.

Colleen Bentley-Adler says, "There are always disagreements like this because we're in the middle of negotiations ... Money is the main reason. We're not surprised."

It is exactly statements like this that make the faculty upset. It has become the hallmark of Chancellor Reed's tenure: continually putting down the faculty in public. This quote is by his public relations director, no less.

First he claims we don't work on Fridays, then he says we are underworked, and then

he tells the public we are overpaid. I doubt if anyone in Long Beach really knows how depressing it is to work in a system where they claim they value you highly, but publicly put you down.

The truth is it is because the chancellor insists on winning. In doing so, the CSU is sinking. To him, it is all about trying to beat the faculty down and eventually break the union.

They just don't get it. ... It ISN'T mainly about money.

Until they do get it (if they ever will), it will continue to be business as usual.

No confidence.

A. J. Buffa is a professor of physics.

Thanks, Doc: student writes in appreciation

Editor,

I am writing this to show thanks to a professor who has made a real difference in at least one student's life.

Jonathan Beckett's guidance has helped me understand more of what it is to be a student, becoming "edumacated." I got to college because of doing "some" homework, but wrestling (sports) was the passion that carried me most the distance. During my first quarter I found that the uneven balance would not work in an institution created to broaden our minds. Though wrestling truly broadens the shoulders, I was "handicapped" without the balance. Frustrated, I met with him in hopes of gaining some wisdom, in hopes of becoming competitive not only as an athlete, but as a student. If I could gain the wisdom, and in time to recover quickly enough in this fast-paced educating machine we call Cal Poly, I could achieve success. After seeing my score on my test I realized things will work out, and as high or low as I wish them to.

I just recently found a passion for being a student through a wonderful instructor who showed me the way.

Wesley Tielens is an animal science freshman.

Whose eyes are you looking through?

Editor,

This letter is in response to Barbara Bowden's commentary, "Diversity is more than skin color," (Feb. 26). While I agree with you that diversity goes beyond skin color, let's not be so quick to dismiss it. Horses usually don't get beat unless people aren't listening and things are still the same. Let's be realistic here. We all live in a racially conscious society. Before "we" can accept what's within, "we" must first accept what's without. This is what's at issue when most speak of diversity. No one is saying that there aren't those, unlike yourself, who can move past these blatant differences, but pick up a newspaper and read about the many who can't. Let me just say, as a woman of color, I find it unsettling knowing that the majority of my Cal Poly education has taken place in a classroom setting where I am the ONLY student from my par-

ticular ethnic background. "Expand your mind and open your eyes to the 'truly' diverse world around you," for lack of a better description of my emotion, disturbs me. Whose eyes should we look through to see this so-called diversity? It seems too easy for someone who has not faced the negative end of the racial spectrum to call for all to move beyond the racial connotations within the term diversity. I would like to entreat you to read "Black Like Me" by John Griffin. Afterward, re-evaluate your position.

Gail Sparks is a philosophy senior.

Bookstore should not sell one religion's materials

Editor,

The Cal Poly Foundation Web site makes the following statement: "The Cal Poly Foundation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the University to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff." The Foundation is the organization in charge of El Corral Bookstore as well as other facilities that all students on campus use. What is puzzling to me is that the Foundation has deemed it appropriate to sell "OneTruth" shirts and sweatshirts in the El Corral Bookstore. "OneTruth" is the Christian phrase referring to the idea that Christianity is the one true religion and therefore negates and makes every other religion wrong. Why has the organization that is "in concert with the University" decided to sell paraphernalia that makes such a bold and politically incorrect statement as that? I didn't realize that this university was for Christians only, or that Cal Poly was willing to make a statement that Christianity was the one and only true religion. Do I think that these shirts should not be sold at all? No I don't. Freedom of speech and religion is a crucial element to our lives and our rights. However, having the university sell propaganda for only one religion infringes on that right. These shirts, if they are to be sold at all, should be sold from a booth in the UU or at meetings around campus, just like any other organization. Some may make the argument that any other religion could probably get their shirts sold in the bookstore as well if these OneTruth shirts are there. Do you think that the Foundation would approve a shirt by an Atheists United group on campus that said, "There is no God?" No, they wouldn't, because a lot more people would be offended, and some parents might not want to send their kids to a school where apparently there is no God. Well, I wouldn't want to send my kids to a school where there is only one option for God and the school makes sure to sell clothes that say just that. How this extremely inappropriate endorsement could have occurred I have no idea, but I can imagine that more people than I am going to be upset.

Barry Hayes is a political science sophomore.

At least one politician favors keeping term limits

Every election cycle seems to have a proposition on the ballot that sounds almost too good to be true. They are funded by special interest groups that cram the airwaves with commercial after commercial singing the praises of the proposition. Today's election is no different with Proposition 45.

Undoubtedly, you have seen the constantly running commercials, explaining to us how important it is to extend the term limits of our elected

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officials serving in Sacramento. Currently, a person is able to serve six years in the Assembly and eight years in the state Senate. Seems like plenty of time to me, but this proposition would extend the term limits to eight years in the Assembly and 12 years in the Senate. The question you need to ask yourself is, "Who benefits from this extension?" The answer is simple: the politicians! This proposition was written by politicians, for politicians.

As your Assemblyman, I love my job, but I also understand that government is best served by fresh ideas and new perspectives. Because of the term limits now in place, state government is much more reflective of the face of California. There are more elected women and minorities today than at any other point in Sacramento's history.

Young people in particular should be opposed to any attempt to soften term limits. Because of these limits, I was able to get elected at the age of 31, and I will gladly step down when my time is over. I'll be happy to get back to my farm and let some other young person have the opportunity to represent this beautiful district.

Don't be fooled by the politicians desperate to hold onto their jobs. Vote NO on Proposition 45.

Abel Maldonado (R-Santa Maria) is the incumbent for the 33rd district Assembly seat.

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to the editor published today. "However, since most of our fliers were torn down soon after they went up, another wave of advertising had to be done." In the process of disseminating the second set of fliers, the controversial one was mistakenly copied and hung around campus.

"It is an inappropriate poster (the one in question) and we would not have agreed with it," said Mark Felix, a political science senior and vice president of CPCR. "It's unfortunate that two posters brought a great evening down."

By the end of the speech, most feelings of animosity had dissipated and most said Jones had been a valuable speaker who should have been heard by more people.

"I thought it was a very good message," Browning said. "It was really inspirational. I think it was good that there were also other races present. It is

a message that can be used by anyone."

The feeling of discomfort felt by some audience members did not go away that easily, though, and many still wondered by the end why Jones had been promoted in a controversial way.

"Before I went to it, I didn't know what to expect," Browning said. "One of the reasons why I went was that I wanted to see what kind of man would be portrayed like a bigot, a racist. I wanted to see how he would speak. ... He was bamboozled."

Browning became concerned about the event after being approached by a few white students who thought he might know who had designed the fliers.

"They asked, 'Is there some sort of race problem?' 'Are blacks upset?'" Browning said. "The effect of these fliers is far more reaching than just promoting an event. It created tension that did not have to be there. It's already hard for white people to approach me because they have this misconception that I'm upset. They already have these stereotypes in their mind, so now they have even more."

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At the same time, when Browning arrived at the event, what he perceived the atmosphere to be, did not help ease his tension. He stood uneasy by the doorway, until he felt comfortable enough to walk in. The first thing he saw was a student who held a two-foot-long, black Maglite.

"When I first arrived I felt the environment was very intimidating," Lassey said. "There was no need for security there. It just increased tensions."

Felix, CPCR vice president, said he was not aware of any security being there and explained the Maglites were simply used to guide guests and sponsors unfamiliar with the campus, from the parking structure to the room.

"They were used for lighting pur-

poses," he said. "We didn't have security there, just members helping put the event together."

One CPCR representative did say, during the event, that he was there for security reasons and stood in front of the room, facing the audience. Many CPCR members seemed unaware of this or that he carried an extendable baton.

"It's usually the case that we want to make sure that if there is some commotion, the speaker feels safe," said Streenan, advertisement chair.

Andrea Espindola, a journalism junior and CPCR member, said that many members are upset about the events and the club is hoping to find an answer to explain what happened.

Amon Browning
city and regional planning senior

"It's sad how one person can mess it up," she said.

But the one person who showed the most distress was Jones himself, who feared the issue with the fliers would overshadow the real issues he spoke about.

"The stuff about the fliers is really unfortunate because it distracts from the meaning of my speech," Jones said.

Lassey said she could take away some valuable things from the speech.

"Even though he left out a lot of things, he had a lot of good things to say," she said. "But I wished the organizations that brought him on campus had painted a fuller, more realistic picture of him."

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Students are given access to most of the areas inside Biosphere 2, but some places undergoing extensive research are off limits. Presently, scientists are studying the coral reefs and students do not have unlimited access to the ocean biome.

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that they use to make the ocean with," Swanson said.

Tourists have even more limited access inside Biosphere 2 than students. The structure is open to the public for a fee of about \$15.

"They are trying to make it more interactive and have a boardwalk for tourists so they can walk through," Swanson said.

Out of the nine Cal Poly students who attended the program, Bailey estimated that half have a major outside of the College of Science and

Mathematics.

"Everyone has the same classes and we all learn to work together — our big theme is integration," said Swanson, who lived with roommates majoring in film, anthropology and political science.

"Doing this program made me see how we put everything together for real-life situations," Swanson said.

For more information, visit www.bio2.com, or visit the Cal Poly College of Science and Mathematics Web site.

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beds of cooled lava.

The photos they're working with came from the orbital camera aboard the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, which has been circling the Red Planet since 1997. A second orbiter, Mars Odyssey, recently arrived at Mars, and its first pictures were released last week, showing evidence of hydrogen at the south

pole, hinting that water in some form may be there. The Odyssey's instruments had already detected signs of hydrogen on Mars' surface.

What the two Arizona scientists suspect is that ancient water now buried in the soil, and probably frozen there as deep permafrost, was released suddenly by volcanic activity and came roaring out in huge floods — perhaps surpassing the volume of Lake Erie.

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Lacrosse takes three games at home

By Dawn Rapp
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly women's lacrosse team proved again that it's worthy of its status as national champions, winning all three games played this weekend against the University of Rhode Island and the University of Arizona.

Mustang coach Brandon Badgley couldn't have been happier.

"They played really well," he said. "One thing about our team this year that makes them really good is that we don't have one specific leader. Everyone contributes equally."

The Mustangs defeated Rhode Island 18-3 on Friday in front of a large crowd at the Sports Complex. The Mustangs dominated the game, not giving Rhode Island any chance start a rally. Badgley was very pleased with how the women played, especially sophomore Liz Mejia. Mejia scored five goals and had four assists, a season high for the Mustangs. The team also beat the University of Arizona 17-5 on Saturday and 13-4 on Sunday.

The game was an invitational matchup arranged by both school's coaches. Rhode Island's head coach, Gabe Valenzuela, met Badgley a few years ago and wanted to schedule a game to return to Cal Poly.

"He used to coach at Cal Poly in '95 and '96," Badgley said. "He had expressed an interest in coming out here."

The Mustangs will also travel to Rhode Island to play on April 19.

This weekend's top scorers were captain Ashley Kiersted and Liz Mejia. Kiersted, a senior, scored five goals in Sunday's game. Badgley said the top defensive player was fourth-year business student Melissa Coulson.

"(Coulson) was killing them on defense," Badgley said. "She had 10 forced turnovers."

Coulson said the team is competing together better than ever.

"Our team just played really well this weekend," she said. "We really clicked and had good chemistry."

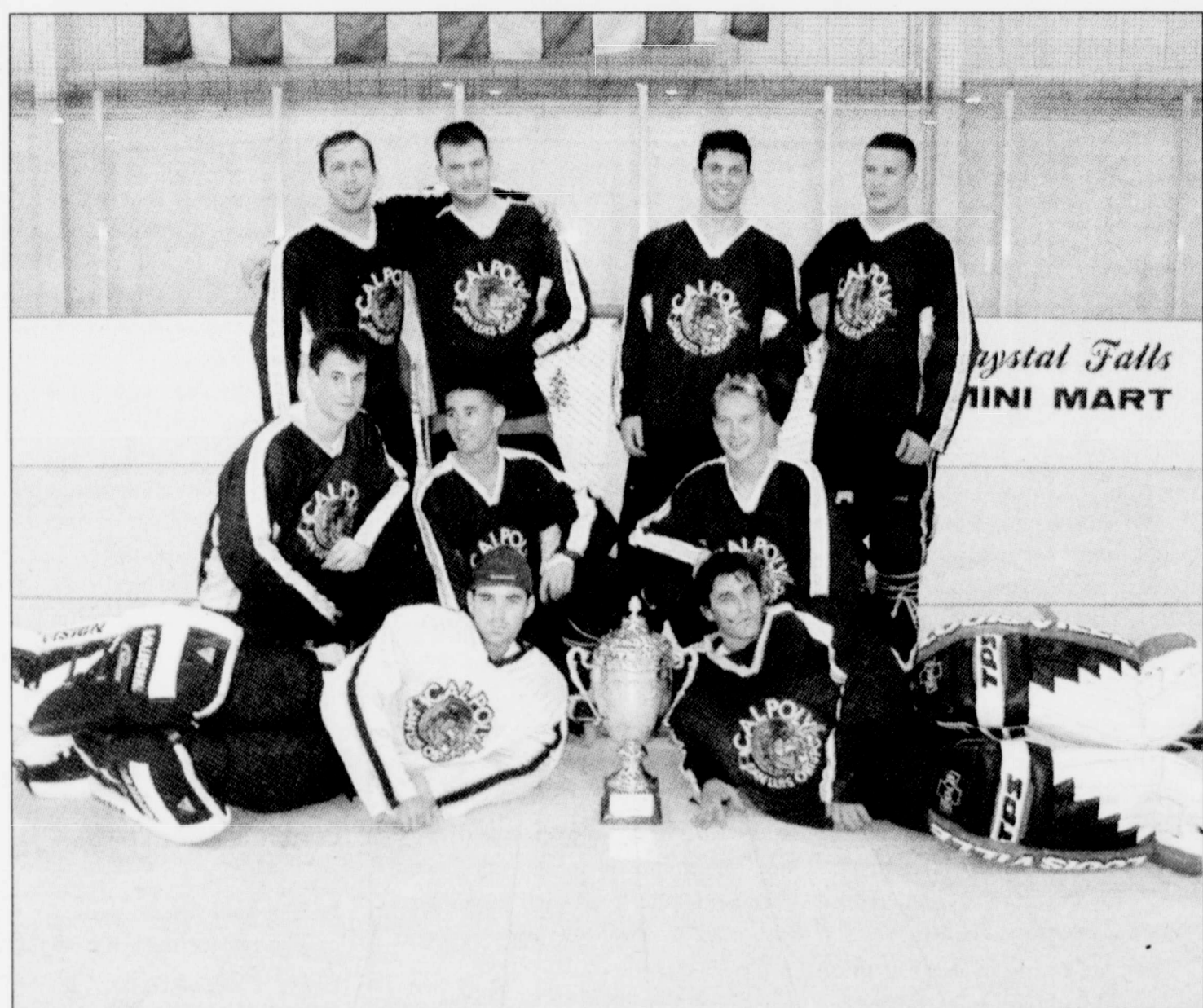
Strong play was also seen from defensive-wings Jill Marshall and Shannon Keane-Miller.

The Mustangs' winning record has attracted national attention since the team defeated Army last year in the national championship game. Since winning the title, the Mustangs have gained recognition from east coast schools that are known to be very dominant lacrosse teams, Coulson said. Cal Poly has been invited to tournaments all over the country this year and will be playing Delaware, Brown University and possibly Navy in mid-April.

The Mustangs will play third ranked UC San Diego at the Sports Complex on Saturday. The women beat San Diego 17-4 in their last meeting and hope to beat them in front of their home crowd.

"We've played them before. If we win, we guarantee our bid to the national tournament," Badgley said.

Hockey team rolls to regional title



COURTESY PHOTO/CAL POLY ROLLER HOCKEY

The Cal Poly roller hockey team defeated Chico State 6-4 on Saturday to win the WCRHL Regional Championship in Sonora. From left, back row: Ian Gould, Logan Fleming, Trevor Jacobs, Tim Girvin; middle: Bobby Cottrell, James Marshall, Scott Murphy; front: Chris Herbert, Matt Corsetti. The Mustangs' B-team also won 6-4, against Santa Barbara.

Madden and MNF: a dream come true

John Madden is perhaps Cal Poly's most famous alumnus, at least right up there with baseball legend Ozzie Smith and musician "Weird Al" Yankovic. So I couldn't help but smile when I heard that he had been hired to join Al Michaels on the Monday Night Football crew. The move adds instant credibility to the broadcast.

By the numbers

► \$20 million over four years: Madden's contract with ABC

► Six: number of co-hosts Al Michaels has had from 1997-2002

It's not that I have anything against Dennis Miller and Dan Fouts, the departing members of the unit. They did an admirable job on Monday Night Football for the past two years, but there is always room for improvement. In the future, I will not have to hear Miller say things like "Jon Gruden always looks like Sting with a toothache" or "Hey Mom! Send money — for liposuction" on the sight of two shirtless fans.

Those Miller quotes, courtesy of www.monday-night-football-picks.com, are actually some of his less obscure material. Most of the time, he said something that sounds like it could be funny, if we got the joke. Miller managed to be stupidly funny and bourgeois at the same time — not an easy task, but also not the best fit for MNF. Many fans, in a drunken stupor at the time, were not apt to run to the encyclopedia to decipher the latest Miller quotable. There was always

the occasional laugh, but is this Comedy Central or Monday Night Football?

However, Fouts has good football knowledge and was a good commentator. I am a little upset to see him leave. But for all of Miller's ranting, Fouts and Michaels were never able to be good straight men. Instead of countering, they would usually just laugh along, which doesn't exactly make the best television broadcast. Fouts and Miller joined the crew together in 2000, and they will leave together.

The broadcasts were never horrible, but the ratings have been down for MNF the past few years, and the brass decided a shakeup was necessary. Eric Dickerson will leave, but Melissa Stark will remain. No, there's nothing wrong with Stark staying. I just wish she got more on-air time, but that's a totally different subject.

Bringing John Madden — Mr. Pro Football — into the mix shows the commitment ABC has to delivering a quality product. Madden and Pat Summerall have been the premier pro football broadcast team for decades, but both have decided to leave the Fox network. While retirement may be the route for Summerall, Madden has chosen to join the prestigious MNF crew. The "bling-bling" factor is high: \$20 million over four years.

Madden's resume is thick. Not only was he coach of the Oakland Raiders for a decade before his broadcasting gig, he even has his own video game, John Madden Football. No other football announcer can lay claim to such great celebrity or respectability. Plus, the best part is, Madden says the things used in the video game in real life ("Boom!"). Fortunately, he won't also say "Get Tough Actin' Tinactin!" in the MNF booth; Al Michaels won't stand for that.

It is the perfect fit for John Madden, but the viewers are winners, too. A broadcast team of Madden and Michaels is a dream-team of sorts in professional football. What if Vin Scully and Harry Carey — two legendary announcers — had ever broadcast a major league baseball game together? Well, that is the type of quality I am expecting from MNF in upcoming years. Even if it is a Lions vs. Cowboys game, it will be worth it to tune in, because these two broadcasters provide you with a virtual first row seat.

I am definitely looking forward to Madden and Michaels trading thoughtful NFL commentary, not obscure jokes. Both consummate professionals, they can make Monday Night Football what it was in the "old" days of Al, Frank (Gifford), and Dan (Dierdorf): the stuff of legend.

Are you ready for some football?

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MEN'S BASKETBALL	wed, mar. 6 - mar. 9
at big west tourney	@anaheim
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	wed, mar. 6 - mar. 9
at big west tourney	@anaheim
WOMEN'S TENNIS	fri, mar. 8 1:30 p.m.
vs uc riverside	@calpoly
WOMEN'S TENNIS	sat, mar. 9 1 p.m.
vs ucsb	@calpoly
WOMEN'S TENNIS	sat, mar. 10 10 a.m.
vs uc davis	@calpoly
MEN'S LACROSSE	sat, mar. 9 11 a.m.
vs chico state	@calpoly
WOMEN'S LACROSSE	sat, mar. 9 2 p.m.
vs ucsd	@calpoly

BRIEFS

Schenk takes 197-class PAC-10 title

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Cal Poly 197-pounder David Schenk earned an individual title at the Pacific-10 Conference Championships, which concluded a two-day run Sunday night at Oregon State's Gill Coliseum.

Schenk edged Erik Gladish of Arizona State, 8-7, in the final round. A junior from Anderson, Calif., Schenk is now 15-6 for the season.

Steve Strange, a senior from Hickman, Calif., was dethroned by Nathan Coy of Oregon State 7-3 in the 174-pound final. It was a rematch of last year's 174-pound final, also won by Coy. Coy also beat Strange 3-1 in a dual meet at Mott Gym in late January and is 5-0 against Strange over the last two seasons. Strange is now 35-7 on the year.

In the consolation bracket, Mustang 141-pounder Cedric Haymon bounced back from a first-round loss Saturday to place third by winning four straight matches. Haymon, the conference champion a year ago at 149 pounds, was 4-1 in the tournament and is now 35-6 on the year.

Cal Poly 149-pounder Matt Cox, 165-pounder Brody Barrios and 285-pounder Clint Walbeck all placed fifth. Boise State captured the team title with 123 points, followed by Oregon with 115.5.

Defending conference champion and No. 13-ranked Arizona State settled for third place with 103.5 points. Cal Poly was fifth with 72.5 points.

Strange, Schenk and Haymon will represent Cal Poly in the NCAA Division I National Championships, to be held March 21-23 at the Pepsi Center in Albany, N.Y.