Poly picks new coach for basketball

By Franco Cordeddu
Daily Sports Editor

A green and gold brick road has been laid for the men's basketball program at Cal Poly.

New coach Jeff Schneider is left with the task of paving the future.

The 35-year-old former Washington State head coach was introduced as the new head coach at a press conference Monday in the University Union.

Schneider is in charge of directing the men's basketball program, a program that finished 1-26 last year and did not defeat a Division I opponent.

But Cal Poly's unimpressive record did not scare away Schneider, who said he sees a program with the potential to become the premier program in the Big West.

"I'm really looking forward to the opportunity at Cal Poly," Schneider said. "I'm so impressed with the people in the program and the administration."

Schneider is the third member of Cal Poly's revamped athletic staff which has made the move from Washington State — football Coach Andre Patterson and Associate Athletics Director Alan Van are the other two — in the past year.

Schneider brings an experienced background to Cal Poly than that of the assistant coach at the now-defunct Cal-Bakersfield program. Under Coach Tubby Smith, who is now head coach at the University of Georgia, and last year under Kevin Eastman at Washburn University.

Schneider, whose coaching career began as a graduate assistant at Virginia Commonwealth University, was ranked by one college basketball publication as one of the top three recruiters in the nation.

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Affirmative Action breeds racial tension

By David S. Lippa

As the affirmative action debate rages on, I would like to express three observations concerning this harmful policy.

The first was best said by Martin Luther King, Jr.: "I have a dream that one day my four little children will live in a nation where they will not be judged by their skin but by the content of their character." Based on this statement's validity, how can one seriously argue any point concerning the worthiness of affirmative action?

The most common rebuttal to this argument has always been that it is retribution for years of oppression and white dominance in American Society. But should we correct these past injustices with new injustices? Racism often rears its ugly head in the most unsuspecting places and ways. And, unfortunately, the City of San Luis Obispo is not isolated from this menace — as Kim Weber and her friends realized.

The second observation concerns economic consequences of affirmative action. Without implying that minorities either are not deserving or not capable of advancement in the work place, affirmative action nonetheless harms competitiveness; hence it creates economic inefficiency.

The third observation concerns the success of affirmative action. Without making judgments on its outcome, I believe affirmative action's deficiencies will clearly reveal themselves. And, if necessary, a judicial review of this policy would be advisable.

When will we say affirmative action has served its purpose, and who will decide this? I believe it is time to question the necessity of a policy which fosters racial animosity as well as a race-based society.

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SAN FRANCISCO — A Superior Court judge dealt a blow to gun manufacturers Monday, ruling that the maker of guns used in the 101 California Street highrise massacre can be sued for the deaths their products caused.

But whether the manufacturers of the magazines and ammunition contained in those weapons can be included in the suits will not be decided until this summer.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge James Warren refused to dismiss a series of lawsuits against the makers of the guns and ammunition Gian Luigi Ferri used when he burst into the Pettit & Martin law firm on July 1, 1993 and sprayed its offices with bullets.

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Navegar attorney Ernest Getto disputed that, saying the semi-automatic guns Ferri used were made legally in Florida and sold to Ferri in Nevada — both states without bans on assault weapons at the time.

”We did nothing unlawful in California,” he said.

The decision marks the first time in history that a court has ruled an assault weapon maker may be held accountable for the damages resulting from the criminal misuse of its product.

Sarah Scully, whose husband John died trying to protect her from the bullets, said after the ruling that it will force the manufacturers of assault weapons to think about the consequences caused by the products they make.

”This means they cannot sell these weapons and market them to the criminal element, take the money they make and sleep well that night,” she said. “They will have to think about how these guns are used, the shattered lives they leave behind, the innocent people they are going to kill.”

New Haven, Conn. — A Yale University and former Cuesta College student was expelled one month before graduation and charged with accepting more than $10,000 in financial aid under false pretenses for allegedly lying on his application.

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”I’m just outraged by how they treated this kid,” Pattis said. “What is truly shocking is that the university summarily expelled a student who was on the eve of graduation.”

The 25-year-old from Brentwood was charged with first-degree larceny, which means theft of at least $10,000. Campus police wouldn’t give the exact amount of financial aid involved.

If the university believes that’s larceny, they should consult someone in their law school, perhaps a first-year law student,” Grammer’s lawyer said.

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Former Cuesta student arrested for

allegedly falsifying Yale application

By Brights Greenberg

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — A Yale University and former Cuesta College student was expelled one month before graduation and charged with accepting more than $10,000 in financial aid under false pretenses for allegedly lying on his application.

University police arrested Lon Grammer on Thursday in his campus room. He was released on his own recognizance for arraignment on Tuesday.

”He applied for different grants to pay for his college tuition, and we were able to find that he was not who he portrayed himself to be,” said James Perrotti, assistant chief of campus police. “There were a number of fraudulent records.”

Grammer’s lawyer, Norman A. Pattis, Yale officials and university police wouldn’t detail the allegedly false information on the application.

But Yale spokesman Gary Fryer said Monday that the records Grammer is accused of falsifying were critical to his admission.

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Three dead in fiery freeway crash near the California-Nevada border

Associated Press

SEARCHLIGHT JUNCTION — Three people died and a pregnant woman and her two children were critically injured Monday in a fiery, two-car collision near the California-Nevada border, authorities said.

The cars collided head-on about one mile south of the border on Highway 95 shortly before 11 a.m., said Bill Peters of the California Division of Forestry.

The cause of the crash was under investigation, but it appeared one vehicle strayed across the center line, Peters said.

The injured woman and children were taken to a Las Vegas hospital, where they were in critical condition, he said. Another adult and one child in the same car were unhurt.

All three people in the other car, which burst into flames, were killed.

The victims' identities were not immediately released, in order to give police time to contact their families.

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AIDS cases on the rise in Northern California

By Ann Bunaolt

Sacramento and San Jose areas have each reported 2,000 or more AIDS cases, making them eligible for increased federal funding for AIDS programs, Rep. Robert Matsui said Monday.

"The loss of life due to AIDS in our community has reached a new and alarming level," the Sacramento Democrat said at a press conference announcing the tragic milestone.

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Susan Strong, executive director of CARES, a Sacramento AIDS research and services program. Already on the devastated list: Los Angeles, with 28,400 cases; San Francisco, 18,800; San Diego, 6,630; Alameda County, about 4,000; and Orange County, Riverside-San Bernardino and Santa Rosa-Petaluma, each with between 2,000 and 3,000 cases, said Jim Crager, research manager for the state AIDS registry.

The designation of "devastated" means a city the size of Sacramento is eligible for more than $1 million in increased funding for treatment and services to AIDS patients, Matsui said.

"Our caseload has grown from our first client in May, 1989 to more than 1,600 cases in just six years," said Strong.

As the disease continues to take its toll in both major urban areas and small to mid-sized cities, women and teens are the fastest growing population among AIDS patients, Strong said.

Scientists discover possible new way AIDS gets to cells

WASHINGTON — Scientists have discovered how a little-known AIDS protein pirates its way into cells, revealing a possible new avenue for AIDS drugs.

A virus must get to a cell's nucleus to genetically alter the cell. Various proteins of HIV, the AIDS virus, get there by slowly overwhelming cell defenses.

The Vpr protein not only gets there more quickly, it also forces the cell to help do its lethal job. University of Pennsylvania pathologist David Weiner discovered.

Vpr hijacks another protein naturally present in human cells, one that shuttles certain steroid hormones through cells, he reports Tuesday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Scientists already knew that some chemicals, including the abortion drug RU-486, can block steroid overproduction in other diseases.

Laboratory tests showed some of these steroids themselves activate HIV production and suppress immune cells, Weiner said. When he added Vpr, the protein not only used the steroids' cellular pathway to reach the nucleus, it triggered steroid overproduction to help it produce HIV, he said.

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Weiner than tested whether RU-486 could block Vpr as well — and it did. In addition, HIV-infected cells treated with RU-486 produced 70 percent less virus than unmediated cells, he reported.

But it's much too early to tell if RU-486 would work in people, Weiner cautioned.

Willie Brown defends affirmative action programs, says racial discrimination is not dead

By Nicholas K. Gumas

Sacramento — Assembly Speaker Willie Brown said Monday that affirmative action programs must be defended, because racial discrimination remains alive and well.

In a 48-page policy paper, Brown recounted how he tried to lease an apartment in an upscale building in San Francisco a few years ago. When he asked to view the apartment, he said he was told there were no units available.

"I suspected that was not the case, and that same day I sent an employee from my law office to see about an apartment," said Brown, who is black. "Sure enough, she was able to rent one on the spot."

In the policy paper to his Assembly colleagues, Brown defended affirmative action programs, currently under attack by Republicans.

Republican Gov. Pete Wilson has made ending affirmative action a cornerstone of his expected run for president. Republicans in the Legislature have proposed effective programs can be eliminated.

Brown, 61, said he left the south in search of opportunity, and was able to succeed before affirmative action programs existed.

Such a tragic waste of lives and talent were what affirmative action was created to prevent, Brown wrote.

Brown said no amount of education, income or social standing offers blacks protection against discrimination, an experience prosperous whites almost never endure.
By Karyn Hunt

NOVATO — A failed romance may have triggered the fatal shootings of three people and the suicide of a fourth in a quiet Novato neighborhood, police said Monday.

"It is unclear what the motive is at this juncture, but it may be a domestic situation involving the suspect as the estranged boyfriend of one of the victims," police Sgt. Jim Laveroni said.

More than 60 percent of the un insured belonged to working families, according to author E. Richard Brown. The 1993 data was the latest available.

"He keeps updating his figures, and they keep getting worse," said David Langness, a spokesman for the Healthcare Association of Southern California, a group of large hospitals and care providers.

The study by the Center for Health Policy Research at the University of California, Los Angeles, found that 6.5 million people had no coverage at all in 1993. That was 273,000 more than reported in a 1989 study.

"It was a scary feeling. I thought that somebody was going up and down the street shooting," said Laurie Brown, 35, who lives a few doors away. "Then we heard three or four more and then a pause then at least two or three again."

Neighbors hunkered down in the dark of their homes while officers took positions behind trees and yelled at residents to stay inside.

"We heard about six gunshots," said Laurie Brown, 35, who lives a few doors away. "Then we heard three or four more and then a pause then at least two or three again."

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Tornado in Bangladesh kills 37, injures more than 1,000

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A tornado battered southern and central Bangladesh, killing at least 37 people and injuring more than 1,000, officials said Sunday.

The tornado struck Munshiganj in central Bangladesh and Chittagong and Cox’s Bazar further south on Saturday. It was accompanied by hail and heavy rains. The tornado destroyed or damaged more than 4,000 houses, schools and offices, an official at Munshiganj, 20 miles south of here, said by telephone Sunday. Officials said at least seven people were missing.

Report claims Iraq fails to meet disarmament plan

UNITED NATIONS — In a blow to Iraq’s campaign to ease crippling economic sanctions, the top U.N. weapons inspector is reporting that Baghdad seems to be pursuing a germ warfare capability.

The report by Rolf Ekeus was distributed to members of the Security Council on Monday. The council was scheduled to discuss it Wednesday.

Ekeus already has said Iraq failed to account for 17 tons of material that can be used to breed bacteria. Ekeus’ report says his inspection team “has come to the conclusion that Iraq has not provided the full and comprehensive disclosure of its past military biological program nor accounted for items and materials acquired for this program.”

“With Iraq’s failure to account for the use of these items and materials for legitimate purposes, the only conclusion that can be drawn is that there is a high risk that they have been purchased and used for a proscribed purpose — acquisition of biological warfare agents,” the report said.

Two suicide bombings kill six Israelis, jolt peace talks

By Donna Abu-Nasr

KFAR DAROM, Gaza Strip — Islamic militants opposed to the Israeli-PLO peace process killed six Israeli soldiers and wounded dozens of people in two suicide bombings Sunday near isolated Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip.

In the first attack, a van parked by the main Gaza highway exploded near an Israeli bus at about noon, killing six soldiers, said Brig. Gen. Doron Almog, Israel’s commander in Gaza. Officials said 34 people were wounded.

Two hours later, about six miles up the road, a Palestinian bomber as Imad Abu Amouna, 24, from the Shati refugee camp.

The language of bullets is the only one that will guarantee the departure of the enemy from our territory,” one Islamic Jihad activist noted through a loudspeaker.

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Lewis said that under the chancellor's new schedule, professors will have to apply for promotion every year instead of automatically advancing.

"We believe we've discussed as much as we can with each other," she said, "and now we need help to resolve the dispute."

When asked if they plan to strike, Lewis said no.

"We won't have the support of faculty," he said.

Lewis said that if there was a pre-established definition for merit, one that everyone could agree with, then CFA would accept it.

But CFA spokesman Colleen Bentley-Alder said there isn't such a standard definition of merit.

"Each faculty member on each (CSU) campus will set up the standards and criteria by which promotions and tenure will be decided," he said.

Lewis explained that CSU is so underfunded that there really hasn't been any salary increases for the past four years.

Since 1990, because there has been a funding problem, they have stayed at a "slowly and automatically increasing rate," he said.
JanSport will supply ropes, climbing gear in front of El Corral Bookstore

By Dale Myers
Daily Staff Writer

Students who have ever dreamed of doing something adventurous like mountain climbing but didn’t have the time, nerve or the mountain are in luck.

The JanSport Mountain Tour will make a stop at Cal Poly this week with a 2,500-pound portable mountain, which will be in front of El Corral Bookstore today and Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

JanSport Inc., an athletic equipment and clothing company, is displaying the mountain in malls and other locations across the country.

The JanSport “Get out while you can” motto explains their hope to stimulate public interest in experiencing the fast growing sport of rock climbing.

The 16-foot high, 10-foot wide portable mountain has three sides, each of which varies in degree of difficulty due to the placement of foot and hand holds and the angles of the wall.

“The most unique thing about the tour is the mountain itself,” said Eric Vallee of GMR Marketing, the company that provides public relations for JanSport. “Moving a 2,500 pound mountain is no easy task either.”

A team of climbers tour with the mountain to give demonstrations and assistance. Each person attempting the climb will be attached to a safety harness and assisted by one of the experienced climbers.

The 16-foot high, 10-foot wide portable mountain is on display today and Wednesday.

The JanSport Mountain Tour will make a stop at Cal Poly this week with a 2,500-pound portable mountain, which will be in front of El Corral Bookstore today and Wednesday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. / Photo courtesy of JanSport