Student returns after drug episode

James Randolph, who attacked cars, UPS truck in October, will attend Poly this fall

By Mark Armstrong
Daily Staff Writer

"Man attacks UPS truck, cars." This headline, emblazoned across the top of the Mustang Daily last October, gave a small glimpse of a much larger story.

The accompanying picture showed the mechanical engineering junior with an agnostic look on his face as university police pinned him to the ground on Perimeter Road.

In the five months since James Randolph made the front page for attacking several cars and a UPS truck on campus, he has undergone psychiatric therapy and returned to San Luis Obispo.

Randolph said he doesn’t remember much of the incident that led to his arrest for five misdemeanor counts of vandalism.

"All I remember was just losing total control and not having one rational thought in my mind," Randolph said, who has been back in San Luis Obispo since winter quarter after he spent much of the fall quarter in hospital and a group home.

He was quiet and pensive as he reflected on Oct. 17, 1995, and pointed to a small scar in the middle of his forehead — one of many painful reminders left over from that day — when he talked about what happened.

"It wasn’t me controlling me," Randolph said.

Randolph was initially suspected of being under the influence of PCP, but he said the suspicions were false.

"It wasn’t PCP for one thing, and it wasn’t acid," Randolph said.

"It was actually marijuana that I bought about a month before. A lot of doctors are still dumbfounded and wondering why it happened."

Randolph said doctors performed tests to find out if the marijuana was laced with something else, but they found nothing.

"The trouble began about five days before the incident, when Randolph started smoking the marijuana. He didn’t stop until his reaction turned violent."

"I didn’t normally do the stuff, it was only once in a while," Randolph said regarding the small sack that he had purchased. "It was the first time I ever bought it."

The drug was a release for Randolph. He had been doing all of his schoolwork for several mechanical engineering classes, and he was keeping up a 3.5 GPA.

"I didn’t feel the need to do it really," Randolph said. "But I felt what the hell? I finished my schoolwork, and I just wanted to kick it."

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Pipe line agreement saves 13 oaks from demolition in April

By Steve Ikers
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly and Department of Water Resources (DWR) officials have finally reached an agreement on the state water pipeline to traverse Stenner Canyon.

In this agreement, 13 of the 19 oak trees on Cal Poly property will be saved and the pipeline will follow its originally planned route.

The route crosses Stenner Creek and its tributaries, as well as nearby grassland habitat, and a grove of 200- to 300-year-old oak trees in Stenner Canyon. Opponents of the pipeline claim that it could have been rerouted around the grove, through a grassland area instead.

"The oaks are one thing, but the impact on the grassland, the watershed and the riparian habitats haven’t received any attention," Randy Davis, English senior said.

"Especially with the push for the Poly Plan and making Cal Poly an athletic mecca, the original purpose of the university is being ignored, and that’s emission."

Also under question from Davis and others involved in the effort to save the oaks, is why the pipeline could not be rerouted.

"The oaks are one thing, but the impact on the grassland, the watershed and the riparian habitats haven’t received any attention," Davis said.

As part of the agreement, a Cal Poly representative will be continuously on-site to monitor construction and will have the authority to stop work if trees are threatened.

There is no indication as to who the monitor will be, or whether the individual will be paid for watching the grove.

Cal Poly will also compensate the contractor, up to $2,500, to spare the remaining six trees, according to Davis.

DWR estimates the costs of pipeline construction that will cross university property at about $500,000. Cal Poly was originally paid $147,000 for pipeline right-of-way. Now the university, as part of the agreement, will give that money back to DWR.

At press time, President Baker was not available for comment.

Virtual reality tour travels to Poly

Civil engineering senior Mike Salsberry enjoying some virtual reality during the Edge Tour last week / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

The displays included virtual reality helmets connected to TV monitors and speakers. The helmets along with a control button allowed players to shoot and travel in the direction they were looking while playing the computer games "Doom" and "De- cent."

The exhibit also featured the Excalibur virtual reality helmet and "Dreadnought," a virtual reality "aircraft" used for flight training.

Although the displays offered students a way to check out new virtual reality technologies, some people get a little dizzy who try it, since it is a little disorienting at first and they are not used to it, said Marketing Representative Tim Livers. "But most people have so much fun with it."

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Diers said the helmets and the seats currently sell for about $900, but they will become more affordable in the near future.

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**U.S. troops aid war crime hunt**

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina — For the first time, U.S. troops this week will provide security and other limited support for U.N. war crimes investigators, the commander of the NATO-led peace force in Bosnia said Sunday.

Adm. Leighton Smith told reporters he did not expect any major confrontations when investigators from the U.N. War Crimes Tribunal search for mass graves and other evidence of atrocities near Srebrenica, in eastern Bosnia.

The U.N. search, which is expected to start Tuesday, will be in Serb territory at sites of alleged massacres of thousands of Bosnian Muslims last summer.

"There may be some demonstrations," Smith said. "This obviously is a very emotional issue. But I don't anticipate that there will be problems" for the U.S. troops.

Smith was succeed by Defense Secretary William Perry on a visit with U.S. troops at Comanche Base, just west of here, where attack helicopters of the 4th Aviation Brigade are based.

Perry arrived here Sunday morning and later flew to Sarajevo where he met with NATO commanders and acting Bosnian President Ejup Ganic. He then flew to Albania.

Perry was supposed to take a helicopter tour over parts of the demilitarized buffer that is being patrolled by the Implementation Force, or IFOR, troops, but a blinding snow storm kept him grounded. Instead he visited Comanche Base for a briefing on U.S. operations and a chat with some American soldiers.

Asked about providing security at Srebrenica, Perry told reporters he fully supports Smith's plan, but he mentioned no details.

In his comments to reporters, Smith initially was reluctant to discuss specifics of the Srebrenica plan. Pressed for details, he said U.S. officers would provide a liaison team that could, if an emergency arose, immediately call on U.S. firepower in the area. Some emergency medical support also will be provided, as well as possible lodging for the U.S. investigators.

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"We will not guard grave sites, we will not exhume bodies, we will not provide individual security," he said. The idea is to secure the roadways in the vicinity of Srebrenica and to be available in case the investigators get in trouble.

Army Col. John Batiste, commander of the U.S. Army 2nd Brigade, whose forces will be involved in this week's operation at Srebrenica said in an interview later that it probably would last about two weeks, and that the U.S. troops would deploy in Bradley fighting vehicles and other armored vehicles.

Buildings not inspected after quake

Josie Rane
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — More than 300 buildings in the city were ordered checked for steel frame damage after the 1994 Northridge earthquake but nearly half have not been inspected.

Inspection reports have been submitted to the city for only about 60 percent of the buildings ordered to produce them under an ordinance that allowed six months for inspections.

Damage ranging from minor cracks to potentially life-threatening failures affecting hundreds of joints has been found in nearly two-thirds of the buildings inspected since the earthquake.

Some buildings that failed to provide reports were granted extensions and are technically in compliance with the law.

Although deadlines for inspection began to lapse in October, the Building and Safety Department has yet to begin enforcement. Follow-up letters to delinquent owners have been drafted, but will not be sent until late April.

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Railroad safety orders 20 years too late?

By Fred Boyles

WASHINGTON — When a Maryland MARC commuter train smashed into Amtrak's Capital Limited at Silver Springs, Md., unleashing a fireball and leaving 11 people dead in the wreckage, the government sprang into ac-
tion.

Four days after the Feb. 16 crash, the Federal Railroad Ad-
ministration issued this emergency order: From now on, en-
gineers on trains without automatic alarms must drive slower and call to other crew
members when warning lights flash past from track side.

Fast action? It seemed that way.

But in fact, the emergency order was 20 years too late — a harsh echo of earlier warnings ignored.

Federal safety officials had urged the FRA to require such "signal calling," as early as 1976.

"These accidents were waiting to happen because of the inaction by industry and regula-
tors," says James Hall, chairman of the Na-
tional Transportation Safety Board. "In the 1980s there was almost a stone wall thrown up by the FRA to our recommenda-
tions."

It has been a bad year for the nation's railroads already.

Nineteen wrecks have left 22 people dead, at least 230 injured, forced
at least 11 people dead in the wreckage, and fire.

One of the worst crashes: Preliminary investiga-
tions found the same problems
as those of the past.

"There was an industry that does not like to be regulated and, historically, an agency reluctant to regulate," said Barry Sweed-
rin, former FRA chief executive and is an anomaly after years of inaction by industry and regula-
tors." Some of the tremors came as big jolts, while others rolled in.

"You think of all those near misses in the past. It's not just the trains that have been hit with 16 quakes of mag-
nitude-3.0 and greater."

The swarm has "kept everyone kind of on edge," said Skye Heinz.

"February was probably the harshest echo of earlier warnings
they pleaded for changes that
prevented if safety warnings
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"Most of the time these things run their course and dis-
appear," Hill said, referring to the swarm. "Of course, some-
times they do escalate, and
that's why we're monitoring them — if they escalate, we can give people proper warn-
ing."

The current volcano watch
will continue until at least Wed-
nesday afternoon, and could ex-
tend for a longer period if
quakes greater than mag-
nitude-3.0 continue to hit the area, Hill said.

A Level D "moderate unrest" watch was issued Feb. 15 after a swarm of 100 small
earthquakes struck the area.

Most of the quakes then were in the unnoticeable magnitude-2 range.

Mammoth Lakes, a popular ski resort in the Sierra Nevada mountain range 250 miles
north of Los Angeles, is located in an area of historic quake and volcanic activity and a series of tremors strikes, there are concerns that they could signal an impending eruption.

Quakes hit in Mammoth, but little risk of volcano

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LETTERS

Don’t knock a sweet deal

Editor,

This is in response to a letter by Rita Amador in the Thursday edition of the Mustang Daily. Ms. Amador, while doing credit to herself by speaking out about raise issues and attacking the administration, swiftly undoes this credit by any lack of forethought or current events relating to her topic. Ms. Amador may not be aware that President Baker will not, if not has, approved the plan to pay for Cal Poly modem access.

Ms. Amador also destroys all hope of knowing what she is talking about. The modem services we have at Cal Poly are a far cry from what is considered to be the bare minimum of educational resources. ITS, the group in charge of the modem pool, provides Cal Poly students an unbelievable deal.

Unlimited Internet access, the toys to play with it (Netscape’s Navigator, Telnet utilities, FTP utilities), and unlimited hours for what’s that? Free? Try finding an online service that has that deal. I have but, take the fact that ITS will give you an AIX account, Netscape’s Navigator, and a nifty little handout that can get anyone on the ‘net for free, and couple with the fact that there are over 20,000 people affiliated with Cal Poly modem access, it is indeed a serious issue.

So, to generate funds for a larger modem pool, Cal Poly has recently decided to charge students $120 a year to access 500-plus modems, enough to rival many large-scale Internet providers here (or even in Silicon Valley for that matter). While $120 a year seems a lot, if you look at it, that’s $11 a month. Eleven cents. If you don’t like the fact that your school is asking pocket change for online Internet access, then don’t pay the fee (you don’t have to, you know), get an America Online account, and spend $20-$30 a month on a service that holds your hand while cruising the ‘net.

This is in response to a letter by Mario Montel, regarding hisofs of the ‘net. May I offer a quick plug? I know what it feels like to lose a friend but maybe his wish that they care because we all know people who are our friends.

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Something for everyone

I would like to respond to the commentary by Mario Montel, regarding hisofs of the ‘net. It seems to feel that they tend to meld people into something they are not and are useless... for himself. I think you’ll find that Poly still has the sweetest deal around.

Ms. Amador, if you’re reading, please note that Poly cares that we don’t profit off the fee for the modem pool. Of course, maybe President Baker has a Swiss bank account that he’s not about. Maybe he’s planning a nice fat vacation to somewhere where the word ‘abroad’ would mean something while we’re still figuring out why Pomona doesn’t pay anything for their modems. I somehow doubt it.

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RANDOLPH: 'I had fear because I had no control'.

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For most of the five days, Randolph said he was alone when he smoked marijuana.

"I was constantly in an analytical state. It's hard to explain. Things were very positive," Randolph said regarding the group home. "But it was a good situation to get away from the caged-up hospital. It was a little more open atmosphere where I could try to build myself back up."

Randolph is still dealing with the mental trauma that occurred from the incident, and he withdrew from winter quarter because he said he could not concentrate on his studies.

"I'm still dealing with depression which I guess was a by-product of what happened," Randolph said.

Another by-product for Randolph was reconciliation with Cal Poly and the drivers of the cars. Randolph said he had to pay for the damages, and will receive no other punishment as long as he is still seeing doctors regularly.

Randolph has been taking antidepressant medication and plans to return to Cal Poly this fall. He has contemplated what it was about the marijuana and his mental state that made him lose control that day in October. Randolph even admitted that he used marijuana one more time since the incident occurred.

"Why did I trip out?" Randolph asked himself. "There's gotta be a reason. I had to test it to see for sure, and I was fine. I haven't touched it ever since."

"It was probably not the right thing to do," he continued, "but I don't want to be afraid of something the rest of my life and not know why."

The incident has not gone away quickly for Randolph. He faced additional rumors when the Mustang Daily reported the story. Many people criticized the paper for mentioning he was an African-American in the story prior to a quote.

"Black Power! Black Power!" the Daily quoted him as screaming as police held him down.

"It doesn't surprise me," Randolph said regarding what he believed to be a racial bias in the Daily's account of the incident.

"That's been going on for generations anyway."

Randolph said he has also heard many rumors about his mental stability, and even about being a product of what happened.

"I heard rumors like I never recovered, and I'm down with black power and the Nation of Islam," Randolph said, laughing.

His laugh then died down and his voice quivered.

"I just was wondering what those people thought down on that street curb," Randolph said, then paused. "(It would) have been scary if I saw anybody do something like that."

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Accessible in the future.

The tour, which started in Miami, Fla. on Jan. 22, has traveled to colleges throughout the Southeast and Southwest and will keep the group on the road until May.

"We have some great times."

Mr. Thomas is one of the most prominent minority broadcasters in California. He has extensive experience in news editing, writing, and reporting, and has worked as a newswriter for KCAL Channel 9 in Los Angeles and writer/weekend reporter for KNX CBS Newsradio, Los Angeles.
The shuttle landed safely after mission to Mir

By Demis Anderson
Associated Press

The shuttle ended its nine-day, 38.5-million mile mission at Edwards Air Force Base, touch- ing down during a spectacular Mojave Desert sunrise.

"Welcome back Atlantis," Mission Control announced.

"Congratulations on successfully delivering Shannon."

"It sure feels good to be home," flight commander Kevin Chilton responded.

For two days, cloudy skies over Florida prevented the shuttle from landing at Kennedy Space Center, which would have saved NASA the $1 million it costs to move the shuttle coast-to-coast.

Still, the shuttle almost had to make an emergency landing Saturday after its planned landing was called off. Two switches indicated that the cargo-bay doors that must be open during spacewalks outside a space station were closed for landing.

After making a visual check to confirm the latches were open, the crew was ordered to override the automatic system and open the doors manually.

NASA blamed two malfunctioning microswitches for the problem, which almost caused Mission Control to order an emergency landing at a backup site.

There were other mechanical problems. A steering system sprang a hydraulic leak just before the March 22 launch but NASA decided it wouldn't jeopardize the shuttle, which has two backup systems. Also, three of 36 steeringthrusters failed.

At a news conference after Sunday's landing, shuttle manager Tommy Holloway said he saw no pattern in the mechanical glitches that have troubled the last several missions.


"So far, I do not find a pattern that would suggest any of these problems are caused by the orbiter getting old," Holloway said. "I think we just happened to have a couple of things that happened on this flight ... the last couple of flights."

The mission marked the third docking with Mir and the first spacewalk by U.S. astronauts while the spacecraft was attached to the Russian station.

The last time NASA astronauts performed a spacewalk outside a space station was at Skylab in 1974 — seven years before the first shuttle flight.

By Laura Myers
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Maj. Thomas Miller, 49, has taken his first English-language test in South Korea, one of the new states he and his wife, Japanese teacher Aiko, will have to deal with on their first foreign assignment.

"I suppose you have to have a sense of adventure to teach for us," says Joseph Arden, director of the university's European program.

When Arden taught in Vietnam between 1963 and 1970, the professors were sent in with no specific training. A Tokyo-based UMUC administrator when Saigon fell in 1975, he watched television broadcasts showing one of his professors among the last Americans to board fleeing helicopters.

"I later had to deal with the instructors," he laughs.

When the university sent professors to instruct soldiers in the Persian Gulf War, classes were held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; the teachers could hear Scud missile strikes.

This time, the U.S. military will put 11 professors and several administrators in Croatia, Bosnia and Hungary through the same five-day training as soldiers to learn to protect themselves from enemies and the elements.

Mary Secrist, who transferred from the university's Heidelberg, Germany, office to administer the Zagreb program, was hardly prepared to give up lip stick and long hair, which she tucked under her cap.

"They issued us boots and BDUs, battle dress uniforms. I was just clumping around with my shootings out, which is a big no-no," she says of the training in Hofsheider, Germany. "It was a real cultural shock." She was outfitted with a down sleeping bag, a Swiss Army knife, cold-weather gear and other accoutrements of a recruit. She learned how to spot a land mine, search strangers for weapons and deal with terrorists. She practiced loading a machine gun, which she held "live classes" in the world's first international college classrooms.

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When Arden taught in Viet- nam, all his students were American. Now, for the first time, the U.S. military is sending native speakers, including Japanese and Chinese, to the new states.

"We're doing our duty and continuing our education at the same time," says Mark Rischar, an Army chief warrant officer taking a statistics class.

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Yeltsin halts combat operations

By Dove Carpenter

MOSCOW — Desperate to show voters he will stop the war that is sinking his presidency, Boris Yeltsin on Sunday announced a halt to combat operations in Chechnya, limited troop withdrawals and a willingness to hold indirect talks with the rebels' leader.

But his long-promised peace plan stopped short of promising an end to the fighting and left some hope for an imminent settlement.

Yeltsin refused to budge on the separatists' two main demands — full withdrawal of Russian troops and independence for Chechnya — and his tone was more tough than conciliatory.

"Without doubt, we will not put up with terrorist acts and we will respond to them adequately," Yeltsin said in taped remarks broadcast on television Sunday night.

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Last chance for British passports in Hong Kong

By Raymond Clark

HONG KONG — Raymond and Grace Chan argued up to the last minute about whether to apply for British passports. He said it was like an insurance policy. She said it made her feel disloyal to her Chinese heritage.

In the end they filed their applications — along with more than 169,000 people who mobbed the Hong Kong passport office this month to beat a midnight deadline on Sunday.

"I have my roots here. I'm used to Hong Kong. Why should I get a British passport?" asked Grace Chan, 43.

"It's like insurance," replied her husband, 45. "It ensures we can visit our kids in Sydney like we do every year."

Britain's 155-year government of Hong Kong expires June 30, 1997. While the approach of Chinese rule has had many worried about the future of Hong Kong's democratic freedoms, the issue of the day on Sunday was getting a passport.

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It's not that Hong Kong residents were suddenly overcome by yearning for the colonial motherland. If anything, many are still resentful that Britain refused to give them full British citizenship.

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"Brazil doesn't need another Carandiru!" Nicola Limongi cried out, referring to state troopers' killing of 111 inmates in a 1992 prison uprising in metropolitan Sao Paulo.

Due to a mixup in scheduling, spring graduation ceremonies will be held in the rodeo ring.

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Spring graduation moved to rodeo ring?

By Gary Kinman

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — As an inmate trained a gun on him from behind, the director of a maximum-security prison had to appeal to the government to meet the demands of his inmates, who seized on a prison tour four days earlier.

Police sounded sirens to drown out the shouts of the director, who stood on a platform at the Agro-Industrial Penitentiary between a line of police sharpshooters and armed inmates. Police said they had heard enough of the demands of the inmates, who held 23 officials and reporters seized on a prison tour four days earlier.

Negotiations reached a standstill Sunday after a government-selected negotiating team ended the days of talks with rebellion ringleader Leonardo Pareja, a kidnapper and robber.

The government agreed Saturday evening to provide guns, ammunition, 820,000, and five getaway cars to 20 to 30 inmates in exchange for 18 of the hostages. The inmates would leave the prison with five remaining hostages, one in each car.

But close to midnight Saturday, when the exchange was planned, Pareja told police that the inmates wanted faster cars and bigger guns than the government was offering.

About half of Hong Kong's 6 million people already have British citizenship. Another 2 million residents who were not born in Hong Kong — mainly Chinese immigrants — are eligible for the colonial passports.

The colonial passports will not enable holders to live in Britain. They will, however, allow visa-free entry to Britain and 80 other countries.

Police searched the prison for at least four hours Sunday night from Saturday to Sunday to clear the backlog of applications — along with more than 169,000 people who mobbed the Hong Kong passport office this month to beat a midnight deadline on Sunday.

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A dieter’s dream: The new fat-free ‘Lean Bean’ candy

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Wendi Wagner has turned her love for creating things into a sweet business.

Wagner, 41, designs new candy products and feels her latest creation — the Lean Bean — is her finest.

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The Mustangs considered it a win," Scattini said. "In the books there is a win, but it doesn't matter if we don't start hitting more."

Scattini disagreed with the idea that Cal Poly could have a communication problem and said offensive problems are on the field, not off.

"Our problem is up at bat — we just get down and then we save it until the seventh inning," Scattini said. "We've just been in this team slump.

"If someone's going to be in slump, one or two is fine," Scattini said jokingly told the team, "Just not all nine of us at once."

**BASEBALL: A's open season in Las Vegas**

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NCAA: Kentucky has to figure out how to beat Syracuse’s zone to win Monday nights NCAA championship game

From page 12 and Saturday night’s 81-74 semifinal victory over top-ranked Massachusetts was their first NCAA tournament win by fewer than 20 points. Still, last season’s 74-61 loss to North Carolina, one step from the Final Four has been a tough one to forget. The Wildcats shot just 28 percent and were 7-for-36 from 3-point range.

“Afier last year when we played North Carolina, we have played against a 2-3 zone for anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes every day,” Pitino said. “We’ve been good at attacking it and we have to be, because Syracuse plays the best 2-3 zone in the country.”

Syracuse (29-8), which reached the title game with a 77-69 victory over Mississippi State, has won praise — not redeule — for the zone, especial­ly during its improbable NCAA tournament run. The defense received the credit for the regional final win over Kansas when the Jayhawks became the fourth straight team to shoot under 20 percent and were 4-for-25 from beyond the arc. The zone was shaping up to be the wrong way to go early in Syracuse’s Saturday night’s game when Mississippi State hit three 3s in as many attempts in the opening four minutes. But the rest of the way, the Orangemen’s zone forced the Bulldogs into turn­overs and negated their inside-outside game.

Kentucky doesn’t want to make the same mistake.

“You have to keep attacking the zone,” Pitino said. “You can’t rely on God’s gold if you make three or four long jump shots and you think you’ve discovered a way to beat it. Patience, dribble penetration and offensive rebounding are what’s needed to beat a great defense like that.”

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim, who went to the zone because of his team’s lack of depth and speed, knows what his team is up against in Kentucky, the preseason No. 1 and a team that was considered the favorite to win it all at season.

“They have tremendous depth and are good at every position, and they are able to inside-outside at every position. That’s why they’ve been they way they’ve been all year,” said Boehm, who hired Pitino as an assistant in his first season at Syracuse. “They present a lot of problems, and we have to come up with some solutions.”

Just like Kentucky has to solve that zone.

“The way we play, we encourage people to take 3-point shots,” Boehm said. “But it’s not just shooting, it’s how you at­ tack it. We have to be prepared for that and adjust to whatever they do.

Whatever Kentucky does, it will be with a lot of players. Pitino uses a 10-man rotation to solve that zone.

“No offense intended to the young man, but they had a 2-3 guard playing as a point guard that game,” Pitino said. “Now they have Sims.”

Syracuse has 27 assists and 116 turnovers, and his numbers against Mississippi State were 11 points, nine assists and 10 turnovers. The Orangemen finished last in the NCAA.

“If they turn it over five times against us, it will be a nice run­ner-up trophy we receive,” Pitino said.

Baseball season officially open

By Ben Walker

Associated Press

Greg Maddux and the Atlanta Braves get their World Series rings, Ryne Sandberg returns from a 1½-year retirement and major league baseball becomes a Vegas act Monday on the first full day of the 1996 season.

Recently retired Dave Winfield will throw out the first ball in Cleveland. Tony La Russa will manage his first game since he was named as manager of the Chicago White Sox on Sunday. The Chicago Cubs will play the Los Angeles Dodgers in the season opener.

The season began Sunday when Chicago played at Seattle. The March 31 opener was the earliest in major league history — never before had a regular-season game been played before April 2.

For the first time in three years, baseball is expecting a full season, the reason for the early start. What baseball isn’t sure about is fan reaction — atten­dance was down 20 percent in last year’s strike-skewed season.

The Braves, despite last year’s success, were not assured a sell­out for their game against San Francisco. The fans in attend­ance at Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium will see the World Series banner raised and rings passed out.

“After that, it’s a whole new season,” Braves manager Bobby Cox said. “What we did last year won’t mean a thing.”

Philadelphia, which was not anticipating more than 45,000 fans for its game against Colorado, postponed its opener until Tues­day because of a forecast for wet weather. Florida may get near that number for its game with Pittsburgh.

In other NL openers, it will be St. Louis at New York, Montreal at Cincinnati, San Diego at Chicago, and Los Angeles at Houston. In the AL, Clinte will throw out the first ball at Cam­den Yards when Kansas City plays at Baltimore, New York is at Cleveland, Detroit is at Min­nesota and Boston is at Texas. In the only night game of the day, it’s Toronto vs. Oakland in Las Vegas.

The Athletics, forced to leave Oakland because of construction at the Coliseum, will play their first home game at Cashman Field in Las Vegas. It will be the first

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Tennessee dominates Georgia, claims 4th NCAA women's championship title

By Chuck Schofield

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Tennessee dominated inside and got some inspired defense from Latina Davis in beating southeastern conference rival from Latina Davis in beating and got some inspired defense on Sunday night to win its fourth NCAA championship.

Tennessee now has twice as many national titles as any other school in 15 years of NCAA play. The Lady Vols won their previous championships in 1987, 1989 and 1991 — all under current coach Pat Summit.

Tennessee's players doused the traditional championship caps and pranced around the court in celebration. Summit, wearing a burnt orange pullover, watched calmly from the sidelines and chatted with a television reporter.

Tennessee's Michelle Marcinik, who had 10 points, five assists and two steals, was named the outstanding player in the final Four. She scored 21 in a semifinal victory over defending champion Connecticut on Friday night.

Abby Conklin helped with some timely 3-point shooting for the Lady Vols, who had lost at Georgia 77-71 during the season.

Tennessee outrebounded Georgia 63-30 in that game and enjoyed another big edge on the boards Sunday night, this time 54-39.

That total included 21 offensive rebounds, which led to 17 second-chance points.

Davis, Tennessee's leading scorer in the tournament, stood out with her defense by shutting down Georgia's All-America guard, Saudia Roundtree. Roundtree had promised coach Andy Landers a national championship when she signed with Georgia out of junior college two years ago, but she couldn't make it happen.

The 5-foot-7 senior, who had 63 points in her two previous tournament games, rarely was able to get Georgia into its deadly transition game and scored only eight points on 3-for-14 shooting. She went scoreless in the second half.

Freshman Chamique Holdsclaw led Tennessee (28-4) with 16 points and 14 rebounds.

Tiffani Johnson also scored 16 for the Lady Vols and Conklin added 14, including four 3-pointers. Pusher Thompson had 12 points and 11 rebounds.
SPORTS

Mustangs drowsy during double header

By Melissa R. Guider
Daily Sports Editor

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