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Green and gold gladiators

Campus park dedicated to Challenger shuttle victims
By Andrea Parker
Mustang Daily
Construction is underway on a new campus park near dedicated to the seven victims of the Challenger space shuttle disaster.
The park, next to the Math and Home Economics building, will provide outdoor seating and several picnic areas.
Jenifer Farfan, a landscape architecture senior, designed the park as a dedication to the people who died in the 1986 accident.
Farfan said there are seven red plum trees, each a dedication to the astronauts that died.
“I came up with several designs, first to remove the trees and put them in a circular pattern. But (facility services) didn’t want to do that because it’s very costly,” Farfan said.
Greg Lampman, the project manager, said the site will have a retaining wall that can be used as seating and seven picnic areas, two of which will be handicap accessible.
The landscaping endeavor began Feb. 2 and should be finished soon. “I would say at the rate they’re going, see VICTIMS, page 3

ASI votes on future of greek rush
By F. Xavier Lanier II
Mustang Daily
Associated Students, Inc. board of directors is scheduled to vote today on a resolution that declares an official stance against the deferred rush policy. The resolution criticizes the lack of student involvement in creating the policy and the restrictions the policy would put on students.
“Resolutions are the highest form of advocacy we have, so we hope the administration takes note of it,” said Dan Gee, president of ASI. “A resolution is intended to speak on behalf of all Cal Poly students.”
Deferred rush is a policy Vice President of Student Affairs Jean Gonzalez implemented that would ban first quarter freshmen and transfer students from pledging a fraternity or sorority. He believes the policy would decrease drinking among freshman pledges by allowing them to adjust to college life before pledging a fraternity or sorority.
“The relationship between active and pledge is about authority. There is an imbalance of power. If students are given a quarter to get settled they may be stronger and not drink with active in a situation,” Gonzalez said. “Greeks need to revisit their mission statements and change their culture.”
The resolution states the University has yet to support their decision with quantitative data.
“National publications said there isn’t any concrete evidence whether pledging is positive or negative,” said Ken Barclay, director of student life.
Gonzalez backed up his decision with other data.
“The two years previous to the decision the Greeks were behaving very badly,” Gonzalez said. “There were 14 alcohol violations among Greeks, some of them involved hazing.”
Gonzalez noted alcohol is also a problem outside the Greek community.
“An in typical year the residence halls have 500 to 700 write ups involving alcohol,” Gonzalez said.
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John Mosley. He planned to set up portable telescopes on its lawn. "The trouble-makers are the young," Skov said. Calling 19 the optimum age to be a resistance fighter, Skov said he was part of a small underground force against the German occupation of his homeland. "We didn't know the word 'freedom-fighter', we were subordinates," Skov said. Though Skov did not have much access to traditional weapons, he was still successful in doing many destructive acts. "All you need is a match, simple tools if any, and determination," Skov said, describing the procedure he used to destroy German cars. The Jews were looked upon as people the Nazis were proud of," Skov said. In an effort to save Danish Jews, Skov helped to take some of them to Sweden using fishing boats. "We didn't think much of the whole affair. We had no inkling that our Jews, had they been caught, would be changed in Denmark," Skov said. Skov was eventually arrested in May of 1944 for his resistance efforts and spent the last 11 months of the war in Danish and German concentration camps. Skov was able to survive because he was strong, smart and determined — although many people died of starvation and exposure to the sleet and winter weather conditions. "We had to work outside in fewer clothes than I am wearing here," Skov said. Skov and other Danish resisters have been recognized by the state of Israel for their efforts. Skov, a part-time professor at Evergreen State College in Washington, said his book "Letter To My Descendants," tells the detailed story of his resistance efforts. He hopes the book clarifies what resistors like himself did during the war. Stu Goldberg, a math professor and advisor for the student Jewish club, Hillel, said Skov came to Cal Poly for free to tell his stories. Goldberg noted not all Cal Poly students are interested in listening to speakers on Holocaust-related issues. "Some students wouldn't care to. It doesn't mean they shouldn't," Goldberg said. Randy Finger, a Cuesta College student, attends speeches like this one because he finds it interesting to hear what the speakers have lived through. "I think it's important to keep history alive, so that we know what happened and so it won't happen again," Finger said.
Next: NBC to air interview with Clinton newest assault accuser

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC said it will broadcast its interview with Juanita Broaddrick, an Arkansas woman who claims she was sexually assaulted by Bill Clinton 22 years ago on "Dateline NBC" Wednesday night.

NBC's Lisa Myers interviewed Broaddrick in January while the network continued to check her allegations. The Wall Street Journal editorial page ran a piece Friday based on Broaddrick's changes and other media reports that followed suit.

NBC News President Andrew Lack said the network wanted to complete its reporting on the story before airing it and wasn't sure that others had broken NBC. President Clinton's lawyers and Broaddrick's allegations were "absolutely false."

Broaddrick said she first met Clinton in 1978 when he was running for governor and she was a campaign worker. A week after meeting him, she was in Little Rock, Ark., at a seminar and arranged to meet Clinton, then Arkansas' attorney general, for coffee at her hotel.

They went to a hotel room, where Clinton forced her to have sex, she claimed.

"I was sexually assaulted by Bill Clinton," she told The Associated Press.

Myers' interview with Broaddrick quickly circulated within the media, with some conservative groups charging that NBC sat on the interview because it was embarrassing to Clinton.

It's going to look like a little park area." — Jerico Farfan

landscape architect senior

Cal Poly Associated Students Inc.

UU Hour Question of the Week — How can I get more involved with ASI and who can I talk to?

Please stop by the ASI Booth in the University Union every Thursday to respond.

Board of Directors

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F. ASI Student Coordinator

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FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting: Tuesday, 1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

ASl This Week

ASl ELECTION CALENDAR
FRIDAY, MARCH 5
ASl Candidate Meeting
Active Campaign Begins
Elections: Run-Off

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
ASl BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Conducts annual corporate reviews, establishes corporate and student policy and responds to issues requiring action by the Members of the Corporation
THE ASI PRESIDENT: is the general manager and chief executive officer of the Corporation and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, have general supervision, direction and control of the Corporation
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Promotes the Cal Poly Alumni Association
Involves current alumni
Generates positive impact of the University
Promotes the development of student leaders
Applications are available in both the ASI Executive Office (UU202) and the Alumni House and will be accepted in the ASI Executive Office by 5:00 PM, March 31. Any questions, please contact Jennifer West, Student Alumni Coordinator at 754-ALUM.

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CAL POLY DEMOCRATS WILL BE HOLDING A MEETING MARCH (THURS.) AT 11:00AM. IN THE UU GALLERY, ALL STUDENTS WELCOME
ASI BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS FOR THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE ARE HELD ON TUESDAYS AT 5:00 P.M. IN BUILDING UU226

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SCS'S BEYOND SHELTER PRESENTS THE 1ST ANNUAL HOMELINESS WEEK, MARCH 1-6, 1999
BEYOND SHELTER: a Student Community Services Project that works to aid the homeless in Solano County, while sponsoring a series of events to raise awareness about the issues of hunger and homelessness in Solano County. This week will push to increase student, community, and local awareness as well as provide student opportunities to support SCS's BEYOND SHELTER.
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Brown-baggin’ it at Cal Poly

For many years now, I have been a crusader on behalf of the Poly Plan — using the pages of this paper as a venue to inform readers why the plan is such a good idea. But most of you don’t listen to my opinions, which are based on facts, logic and empathy toward this university. You whine about the costs of living, costs associated with marriage and the difficulties of working while attending school. Higher education costs money and always will. Attending Cal Poly isn’t a right, it’s a privilege. I drive a Ferrari, but can’t afford it (yet), and you won’t find me crying to lobby for lower prices.

Recently, my people have brought to my attention yet another cause for alarm on this campus — one that probably contributes to the need for fee increases. The age-old sage, “There’s no such thing as a free lunch,” doesn’t seem to apply to Cal Poly. As it stands, all ASI employees from the happy-go-lucky worker at the Craft Center to Dan “the man” Geis (ASI president for those of you who can’t quite place the name) get discounts on all the food they consume on campus.

The way it works is that these elitists carry around cards, denoting themselves as Very Important Food Consumers on campus, entitling them to a whopping 10 percent discount on any of the available delicacies that Foundation serves up. Because of the financial loss the Foundation takes on the VIFCs, people look to other sources to cover themselves. In case some of you aren’t familiar with the business practices of the Foundation, allow me to enlighten you. A nice crispy treat will run you about $1.30, which is also the price you pay for old-baked bread. But we can’t argue with the Foundation — not only are our members chiseled, we also hear they have ties to the trash-collecting company.

So, to cover the deficits created by ASI employees who exploit their special privileges, Cal Poly has introduced, again, the Poly Plan. The spin on it is that it’s gonna benefit students through a variety of education enhancing programs, but the truth is that all the money generated by the implementation of the plan will actually, quite literally, go into the mouths of a select few students and staff. A vote for the Poly Plan isn’t just a vote for the enhancement of facilities and services or for the future of this fine institution, it’s a vote for lunch — but not mine.

Alan Dunton is a journalism senior who can sure go for a nice big brownie and some cool milk right now.

Why students don’t trust the administration

Editor:

Why does there appear to be so much opposition to the Poly Plan? As a long-time faculty member I wouldn’t dream of commenting on the merits or demerits of the Plan. That is something best left to the students to decide. I am, however, deeply distressed at the way I believe the procedures are being shaped by the administration. In order for it to gain its desired end.

There is no doubt, in my view, that the administration has lost a great deal of credibility (read “trust”) with many of the students. To provide a little recent history: In the mid-1990’s, the Chancellor’s office, after discussions with Cal Poly, decided that it would no longer be necessary to get a vote of the student body on any campus in the California State University system before raising student fees. Rather, “alternative consultation” would be enough.

As a result of the above change, the student body was twice denied the right to vote on a Cal Poly Sports Complex which resulted in fee increases. Rather, it was the Associated Students, Inc. board of directors which made the decision and who were heavily lobbied by the administration. To mention just one incident, I remember being at an ASI meeting in late 1997 when a female member of the board was harrased in public by a high administration official for not being a team player and putting the entire project at risk because she wanted the student body as a whole to be able to vote on the complex. Now millions of dollars are locked into place via increased fees for the next 50 years. In addition, a $14 million infusion of funds for the Sports Complex came from Pepsi-Cola in return for obtaining a monopoly in drink sales at the University for seven years. Again the students were never consulted. Indeed, the decision was made over the summer when most students were not on campus.

Nevertheless, between the summer and fall there were probably 20 letters in this newspaper and without exception each was critical of what had been done. The letters, however, had no affect and the administration got what it wanted. Because of the Sports Complex, the video site has been moved. This was done without student or faculty consultation.

Now 150 acres of Cal Poly land is to be used for growing grapes. This also is being done without due process consultation. The student body might rightly feel that the only time it is consulted is when the administration wants more money and then the process is by questionable consultation rather than a referendum. Of course, in 1997, the one time the students were “allowed” to vote on a fee increase, they voted no. The overall message is clear. When the students are not allowed to vote (for example: the Sports Complex), the university gets what it wants. When the students are allowed to vote, the university may not get what it wants.

We now have a hiccup in the methods for presumably determining what the students want. Each college has its own “alternative consultation” process. Sometimes the question of whether the students want the fee increase at all is openly asked or debated; other times, from what I have been told, the lead question relates to how the money should be spent, not if a fee increase is desired in the first place. In addition, the Administration has written the plan on the students’ something which again skews the process since those questioning the increase are not able to similarly communicate.

Clubs around campus are being asked their views. But there is no check on the presumed responses. For instance, I reluctantly asked a club for its input, then dutifully told my department head what I said and the results were, my department head will presumably pass on what she says she has been told to our dean who will presumably pass on that to the chancellor because he has been told to higher level administrators. Is this all being accurately reported? With this methodology, there’s no way of knowing.

In closing, let me again be absolutely clear that I take no stand on the substance of the Plan; indeed, I think many of the President’s arguments in favor of the Plan deserve serious consideration. I strenuously object, however, to the way the Plan is being “sold.” The students deserve better from the administration. It is not surprising that many students are annoyed or angry. They believe they are being manipulated. The university’s credibility has suffered and I believe it will not be easily recovered. Of course, if the only goal is the approval of the Cal Poly Plan, then nothing else matters.

Richard Krandsdorf is a political science professor.
Clinton's actions were not 'high crime' 

**Editor:**  
It is a great time to be an American! The deficit is almost gone, the crime rate is the lowest in 25 years, unemployment continues to decrease, classroom sizes are smaller, interest rates are so low that a few more people are having their dreams come true in this great country and President Bill Clinton is still commander-in-chief. I know it is hard for some people to accept the fact that he has been acquitted, they probably think Al Gore would be President by now. Yes, it is over, yes, he is still President of the United States. Americans opened their ears and their eyes to the simplicity that the acts of the President and Monica Lewinsky did not warrant imprisonment. They saw what they wanted, a President that cared about them and what they want. The American people saw through the charade the trial managers created. President Clinton did not commit acts that can be deemed as high crime nor as misdeemors. They did not jeopardize the security of this nation nor his ability to lead. In fact, during his full two terms of office he was the only one that continued to work for the betterment of this country.

**Article:**

Americans won through the Republican's efforts at trying to lose control of the three legislative houses and word processing. These fat and happy members of the Good Old Party sat puerto on their leather chairs laughing and joking as they wasted millions of taxpayer hard-earned dollars. Ken Starr alone has taken the taxes my neighbor and I worked so hard to pay. The Republicans couldn't even get a majority vote on either charge. Who really wanted him to lose?

The Republicans were apathetic to the wishes of the populations of American citizens who insisted this should have ended months ago. They had absolutely no feeling for the more than 62 percent of the American people who wanted this resolved in the House Judiciary Committee. (From Republicans admitted to the media that they weren't going to fire the President.) As a result of the Republican's failed effort to oust Clinton, the country suffered severe losses in the polls in 2000.

The representatives and senators that work for us did their job. They were far from competent. They worked long hours, studying law and evidence. They followed the rules that were laid out by our forefathers. This was not a matter of justice; this was a matter of what high crimes and misdemeanors were. The words that lined our minds that characterize the majority of the U.S. Senate, as well as the Chamber were well studied and studied in the law. They knew what their vote meant.

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Van Exel says the Lakers are better off without the worm

**SPORTS**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dennis Rodman is expected to begin his Los Angeles Lakers career Friday night. Nick Van Exel, for one, believes his former team could be making a mistake by adding the seven-time rebounding champion.

Of course, Van Exel, who was traded to the Denver Nuggets on draft day last summer after five controversial seasons with the Lakers, might not be the most objective observer.

"He (Lakers coach Del Harris) thought I was a problem," said Van Exel. "I want to see Dennis go out there and show people how good he is."

Van Exel said after helping the Nuggets beat the Lakers 117-115 in overtime Monday night in Denver for only their second victory of the season.

"I want to see how Del handles it," Van Exel added. "I have no idea what he's thinking about Dennis Rodman, the show, he's going to be great for that team. If he comes in with all his nuts, just thinking about Dennis Rodman the show, he's going to kill that team." A source told The Associated Press late Monday night that, while players hadn't been signed, a deal between Rodman and the Lakers was basically done.

As of late Tuesday afternoon, the Lakers hadn't announced the signing of a contract, but it was expected any time.

The source also said Rodman is expected to practice with the Lakers for the first time today. The team said a limited practice would be held in the afternoon on the heels of a three-game, three-day road trip that finished Tuesday night in Vancouver.

The Lakers then play the Los Angeles Clippers on Thursday night in Anaheim and again Friday night at the Forum.

A member of five champions teams, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls, Rodman announced during a raving 20-minute news conference Monday he intended to play for the Lakers and would make his debut later this week.

The Lakers responded by issuing a statement saying they felt they have to have the eccentric forward signed and in uniform "sometime in the very near future."

"He's going to get some rebounds — he's going to be a big help."

Lakers star Shaquille O'Neal said.

The Lakers could use some help. Thought to be prime contenders for the NBA championship this year, they brought in a 6-5 record into Tuesday night's game in Vancouver.

Rodman's announcement during a bizarre press conference met with mixed reaction among fans.

On STX Radio in San Diego, afternoon show kept count among callers and the totals were 34 in favor of Rodman's addition to the Lakers and 28 against.

Among the comments:

"Let's get the player now and then get his (former) coach (Phil Jackson) next."

"Cross off the cross-dresser from this list."

"Have not won, will not win with Del Harris. Get Rodman."

Van Exel, who had a strained relationship with Harris, said he wasn't the problem with the Lakers — his coach was.

After the Nuggets rallied from a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat the Lakers, Van Exel said, "I wasn't the center. The center is still there. He has white hair. And until they get rid of him, they're never going to keep lapses like this."

The reference was obviously to Harris.

"I was loving it," said Van Exel, who scored seven of his 16 points in overtime and had 13 assists. "It was exciting, beating Del, beating their management. There was a lot of revenge in this room."

Woods geared up for first Match Play Championship

CARLSBAD (AP) — With the flush of a smile, Tiger Woods spoke volumes about his anticipation of seeing Nick Faldo on the first tee and anyone else who may follow over the next few days of the Match Play Championship.

With one swing of the club, he showed why the smile isn't for show.

"Give me the driver," he said to Ben Bell, a childhood friend who is caddying for him this week. "I've got a bet to settle."

His eye locked on a white truck beyond the 48-foot mesh net at the back end of the driving range, Woods swung with all his might and watched the ball arc majestically into the blue skies north of San Diego and disappear over the fence in 1985. "Give me another one," he said.

This one sailed so far to the right it was exactly where it landed — if it ever did. Woods let out an approving laugh, put his money in his pocket and walked off to the clubhouse.

Chalk another up for Tiger, and let the matches begin.

"I have always enjoyed playing one-on-one," Woods said. "I have always enjoyed having a chance when a tournament comes down to just one-on-one situation. I love the feeling of that. In this sport, we don't get that very often. That's about to change."

The Andersen Consulting Match Play Championship, which begins Wednesday with the Top 64 players in the world, brings match play back as an official event for the first time since the 1995 tournament that ended in 1985.

"This will never be confused for Tucson or any other regular stop on any of the five tours behind the $5 million World Golf Championships."

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Court rules for NCAA in sex-bias case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The NCAA is not subject to a federal sex-bias law because it collects dues from federally financed colleges and universities, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday.

But the justices' unanimous decision left open the possibility the governing body for college sports may later be required to pay up as a defendant in a sex discrimination case.

President's Award for Excellence in Physical Education

The NCAA is also being sued over its decision to require metal alloy bats, costing more than $800 instead of wooden bats.

There is definitely an interest in baseball bats to perform more like traditional wooden bats, Smith said.

The NCAA also is being sued by former University of California at Santa Barbara rowing coach Kelly Sneed, who said she was pleased with Tuesday's ruling.

"We're very pleased that this decision was made," Maloney said. "We're happy with the way it turned out."
**SPORTS BAR**

**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**YESTERDAY’S ANSWER**

The Quebec Nordiques selected Eric Lindros in the NHL draft’s first selection.

**TODAY’S QUESTION**

Who won golf’s only recognized Grand Slam?

Please submit answer to m.Utility-daily@calpoly.edu

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The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

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**SCORES**

**BASEBALL**

Cal Poly 7

Pepperdine 13

**BRIEFS**

**Boxing**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — She has yet to throw a professional punch. She doesn’t have a promoter. She has no proven skill.

And yet, she is drawing attention in the boxing world of women’s boxing because of her last name: Ali.

Laila Ali, the 21-year-old youngest of Muhammad Ali’s nine children and his youngest daughter, is working out daily and might be ready for her first pro fight this summer.

The 21-year-old approached her father late last month to inform him she planned to follow in his footsteps.

“Well, Daddi,” she said, according to The New York Times, “I want to tell you I’m going into professional boxing, and I love you, and I want your support, and I want to tell you that even if I don’t have your support, I’m going to do it anyway.”

That’s probably something Ali might have said before he began his brilliant career as Cassius Clay in the late 1950s.

The 57-year-old Ali, who’s never fought heavyweight champion who is weakened by Parkinson’s Syndrome, at least part because of boxing, told his daughter he didn’t want her to get hurt.

“Daddi, I’m not going to get hurt,” she replied. “I’m going to be fighting, not men. And I have your genetics.”

So far, the 6-foot-2, 160-pounder has only sparred with her trainer, Kevin Morgan.

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**McGwire homer in TV debut**

JUPITER, Fla. (AP) — The reviews are in: Mark McGwire can act, too.

“He might be the next John Wayne,” St. Louis Cardinals general manager Walt Jocketty said Tuesday, a day after the 27-homer man made his debut on the sitcom “Mad About You.” “I think he wanted to, he’d be pretty good at it.”

Manager Tony La Russa said McGwire’s guest appearance was almost as good as one of his home runs.

“Whoever coached him for that appearance, we ought to hire him,” La Russa said. “He was outstanding — surprisingly, I was really impressed. I didn’t expect him to be anywhere near that good.”

Leading in bed with scenes with Helen Hunt was one of the highlights of McGwire’s hectic off-season. He didn’t appear until late in the half-hour show and didn’t have a lot of lines, but pulled off his role without a hitch in one of those mistakes-filled, droning rom-com routines.

His first line came at the end, when he and Hunt were at the breakfast table on the morning after. Paul Reiser walked in wearing a Cardinals uniform, continuing the role reversal theme.

“You remember, you’re going to throw you junk all away long,” McGwire said. “So just wait for your pitch.”

Then he gave Hunt a quick kiss. Leaving character and returning to the McGwire baseball player, he raised an arm in triumph as if he’d just taken someone deep.

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**Defunct crew team still owes $50,000**

By Steve Noone

Mustang Daily

The empty shell of a boathouse still stands at the Duke Energy plant in Morro Bay.

Built for the now-dismantled Cal Poly Crew club in 1992, and funded by a $5,000 loan from Associated Students Inc., the future of the building remains uncertain.

What is certain, however, is when the club broke up in 1996, they defunded the loan and left ASI with a debt of almost the full amount and an empty boathouse.

Bill Ashby, director of business services for ASI, said the clubs overambitious budgeting caused their financial difficulties, which was a major contributing factor to their disbanding.

“In 1995-96 it became clear the team was having financial trouble and the annual facility expenses of $6,333 were going to be difficult for the club to meet,” he said.

The expenses: $3,000 to Pacific Gas and Electric for use of the land and $3,333 in annual payments on the 18-year ASI loan, were diffused among the members as club dues.

“It’s kind of sad — they were one of the best organized clubs on campus,” he said.

Ashby said ASI forgiven the debt and took control of the facility in the winter of 1996 after liquidating $2,200 of the clubs remaining assets, which included row-shells, oars, and other equipment.

“The notion ASI forgive the debt was that we agreed we could get some second generation use out of the facility,” he said. “We did some brain storming and decided to use it as an indoor facility for Chumash Challenge during winter of 1997 and 1998.”

Drew Kashi, mechanical engineering senior and former member of the crew team, feels ASI treated the club unfairly.

“They took our track, which was $3,000, and worth about $35,000,” he said. “They sold our boats and equipment for way less than they were worth. They basically said, ‘Make us an offer. It’s pretty sad — now we have nothing.’”

“We had built the club up slowly over 11 years and then just to have it gone — it just kills me,” he said. “It’s like a big family that got broken up.”

There was a lot of interest in rowing, a bunch of us were really fighting for the club,” Kashi said. “But we had a pretty bad president — there was some speculation he had embezzled some money, and he had us as a boat where we couldn’t afford it.”

Kashi said the club had between 40 and 50 members when it disbanded, but admits they were having trouble repaying ASI.

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**ABOVE:** The crew team, which was disbanded in 1996, still owes boathouse and a boathouse at the Duke Energy Plant in Morro Bay, but it would take a large sum of money to keep it.

**LEFT:** St. Louis exemplifies the division of power and revenue equals more high-profile free agents, which translates to more wins.

To put this in perspective, three players last year (Albert Belle, Gary Sheffield and Greg Maddux) made more than the Montreal Expos’ entire payroll. This is an extreme case, but a definite problem exists here.

There are no small market teams that compete with these odd-jobbed against them. Fans in the smaller markets are the real losers in this battle over money, as they suffer by seeing their teams lose an uphill battle. These teams happen to have a great player, it’s simply a matter of time before they get lured away by more money from a larger market.

I am usually a great level playing field as baseball, because without it, fans will suffer.

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