Cal Poly alumnus Ozzie Smith has pledged $1 million toward construction of new athletic facilities.

**Ground-Breaking Expenses**

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**North/South Lobbies**

| $3,185,000 |
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**Engineering, Misc. Fees, Campaign costs, Contingency**

| $220,000 |
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**Community Athletic Complex**

| $3,430,000 |
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**Recreational/Athletic Fields**

| $3,430,000 |
| 4 athletic/recreational fields |
| 3 multi-purpose fields |
| 250 paved, lighted parking spaces |

**Baseball/Softball Complex**

| $3,185,000 |
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**Design, Engineering Fees, Campaign costs, Contingency**

| $800,000 |
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**Total $19,415,000**

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**Cal Poly Reps do anyway.**

By Melissa M. Geisler

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**CAMPUS**

Jay Holovari dumps his "Rush is Right" shirt when he learns the truth about the man with half his brain tied behind his back.

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Upcoming

The Physics Colloquium is hosting a discussion called, "Physics, Nature and the Environment" Feb. 1 at 11:10 a.m. in building 52, room E-45.

Engineering and computer science students are invited to attend a career seminar on Feb. 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in building 26, room 103. Ernest & Young, Silicon Graphics, Cisco Systems and TRW will be attending.

The Women's Studies Potluck is taking place Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at Dr. Shawn Burn's house. For directions and information, call Digital West Productions, 346-1796.

They are probably the first people prospective students meet on campus, no, not the cashiers at El Corral.

They are Poly Reps, and they are more than just fact-laden campus tour guides. They are 30 links between prospective students, current students and alumni.

Cosponsored by the Alumni Relations Office, Admissions Office and the Student Affairs Division, Poly Reps are an honorary public relations organization composed of current students.

"We have a wide range of people and personalities," said mechanical engineering senior Christina Parr.

Poly Reps were started in 1986, with the hope of promoting the university to prospective students, increasing awareness of the benefits of Alumni Association membership, and representing the student body at a variety of events, like Homecoming.

"Nothing beats firsthand information," said Poly Reps Advisor Cindy Bennett-Thompson.

"It's also great for alumni to have a connection to current Cal Poly students." 

In addition to planning events at Homecoming, Poly Reps help organize Parent's Days and the "Apple Polysher," which is a banquet honoring a special staff member. Poly Reps inform prospective students by making presentations at area high schools and community colleges and by serving on panels to discuss student life.

Some of the benefits of being a Poly Rep help link the campus to prospective students and promote Cal Poly at various events, such as Homecoming.

Poly Reps are meeting hundreds of new people, developing contacts, broadening public relations skills, and having fun with the TI-92 calculator.

The TI-92 is the biggest fish in any pond, try it out and handy U L pull-down menus, it's as friendly as Flipper. To see for yourself why the TI-92 calculator is the biggest fish in any pond, try it out on the Internet.

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Poly Rep link to the community
By Peggy Cortie
Daily Staff Writer

How the TI-92 attacks math.

When it comes to math, it’s sink or swim. Fortunately, we’ve found a way to help you keep your head above water: the new TI-92. XI tear through statistics, crunch calculus and rip algebra to shreds unlike any other calculator. Of course, the TI-92 isn’t just a piece of power. With easy-to-read
Career Symposium

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Attend this informative workshop at Career Services in Room 224-Preparing for a Job Fair, Thursday, February 15, 11:00 AM - 12:00
PM or Monday, February 19, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Panel: Careers in Consulting, Thursday, February 22,
Staff Dining Room B, 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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Rushing to conclusions
by Jay Holacarri

I'm making a prediction now, and you know I'm always right. I'm predicting that in the '96 Presidential election, Clinton will be revealed as a space alien, planted here by gan-martians with hopes to rule the world...

I've spent years listening to Rush and I thought he was funny and cool for a long time. Then I entered college and started learning things.

Unusually I couldn't bother responding to complaints that I insulted Rush Limbaugh, because rebutting some of his extraordinary arguments is like trying to clean graffles off a wall in the ghetto — he repays his tribe as fast as you can wipe it off. He even declares that he is just an entertainer. But Craig Prestininzi's Letter to the Editor (Jan. 29) did such a good job of making me laugh aloud at his Rush-esque extrapolations of things I never said and original commentary that I feel that I owe him a response.

First he wagers (with no evidence) that I have never listened to Rush for "more than five minutes" and probably just hear things through my liberal friends. Well Craig, I don't run between Lindener's and Juliana's all day wearing a "Tax and Spend" T-shirt. I have been a registered Republican since I could register, until last year when I registered independent.

Further, I grew up by Sacramento where Rush got his start. I have spent years listening to him, and I like a lot of people, thought he was funny and cool for a long time.

Then I entered college and started learning things. As a mechanical engineering student I had to spend learning and applying the physical laws of nature. So when Rush tells millions of listeners and viewers a horribly twisted lesson on the way the physical world runs, it turns my stomach. Example: Rush has said that if the polar ice caps were to melt the sea level wouldn't rise because — and here's his example — it's just like ice melting in a glass of ice water; the water level stays the same. He has also repeatedly said (and written) that a large volcanic eruption causes more damage to the ozone layer than all of mankind's efforts combined throughout history. I won't bother detailing the gross inaccuracies of these statements because that would be an insult to the intelligence of the people at this university.

This is the Rush Limbaugh who is "well-informed"? Or do certain subjects (geophysics among them) not count? Mr. Prestininzi also mentioned the "intellectual debate" of which Limbaugh is supposedly some standard bearer. I challenge you to find a good debate in which Limbaugh is a participant. He doesn't debate. He won't run for any election. His TV show is basically one big monologue. Callers on his radio program are screened. The reason is obvious: he simply can't defend much of what he says.

Mr. Prestininzi also implied that I resorted to calling people "names." The only line in my opinion piece regarding Limbaugh at all was, "They (the people in traffic school) can tune in to Rush Limbaugh. That's it. And of all the people to defend against name-calling anyway, Rush Limbaugh — an expert at belaying himself (recently "accidentally" referred to a photo of Chelsea Clinton as the White House dog! — is a fascinating choice, to say the least.

That Mr. Prestininzi was able to turn my light-hearted piece on my personal account of traffic school into an assault on conservative values is remarkable. Any English professor would be proud of the way he was able to decipher from 500 words what my friends are like and what they say to me. And all for the glory of Rush! Did I mention that I laughed?

Jay Holacarri is a mechanical engineering senior.

LETTERS

Germ warfare of the sexes

Every weekend I hang out with one of my closest friends. He is honestly scared of pathogens and happens to be a biological sciences major. Therefore my turning into a germ freak is justified. My friend is so neurotic that he will wait for you in the open door so he does not have to touch the hundreds of germs on the doorknob.

After seven days of intensive research, I have recorded the results to the "Do you wash your hands after using the rest room" study. And believe me, this study was conducted behind closed doors. While sitting on the throne, I took notice. Here's what I discovered:

One out of five males who use the rest room chose to wash their hands.

One out of five! That means approximately four out of the five hands I shake on a daily basis are a biohazard. Furthermore, you guys should be aware of the fact that women, especially those at Cal Poly, do not like shaking your germ-covered hand.

In my time at Cal Poly I have also noticed that virtually every bathroom sink on campus is equipped with sweet-smelling soap and hot water. So guys, scrub up!

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Football season is over at Penn State, but that hasn’t quieted talk about a national championship.
The NFC slowly losing dominance

By Dave Goldberg

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Dallas Cowboys' struggle to beat Pittsburgh in the Super Bowl could be a sign that the NFC's dominance is becoming obsolescent after a dozen straight NFL titles.

"Free agency promotes parity," coach Barry Switzer said Monday as he talked about the Cowboys' 27-17 win a day earlier.

That's parity between conferences as well as parity among teams.

After all, the NFC has as many Super Bowl winning coaches (Bill Parcells and Jimmy Johnson) as the AFC (Switzer and George Seifert).

And the Stealers' Bill Cowher enhanced his standing as the game's best young coach by outmaneuvering the more talented Cowboys and almost winning.

Moreover, the Dallas victory, giving Switzer the Super Bowl and a third championship, was as difficult as the Cowboys' season. It ended 15-4, but was little fun for either players or coaches, under microscopic scrutiny from the media and under pressure from their owner and fans to win it all no matter what it takes.

The Stealers dominated the second half, controlling the ball for 21 minutes, 20 seconds, and losing mainly because Larry Brown, the game's MVP, picked off two Neil O'Donnell passes to set up two touchdowns.

And it gets worse next season for the Cowboys.

They have seven defensive starters who are free agents.

One cornerback, Kevin Smith, is recovering from an Achilles tendon injury; another, Deon Sanders, could miss part of the season playing baseball.

And a third, Brown, is likely off postseason performances against Green Bay and Pittsburgh to triple his $500,000 salary.

They are also saddled with an extra $680,000 against the salary cap because of an adjustment to Sanders' signing bonus.

"Right now we have one cornerback, Alonzo Brice, and he's a rookie," Switzer said.

Dallas undoubtedly will have enough corners to field a secondary next year.

And unless Troy Aikman demands a trade because he's had enough of Switzer, they'll retain the Aikman-Smith-Michael Irvin trio that's the best of its kind in the league.

But it's also clear they'll take another step back, just as last year's winner, San Francisco, did when it lost Ricky Watters to free agency and William Floyd to injury. The Niners already are in a panic mode, bringing back Bill Walsh to help revamp an offense that was second in the league.

San Francisco and Dallas will be good next year, and so should Green Bay, Detroit and maybe Philadelphia (all subject to the whims of free agency).

And will they be any better than such AFC teams as Pittsburgh, Indianapolis, Miami with Jimmy Johnson and even Seattle, which has a lot of good young players? Who knows?

But Sunday's game, in which the NFC loser outgained the NFC winner, was a lot more interesting and competitive than all but two of the previous 11 NFC wins, decided by scores like 49-26, 52-17, 38-10, 46-10.

If Neil O'Donnell, himself a free agent, hadn't thrown those interceptions to Brown, the NFC streak could very well have ended.

In fact, next season may be decided in the two months following the Feb. 15 start of free agency, when teams must weigh their needs for a player against how much they'll have to allocate for him under the cap, which will probably be $38 million and $40 million.

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Camby's return brings back chemistry for Massachusetts

By MARY ANN HUDSON

LONDON TALLANT

AMESHHT, Mass. — A chilling wind howled through the campus of the University of Massachusetts before dawn, but by the time afternoon rolled around, a student alum had won in this picturesque Northeast community felt the cold.

Thursday afternoon inside Mullins Center, Marcus Camby, perhaps the best college basketball player in the nation, warned the hearts of a sellout crowd of 9,493 by returning for the first time since he mysteriously collapsed two weeks ago.

With a trademark dunk midway through the second half and an animated move afterward that he said came from Shawn Kemp, Camby thrilled the crowd and signaled his return in a 72-47 UMass Atlantic 10 Conference win over St. Bonaventure. The Minutemen's 18th consecutive victory.

But even Camby had his doubts before the game began. He was concerned because after a week of tests at the UMass Medical Center doctors still don't know what caused him to lose consciousness for 10 minutes before a game against St. Bonaventure in Olean, N.Y., on Jan. 14.

"I'm confident going back on the court, but I still have my doubts... You never know if what happened will happen again," Camby said.

He was concerned because his mother, Diane, who attended the game, has been concerned. "I've been a little on edge," she said.

He knew that his collapse sexuality memories. Hank Guthrie, and especially in the case of the country. Former Boston Celtics Reggie Lewis, both of whom collapsed once playing basketball, he said, "We know the feeling." Camby had thought about this more than once before doctors ruled out his heart.

Tyrene Weeks, Camby's roommate, had also agonized about it.

"I knew Guthrie, so it was the first thing that popped into my head," Weeks said Wednesday. "I've looked around, but no heart activity... I wasn't sure what happened in his head about Hank."

But the real belief Saturday from Camby's successful return extended to his teammates and family to the UMass students and alumni. His triumph helped ease the pain and nervousness that has plagued this campus for the past two weeks when it suffered not only the scare of Camby's collapse, but the death of another popular athlete.

Four days before Camby lay unconscious, Greg Monten, a UMass basketball player, collapsed in the arms of his coach after finishing the 100-yard freestyle event.

"He was sitting next to me on the street meet and we were both watching the breast stroke... talking about how the event wasn't going so well for us," said his coach, Russ Yarworth. "Suddenly he says, 'Oh my God, Russ,' and slumped against me.

He's back: Marcus Camby made his return against St. Bonaventure a memorable one.

Inside the NCAA

By HARRY ATKINS

YPSILANTI, Mich. — Good news travels fast, even from Ypsilanti. Congratulations were pouring in from around the world early Monday, including a fax from Paris.

At the center of all this attention is Eastern Michigan University. The Eagles (15-1) are ranked for the first time since becoming a Division I basketball team before the 1974-75 season. They broke in at No. 23 in this week's Associated Press poll.

Massachusetts (18-0) remains No. 1. The Minutemen, the only unbeaten Division I team, received 59 of 63 first-place votes and 1,571 points from the national media panel. That was 62 points more than Kentucky, the runner-up each week since UMass moved to No. 1.

Kansas, Connecticut and California again followed Kentucky.

UConn moved up one place to sixth and was followed in the Top Ten by Texas Tech, which lost to St. John's on Saturday, dropped three places.

but two days before registration that the Hawkeyes told him he hadn't been accepted. It turned out to be a mistake at the NCAA Clearinghouse, which rules on freshman eligibility. Iowa's loss was EMU's gain.

"James has really developed," Braun said. "He hit the weights last summer and went from 210 pounds to 225. He's a nice post player, now."

The fact that EMU didn't crack the Top 5 until this week is no knock on the quality of Braun's program. Last season, he took a team that included eight players with no college experience and fashioned a 20-10 record. That resulted in an NIT berth.

"This group is still relatively young," Braun said. "We have two seniors, one junior, and the rest are sophomores and freshmen."

Will the national ranking become a distraction?

"We don't play to be ranked," Braun said. "We play to win championships. But if we get ranked, that's a nice reward. It will be good for recruiting, that's for sure. You'd better believe this is going to all our recruits!"
For the past three decades, Penn State basketball has been overshadowed by Joe Paterno and his football program. But the 11th-ranked Nittany Lions no longer remain

Story by
Hal David Coffey

Four years ago, Penn State debut in the Big Ten conference amid growing controversy.

And it wasn’t simply because of the debate whether to change the conference’s cherished name to the Big Eleven. Rather, it was more of the fear of a powerhouse team wreaking havoc on a conference already considered one of the toughest in the country.

After all, there was Michigan, Ohio State, Illinois and Wisconsin. Why bring in one of the premier schools in the country to make it that much more difficult to win a conference title. And poor Northwestern, this perennial last-place finisher in the Big Ten would have to face another pounding from a top-ranked team.

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Basketball? Penn State?

It is the end of January, football season is long over, and it is Penn State hoops which is gaining notice.

The mixture of veteran guns Dan Earl and Pete Lisicky from last year’s team and forward Glenn Sekunda have combined following in the footsteps of super All-American John Amechi. Amechi.

They were playing in a conference in which two teams were ranked in virtually every top 25 preseason poll — Michigan and Iowa — and Illinois, Purdue and Indiana figured to be the other three of the five Big Ten teams which regularly make it to the NCAA tournament.

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following in the footsteps of Amechi.

The mixture of veteran guns Dan Earl and Pete Lisicky from last year’s team and forward Glenn Sekunda have combined with Booth and Gaudio to form a starting lineup in which all players average double-digit scoring.

The spotlight and center of attention falls on the 6-foot-11 Booth. After sitting out last season, Booth was ready to get his collegiate career started, and he did not waste any time.

In the Nittany Lions opener against Morgan State, Booth broke the school record for blocked shots with eight. Not to let that event slip by as a mere passing-fancy, Booth did not even let the ink dry in the record book
over 27 minutes in that 76-61 win over Minnesota.

"I think that's the making of a good team when other people step up for a missing piece," Earl said after the game.

Balanced scoring is another major aspect as to why this team has only one loss. Through the first 15 games, each of the five starters has lead the team in scoring at least once, while six different players have been the top rebounder for a game. With each of the five starters averaging double-digits in scoring, this team does not need to look around for offensive output.

So, what's an offense without a good defense? For starters, it's not this Penn State team. A critical element to the Nittany Lion attack continues to be the aggressive and sometimes smothering defense.

This year, Penn State is limiting their opponents to an average of 61.5 points per game.

They rank in the top 15 nationally in scoring defense, rebound margin, field goal defense.

"I really like them because they have no weaknesses that I can see," said Purdue Coach Gene Keady after his team's loss to Penn State. "At every position they've got smart kids that play hard."

Penn State had been undefeated until its Jan. 21 loss at Michigan.

Dunn had more than a week to get his team ready for the Big Ten showdown with Michigan. Wolverine coach Steve Fisher knew what his team had in store when they would meet the now No. 14 Lions.

"It's a little bit surprising for anybody to be undefeated at this stage," coach Fisher said before the game. "Now that I've watched the film, I know why. They knew their roles. They played smart. They made good decisions. They have good perimeter shooting. It's very hard to beat teams that don't beat themselves, and they don't beat themselves."

Maybe the school record tying 13-game winning streak was too much. Or maybe they were believing their own hype and higher ranking than Michigan.

Or just maybe, the Wolverines won a classic game which saw 10 lead changes in the end, the final lead change came on a Maurice Taylor, uncontested dunk off a solid pick of Booth. Penn State responded, with a timeout still unused, but Dan Earl chose to drive the lane and pull up for the winner. Not this time.

Following the game, Michigan no longer held up their pre-game image of Penn State as the Huckleberry Staters or whatever playing team which had not faced a real team yet, as Wolverine Maceo Baston joked about before the contest.

"We beat a very good team," coach Fisher said. Rather than find contentment amidst the loss, Penn State was dusting off their newly tarnished record and thinking of what they must do to get back on the win-ning track.

"I don't care what the country thinks," Booth said. "We still lost."

"We've got to come in and win games like this," Dunn said. "I'm not satisfied with the way we were playing now." Dunn said a day after the Michigan loss. "I'd be more satisfied if we were 14-0. I like to learn things by winning."

At 14-1, this Penn State team could break through and be able to set up its own page in the Penn State record book. Already Booth has the season and game blocks records under his belt and has more blocks than eight Big Ten teams, while Lisicky and Earl look to shoot their ways in as the season progresses.

The team can look to rewrite attendance marks as they go from the nearly 7,000 capacity of the PSU Rec Hall to the sell-out potential of a 13,000-seat Jordan Center.

As one of their big list of vici­ tims has said, perhaps the best is yet to come from this group.

"It's a team that has nice bal­ ance," Keady said. "I don't see why they won't be in the top 10 when the season ends in the national rankings if they continu­ e to play like they do now."

Don't look now, Penn State may just do what is expected of them — make a run for a national championship. But this time, there is no talk of football at Penn State, only basketball.

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Magic is back for real

INGLEWOOD - Magic Johnson returned to the NBA Monday from an official retirement by signing a contract with the Los Angeles Lakers for the remainder of the season. He was scheduled to debut against the Golden State Warriors at the Forum Tuesday.

He will be starting in his first NBA game other than exhibitions since June 12, 1991. He retired five months later, just prior to the 1991-92 season, after testing positive for the AIDS virus.

"He signed a contract... and sold his interest in the Lakers," said Johnson's agent, Leon Rosen, just before to practice at Loyola Marymount University. "He will be playing tomorrow, No. 32 will be back." Johnson's contract is reportedly worth $2.5 million.

There have been sever­al aborted Johnson comeback since his original retirement, and several other speculative comeback. But Johnson has con­tinually changed his mind and finally, last summer, said he would never return.

But for Johnson, the word "never" has been a definite thing. Rosen said Johnson will decide following this season what he wants to do thereafter. "Magic will be by the time the 1996-97 season is over."

"He'll continue in all his businesses," Rosen said. "His touring team will postpone its tour."

Lakers coach Del Harris expressed excitement about Johnson's move.

"It's an exciting day, obviously, for everybody," Harris said. "There's no doubts the players are looking forward to playing with him on a real basis. The team's playing well and we expect to play even better." Johnson likely will play power forward. He led the Lakers to five NBA championships during the 1980s as a point guard. He will be 37 by the time the 1996-97 season is over.

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Interleague play will bring back the fans to baseball

Dissatisfaction with Major League Baseball and its strike of 1994-95, the same strike that cancelled the first World Series in baseball history, still lingers.

Fans showed their dissatisfaction during last season with a 20 percent drop in ticket sales. Many baseball purists just flat-out refused to show. But the league has now made a decision that will help baseball get back on its feet.

On January 19th, the baseball owners agreed on the beginning of interleague play. This would mean that teams in the American League and National League would have a limited schedule against each other.

This decision breaks a rule that goes back to the originality of the league, that the only time an NL team would play an AL team would be in the World Series.

This is an idea that should have come years ago. The San Francisco Giants, for example, haven't played the Cleveland Indians since the 1954 World Series. 3Com Park would sell out in a heartbeat if the new and improved Indians were going to come to town.

Looking to other professional sports, you see that the National Hockey League, the National Basketball Association, and the National Football League all having schedules that involve interleague play. The schedule makers might have some problems with it, but hey, what do those guys get paid to do anyway?

Opponents argue that this isn't the way baseball was intended. Well, isn't that Major League Baseball wasn't intended to have wild card games, or cancelled World Series, or $7 million a year players, either. The purists must realize that baseball is a business that must change and adapt to compete with other sports.

Interleague play might be the decision that could pull the MLB out of its rut.

Most importantly, the change will bring fans back to the ballpark. Teams like Seattle, who only deal in the American League market, will bring the National League to its city. And the same with the Colorado Rockies and Detroit Tigers. Bringing in new teams will only expand the fan base that must exist for a franchise to survive.

It is true that we could be stuck seeing a game between the Padres and Brewers, but for every one of those, there will be a Dodgers vs. Red Sox or a White Sox vs. Cubs game. Traditional teams will finally face off after so long.

As long as the Players Association agrees, (and all signs are that they will) interleague play will begin in the 1997 season. Each team will have 15 or 16 games per season against one division in the opposite league. The designated hitter rule is one point that the owners still haven't agreed on, but at the moment, the DH will still exist if the game is played in an American League ballpark.

Slowly, Major League Baseball is trying to win back fans that have left them. Interleague play should be a new attraction for fans, and coupled with two new teams in 1998, professional baseball and its fans have something to look forward to.

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Where is the big man?

The men's basketball team has turned around its program despite missing an intricate dominating center. But how far can they go missing a big man?

Story by Franco Castaldini

With nine wins and a .500 record, Cal Poly is no longer standing last in college basketball. But what was a radical rise through the first half of its second year of Division I has been halted. After losing three out of its last four, Cal Poly is standing small, literally.

With first-year coach Jeff Schneider's fast-paced perimeter game — Cal Poly was able to survive without a big man, but only temporarily. The Mustangs were submerged with bigger lineups. Cal Poly is best when it's outplaying shorter teams by playing its full-court defense and trying to keep the ball away from the opposing team's center.

Not one player for Cal Poly is averaging double digits in rebounds. Junior forward Damien Levesque leads the team in rebounds with seven per game. It didn't take long for opposing coaches to realize there was no Marcus Camby, Jelani McCoy or Tim Duncan in this lineup. Cal Poly is allowing teams to get many second chances.

Once the secret is out — a secret which isn't being well kept — that the way to beat Cal Poly is by playing a slower-paced, halfcourt game, utilizing bigger men posting up, the Mustangs will have to find a way to fill this void if they want to become a legitimate force in the Big West next year.

The Mustangs cannot rely on Cal Poly's inside — they have players of that caliber, they just need one to contend against the opposing teams' centers and defend larger bodies game after game.

Even he knows it. "We need a guy who is a big time rebounder," Levesque said. "We need one to center with the big guys in the Big West...we don't really have a presence in the middle right now."

Where are their big man now?

David Sternlight, a 6-foot-8 walk-on who became an important player, has been forced to take some of the load in the center, but Levesque cannot solve Cal Poly's lack of depth in the paint. Levesque said, "We need a guy who is a big rebounder." He adds, "He's going to give us an excellent post defender."

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The engineering major from Santa Clara is averaging four points and eight rebounds a game.

But what will Schneider do to strengthen his team? Will he wave his magic wand like he did last year and recruit a no-name center who develops into a dominating big man or will he continue to try and outrun and outshoot his opponents — a strategy which can take a team only so far.

Despite all the concerns, there remains a possible silver lining in what is becoming a very gray cloud. Hidden away on Schneider's bench is a possible answer in red-shirt freshman Russ Bryden.

"I don't think (he) realizes how good he can be."

"My competitive game has improved after making the transition from high school to college," Bryden said. "Maybe I will offer the team the big man they need."

Bryden doesn't know if he'll be able to fulfill that role, whether he'll be the answer or whether Schneider will look deeper to find another big man who can shoot it too."

His confidence to recruit players has grown in just a half a year coaching at Cal Poly. Before he was trying to sell empty stadiums and the worst record in Division I. "Now we can go into anybody's home and say when we play at home it's going to be packed," Schneider said. "We raised our (recruiting) level to the level of other schools like Santa Clara."

Following a disastrous first year in Division I, Cal Poly has proven they can play at this level. Now the question is: can they rid themselves of their boyish features and become the big men in college basketball.
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L.A. Police Chief offers solution to misuse of 911 line

Associated Press

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Instead, the callers wanted general information — like directions, police Chief Willie Williams called last year — and 80 percent of them weren't true emergencies, police Chief Willie Williams said. "It ties up the 911 lines," Williams said. "It ties up the operators, because they all try to be professional in their response. It ties up someone who may have a true emergency trying to get in."

Operators try to personally answer each call in less than 10 seconds. Sometimes, callers will be put on hold and hear a recording until an operator can get to the call. In 1995, more than 325,000 callers hung up when the recording came on.

Williams said the city needs a new three-digit number that residents can call for non-emergency calls. But the department and Pacific Bell haven't found a way to make the call cost-free.

The department may eventually compromise and use a toll-free 800 number, said Cindy Carlo, public affairs officer for the LAPD's communications programs.

"The reason I don't like it is there are too many numbers to do," Carlo said. "But we may have to bite the bullet."

Since 1993, about $225 million in voter-approved bond money has been spent on upgrades to various systems. A new line, no matter how many digits it has, will cost more money.

Meanwhile, the City Council's Public Safety Committee approved an LAPD request to add 16 emergency dispatcher consoles — at a cost of $300,000 — for a total of 42. The City Council must still vote on the measure.

The city's 911 system is the nation's largest and has been considered inadequate since it was installed in 1984.

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Dedicated student volunteers rewarded

by Rebecca Nordquist
Daily Staff Writer

It is time again to recognize and reward Cal Poly students who faithfully work year-round for the betterment of our community through volunteer service.

For the 11th consecutive year, students, community members and faculty are nominating stu­dents or groups for the President’s Award for Outstanding Community Service and the Emerging Service Leader’s Award.

A committee is put together to select the winning club or indi­vidual recipients for student involvement in the community,” said Ken Barclay, director of stu­dent Life and Activities. “They judge the genuineness of the stu­dent’s contributions and the commitment they have.”

City and county governmental officials and Cal Poly’s ASI and Academic Senate comprise the committees that will choose the winners.

The awards not only recognize outstanding student service, but they inspire groups and in­dividuals to address unmet social needs in San Luis Obispo County and throughout their education with in­volvement in programs.

Sosa enters his fourth season with the Chicago Cubs. In 1992, he was named National League Rookie of the Year while batting .268 with 36 home runs and 119 RBIs. He led the league in bonus, $4.5 million in 1996 and $5.25

The Cubs, with only a few goat.s.

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Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou said on Christmas Day that Greece was not prepared to give up the islet of Imia, which is a potential source of mineral rights.

In Washington, a State Department spokesman said the Clinton administration was ur­ging both governments “to calm passions and avoid any additional incidents that could increase the risk of a wider conflict.”

The new member selection cer­emonies since the first presen­tation of the awards.

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