Republican victory sweet for Poly student

By Dawn Philbory
Staff Writer

Most Cal Poly students will feel the effects of the new Republican majority in one way or another, but a few will feel it more strongly than most.

Agribusiness junior Wendy Jones’ father, Bill Jones, will be sworn in today as California’s Secretary of State.

“He was in the Assembly since I was in second grade, that would be 12 years,” she said. “It’s always been really normal. Ever since I could remember, he spent half the week in Sacramento. This is a little more of a shock.”

She said she shares her father’s Republican philosophy and helped out during his summer campaign.

“I was just an incredible victory. Nobody expected it to come out this well,” Wendy Jones, Cal Poly student whose father becomes secretary of state today said.

“I passed out some literature and went to some fundraisers, dinners and barbecues all summer,” Jones said.

Jones said she is excited about the upcoming political atmosphere.

“It was an incredible victory,” Jones said. “Nobody expected it to come out this well. There’ll be cuts in government, but I’m not sure about the statewide budget. It will be as big a battle as it ever has been.”

Jones’ father authored the “Three Strikes” bill that passed the Assembly. The bill, which toughens sentencing for repeat offenders, won wide-spread support in the Nov. 8 elections.

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Repairs to the pipe were completed at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, allowing U.U. restrooms to reopen, said Phil Philbin, ASI facility operations supervisor. Backstage Pizza and Julian’s were closed Wednesday and Thursday because of the broken pipe. Both were scheduled to reopen this morning, Philbin said.

The water usage needs of those locations would have flooded the ground floor without a clear pipeline, Philbin explained.

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By Karen E. Spooner
Staff Writer

In response to complaints about lack of after-dark lighting in various far-off parking lots on campus, Public Safety approved extended hours of lighting beginning this quarter.

In the past, all parking lots have remained lit through the hours of darkness except lots H-12, H-14, H-16, located behind the Campus Store; and a small section of H-2, behind the Food Processing building.

These lots, which were dark after approximately 10:30 p.m., will now remain lighted until midnight using parking funds, according to Cindy Campbell, parking and commuter services administrator.

“It was definitely wanted by the students,” Campbell said. “We’re real excited about it.”

Campus officials have previously taken the stance that these lots are relatively unused after dark.

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RUSSIANS IGNORE PROMISE TO STOP BOMBING CHECHNYA

By Maxim Kerchav
Staff Writer

GROZNY, Russia — Russian fighter jets swooped over Grozny on Thursday and bombed the presidential palace, ignoring Boris Yeltsin’s promise to halt air attacks on the ruined capital of rebellious Chechnya.

Warplanes also reportedly made bombing runs outside Grozny and heavy shelling pounded outlying villages as Moscow continued its fight to reassert control over the mostly Muslim, oil-rich southern republic.

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Shuttle offers safe option for drivers

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Daily Staff Writer

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The holiday was the kickoff for the Safe Ride Home Program (SRHP). The program is a shuttle service that provides rides for San Luis Obispo residents who need a safe ride home. The program is designed to offer an alternative to drinking and driving, according to Tom Falks, regional ride share coordinator.

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Opinion

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By Pedro Arroyo

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REPUBLICAN: Cal Poly conservatives pleased with victory

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catalyst for the "Three Strikes" legislation — did not strike as close to home as the Reynolds' case.

"Mike Reynolds' daughter was murdered in downtown Fresno by a man who had a lot of prior convictions," she said. "She was a girl my age. It made me support (the legislation) even more.

Jones said it also hits home because she lives in northwest Fresno.

Other Cal Poly students are also pleased with the Republican victory.

Crop science senior Kristina Truskunas, a member of the College Republican club, said that the club members helped in several campaigns.

"We're all very excited," she said. "The new Republican members are taking control and they seem to have a lot of spunk."

Truskunas said that club members, 30 or 40 active members, did call-a-thons and passed out literature for Gov. Pete Wilson, Congresswoman Andrea "Seastrand, and State Assemblyman Tom Bordanaro.

"They'll help with the budget, foreign policies and Pete Wilson's illegal aliens initiative," she said, referring to Proposition 187, the initiative that pledges to deny basic health and education services to illegal immigrants.

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Houlgate said. "I think we're in for less support. I think students should expect to pay higher fees. That is, if the Republicans get their way."

While Houlgate agreed it's hard to foresee what will happen in the future, he said the future looks grim for the middle class.

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Kovalyov, a member of parliament, was scheduled to meet with Yeltsin on Friday. "I want to look the president in the eye and ask him ... if he really understands what is happening," Kovalyov said.

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Yeltsin is also under intense criticism from foreign governments.

In an interview Thursday with Voice of America, Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the Russian president has been right to try to suppress armed insurrection in Chechnya, but his military assault has escalated out of his control.

German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said he called Yeltsin on Wednesday and pressed for an end to the bloodshed. "I am deeply concerned at the level of violence," said Kohl, who has warm ties with the Russian leader.

A lone Russian fighter jet made one raid on Grozny shortly after midnight when the bombing halt was supposed to take effect and another Thursday morning, said Timur Targoyev, a Chechen fighter at rebel headquarters on Grozny's southern edge.

CHECHNYA: 100 dead in civilian bombings

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SAFE: Price tag cheaper than DUI citation

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Associated Press

spokesman, replaces Dee Dee Myers, who resigned at the end of the year.

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"The weapon could range from a simple bow to a more sophisti­cated trigger-action crossbow," Martini said in a prepared state­ment. An autopsy found wounds to her aorta and other organs.

One source told the An­geles Times that the arrow

entered her chest at a downward angle, suggesting she may have been ambushed from the stair­way at her condos entrance.

"The closure caused more service problems for students trying to get their financial aid checks, which were being dis­bursed in Chumash Auditorium.

Dairy science senior Hogg was also frustrated when he couldn't get

his check.

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Testaverde seeks revenge against Steelers

Associated Press

Carroll’s dismissal came two days short of a year after he was hired to replace the fired Bruce Coslet.

PITTSBURGH — The Pittsburgh Steelers are as eager as anyone to see the new, improved Vinny Testaverde — the confident Vinny, the interception-free Vinny, the big-play Vinny.

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Defensive end Ray Seals recalls Testaverde would break the huddle on second-and-long, see the Steelers stacked up eight across the line of scrimmage and get the wish-look anywhere-but-here look.

"You can look in a guy’s eyes and just see it," Seals said. "We’ve got it going on when we’re coming from everywhere. The quarterback thinks we’re probably bringing them out of the consonance. Right then and there you wonder, ‘Can he handle it? Can he handle all of those seven guys lined up? Can he handle Greene and Lloyd coming at the same time? You see guys coming up to the line and you see him sit it out, and that concerns him.

"He was a totally different player," said Seals, Testaverde’s close friend when the two were Tampa Bay teammates. "He’s more confident now, more confident than he’s ever been before. I always thought he was a good quarterback in Tampa, but he never got much pass protection there. He was miserable in Tampa, wanting to get out and play for a good team.

Testaverde found one, but he didn’t exactly search for himself in the Dawg Pound by unseating the incumbent sophomore year. He’s still not quite won the fans over, and he’ll be playing as much Saturday to silence the disquieted voices of Cleveland as he will the jackhammer-load fans of Pittsburgh.

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Poly remains winless, falls to ISU, 87-55

FRANCO CANDIDII
Special to the Daily

The start of 1995 could have been a new beginning for the Cal Poly men’s basketball team, but once again the game ended as another loss in a row for the Mustangs.

The Idaho State Bengals (8-2) came to San Luis Obispo Wednesday night and left with a 87-55 victory and keep the Mustangs winless yet again.

It was a game of mistakes mainly committed by the Mustangs (6-12) that gave the Bengal the easy victory. The Mustangs committed 23 turnovers and only finished -5 in the second half.

Head Coach Steve Beason acknowledged his team’s lackluster performance in the second half, but said his team played better for a longer period of time.

Forward Bucky Tucker, who finished the game with 10 points and five rebounds, also felt the team took a step forward.

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The Mustangs hung with the Bengals for most of the first half, battling against the much larger Idaho State team.

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According to Tucker, the Mustangs came out flat in the second half. Idaho State took advantage of the situation and went on a 9-0 run, increasing its lead to 16 points.

The Mustangs bounched back from the Idaho State run, but the Bengals did not back down.

"I still plan on getting a win," said Mason. "It will set a tone for the matches.""

A key match will be Oklahoma versus Stanford and Cal Poly’s Tyson Ronald (7,2-1, 1-point), in the 118-pound weight class. Ronald has a first place, two seconds and a third, in his last four tournaments.

Ronald, who won his match in the 118-pound weight class last year, said that Breeden’s wrestling doesn’t scare him. "I still plan on getting a win," he said. "It will set a tone for the matches."

The Ducks are ranked 26th after losing to third-ranked Oregon St. Dec. 16.

Both matches are in Matt Gym. The Oklahoma matches are scheduled to begin at 7:30 and the Oregon matches are scheduled for tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Cal Poly Notebook

Cal Poly basketball posts worst record in Division I

Cal Poly’s men’s basketball team, which continues to struggle in their inaugural Division I season, remains winless in their first 12 games. An 0-12 record gives the Mustangs the worst record in NCAA Division I teams.

After losing both their games in the MediLife classic at University of San Francisco, an 85-49 loss to LaSalle Dec. 2 and a 63-45 loss to Louisiana Tech the following day, the Mustangs faced Pac-10 powerhouse Stanford in Palo Alto and were outmatched, falling 94-52.

The losing streak continued through the rest of the month with losses to Portland (62-45), Arizona State (98-43), UCSB (69-43) Mustangs (103-54), Santa Barbara (67-69), Eastern Washington (92-49), and Idaho State (87-55).

Senior center Chris Ott leads the team in scoring with 9.1 points per game. Sophomore forward Damien Levesque leads the team in rebounding with 4.8 rebounds per game.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL: Following Cal Poly’s first Division I win, a 82-81 victory over Memphis Dec. 3, the Mustangs lost to Pepperdine Dec. 10, 76-55, before playing their first home game Dec. 12 against Cal St. San Bernar­dino in which they won 72-47. The Mustangs dropped their next four on the road before en­dng the skid with a 72-57 victory over Northeast Louisiana on Dec. 30. Monday the Mustangs lost their 10th game when they fell to Idaho 75-60.

Cal Poly already has lost senior Les Williams, who was ruled academically ineligible.

CAL POLY NOTEBOOK

by Ajoy Bhambani

prior to the season. Sophomore point guard Shanta Cottie is also ineligible to play while the NCAA continues to look into whether classes he took last summer at a junior college in Las Vegas are transferable.

FOOTBALL RECRUITS: Seven new football recruits signed letters of intent before the Dec. 27 deadline for college transfers. Two of them are transfers from Stanford, including Sean Cavanagh, a 6-3, 270-pound defensive end and Ryan Turner, a 6-4, 270-pound defensive tackle. Head Coach Andre Patterson said he is hoping they can come in and start on the defensive line, an area Patterson said he hopes to improve. With his fifth starting offensive linemen graduating, Patterson signed three offensive linemen: Nate Toffanelli, a 6-5, 295-pound offensive lineman from Chabot College in Hayward; Aaron Wilson, a 6-4, 270-pound offensive lineman from Louisiana Tech; and Donald Henze, a 6-3, 270-pound transfer from Santa Rosa Junior College.

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Patterson said of the 12 more players he is hoping to sign is his primary interest is with finding defensive backs, the weakest area of the Mustangs defense.

“We’re still looking at defensive backs, maybe two more receivers and one more running back," Patterson said.

BASEBALL SIGNEES: Baseball Head Coach Ritch Price signed four recruits from his former team at DeAnza College in Cupertino. They include Matt Bailey, a catcher; Matt Jeckell and Chad Snowden, both pitchers; and Taber Maier, a shortstop.

Also signing with the Mustangs was Richard Campbell, a pitcher from the University of New Mexico and Donald Henze, a 6-3, 270-pound transfer from Santa Rosa Junior College. The lone high school recruit is Keven Mohr, a pitcher from Valley Christian High School.

ACCOLADES: Seniors Lloyd Tiffany and Marty Cano were named to the West Region All-Freshman Team. Cano, the 6-4, 280-pound offensive lineman, is one of the center while Tiffany is the tackle.

The team includes highly-touted NLFA prospect Steve McNair of Alcorn State

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Photo by L. Scott Robinson

Cal Poly Sophomore forward Damien Levesque goes through an Idaho State opponent on his way to the basket.
Holidays put wrinkle in finals schedule; exams on Saturday

By Justin Frederickson
Daly Staff Writer

A confusing final exam schedule added to the tension of the first week of classes, leaving Cal Poly students wondering whether finals would shorten their spring break.

When the winter schedule of classes went on sale last October, the final exam schedule included was inaccurate according to students and administrators. An introduction to the exam schedule notes, correctly, that finals will be held from Tuesday, March 14 through Saturday, March 18.

But in the schedule that follows, none of the days have been corrected. For example, a final exam that will now be held on Saturday is still listed as Friday in the schedule.

And Saturday finals means shorter vacations for students and faculty alike.

Some students, busy buying books and trying to add classes, now face problems with already-scheduled spring break plans and conflicting schedules.

“I have a wedding to go to on that Saturday,” said architecture freshman Sandra Vallejo. Vallejo said she felt the printing of an incorrect schedule was irresponsible.

Business administration senior Lisa Quan said having a Saturday final would be inconvenient.

“It would be difficult if I did (have a Saturday final) because I work every Saturday,” Quan said.

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Russians try new tactics, continue bombing Grozny

By Thomas Glenberg
Daly Staff Writer

GROZNY, Russia — Trying new tactics in their assault on Chechnya's capital, Russian forces Sunday unleashed systematic rocket and mortar fire, pounding the city with up to a dozen shells a minute.

They were trying to scatter Chechen fighters defending the presidential palace and prepare the way for Russian ground troops to move in.

But the strategy seemed only partially successful against outgunned but spirited defenders, who have been able to sneak around to counterattack from behind.

“We have no problem destroying any armored vehicles they send into the city,” said 29-year-old fighter Lyomo Sayatov, taking a rest in a bomb shelter.

Under the constant drumming of explosions, small truckloads of rebels raced toward central Grozny carrying rebels who shouted, “Allah Akbar” — God is Great. Every 10 minutes or so, a truck would return with the wounded.

The past two days of fighting evidently had taken their toll on the hardy Chechen fighters — there was no singing and dancing as before and there were few smiles. But the fighters insisted nothing could pry them from Grozny.

Sunday was the ninth day of the Russian ground attack on Grozny, capital of the breakaway southern republic. Several thousand people have been killed and wounded since Russian troops went into Chechnya on Dec. 11, and the Red Cross estimates 350,000 people are refugees.

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See CHECHNYA, page 3
By Karen L. Spooner
Daily News Writer

Men searching for answers about their role in society can turn to a new group at Cal Poly designed to cater to such questions.

Psychological Services is responding to an increasing need for men to express concerns and alleviate stress through a new Men's Awareness Group, scheduled to begin Jan. 17 in the Counseling Center.

Steven Kane, an intern at Psychological Services, worked with Psychological Services Counselor Joe Diaz to develop the men's group.

Kane said one theme to be discussed in the meeting is the women's movement.

"The women's movement has an impact on men," Kane said.

"There has been a lot of talk about the men's movement."

AWEARNESS GROUP

By Karni E. Spoador

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"We're trying to balance our lives without selling ourselves to corporations. (The Men's Awareness Group) is a good, fun way to do it." Kane added that the group will discuss "relationships and responsibilities of being in the working world."

Similar men's groups have been initiated in the past at Cal Poly but failed due to low membership and others.

"Other men may have other issues to discuss," Kane added.

According to Kane, group discussions will be informal and relaxed.

"The group is meant to be light and fun, rather than See GROUP, page 6"

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Most students do appreciate the additional holidays, but it is for this reason that final exams were delayed, according to university administrators.

"The state requires a certain number of instruction days for each quarter," said Bonnie Long, administrative assistant for the vice-president of academic affairs. "Winter quarter is always difficult because you have so many Monday holidays."

Long said President's Day and Martin Luther King, coupled with the additional Jan. 2 holiday, made it hard to find room for enough instruction days. The only way the administration could fit instruction days in was to push back finals one day. The Monday of finals week, March 13, will be a day of regular instruction.

University Class Scheduler Debbie Arsenneau confirmed that the amount of holidays this quarter caused the awkward scheduling, but she said this won't be the last time Cal Poly will see Saturday finals.

"Winter quarter next year will be the same way," Arsenneau said.

Arseenau explained the schedule will not be reprinted, but that the revised finals schedule was distributed to the faculty by the deans of each department. Faculty members are supposed to announce the changes in their classes, she said.

For various reasons, many students and faculty are still unaware of the changes. One instructor did not receive the revised schedule until Thursday, and sympathizes with students who have Saturday finals.

"I feel bad for people who have to be here on Saturday," said Tresa Graham, computer science instructor and graduate student.

"It's not what students expect going into the quarter."
Storms keep hammering Northern California

SAN FRANCISCO — Sopping wet Sonoma County declared a state of emergency Sunday and began evacuating residents along the Russian River ahead of expected flood waters.

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Challenging the AIDS Problem
By Brian McElroy

This is not so much a reply as much as it is a release of anger concerning AIDS. After reading an article about World AIDS Day, I couldn't hold back from writing this reply. For my entire college career, and my high school years, I've consistently been presented with facts about AIDS and its prevention. I still remember an AIDS awareness talk my freshman year in high school that revealed abstinence as the best way of preventing AIDS.

What troubles me now is that most articles, presentations and television shows put aside abstinence and always make use of contraceptives. In fact, this is only scraping at the surface of the problem. I find this to be the major problem of society.

For my entire college career, and my high school years, I've consistently been presented with the facts of AIDS. In fact, I feel sorry for them that they (in most cases) contracted AIDS through actions which have become all too common in our society. The only way I see myself getting AIDS is through some freak accident with someone who has AIDS. I will not get it through drug use or sex. In my eyes, AIDS is a disease meant to wipe out several social ills—a major one being our society's views on sex.

I always hear about groups of young teenagers around the country pledging to abstain from sex until marriage. The public's response is usually, "That's great, but I doubt they can do it." This attitude makes me sick. It's the attitude of those who are not willing to put out a positive word. It's an attitude that shelters the existence of problems such as AIDS, drug use, and even violence and crime.

My opinion is often attacked by those who say that there is no way people are going to stop having sex. I'm not trying to get people to stop having sex. I don't care about their choices. I'm just trying to give a positive message to those who choose to abstain. I'm trying to consider younger generations who are caught up in this whirlwind of problems. I'm sure they are all as sick as I am of hearing it's nearly impossible to wait it out.

Then, there are those that say use protection. The day I have sex, I will enjoy it to its fullest, both physically and emotionally. There will be no condom on me, and no worry of diseases because my wife will be a virgin as I shall be.

Many think that a frivolous lifestyle is fine as long as technology and medicine may save them. I will not say that there will never be a cure for AIDS, and I will not say that these people are wrong for believing what they do; but I will not deny those few who have chosen an alternative path in life—a lifestyle just as acceptable, if not more acceptable, as that chosen by the majority.

To those who don't believe this, I'm sorry to say that AIDS will one day take its toll on you—whether it's you, your children, or your grandchildren. You cannot be cured if people don't try to eradicate the problem altogether. You're digging your own grave, whether it be with a shovel or a teaspoon.

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LETTERS

Cal Poly Welcomes Minorities


I must take exception to Victor Glover's labeling of the majority of Cal Poly students as "two-privileged Stanford rejects," simply because of the color of their skin. No, Cal Poly is not a private school hideaway, but it is considered to be the single most prestigious college in the California State University system. It consistently ranks at or near the top of western schools in nearly every category. Cal Poly has achieved this kind of prestige by making its admission policy absolutely non-racial. This has absolutely nothing to do with the race of the student.

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Scientists explain mysterious corpse fumes that sickened, puzzled hospital workers

Associated Press

LIVERMORE — It was the presence of an odd chemical — and the instance of one victim — that led Lawrence Livermore researchers to conclude dangerous fumes felled hospital workers in Riverside last year.

In November the Riverside County coroner's office released its controversial theory that a chemical reaction may have caused Gloria Ramirez's body to emit poison gas similar to that used in chemical warfare.

But one of those affected, Maureen Welch, refused to accept that verdict. And it was because of her urging that Lawrence Livermore Laboratory took its second look at chemical clues.

Welch and five co-workers were hospitalized the night of November 13. By November 21, they were all discharged. But Welch, who was not seriously affected, refused to accept the verdict, saying, "If something didn't jump out right away, I was ready to move on to other things." If Welch hadn't sent that packet, "I'd still be sitting here." she said.

When the lab team examined the tissue samples in March, Andersen had noted only one unusual presence. He found a compound called dimethyl sulfide, or DMSO.

"It doesn't mean there's an answer. It means I'm able to deal with it," she said. "Now I can look at myself in the mirror and say 'Maureen... you are not psychopathic.'"

Asian trip will be major test of Pope's stamina

BY VICTOR L. SLOAN

VATICAN CITY — History's most-traveled pontiff, who travels slowed down by illness and infirmity, is hitting the road again.

The 14-day Asian tour that begins Wednesday will be a major test of Pope John Paul II's stamina and of his slow-healing right leg, broken in a fall in October that caused him to cancel a U.S. visit in October.

But the pope seems especially intent on keeping his appoint­ment with young people in the Philippines, Asia's most Catholic nation, and showing the papal flag in the church's outposts in Papua New Guinea, Australia and Sri Lanka.

Indeed, the 74-year-old pontiff aims to lead the world's 950 mil­lion Roman Catholics into the next century, although his health is clearly on his mind. "They say I'm getting older and not able to walk without a cane. But somehow, I keep on going," he told French television on his native Poland last week. "To those who care about what things in Poland, tell them this pope isn't doing so badly."

John Paul II, who underwent surgery in July 1992 for what the Vatican most recently described as "a benign tumor," dislocated his right shoulder when he fell before a Vatican audience in November 1993 and broke the leg in a fall in his bathroom.

He looked particularly frail during his last foreign trip, to Croatia Sept. 10-11, and was un­able to hand kiss and lock the ground when getting off the plane, a custom reserved for his first visits to a country.

On this trip, described by the pope as "a visit to the new countries," he will see the new generations of Asia," it will be his first for him.


The trip takes him across 20,000 miles, starting with a 14-hour flight to Manila, the longest non-stop flight of any of his 62 previous foreign tours.

The pope is expected to be physically strained by the trip, which has been trimmed and includes no evening events, he is still scheduled to deliver 30 speeches.

The Vatican denies he has a serious ailment, but the grueling trip in itself will test whether John Paul can keep up his projected travels in which, almost passed last year, may now let him hit the 60 mark in 1998. The 1940 off the hook, something the papal administration has strongly opposed.

Environmentalists feel Republican Congress won't be thinking green

BY JESSE HOLBERT

WASHINGTON — At the Wilderness Society and the Sierra Club, at the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Audubon Society, they're expecting a battle.

They're worried about Republicans arriving on Capitol Hill with their Contract With America, a pro-business tilt and a determination to rein in government regulators.

By most accounts, the 104th Congress that convened last week will be dramatically less inclined to think green than its recent Democratic predecessors.

Indeed, the 74-year-old pontiff aims to lead the world's 950 million Roman Catholics into the next century, although his health is clearly on his mind. "They say I'm getting older and not able to walk without a cane. But somehow, I keep on going," he told French television on his native Poland last week. "To those who care about what things in Poland, tell them this pope isn't doing so badly."

Environmentalists labeled the last Congress the worst for environmental protection since the original Earth Day in 1970. But now the 103rd Congress doesn't seem so bad, they say. Much of the legislation it left stranded — often by GOP fobillards — is expected to be re-introduced this year, with a more pro-business, anti-regulatory lawmakers and lobbyists agree.

Some examples:

— A revised Superfund toxic waste cleanup bill, which almost passed last year, may now let businesses that polluted before 1980 off the hook, something the Clinton administration has strongly opposed.

— New drinking water legis­lation will probably be approved, but with fewer regulatory con­trols than a bill considered only a few months ago.

— The law controlling pollu­tion of rivers and lakes probably will re-emerge, but this time con­tain weaker protections for wet­lands.

— A push is expected to open Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas exploration, and lawmakers may also try to ease drilling restrictions in U.S. coastal waters.

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For example, a requirement to compensate land owners if a governm ent action reduces property values and cumbersome cost vs. benefit and risk reviews of new regulations and their enforce­ment, critics fear.
49ers and Cowboys to face off in NFC championship rematch

Emmitt Smith re injures hamstring against Packers, 'won't be well' for Sunday's game, Dallas Head Coach Barry Switzer says

IRVING, Texas — No surprise. It's the defending champion Dallas Cowboys against the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC title game for the third consecutive year — just like everyone predicted in August.

The uncertainty is how healthy Emmitt Smith will be for that game after reinjuring his left hamstring and missing most of the Cowboys' 35-9 playoff victory over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday.

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"I'm sure nobody is surprised by it," the 49ers coach said after the Cowboys routed Green Bay 35-9 to join San Francisco in next Sunday's conference championship game.

"This is the way it should be," Smith said. "I mean, everybody kind of said from the beginning these were the two best teams, in the NFC certainly. And so now we're meeting to find out.”

George Seifert was one of many figures who predicted the NFC title game would come down to a third straight matchup between the Dallas Cowboys and the San Francisco 49ers. Soon after finishing a Sunday jog, he found out he was right.

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Fresno State defeats Mustang women 60-40

By Rodney de la Cruz

Although the Cal Poly women's basketball team cut out with a strong first half Thursday, a disappointing second half allowed the Fresno State Bulldogs to leave Mott Gym with a 60-40 victory.

Cal Poly took an early 10-1 lead with the help of two three-pointers by senior guard Christine Rodness in the first half. Down by only six at the half, unforced errors and an injury to No. 2 scorer Kelly Hoffman led to the Mustangs' 11th loss in 14 games.

But Portland stayed close by out-rebounding the Mustangs 43-30 and taking advantage of 13 Cal Poly turnovers.

Portland opened the second half with more energy but, unlike in past performances, Cal Poly was able to step up its intensity to match the Ihlots' offensive surge.

"I don't think it's so much that we were overconfident," said Portland coach Rob Chavez, "it's just a lot tougher playing a team on their home court."

Although the last-minute loss was disappointing for the Mustangs, who had given their best effort of the season, Coach Beason said, "We are definitely going to learn from this experience. This is a big step forward."

Wrestling team loses two straight; extends losing streak to three matches

By Nathan Abler

After losing to eighth-ranked Nebraska last month. But instead Cal Poly dropped the first match of its weekend showdown at Mott Gym.

Cal Polys senior Neal Mason (12-2, 6-0) extended his unbeaten streak in dual matches with a win over Zach Randall in the 167-pound class.

The matches Covello referred to were Cal Poly sophomore Tyson Conover's loss to Oklahoma's Jason Bridges in the 157-pound weight class and Cal Poly freshman Aaron Rodgers (9-1, 0-1) in the 133-pound weight class, Oklahoma's John Krause in sudden death in the 142-pound weight class.

Rodgers (7-3, 1-2 in duals) started off the meet with one of the closest matches of the night.

"I though I should've won, but I didn't," Rondeau said. "I got caught and I guess I'll just learn from that mistake."