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POLICE IN FULL FORCE

Mardi Gras 2005 brought in 400 police officers from throughout the state; they successfully dispersed crowds, averted riots

Allison Terry and Emily Wong
MUSTANG DAILY

It started out quiet. It eventually ended that way, too.

Friday night was quiet throughout San Luis Obispo. Students attended small gatherings and house parties and the bars downtown were relatively quiet.

Saturday started out the same. But around midnight, partying peaked; however, the increased police enforcement dispersed the crowds within minutes.

A total of 36 arrests were made Saturday night, compared to 71 arrests last year on the same night. Those arrests brought the Friday and Saturday total to 73. A majority of the arrests were for drunk in public and with a smaller number made for assault and resisting arrest.

For the weekend events, 400

police officers patrolled San Luis Obispo. Triple fines were also in place to discourage violations during the celebrations.

Saturday night events and response are as follow:

12:10 a.m.

Police were called to report to Mustang Village, citing alleged flashing from a balcony and crowds gathering.

"It's getting ugly out there," San Luis Obispo Police Department Chief Deborah Linden said.

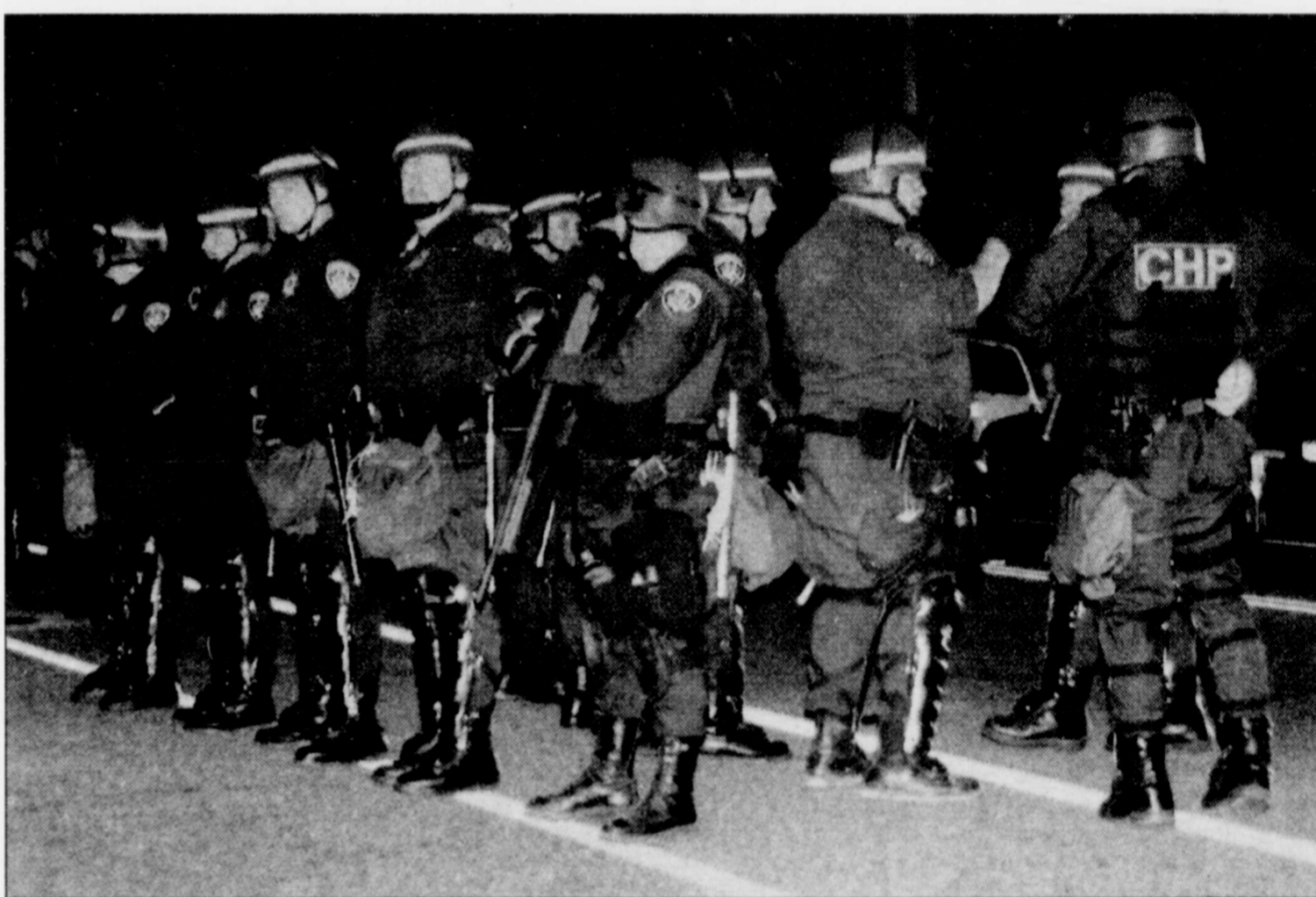
12:20 a.m.

Officials declared Mustang Village cleared.

12:30 a.m.

People who were dispersed from Mustang Village made their way down Casa Street toward Santa Rosa Park. Police on horseback followed

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California Highway Patrol officers gather on California Boulevard, prepared to disperse unruly crowds.

WEEKEND BY THE NUMBERS

Mardi Gras 2005 compared to last year

2005

2004

29 | 59

Total persons arrested
Friday evening (by 3:30 a.m.)

36 | 71

Total persons arrested
Saturday evening (by 4 a.m.)

73 | 130

Total persons arrested over the weekend



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During Mardi Gras weekend, 400 law enforcement officers were on duty.

So, the party's officially over; now what?

Few arrests, low-key partying reflects stepped up efforts by police which could mean this approach will return next year

Emily Wong
MUSTANG DAILY

They told us that the party's over. And for the most part it was.

Despite students being upset over the city's approach to Mardi Gras 2005, it worked.

Seventy-three persons were arrested over the weekend, compared to 130 last year. But the biggest difference this year: no riot.

"Our success has been no riot and we will continue our efforts," San Luis Obispo Police Department Chief Deborah Linden said early Saturday morning.

SLOPD spent the last year preparing for the event. They researched other areas with similar problems, such as Chico State and University of California Santa Barbara's Halloween celebrations. From these case studies, they settled on an aggressive campaign approach, including posters depicting students in handcuffs reading "The Party's Over" and warning out-of-towners to stay at home.

The city's strategic plan included increasing police presence to 400 officers, enforcing triple fines for violations and fining students for flashing, in accordance with the Public Nudity Ordinance passed last year.

Students expressed negative sentiments throughout the campaign.

"They were over the top," said



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Over this year's Mardi Gras weekend, 73 persons were arrested.

social science senior Ryan Duignan. "The city needs to realize that almost 20,000 of the 40,000 residents are college stu-

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COMMENTARY

Notes from the Mardi Gras mob

It's 20 minutes past midnight, riot cops are clearing Mustang Village and for the first time all night, I feel mild panic.

The near-tranquility of the early evening has vanished. The Mardi Gras party may be officially over, but this is the moment everyone has been waiting for.

If this is "Spinal Tap," the crowd and police are turning the amp up to 11, and I'm hoping to not get shot or arrested.

It's not a sure thing. Perched on the Foothill Boulevard sidewalk, I can't see much. In the 10 or so minutes before this, females at upstairs apartment windows have flashed the crowds crammed inside Mustang Village. Now, the chants of "Show your tits" from the party-starved refugees have given way to what sounds like pepper-ball gun-

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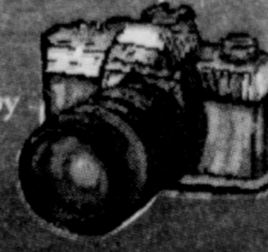
Golden Graham
on assignment

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Mardi Gras

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the crowd, forcing people to keep moving. More officers blocked Murray Street going east in order to prevent the Mustang Village crowd from reconstituting at Murray Station.

A crowd then started to gather in Santa Rosa Park chanting "bullshit" and "We want Mardi Gras." Playing bongos and singing the "Ole" song, the group of about 75 people tried to start a celebration in the park.

Police officers on horseback and foot patrol entered the park, lining up the north side. They then started pushing the crowd to the south side of the park to keep the people from gathering.

"It's ridiculous," psychology junior Nick Powers said. "It's not about Mardi Gras for people this year — it's about going out and seeing how much they can piss off the cops."

The crowd would disperse and regather every block and then start moving when the police would approach them.

"This is some bad public relations," industrial engineering sophomore Manan Bhatt said of the police presence.

Bhatt was walking around with a video camera in case anything like last year occurred.

At the corner of Lemon and Montalban streets, people pushed over wooden roadblocks and walked up Montalban Street toward the freeway exit. The crowd then turned down Hathway Avenue, shaking street signs and setting off car alarms.

1 a.m.

Police cornered students at the intersection of Hathway Avenue and Murray Street.

The crowd started chanting, "Pigs, pigs, pigs."

Not letting students walk west on Murray Street, police then pushed students toward the train tracks where more police on ATVs told the crowd they were not allowed to cross the train tracks.

With police blocking Murray Street, the railroad police had to allow students to cross the train tracks but made them move all the way across California Boulevard to the other side of the street.

1:15 a.m.

Downtown bars began closing early. The Library was the first to call it a night. Mother's Tavern closed shortly after, pushing patrons out and closing its doors.

1:30 a.m.

Police successfully dispersed crowds. They made sure that people still milling around continued to move and did not linger too long in one location. They turned on the baseball field lights in Santa Rosa Park and eight patrol cars lined Casa Street.

Left circling the California and Foothill boulevards area and downtown businesses closed, students began heading home. The quiet evening was a culmination of the preparation and efforts of the city and SLOPD.

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shots.

I feel like as much of a target as anyone. Never mind that I'm holding a notebook and am sober. Without a press pass, I'm just a student before the law and now I'm being herded with my peers across Foothill Boulevard onto Casa Street.

Paddy wagons idle ominously ahead. I've only seen one person get hauled off in handcuffs earlier tonight near Campus Bottle, and now, police with flashlights are standing by ordering for people to keep moving. Still, I fear that the tense situation will explode at any moment.

"Mardi Gras stays right here!" one college-aged male proclaims defiantly as he crosses Foothill Boulevard.

"Show me your titties!" another guy hollers exuberantly, at no one in particular.

Uncertain, I hang around momentarily by the Casa Bonita apartment complex at the corner of Foothill Boulevard and Casa Street, as the masses file past blindly. A few other males, including psychology junior Beau Ingram, are also milling nearby.

"Where are we going?" Ingram asks an adjacent police officer.

"Just hang out here for now," he replied.

Ingram attended the last Mardi Gras, the apparent riot, and he's happier with the police this year.

"They're nicer as of right now," Ingram said, explaining how last year he saw people shot for no reason. This year the cops are telling jokes.

But, no one's laughing when we're told to move on. Slightly down Casa Street, I encounter members of the Progressive Student Alliance, clad in orange shirts, clutching cameras. Like me, they're out, along with other members of their club, to chronicle the night.

With a half-dozen policeman mounted on horseback and a larger number walking slowly behind, following the rear of the crowd, we stand swapping stories. A guy in a polo shirt then approaches, proclaiming he just saw someone get "lit up" by a cop.

"You had a guy there but he was pointing his camera the other way," he tells the PSA member.

There's no way to verify this testimony, but certainly, there's been a line the cops have, at times, narrowly skirted. My nervousness doesn't abate 10 minutes later, when I reach a dead end, a chain-link fence where a hole leads into Santa Rosa Park.

I enter another potential pseudo war zone. Some of the streetwalkers congregate on the grass. A few motorcycle cops are already circling the parking lot. Before long,

police vans and even a S.W.A.T. team Armored Personnel Carrier will arrive. I head for the street, hearing it's illegal to be in a park after 10 p.m.

Before long, the crowd begins to chant something like "We won't back down! We won't back down!" with one guy beating on a bongo drum. It's like watching a scaled down, very pitiful Civil War recreation and naturally, the rebels are quickly dispersed.

The challenge, through this and thereafter, is to find a neutral haven while I wait for the night to wind down. For a time, I lurk around a nearby Arco gas station. Then, I head over to the corner of Lemon and Montalban streets, where a small group of Cal Poly and Cuesta students stand inside their gated yard.

Their feelings are mixed. They watch with amusement as the police continue to swarm the now near-empty park. One of the on-lookers, Cuesta student Ralph Burrows, is frustrated about the waste of money on police though excited, like many people I've talked to, about the prospect of Poly Gras, the guerilla celebration students are planning.

"Hopefully, next weekend will be badass," Burrows says.

After the students say police told them to remain behind their gate, I ask to join. They open the gate and Burrows offers me a beer. After the harrowing past hour and 15 minutes, I'm almost tempted.

Things have cooled though. Even when a few of the students go inside their house, grab instruments and start thrashing a cover of "Everlong" loud enough to be heard across the street, the police are inert. Within five minutes, several of them file into a dozen vehicles and leave.

My departure isn't far off either. I return to the Santa Rosa parking lot and interview a San Luis Obispo deputy sheriff who declined to be named but is pleased with the night, saying many people had their pictures taken with him and some females said they felt safer.

Around 2 a.m., I retrace Casa Street, heading home. Along the way, I stop and interview a couple of non-students who stood fearfully by earlier, wondering if they'd get arrested. However, one of the guys is still wearing beads, like many of the people I've seen on this night.

Off in the distance, I hear a crowd, perhaps at Cedar Creek. It's not enough for me to investigate but a definite sign that the party isn't over and perhaps won't be for a long time.

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dents. They should be grateful that Cal Poly, a college of this quality is here."

The result of the "over the top" approach was few arrests and low-key partying, compared to last year's festivities. And while, it was quieter, the few outbursts near California and Foothill boulevards are still a cause for concern.

"This affirms that this will be a multi-year effort to quell this event," Linden said.

Perhaps, this means that next year we can expect more of the same.

In an attempt to escape the city's Mardi Gras regulations, students started to talk about an unofficial Poly Gras, to be held next weekend. These plans continue to reverberate among crowds of students.


"We know about it, we're monitoring the situation so that we understand what the dynamics are," SLOPD public information officer Rob Bryn said in an interview Thursday. "We are prepared to handle it."

Last year's Saturday night riot spurred the cancellation of Mardi Gras in San Luis Obispo. While the weekend passed quietly, officers will still be on duty for Fat Tuesday. Triple fines will be in affect through Wednesday.

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STATE NEWS

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The Mirmehdi brothers — Mohammed, Mostafa, Mohsen and Mojtaba — were arrested in October

2001 following an FBI investigation into a Los Angeles-based cell of the Moujahadeen Khalq, or MEK, which opposes Iran's regime.

LOS ANGELES — A 13-year-old suspected gang member driving a stolen Toyota was killed by police early Sunday after a pre-dawn chase in which he rammed an LAPD patrol car, authorities said.

The vehicle was moving erratical-

ly and police began their pursuit after suspecting the driver was drunk, said LAPD spokeswoman Kristi Sandoval.

The driver stopped and a passenger, described as another suspected gang member, fled on foot.

OAKLAND — The California Interscholastic Federation is considering three proposals to guard against the use of performance-enhancing drugs by high school

athletes but decided against imposing random drug tests.

One proposal would require all high school coaches to be certified in an education program on steroids and performance-enhancing dietary supplements. A second calls for student athletes and parents to sign declarations promising that athletes would not use steroids unless prescribed for a medical condition.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Former Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards, getting the 2008 campaign cycle off to an early start, said Saturday that poverty "is one of the great moral issues of our time" and he pledged to help fight it.

The setting of Edwards' speech was as notable as its content. A visit to

New Hampshire, traditionally the site of the lead-off presidential primary, is the first public sign that a politician is considering a White House bid.

NEW YORK — The city will appeal a judge's ruling against the state ban on same-sex marriages, the mayor said Saturday.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he wanted the issue to be settled in the state's highest court or in the

Legislature.

"If we did not appeal this, I think we would have chaos in this city," said Bloomberg, who supports allowing same-sex marriage.

RENO, Nev. — Most Nevadans want to keep the state's Millennium Scholarship program afloat in the face of declining funds from a nationwide settlement with tobacco companies, a statewide poll released

Saturday shows.

The poll of 600 likely voters shows 53 percent favor injecting new money into the program to keep it alive, while 42 percent disagree. Five percent were unsure.

The Millennium Scholarships, first offered in 2000, provide Nevada high school graduates who meet academic requirements with \$10,000 to enroll in state universities and colleges.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia's crown prince called for the creation of a worldwide center to share intelligence on terrorism on Saturday at a conference on fighting al-Qaida and other groups, hosted by a country often accused of exporting militants.

Crown Prince Abdullah, who is

the kingdom's de facto leader and has led a tough campaign against militant groups over the past year, said a global intelligence-sharing center could allow experts and officials worldwide to "exchange information instantly" to prevent attacks.

TBILISI, Georgia — Mourners streamed into a cramped living room where Prime Minister Zurab Zhvania's body lay in a coffin

Saturday, two days after the man widely credited as one of the country's most honorable politicians was found dead.

Zhvania's death was officially attributed to carbon-monoxide poisoning from an improperly ventilated gas space heater at the apartment of a friend who also died. Though such deaths are not uncommon in Georgia, where central heating systems went out of service a decade

ago, doubts continued to swirl among Georgians.

LONDON — Finance ministers from the Group of Seven industrial nations said Saturday they were willing to provide up to 100 percent debt relief to the world's poorest nations, but insisted that developing countries ensure the money would be spent wisely.

—Associated Press

THIS WEEK

IN ASI EVENTS

SLEEPOVER MOVIE SERIES

Featuring "Shark Tale"
Monday, February 8
8:15-9:45 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium - FREE

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UU HOUR

Featuring a band and activities
Thursday, February 10
11 a.m. - noon - FREE

This Thursday you have two great UU Hour options. At the UU Plaza you can listen to a live band, or at Dexter Lawn you can go through a giant obstacle course or take a spin in the Orbitron. Participants at Dexter Lawn who fill out a survey will get a free pizza slice.

ADVANCE FILM SCREENING

Featuring "Constantine" starring Keanu Reeves
Screening on Thursday, February 17 at 8 p.m.
Tickets available beginning Feb. 10

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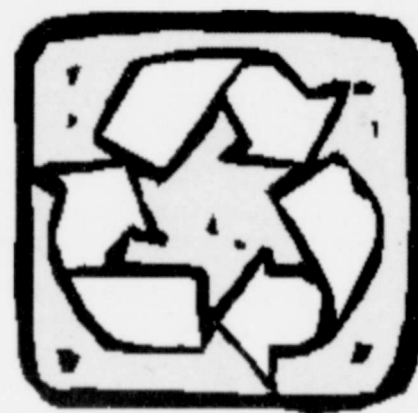
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 BACKSTAGE PIZZA	Located downstairs in the University Union.	Fresh, delicious pizza by the slice or share a whole pizza with friends. Complement your pizza with a salad from our 40 item salad bar and a choice of a wide variety of beverages. Occasional live entertainment. For fast on-campus delivery call, 756-4089	Mon-Thur: 10:00am-9:00pm Fri: 10:00am-10:00pm Sat 10:00am-8:00pm Sun: Noon-9:00pm						X X X X X
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'Boogeyman' scares its way to top

Those scary boogeymen are continuing their reign of terror at movie theaters.

"Boogeyman" was the latest in a rush of horror flicks to top the weekend box office, debuting with \$19.5 million to beat the romantic comedy "The Wedding Date," which opened in second place with \$11 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The road-trip comedy "Are We There Yet?" came in third with \$10.4 million, raising its total after 17 days to \$51.1 million. "Hide and Seek," another fright film that led the box office the previous weekend, slipped to No. 4 with \$8.9 million, lifting its 10-day gross to \$35.7 million.

Business was relatively quiet because of the Super Bowl, which keeps many movie-goers at home. But for a Super Bowl weekend, Hollywood had a fairly strong showing, with the top 12 movies grossing \$91 million. Over Super Bowl weekend last year, the top 12 took in \$73.4 million.

"Boogeyman" stars Barry Watson as a man who tries to overcome his fear of what's lurking in the closet by spending a night in the boyhood home that is the source of his terror. The movie was made by "Spider-Man" director Sam Raimi's horror-production outfit Ghost House Pictures, which also made last fall's hit "The Grudge."

Helping to prime the path, the trailer for "Boogeyman" ran before screenings of "The Grudge," allowing the new movie to ride the coattails of



COURTESY PHOTO

'Boogeyman,' starring Barry Watson as a man who attempts to overcome the fear of what lurks in his closet, took the top spot at theaters this weekend.

that \$100 million hit.

Many fright flicks tend to open well then quickly vanish from theaters as the horror audience moves on to something else. Produced for just \$7 million, though, "Boogeyman" should turn a tidy profit even if revenues nose-dive in subsequent weekends.

Also trashed by critics, "The Wedding Date" stars Debra Messing as a woman who hires a male escort as her companion to a wedding to show up her ex-fiance, who's the best man.

Like "Boogeyman," "The Wedding Date" was a comparatively low-cost movie, with a budget under \$15 million, meaning it should turn a solid profit.

Given Messing's audience appeal from her sitcom "Will & Grace" and a relative lack of current movie choices for women, "The Wedding Date" was able to draw in a good portion of the female crowd. Women accounted for three-fourths of the movie's audience.

— Associated Press

COMMENTARY

At least give me some musical smut, MTV

The Parents Television Council released a study Feb. 1 entitled, "MTV Smut Peddlers: Targeting Kids with Sex, Drugs and Alcohol." In short, the study demonstrates that MTV displays more sex, foul language and violence than any other network on television.

Not only has the study been covered by nearly all of the major media outlets in the country and abroad, but it has been adopted by religious and family-oriented organizations as proof of a lingering enemy.

The study begins with a reference to the Janet Jackson Super Bowl disaster, segues into opinions about how much viewers are influenced by the content and ends with multiple statistics and examples from their study. Some of the numbers are staggering, but frankly, I found the overuse of the term "crotch-grabbing" even more so.

Without agreeing with everything in the study, I would say that MTV has simply followed the trends. Yes, they may have more smut than most networks, but there is plenty of smut elsewhere. Doing away with MTV content would not hinder the growth of these trends.

At this point, I really wouldn't be disappointed if MTV was gone forever. But on another level, MTV has simply betrayed the goal that they set for themselves when the network began.

Years ago, when the channel actually lived up to its name, I spent a good amount of my day watching my favorite songs manifested in video. Granted, back then "The Grind" was on air, but at least there was music playing during the show.

When I think music television, I don't think reality shows, makeovers or watching people get drunk on the beach (MTV Spring Break, please die).

It's not hard to figure out that I think of music when I think of music television, in one form or the other.

Some of the music videos that were made are landmarks in music history. When the music video was "invented," it revolutionized the way people thought of music because the artists could go further than the melodies, harmonies and lyrics to get their message across.

Artists like Michael Jackson, Guns 'N' Roses, Smashing Pumpkins, Bjork and Madonna created music videos that I would consider true pieces of visual art. Not only do these videos provide entertainment, but they spark discussion and analysis.

Truthfully, I'm more upset about the lack of music on MTV than the terrible influence they are to kids. In my mind, the kind of smut they display is useless and unnecessary — they could do much better with music fans, and probably ratings, if they just let Madonna do her thing.

Emily Logan is a journalism and music junior and a Mustang Daily columnist.



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President George W. Bush set out an ambitious policy of major reforms for his second term during the State of the Union. One focus of his domestic policy for the coming years is the privatization of our antiquated Social Security system.

Expect this restructuring to be a central topic for debate in the first half of Bush's second term. The Democrats are galvanized in opposition to this reform, while Republicans are united behind them. Instead of bitter partisan politics, I think that this is a policy that everyone can agree on.

It would greatly benefit the people of our country, as well as the national economy.

We need only to look around the world for instances of how the transition from big government programs to personal savings accounts took place. Take a look at Chile for an example of the success of privatization.

This small South American nation was the first country in the Western Hemisphere to scrap their bureaucratic system. In the two decades since the overhaul, their economy has been growing at its fastest pace ever. The shift took a large portion of the country's wealth out of stagnating government reserves and invested it into the free market. The government could then focus on other major issues facing the country. Companies also benefited from the increased capital and the workers reaped benefits through increased wages.

The people of Chile also earn about 10 percent interest on their retirement accounts, much better than the 2 percent the U.S. government promises. All this is good, but the real reason why we need to privatize social security is that your family gets to keep your assets. Most people do not realize that if you do not make it to 62 years old, your family gets nothing.

If someone were to work their entire life paying social security and passed away, their family would lose out on that money forever. The best feature of Bush's privatization plan is that the money would go into a personal savings account and would be considered part of that person's assets. That money is theirs to keep.

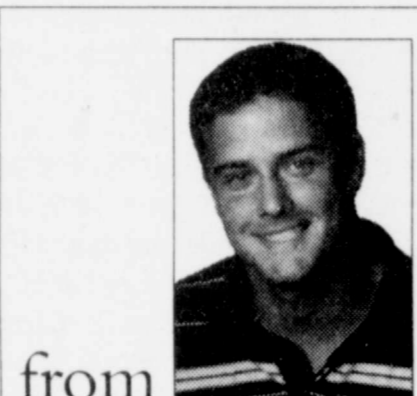
I'm sure that you will hear many things about privatization over the next few years, but there are a few things that you need to know. Social Security will not be able to support us forever. Analysts on both sides of the aisle agree that something needs to be done about the widening gap between deposits and payouts. Another thing to consider is the advantage of passing retirement savings onto future generations.

Come to think of it, there is no good reason to be against this common-sense policy change. Let's take responsibility for our futures and reap the rewards of a better economy and better retirements for us all.

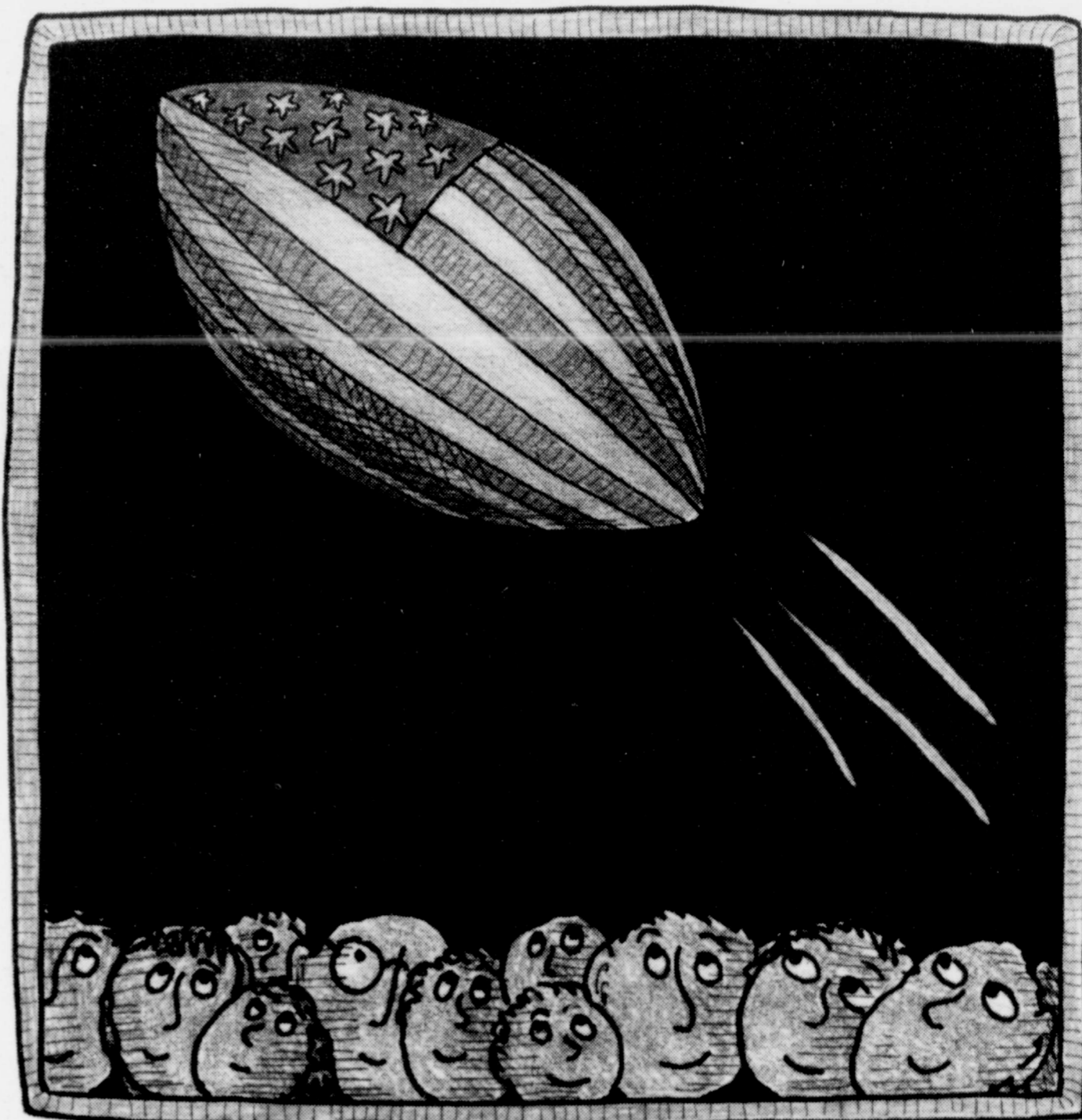
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COMING TOMORROW

The Student Connection by ASI president Blake Bolton



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberal or conservative: Can't we all just get along?

Can politics just go back to being a nuisance, please? Liberals, conservatives, whatever. We are never going to change anyone else's mind bickering back and forth as we have in the last three months.

Hard core conservatives will never say, "Gee, you're right — you should have control of your own body," and hard core liberals will never say, "Gee, you're right — torture is an acceptable practice in our country during times of war."

Sniping at each other will not change that. If you really want to make a difference in people's views, look at the fact that almost half the population didn't vote and thinks politics is a waste.

Convince them that your views are right, but by your actions and not your rhetoric. Go help the poor and homeless, go tutor kids or lead a church group, visit seniors and soup kitchens and make the world a better place.

Stop defining your party by your hate of the other guy. Do that and then maybe people will think your politics are worth something.

And for goodness sake, if you are going to make a judgment based on "historic facts," then do your research. Republicans in Lincoln's time were not the conservative party, the Democrats were.

Katherine Anderson
History senior

Top 10 reasons to hate on Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

1. No drive thrus
2. Why don't we have some late night food joints besides Toxic Smells? There should be an Eating Taco Bell While Intoxicated ticket, and I'm actually surprised there isn't.
3. Who keeps closing these roads on campus? No left turn onto California. Who comes up with this stuff?
4. Parking tickets in the dirt lot by the upper rec fields. I say "no pavement, no payment" I loathe those little golf cart driving, yellow shirt wearing, rent-a-cop, always been the teacher's pet, student officers.
5. SNAPS. They hand out "warning cards" and then tell you there's no problem unless the police come. Our house got a warning last year

during the NBA playoffs for having the TV too loud, then got fined \$250 by our landlord for our "warning." Are you kidding me?

6. Any and all radio stations in the immediate area besides KCPR, which is only cool 'cause you can hear your friends on the radio.

7. Why not take debit cards at Campus Market and The Avenue? No one has cash anymore, I haven't even seen a penny in five years.

8. The Musty Zone? I don't know who's coming up with these names, but I know for a fact no one wants to read about anyone's "Musty Zone."

9. Who in the hell designed the campus and made every damn building number random. "Oh building 22, yeah put it next to building 10. In fact, make them the same building. That should help freshman. Next, we'll make a spider building and it'll be a crazy cluster of a structure with color codings and hidden stairwells. Brilliant!"

10. Whoever's droppin' the enormous cow shit stink bomb at sunset everyday can really stop that now, we get the point. Put the cows away.

Go Mustangs ...
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16 Lao-tzu principle
17 Gets noticed, as an actor?
19 Mustache site
20 Parades
21 Kong, China
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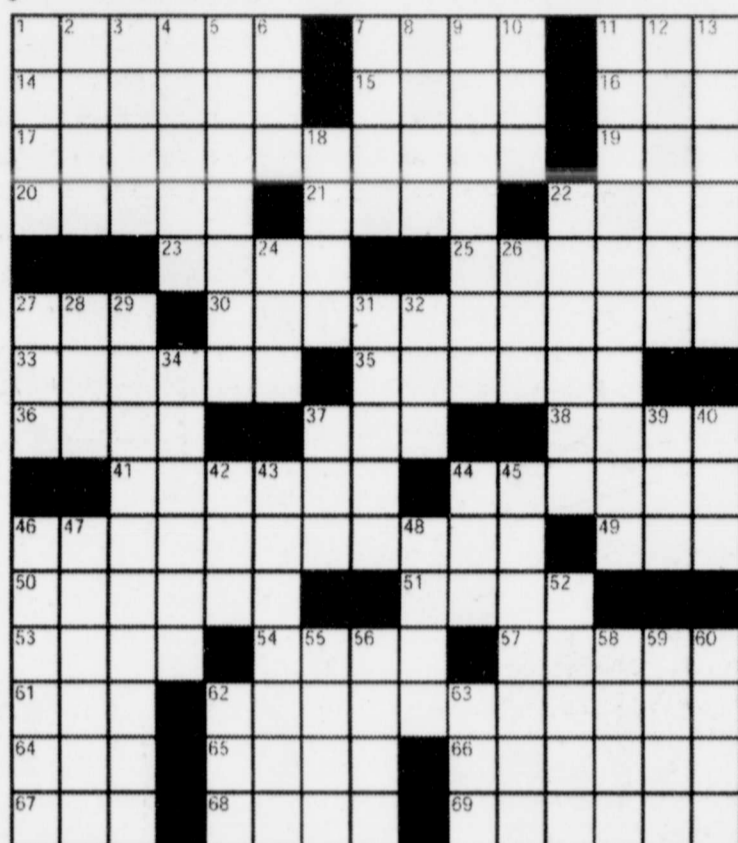
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50 Napping
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53 Neighbor of Niger
54 Get _____ a good thing
57 Telegraph pioneer
61 Do-it-yourselfer's purchase
62 Gets noticed, as an artist?
64 Sign after Cancer

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6 Mesozoic, for one
7 Mexican serving
8 Mysterious sign
9 Nutcake
10 Poetic tribute
11 "We'll find it"
12 Whom a dragon threatens in a fairy tale
13 Certain 1960's paintings
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22 Swear (to)
24 When repeated, "For shame!"
26 Suffix with devil
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42 Middle grade
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44 Have headaches, say
45 Trolley
46 Witch's laugh
47 More grayish
48 Truck scale units
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Basketball

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Idaho outrebounded Cal Poly, 45-39, led by Lionel Davis with 11. Joe Henry and Phil Johnson each had five boards for the Mustangs, who made just 33 percent of their floor shots compared to 42.4 percent for the Vandals. Cal Poly turned the ball over 15 times, four more than Idaho.

In Thursday's game, Utah State connected on 63 percent of its floor shots and used a 22-2 run midway through the second half to turn back Cal Poly 81-57 in a Big West Conference men's basketball game Thursday night before 1,827 in Mott Gym.

Senior forward Spencer Nelson scored 17 points, freshman guard Jaycee Carroll added 12 and junior center Cass Mattheus scored 10 off the bench as Utah State improved to 16-5 for the season and 7-3 in the Big West.

The Aggies have won five straight. Cal Poly, which fell to 4-15 and 2-9, was led by freshman guard Andrew Haskins with 12 points off the bench and senior guard Glenn Jones with 10.

Cal Poly, which trailed 41-31 at halftime, pulled to within five points early in the second half and was within six at 48-42 with 12:53 to play.

But the Mustangs would score just two points in the next 7:27 as Utah State sprinted to a 70-44 cushion with 5:26 to play.

Utah State outrebounded Cal Poly, 34-20, led by Nelson and Nate Harris with seven each.

Jones and Henry each had three rebounds for the Mustangs. While Utah State connected on 29 of 46 floor shots, including eight of 17 three-pointers, Cal Poly made just 38.6 percent of its field goal attempts (22 of 57), going just 2-for-18 from three-point range.

The Mustangs hit the road for two games this week as they will face UC Davis on Saturday and Cal State Northridge next Wednesday (Feb. 16).

Road

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dipped below a respectable mark in the second half.

The Mustangs made 62.1 percent in the first half but just 32 percent in the second half.

On Friday, Brittany Tressler hit a layup with 40 seconds left to break a 52-52 tie and propel Utah State to a 57-52 victory against Cal Poly in a conference game.

The Aggies scored the game's final seven points to improve to 11-8 overall and 6-4 in the league, while Cal Poly fell to 9-9 and 3-7, losing its fourth straight.

Cal Poly led most of the second half before USU gained its first lead of the second period at 44-43 with 8:14 left in the game. The teams battled back and forth and were tied for the seventh time of the half at 1:52 after USU's

Jessica Freeman hit a short jumper to make the score 52-52. Tressler's layup made it 54-52 for USU and then Camille Brox hit a free throw with 14 second left and Taylor Richards sealed the victory with a pair of free throws with 1.3 seconds remaining.

Ali Aird led the Aggies in scoring as she had 11 of her team-high 12 points in the second half.

She was the only USU player in double figures, but Tressler and Freeman, each had nine points.

Cal Poly was led by Jessica Eggleston, who scored 15 points and had seven rebounds. However, Cal Poly shot just 28.6 percent from the field and committed 19 turnovers.

USU shot 40 percent and had 23 turnovers, but outrebounded the Mustangs 49-38.

Cal Poly, on a four-game road trip, will play at UC Santa Barbara on Thursday and at UC Davis next Monday (Feb. 14).

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COACH'S CORNER

This week's spotlight on ...

Softball assistant coach
Ali Viola

Nicole Stivers

MUSTANG DAILY

Ali Viola has been assistant coach for two years and has emphasized on-field coaching and recruiting.

Viola talked with the Mustang Daily about all things new — new season, new roster and new coach.

Q. — With the season just beginning, what are some of the goals you have for the team?

A. — We just want to take the season day by day. There's been a lot of change, so I think we are really excited about the process. Our goal is to improve every day. We are addressing all aspects of the game. We're improving the hitting philosophy and the pitching staff. We've looked at the inner-workings of the game and strategy. Every area has needed an improvement and coach Condon has provided a lot of good leadership to tackle those things.

Q. — What else has the new head coach, Jenny Condon, brought to the table?

A. — Condon's brought structure, consistency, motivation and inspiration. She's really upped the expectation level of the team. She's brought a lot of coaching techniques that are fresh and we're super excited about it.

Q. — What do you see as the biggest obstacle for the team?

A. — We have a small roster right now, so we need to make sure everybody stays healthy. We also need to make sure everyone stays on top of their academics and remains eligible. Our numbers are small, so that's kind of a challenge to make sure we have enough depth. Other than that, we're go-getters and winners. We don't really see that we have any obstacles. We feel that we'll overcome them when we're presented with them.

Q. — What are some adjectives you'd use to describe the team?

A. — They are hungry, focused and conscientious. They bring their best game every day and give us everything they have. They're going to see some results for the hard work they've put in.

Q. — What do you enjoy most about working with the players?

A. — Their desire to get better. They show up and want to learn. They rebound well, too. I think sometimes people are shocked by the intensity level, come game time, that our players have. They definitely come to play.

Q. — What players should we keep our eyes on this season and why?

A. — Keep your eyes on Chelsy Stouffer and our pitching staff for sure. In particular we've got a freshman pitcher that I think is really going to help our team. Also, all the seniors who have been here a long time and put in so much effort.

Schlick steps down from coaching volleyball

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Embattled by two straight losing seasons after bringing Cal Poly volleyball into national prominence, coach Steve Schlick stepped down as the Mustang volleyball coach Thursday.

"This was a very difficult decision to make, but a good one," Schlick told the Mustang athletic department. "After 26 years of coaching, I believe it is a positive time to move in a different direction, and that opportunity has presented itself right here at Cal Poly."

Schlick now assumes an administrative support position with the Cal Poly athletics department.

Last season, Schlick's squad went

through what was classified as a rebuilding year with a young and promising team that went 13-16. But the 2004 season was anything but a step in the right direction.

A dispute with team policies prompted standout player Vanessa Gilliam to quit as the team entered disarray.

The team finished 5-22 and 3-15 in conference.

In nine seasons at the helm, Schlick led Cal Poly to 135 victories and three NCAA Tournament appearances.

"I have been blessed to coach and work with an incredible group of players and people within the volleyball program and the athletics



Steve Schlick

department," Schlick said. "My hope is to be able to continue sup-

porting this phenomenal group, but in a different capacity. I believe that the future of this volleyball team is a bright one."

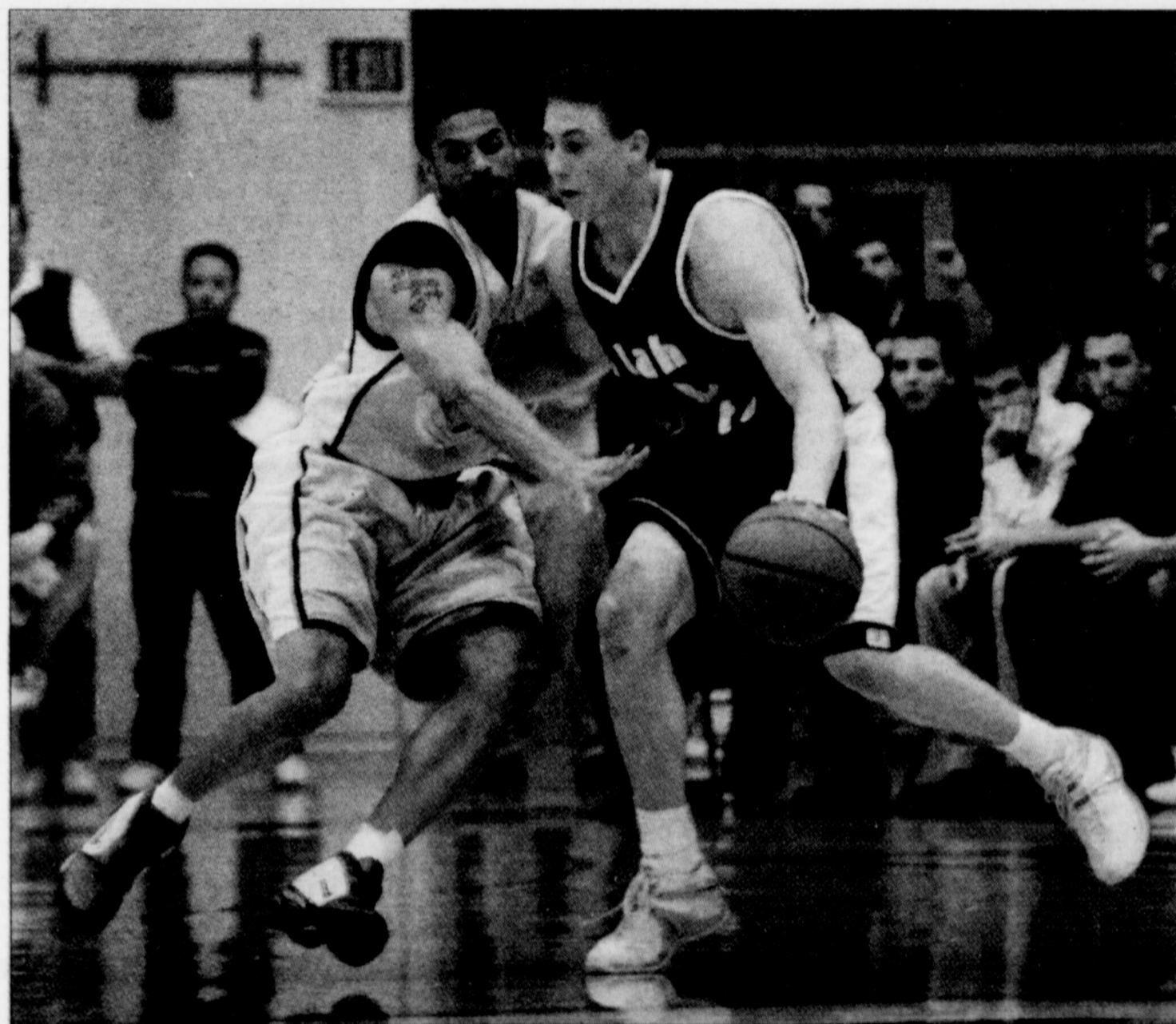
A search for a volleyball coach begins immediately, said Athletic Director Alison Cone.

"We greatly appreciate all that Steve has done for our volleyball program and we will miss his leadership in that program," Cone said.

Schlick led the Mustangs to three NCAA Tournaments in four years, from 1999 to 2002.

Cal Poly has made 12 NCAA Division I Tournaments in its history. For the first time in a decade, Schlick led the Mustangs to the national tournament in 1999.

Reserves shine, Cal Poly does not



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

Guard Fernando Sampson reaches for the steal in the Mustangs loss to Utah State on Thursday at Mott Gym.

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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Mustangs learned it's not who starts strong, it's who finishes strong.

Cal Poly spurted out to a 19-8 lead in Saturday's game, but Idaho started the second half with nine straight points and took over to win 75-63 at Mott Gym.

Anton Lyons and Tanoris Shepard combined for 43 points to lead Idaho.

In a lineup switch-up, coach Kevin Bromley put Lew Finnegan and Glenn Jones in the starting lineup. Finnegan turned in 16 points while Jones contributed six points.

But Lyons was too much for the Mustangs, scoring 22 points and sinking seven of 14 floor shots. Shepard added 21, hitting five of 11 floor shots.

Idaho improved to 8-14 overall and 6-5 in the Big West.

Cal Poly, which fell to 4-16 and 2-10 in the Big West after losing for the tenth time in 11 games.

Idaho went on to lead by as many as 19 points in the second half and coasted to the win. Cal Poly never got any closer than 11 points in the final eight minutes of play.

Idaho hands w. basketball its fifth straight loss

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

In the midst of a four-game losing streak, Cal Poly women's basketball ran into the Big West's top team on Saturday.

Emily Faurholt poured in 26 points and three of her teammates added at least 16 points as the University of Idaho defeated Cal Poly 81-70, in a Big West Conference women's basketball game Saturday night in the Cowan Spectrum.

Idaho is in first place in the Big West, as it improved to 9-2 in conference and 14-6 for the season.

Also contributing for the Vandals were Heather Thoeke and Jessica Summers, each with 17 points, while Leilani Mitchell scored 16 points.

Faurholt led the nation in scoring last year and hit nine of 17 floor shots.

Cal Poly fell to 9-10 for the season and 3-8 in the Big West.

The Mustangs were led in scoring by junior forward Courtney Cameron with 18 points off the bench. Junior forward Sarah Grieve added 11 points for the Mustangs.

But the Mustangs turned the ball over 22 times and Idaho led at halftime, 42-39.

At 5:52 in the game, the Mustangs tied the game at 61 before the Vandals scurried off on a 16-7 run.

As has been a recent problem, the Mustangs field goal percentage



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

see Road, page 7 Sparkle Anderson and the Mustangs struggled to protect the ball.