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Cameras upload current Cal Poly photos to the Internet

By Lauren Nowenstein
Mustang Daily

Students can now use the Internet to view live images of Cal Poly.

A web camera was installed on top of the clock tower a few weeks ago.

Pete Woodworth, network analyst for Information Technology Services, said the project was inexpensive because Cal Poly already owned the computer and the server needed to upload the pictures to the World Wide Web.

"It was surplus equipment that we had," Woodworth said, adding that with the help of several other ITS staff members, the web-camera's installation took about a day to complete.

Woodworth said the camera was set up because ITS needed a video source to test streaming video images.

Woodworth said that the camera's video signal is converted into a digital signal that is uploaded to the web camera, which then transmits the video to the Internet.

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Cal Poly grad meets Clintons

By Whitney Phaneuf
Mustang Daily

Loc Truong didn't go looking for the American dream.

It found him where he least expected it.

When he graduated from Cal Poly in 1998, Truong felt pressure from his parents to continue his education using his biochemistry degree.

Instead of pursuing medical school, the 23-year-old decided to take a year off and mentor at-risk teens at San Luis Obispo high school through AmeriCorps, a program started by the Clinton administration.

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This choice ultimately led Truong to be recognized by the AmeriCorps for his work by President Clinton at the State of the Union address last Tuesday.

"He is the quintessential American success story," said Anita Broughton, associate director of San Luis Obispo County AmeriCorps.

Truong was selected from 40,000 AmeriCorps members by a team in Washington, D.C., to represent the organization, started by President Clinton in 1993.

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Body piercing remains trendy among students

Safety concerns are growing as popularity rises

By Rachel Robertshaw
Mustang Daily

As the trend of body piercing grows, so do concerns for safety.

Body piercing is a semi-surgical procedure that requires contact with blood, body fluid and tissue, and can expose the public to potentially fatal diseases, including hepatitis B, tuberculosis and HIV.

Although body piercers are required to follow a set of regulations, there are no licensing requirements to be a piercer. It is, however, required that the piercer be registered with the state. Tara Goss, owner of Body Adornments in Paso Beach, said she and others have been trying to change this for years.

She cautions that people interested in piercing a part of their body can’t be too careful.

"You can’t be afraid to ask questions to the piercers themselves," Goss said. "You should ask: Has that been sterilized?"

Ron Rotatori, owner of Primal Urge Franchises (piercing and jewelry sales), advises people considering piercing a part of their body to ensure the surrounding environment is clean.

"Anyone who is piercing correctly will provide you with a clinically clean room," he said. "The smell is the best way to tell if a room is clean. It should smell like a doctor’s office."

According to Goss, everything that piercers use should be individually wrapped, including most jewelry.

"It’s really important that you know the needles have been used only once," Goss said. "That’s the most important thing."

Rotatori said, "You need to make sure that every item that is going to touch your body is coming out of a sterilization bag."

According to Rotatori, a piercing studio should have hot and cold running water and employees should wash their hands before and after the procedure. There should be an autoclave, which is used to keep items sterile, and the studio should be able to provide spore-test results for every month. He warns against studios who use equipment that is purchased pre-sanitized, unless a spore-test result is provided.

Piercing, alcohol and iodine may irritate the new piercing, so piercers who recommend these forms of aftercare should be questioned, according to Rotatori.

Cal Poly art sophomore Chris Daniels got the area between his lower lip and chin pierced about seven months ago. Daniels said he didn’t really worry whether or not it was sterile.

"I just trusted the shop to do a good job," he said.

Rotation thinks that about 99 percent of body piercing studios are not aware of all the regulations and precautions that need to be taken.

Goss said she believes most people who pierce out of a shop worry about the legal safety precautions.

"I wouldn’t trust anyone who does it just out of their homes," she said. "I would go definitely go to a shop, unless you’re looking for infection."" said. "I think it’s a great method of self-expression."

Anton Chum, a natural resources and forestry sophomore, said he would never pierce anything except his ears.

"I don’t really prefer it: it’s not really for me," he said. "Tongue rings are all right I guess, because you can’t really see them unless you stick out your tongue."

Cal Poly graphic communication junior Shannon McMillen doesn’t mind most types of piercing.

"Tongue rings don’t bother me. Eyebrows don’t bother me," she said. "Just when it’s in weird places."

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BODY ART: Piercings like this one are becoming more and more popular among college students. Experts warn that such piercings can be the source of medical trouble unless proper precautions are taken.

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DINNER OFFERS CHANCE TO CHAT WITH BAKER'S WIFE

Business students wine and dine in the name of learning professional etiquette

By Julie O'Shea

Many students are looking forward to a chance to learn about the finer aspects of etiquette as they get ready for the upcoming Spring semester. The idea of hosting a business etiquette dinner was suggested by the career services department and was enthusiastically embraced by the students. The dinner offers a chance to practice professional etiquette and network with career services professionals.

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The report by the fact-finding panel, said Sam Santra, the CSU's chief negotiator, follows:

- Terms of the agreement between the CFA and the CSU are as follows:
  - A 3.3 percent general salary increase retroactive to Oct. 1, 1998.
  - All faculty eligible for a Service Salary Increase who received a merit increase must receive at least a 2.4 percent merit adjustment.
  - An increase in the merit pay pool to 40 percent of the salary pool, which will allow two to three times as many faculty to receive merit increases in any previous year.
  - Merit pay increases retroactive to July 1, 1998.
  - Eighty-five percent of the department chairs in the bargaining unit.
  - Establishment of a mandatory department-level review committee for making merit pay recommendations.
  - Two-year contracts for more than 2,300 lecturers with six years of continuous service.
  - More gradual reduction in the duration of the FERP program than proposed in earlier negotiations.
  - Compressors could now be eligible for 15-20 years of service.
  - Increased leave benefits for part-time lecturers.

The agreement also provides for a 6 percent salary increase for faculty in fiscal year 1999-2000, if the CSU receives its budget request for that year.

The tentative agreement must now go through the CFA's board of directors. If they approve it, the agreement will be put to a membership vote in February.

ASU This Week

CAL POLY ASI STUDENT DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE! Pick one up at the USI Information Desk. Cal Poly I.D. required.

CAL POLY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GRANT The Cal Poly Alumni Association is proud to announce the availability of additional funds for Cal Poly student clubs and organizations for projects that promote alumni relations. The grants will be awarded to those projects that best satisfy the following goals:

- Convey the Cal Poly Alumni Association mission statement and purpose
- Promote the Cal Poly Alumni Association
- Involves current alumni
- Generates positive impact on the University
- Promotes the development of student leaders

Applications will be available in the Office of University Relations (8/20/99) and at the Alumni House beginning Monday, Jan. 25 and will be accepted in the ASI Executive Office by 5:00 p.m. March 5th. Any questions, contact Jennifer West, Student Alumni Coordinator at 756-AISM.

ASI PROGRAM BOARD CLUB GRANT As you may know, the Cal Poly Foundation and the Cal Poly Alumni Club have taken an active role in supporting student clubs and organizations. This past year a "Step-Up" grant was awarded to "Step-Up" in the name of student tourism. The grant was awarded to those clubs and organizations that best satisfy the following goals:

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Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

CHAIR'S REPORT

VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Resolution #99-4, Parking Regulations Enforced Until 3:00 PM
- Bill #99-02: Formation of the Issues Committee

BUSINESS ITEMS

OFFICERS' REPORTS

- A: President
- B: Executive Vice President
- C: Vice President of Finance
- D: Vice President of Operations

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A: Foundation Agreement with ASI Presentation
- B: Full Quarter Capital Expenditure Update

DISTRIBUTED ITEMS

- A: Internal Review Committee
- B: Nominations Committee
- C: Elections Committee
- D: Inter Hall Council Representative
- E: PAC-E Professor Assessment and Course Evaluations
- F: Public Relations Committee
- G: Finance Committee
- H: Personnel Committee

REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS

- A: Inter Club Council
- B: Academic Senate Representative
- C: Student Senate Representative
- D: Inter Hall Council Representative

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

[Meeting attendance figures are subject to change without notice. For any updates, check the Roll of Directors, President, Vice President of Finance, and Personnel Committee.

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting: Tuesday from 5-7 PM in UU 219

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Meeting: Thursday from 5-7 PM in UU 212
And then the rains came … What’s next? Locusts?

With my academic career inching toward closure, I believe it necessary to recount the events that have left an indelible mark on the university as experienced by myself and others who were familiar.

For many of you, these stories may seem more like glorified folklore than accurate renditions of what the past was like. But let me assure you, the stories I’ll tell, which predicate the time when the domes were wired directly to the internet, did happen.

“Hey Al,” my brother said to me a week prior to my relocation from the Bay Area to SLO town. “I don’t think you’ll have school next week.” Knowing for sure that I had received a congratulatory letter from the university, I asked him what he was talking about.

“Looks like everything down there is on fire,” he replied. “They’re evacuating the dorms.”

Sure enough, flames had marched towards campus, but were eventually doused with the aid of some milk-like substance that the Light House had in surplus, thus allowing classes to begin on schedule.

Memories of flames were quickly extinguished from our minds in the early part of Winter quarter when the skies overhead turned black and the pillow-like clouds were swept away by waves of rain producing blankets of misery. But it didn’t rain in the sense that water fell from the sky — it poured the kind of storm Moses would be proud of — and it didn’t stop. Weeks of constant showers eroded the hillsides, destroyed bridges and shut the campus down. Hordes of people, lead by over-seas all boys, trudged through the mud, up to the P only to side back down. Then it stopped, and the Cal Poly administration became worried that we would become bored with the SLO life, so they decided to construct a giant land based space center across the street from the domes. Every morning at 8 a.m. sharp, without fail, an absurdly large nuclear-powered pile drove, roughly three stories tall, would go to work driving tons of concrete and steel into the ground. Every thirty seconds, the machine would roar to life, echoing its snort snarl across campus and finishing with a ground shuddering thud. The mighty walls of Sierra Madre proved useless against the machine’s force, for even its foundation shook, every morning for months.

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On the political side of things, the administration created a Civil War on campus through implementation of the “Poly Plan.” The Plan, as it was called, proved to be the only one, this campus ever got fired up over. Cal Poly stills hold the national record for being the most apathetic school, which is self evident if you consider that our students didn’t even protest the Vietnam War.

Today’s era, and tomorrow’s too, can sit back and reap the benefits of the sacrifices made by people like me, unless of course you want to get your panties bunched up over campus coffee selection.

Alan Dunton is a journalism senior who hopes to graduate in seven weeks.

**LETTER**

Countdown to Artie’s day

Editor:

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And estimated that at least 2,700 were injured — but warned this was only a partial accounting.

Capt. Ciro Antonio Guiza, Armenia’s deputy fire chief, said rescue workers were so strapped that many bodies remained on the streets unclept. "There are more than 1,000 dead, perhaps more than 2,000 in Armenia alone," he said.

Two-thirds of the city's buildings were rendered uninhabitable. People wandered about desperately looking for relatives. There was no electricity or running water in most of the city, and food was in dangerously short supply. An estimated 182,000 people were left homeless in Armenia alone.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — House prosecutors pleaded with the Senate on Tuesday to issue subpoenas for "a pivotal three" that President Clinton might answer questions under oath. As the Senate went behind closed doors to debate the witness issue, the White House said Clinton has no intention of submitting to questioning, even if the Senate votes to request it. "It's time to submit to questioning," even if the continued from page 1 Clinton's lead on knowing when to clap and stand up as he sat under the bright lights for the second longest State of the Union address in history. "We need more Americans like you with kids," he said. "We treed more Americans like you give their children a better life. The community of San Luis Obispo, which IS currently aimed at social stability, but there are so many perks to making a difference in kids' lives," Truong said. "All those obstacles make you a strong person," he said. "Truong credits his family for inspiring him to give something back to the community." "This is my chance to pay back America for what they've given my family," Truong said. Broughton worked with Truong during his first year in America, and watched him blossom into the leader he is today.

"I saw this not as a personal opportunity but as an honor to represent the community of San Luis Obispo," Broughton said. "I think of people are afraid to make the sacrifice and after college many students get involved with some form of community. Broughton said there has already been an increased interest and need for more volunteers." His family was so proud, Truong said, adding that the address is subject to change. "We hope to be offering men's basketball games a few times in a week." Catherine Dunkel, a project manager for the facilities planning department, said a web camera is scheduled to be installed above the site of the new parking structure. The project is part venture between the construction management department and the facilities planning department.

Backgrounds: The web camera was so used that it students watching construction for the University of Washington and Virginia Tech, and web cameras to aid students. Travis Mosley, a journalism student, said El Corral received a web camera a few years ago as a demonstration of Silicon Graphics hardware. However, he said the website no longer works. "It's an informational and educational tool," Dunkel said. "Dunkel added that other educational institutions, such as the University of Washington and Virginia Tech, are using web cameras to aid students.

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Iverson close to $70.9 million contract

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Charles Barkley once called him Allen "Muhammad" Iverson. His mother is called the Question, the Answer and the Answer II. The Answer III comes in the form of a $70.9 million, six-year contract extension that Iverson was close to signing Tuesday with the Philadelphia 76ers.

If not for the lockout, Iverson's deal might have surpassed the mega-contracts signed by players like Kevin Garnett, Shawn Kemp and Antonio McDyess. Instead, the negotiations were reduced to a formality.

Once the contract is signed, Iverson will get the maximum for a player entering his third season in the league, a team source who asked not to be identified told The Associated Press.

Iverson's agent, David Falk, was en route to Philadelphia for an announcement planned for Tuesday. A formal completion of the deal.

"I didn't want to wait until the end of the year and then decide whether to play for a contender," Iverson said. "I never wanted to tie the easy way out. I've been here through the bad times, I want to be here through the good. I pretty much knew what time it was."

Iverson's contract is the largest ever guaranteed by the 76ers, hunting the 23-year-old enigma past the likes of Julius Erving, Wilt Chamberlain and Barkley. But Iverson's chance to strike it super-rich with a $100 million contract was wiped out by the lockout.

According to the NBA's new collective bargaining agreement, a player with up to six years experience can receive as much as 25 percent of his team's salary cap, beginning at a maximum of $9 million. Iverson will get $9 million next season with annual raises of $1.1 million. He will make $14.6 million as the final year of the contract.

His 1998-99 salary of $3.5 million is prorated for a 50-game schedule, reducing it to $2.2 million — a loss of more than $1.3 million due to the lockout.

"I just wanted to make enough money to take care of my family," Iverson said. "The money that's out there for me right now is enough for me to do so. If the 76ers were going to give me $100 million, I would be a fool not to take it. I have a family and I want to know how my future's going to look financially."

Newspaper article incurs O'Neal's wrath

SANTA BARBARA (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal was unhappy Tuesday as the Los Angeles Lakers finished their final session of a six-day precision training camp at UC Santa Barbara.

But the source of his discontent had nothing to do with practice.

Some publications have said the Lakers would finish as low as fourth in the NBA's Western Conference — behind San Antonio, Houston and Utah. O'Neal saw one, and didn't like it.

"I've got to show them who the men in the West really are," O'Neal said. "I'm going to kill them again."

The Lakers swept four games from San Antonio last season.

O'Neal issued a challenge to 76ers' David Robinson and Tim Duncan of the Spurs.

"I don't like David Robinson any­
way," the Lakers' center said in a quiet voice. "The Duncan is too light. I'm starting to get like Mike Tyson. I'm coming back.

"None of them do nothing with me.
if they don't like it, they can come to
me on the court or off the court."

Derek Harper, whom the Lakers signed last week to add some experi­
ence and leadership to the team, took O'Neal's outburst as a good sign.

"It (the article) should be激励ing to him," Harper said. "He'll use it to his advantage. He wants respect. The only way to get respect is to be a leader and advance past the conference final."

"Shaq wants a ring. I want a ring. But Robinson wants a ring too. Karl Malone and (John) Stockton want a ring. I know what those teams are doing. They're preparing for war."

Harper said the Lakers' hopes for a championship revolve around O'Neal.

"We're going to go as far as he takes us," Harper said.
ROME (AP) — The mayor demands a recount.

A new vote to assign the 2004 Summer Games is needed, Rome Mayor Franco Cope said Tuesday, contending the choice of Athens, Greece, is now tainted by the Olympic bribery scandal.

"I'm very angry," Rutelli said. "A panel of IOC experts and athletes gave Rome the No. 1 spot on the list of candidates. Until 24 hours before the vote we were in the lead. And then — who knows what happened?"

Two days after the International Olympic Committee ousted six members following revelations of corruption in the bidding process, Rutelli called for a committee of experts to carry out a new poll.


"The most important thing is to remove every shadow of doubt about the decision," he said. "That would be a move to make clear what now is not clear."

The IOC said Salt Lake City's 2002 bid committee spent $800,000 on 14 IOC members, including travel expenses, scholarships for their children and cash payments. In addition to the expulsion of three IOC members, the 2002 committee had to give up the 2002 Games.

Though Athens has not been specifically targeted by the commission, the IOC has said it will examine the selection process for the games from 1996 to 2006.

"Athens won, and I hope Athens won by fair play, but if there is an independent committee, perhaps the decision could be changed and shifted to another city," Rutelli said.

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Deserve was a huge loss to the program — but we do have four viable pitchers with different styles we can rotate," Boyer said. She said those pitchers are Carrie Jasper, senior Lee Roes, freshman Terry Islanhencler and freshman Kristen Murray.

The team will not be able to have rely solely on pitchers this year.

"Our strength is our team as a whole," she said. "It's not simply the Roxy Penit Deck. Everybody works together. Everybody is out there as a team not as individuals and all of them."

The Mustangs are the first action this past weekend in a scrimmage against Chapman College. They played three games to see what the team had and what it needed to work on. The Mustangs have another scrimmage this Sunday vs. California State at Bakersfield at noon at the Women's Softball Field.

Cal Poly will get to help from its schedule line up by looking at quality teams, highlighted by a showdown with defending national champion Fresno State on Valentine's Day.

"I think this is the toughest sched­ule we've ever had," sophomore infielder Kasey Poet said. "At least half of the teams on our schedule have been in the top 25 on the last three years."

The team feels a tough schedule may actually help them.

"It will bring up our play, because when we compete against good teams, we rise up to the level of com­petition," Haley said.

The competition should also help them prepare for the tough Big West, which Boyer believes they can win.

"Traditionally, Cal State North­ridge and Long Beach State are the teams to beat and are very, very strong this year," Boyer said. "But the Big West conference is so strong from top to bottom that we can play con­sistent all the way through we can win the Big West."

Although the Mustangs are relatively young, with seven freshmen and four sophomores, the players have quickly bonded together.

"We have incredible team chemistry," Poet said. "Other teams have low expectations for us because we are so young, but we are going to sur­prise some teams."

However, it may take some time for the Mustangs to mature.

"The hardest thing has been learn­ing what people can and can't do," Haley said. "Learning everyone's dif­ferent playing styles."

The team's seniors will have to provide experience, led by shortstop Taylor Langer, outfielder Ina Stockton and senior catcher Kelly Duncan, who was an honorable men­tion to the Big West All-Conference team last season.

Of the younger players, Poet and Haley have the talent to give the Mustangs some much needed pop in the lineup. Poet has the top returning batting average at .259 and Haley looks to fill the base hole left by graduate Anna Bauer.

Boyer is beginning her eleventh season as Cal Poly head coach. Last season was her first sub-five-hundred year at Cal Poly, breaking a school streak of 15 consecutive winning sea­sons. Boyer has an overall record of .548-199, a .544 winning percentage.

As for Boyer's staff, the team hasn't completely lost the services of Denise Krieger, who has joined the team as the pitching coach. The other assistants are ex-Cal Poly players Rhonda Gent (1991) and Michelle Dunklin (1997). They should lead the Mustangs to a suc­cessful season.

"I am excited about this team as I've ever been about a team," Boyer said. "There's a higher skill level on this team, but yet, especially with defense and offense."

SPORTS
MIA M (AP) — Ray Buchanan has been dogged for guaranteeing a Super Bowl victory. He’s been dogged about Atlanta’s lowly status in the NFL. And he’s been dogged by the many frustrated opponents he’s shut down for most of his career.

So on Tuesday, Media Day at the Super Bowl, he showed up for the hoardes of the interviewers wearing a black leather dog collar with silver studs.

“I’m doing this in fun,” the Pro Bowl cornerback said. “People have us as seven-point underdogs. So I thought I would put on my dog collar.

“The lack of respect is always going to be there until you start proving yourself to a team,” added Buchanan, one of the first free agents coach Dan Reeves signed when he took over the Falcons in 1997. “This team went through a lot of trials and tribulations to try to win football games. It’s a big shock to a lot of people that the Atlanta Falcons are here. But if you take a good look at how we play football, you’ll see why we’re here.

“It seems that nobody on either side believes the Falcons should be much of an underdog. They did go 16-2. They beat their NFC West nemesis, the 49ers, two times, including once in the playoffs. They went to Minnesota and eliminated the highest-scoring team in league history to win the NFC title.

“This week, at least, no one is printing the Falcons more than the guy on the team they’ll meet in Sunday’s game. The Broncos know about all this underdog stuff — the Green Bay Packers were an even bigger favorite (12-1) to handle Denver a year ago. But who went home with the championship rings?

“As defending champions, the Broncos wonder just who has any kind of edge — the team trying to make history with a second straight win or the upstarts who have already surprised nearly everyone by getting this far.

“If anything, it can work against you,” safety Steve Atwater said, referring to the Broncos’ role as favorites.

“You can tend to get a whole lot complacent and your opponents can use that as motivation. They haven’t been here, so they will be fired up. We have to make sure we’re not more fired up than they are.

“I think it’s more difficult to come in the way we are, a defending champion. We have to come up like last year, very hungry,” Buchanan held firm from his podium, his collar nearly blinding everyone when the sun reflected off the studs. Tackle Marcus Price looked over from his berth about 10 yards away, shook his head and laughed.

“I don’t know if that’s stylish,” he said. “But I know what Ray’s trying to say.”

Which is?

“Let’s have some fun, because things get a whole lot more serious after today.”

Both teams seemed to enjoy the cattle call at Pro Player Stadium. Almost everyone dismissed the favorite-underdog scenario with relish.

“It may sound crazy,” Broncos linebacker John Mobley said, “but we feel like we’re the underdog here. I think with that, everybody is going to come out and play like the underdog, where we have to fight, scratch and claw to get on top and get where we want to be.

“That, of course, is right where Denver has been since beating the Packers a year ago on top of the NFL. It’s not a place the Falcons have been close to until now.

“How better to define an underdog than that?

“When you look at where this team has come from,” Buchanan said, adjusting his collar so it shined directly into a television camera, “it was pretty far. We were supposed to be here and win this game.

“A lot of people put a lot of different hurdles in front of this team, but we just went ahead and jumped over every one of them. I feel this team is the best hurdle that may be placed in front of us, if only everybody believes.”

The N B A ’ s ‘free’ agents are anything but ‘free’

Whoever came up with the term “free” agent had no idea of the large amounts of cash swapping hands in this NBA off-season. There were some clear winners and losers, however, in the frenzy of signings.

Houston Rockets: Nothing makes your team better than adding a seven-time all-star with six championship rings like Scottie Pippen. Pippen will allow the Rockets to take on the higher caliber teams in the Western Conference, like the Spurs and Lakers. Picking up Antoine Carr from the Jaz should help off the bench, which is one of the places the Rockets still need help.

Minnesota Timberwolves: Granted, they did lose Tom Gugliotta. But they picked up Joe Smith, a player ready to produce if put into the right system, which Minnesota seems to have. What it comes down to is money. Smith is a bargain (by today’s standards) at $1 million a year while Gugliotta’s blood is at around $3 million a year. Remember, the Wolves have to make sure they still have Kevin Garnett’s ridiculous contract.

New York Knicks: Latrell Sprewell has had his troubles, but I’m willing to give him a second chance. He’s going to make the players around him a lot better, like Allan Houston and Larry Johnson. But why did they trade away their bench to get him? Marcus Camby, who led the league in blocked shots is a good addition, but having Patrick Ewing in the post is the reason the Knicks will win under every hurdle in front of this team, but we just went ahead and jumped over every one of them. I feel this team is the best hurdle that may be placed in front of us, if only everybody believes.”

Chicago Bulls: First, they lose Jordan. Then Pippen leaves. Longley and Kerr are out as well. Can it get any worse? Yes, because Phil Jackson has left and new coach Tim Floyd is stuck with Brent Barry to be his marquee addition. I’m supposed to believe that Barry is going to make up for Jordan? I don’t think so.

Phoenix Suns: Fans will see that they picked up Tom Gugliotta and Luc Longley. Experts know they begged for Antonio McDyess to stay in Phoenix, only to have him choose to go back to Denver, a team that won only 11 games all season. Then they waited an entire season for the team batting average of .229, although their pitching did its job, holding opponents to a 220 average.

“The girls who graduated (pitchers Knipper and Kelly Smith in particular) left us some big shoes to fill,” sophomore Melissa Hales said. Together, Knipper and Smith started 48 of the Mustangs’ 50 games last season, pitching all but 42 of the total innings. Head coach Lisa Boyer said they will rely on four pitchers this year and probably won’t have an ace.

“Our pitching won’t be as dominating — losing