Rep. Lois Capps, who represents three counties, including San Luis Obispo, was sworn in by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Capps pushes student act in first 100 hours

Devan McAlpine


Capps was emboldened in what the Democrat called “the first 100 hours,” during which they pushed a number of pertinent bills through the House of Representatives.

The act, which has been stalled by partisan dysfunction in the past, will gradually lower interest rates on student loans from 6.8% in 2007 to a low of 3.4 percent in 2017.

The bill passed by a 386-71 margin, including 124 Republican votes, the most GOP support of any bill passed in the first 100 hours.

The vote signaled what Capps hopes to be continued bipartisan support for democratic legislation.

The bill would save an incoming Cal Poly freshman more than $2,400 and $4,700 over the life of the loan.

Free from fire?

After the fires in Stenner Glen, the issue of alarms, sprinkler systems are brought to light

Canie Gaeto

After two fires broke out in the same Stenner Glen suite two weeks ago, three of the seven female residents have been relocated to other buildings and one has left the complex altogether. The fires, which caused an estimated $60,000 worth of damage combined, kept all residents of buildings eight out of their rooms on the nights of Jan. 8 to 9.

“We hope to have a pretty last minute. We will. We just want to be a neutral conduit of other faiths, where we can serve as a group on campus and serve as a neutral viewpoint,” said Capps.

California businesses seek clarity on state’s global warming law

Samantha Young

SACRAMENTO — Uncertainty over how California will implement its new law to cut greenhouse gas emissions could delay business investments and force companies to cut jobs, area leaders told state regulators Monday.

The uncertainty stems from the broad mandate in the state’s new global warming law. The law passed with great fanfare last year and took effect Jan. 1. It imposes an economy-wide cap on greenhouse gas emissions, but leaves open how much individual companies, industries and sectors must reduce their emissions.

Developing regulations to implement the law by the state Air Resources Board could take three years or longer. That’s too long for companies writing business plans, said Dorothy Rodrock, vice president of the California Manufacturers and Technology Association.

“If you’re a company and you’re making an investment decision of any kind — expanding, modernizing, switching over to new processes — it would be nice for them to be able to factor in how they will be treated,” said Rodrock, who heads a coalition that will lobby for businesses as the state begins to implement the law.

Rodrock and other business leaders urged the agency to set guidelines this year for utilities, refiners, see Businesses, page 2

Brittany Ridley

Cal Poly Theism: A new club of all faiths

Brittany Ridley

Cal Poly Theism, a new religious studies club became an official club on campus winter quarter.

The club is affiliated with Cal Poly’s religious studies program and focuses on the education of religious worldwide.

“Our goal is to sustain and help religious education in a neutral environment so that people can learn about other faiths, or some aspect of a faith, that they haven’t been exposed to before,” said Craig Weitzel, president of Cal Poly Theism and business junior.

“Basically, it is education without evangelization. It’s learning about something just for the sake of learning, without wanting or needing to convert to a specific faith,” Weitzel said.

Although the club became chartered this quarter, it officially began meeting and hosting presentations during fall quarter.

“We are really trying to find a specific denomination, and that is great, but our goal is to foster awareness and diversity toward a faith that might not normally get to much attention,” Weitzel said.

Cal Poly Theism is the first club on campus to focus on all religions from a neutral standpoint.

This month Cal Poly Theism plans to present Stephanie Stllmann, a Cal Poly religious studies professor, to discuss her analysis on the religious aftermath of Columbine.

The club strives to discuss and present on every religion, especially those that are not as popular on campus, Weitzel said.

“No religion is out-of-bounds,” Weitzel said. “Just about any angle you can take on religion is one that we would be interested in. Anything that can be academic about religion, and that is about everything.”

Next month, the club will focus presentations and meetings on the Christian faith.

“We hope to have a pretty lasting legacy within the campus,” Weitzel said. “We want to be a neutral ground where we can serve as a conduit of other faiths, where we can potentially host debates if you will. We just want to be a neutral group on campus and serve as a balanced view point. If we achieve that mission, where we are recognized as a neutral ground to learn religion from an academic standpoint, then I would definitely call the club a success.”

Approximately 12 other religious clubs take place on campus, according to the Cal Poly Web site. Each of these clubs focuses on a specific religious ideal.

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Capps called the act a "step in the right direction." "I think (the bill) is a good thing," she said. "I am extremely excited; I think Democrats are in control of the House for the first time since 1994." In addition, for the first time in U.S. history there is a female speaker from the minority party, Speaker Pelosi. "The breaking of a marble ceiling for a woman is a significant event," Capps said.

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For example, the Muslim Student Association has inaugurated a public awareness effort called the Islam Awareness Week and an open house at their local mosque in order to educate students about Muslim beliefs and Islamic culture. The group focuses on educating others about Islam, especially because there are a lot of stereotypes, said Naiyerah Kolkailah, Muslim Student Association board member and biology senior. By providing religious clubs on campus, students have the opportunity to become aware of new cultures and ideas that exist in the world, Kolkailah said. "Here we have a small Muslim community, and whatever you don't know about you tend to fear," Kolkailah said. "So seeing that there are Muslims on campus and that we do have a voice and we do have a perspective, is important." Other religious clubs, like Hillel, a national Jewish organization, and Inter-Varsity Christians, bring a religious community for students to turn to when they are away from home.

"The Jewish community at Cal Poly is not very big, so we aim to make a place for Jewish kids to come to when they are away from home for the first time," Ari Dhalak, president of Hillel and business sophomore said. The Orthodox Christian Fellowship club hosts meetings on campus to discuss Jesus Christ in a way of focusing on Orthodox beliefs, said George Karatas, president of Orthodox Christian Fellowship and mechanical engineering senior.

Cal Poly Theism focuses on educating students about these religions and many more. The club hosts monthly presentations with practitioners and religious studies scholars.

"Last month we had two Hindu teachers present who were followers of a specific Hindu guru," Weitzel said. "The month before we had a Buddhist monk come to speak on us campus." The group is currently working to bring a Baha'is speaker to campus, Weitzel said. By bringing new beliefs and cultures to campus, they hope students will become more aware and interested in the study of religious traditions.

"Almost every religion has some misconceptions and that can lead to conflict," Weitzel said. "We have to have a neutral understanding ultimately turn out to be a much more peaceful path."

Additional information on upcoming Cal Poly Theism events can be found on their Web site at www.clalcalpoly.com.

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Algae growers have been facing a challenge growing algae in large quantities because of the high cost of light. Now that the price of light has dropped, algae growers can now afford to grow algae in large quantities. The algae can then be used to produce biofuels.

The law is one of the key ways California seeks to combat the effects of climate change. Scientists and experts in various state agencies say climate change threatens California's water supply, agriculture, forests and coastal line.

Among the first challenges in imposing the emissions cap is a directive by the Legislature to create initial steps industries can take to reduce emissions before the caps take full effect in 2012.

As part of that initial surge, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger this month proposed that the air board adopt regulations promoting the use of low-carbon fuels. The governor last week issued an executive order mandating that California reduce the carbon content of passenger vehicle fuels 10 percent by 2020.

The board, which has jurisdiction over vehicle emissions, is considering implementing the proposed rule. Where the other early reduction rules could happen and how companies might get credit are key parts of the debate. At the Sacramento Municipal Utility District, for example, officials are considering using manure to generate electricity. But executives are questioning whether they should hold off on the project until they are required to reduce emissions.

Summer quarter the wireless system will be added to the remaining three buildings. "After we complete the red bricks we will continue on to Yosemite, Sierra Madre and the (North) Mountain halls. Soon all of the student housing on campus will be a part of the wireless smoke detector system, we are on the right track," said housing and business director Alan Pepe. All students living in Stenner Glen received e-mails following both fires with information on how to ensure their smoke alarms are functioning properly and encouraging students to report those who tamper with the equipment. Residents of building eight, where both fires occurred, had a private meeting last week to discuss what happened, fire safety and the feelings of the students involved.

"I'm really glad they held that meeting because it reminded me that everyone living there is in the same boat and now we will all be watching for signs to prevent fires in the future," Agius said.
“I think the Colts are going to win because the Bears are going to be haunted by the ‘Super Bowl Shuffle.’ I think it’s going to jinx them.”

“Colts, hands down. I think they’re due; they’ve been so close for the last few years. I don’t think the Bears’ defense can handle Peyton Manning.”

“I want the Colts. I don’t know if they’ll win, but I want them to.”

“I’d have to say the Colts because Manning deserves it. It’s a long time coming.”

Question of the day:
Who do you think is going to win the Super Bowl?

Bombs strike Shiite targets; 137 dead across Iraq

Kim Gansel
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide bomber crashed his car into a central Baghdad market crowded with Shiites just seconds after another car bomb tore through the stalls where vendors were hawking DVDs and used clothing, leaving 88 dead Monday in the bloodiest attack in two months.

The bombings, along with a double bombing that killed 12 people in the town of Khalis, battered Shiites during one of their holiest festivals. The attacks were the latest in a renewed campaign of insurgent violence in advance of a U.S.-Iraqi security operation.

In all, 137 people were killed or found dead across Iraq, including a teacher who was gunned down as she was on her way to work at a girls’ school in a mainly Sunni area of Baghdad. The toll also included the bullet-riddled bodies of at least 30 people, apparent victims of death squads largely run by Shiite militias.

Khalis is in the volatile Diyala province, where fighting has raged among Sunni insurgents, Shiite militiamen and U.S. and Iraqi troops.

In the provincial capital of Baqouba, state television reported that gunmen attacked the mayor’s office, ransacking the building and setting off explosives that damaged the structure. Police said the mayor was kidnapped, a report that U.S. officials said they could not immediately confirm.

The twin bombing in Baghdad was the single deadliest attack against civilians in Iraq since Nov. 23, when suspected al-Qaida in Iraq fighters attacked the central Baghdad market, killing 45 people in a car bomb and mortar that struck in quick succession, killing at least 215 people.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a Shiite, denounced Monday’s attack and blamed Sunni. “The alliance of the terrorists and the remnants of Saddam have committed an ugly crime,” he said in a statement.

Brig. Jhahal al-Jabiri, director of the explosives experts department in the Interior Ministry, told state television that each car apparently carried more than 190 pounds of explosives.

Deputy Health Minister Hakim al-Zamili said at least 78 people were killed and 156 were wounded, but police and hospital officials put the death toll at 88.

The attack occurred two days after the start of the 10-day festival leading up to Ashura, which marks the death of Imam Hussein, grandson of the Prophet Muhammad and one of the most revered Shiite saints.

Iraqi Hamas died in the battle of Karbala in A.D. 680. The battle cemented a schism in Islam between Shiites and Sunnis, a division that has grown in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. The festival culminates next week with processions and ceremonies, including self flagellation, in a show of grief to mark Hussein’s death in battle.

Late Monday, the U.S. military announced it had launched a joint drive with Iraqi forces into a dangerous Sunni neighborhood in north Baghdad, a region that has seen significant violence in the capital.

The attacks were the latest in a series of insurgent bombings and shootings that have left more than 1,800 Iraqis dead since the start of the year, according to the independent Iraq Body Count project, which tracks war-related deaths.

American military announced that U.S. and Iraqi forces captured 16 Shiite militia leaders and 33 key Sunni insurgents in the past 45 days. The military said 52 operations since Dec. 8 targeted the Mahdi Army, which has been blamed for much of the sectarian violence in the capital, while 42 focused on Sunni extremists.

U.S. and Iraqi military officials also detailed a recent operation near Baqouba in which they said 100 Sunni insurgents were killed and 50 captured.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush will tell Americans Tuesday night he has important plans for health care, education and other kitchen table topics that have little to do with Iraq. Yet if the state of the union is strong, so is the nation's skepticism that he can deliver.

For the first time, Bush will give his State of the Union address with Democrats in power and looking over his shoulder — literally, with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi seated right behind him. Most people have no confidence that Bush and a Democratic Congress can solve problems together, a troubling sentiment that has only deepened since the November election, an Associated Press-AOL News poll finds.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — While winners can still work for world peace, the Miss America Organization for the first time has chosen to focus its community service efforts on a single cause — helping children's hospitals.

Under a partnership with the Children's Miracle Network, the 86-year-old pageant plans a "national platform" to advocate on behalf of children's hospitals.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The closest aide to the late Pope John Paul II published a new book that Soviet spies could have been behind the 1981 assassination attempt in which the pontiff was gravely wounded and a Turkish gunman. But Stanislaw Dziwisz, who said he agreed to help educate the public about the cruelty of such language.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Euraka man pleaded guilty Monday to knowingly using $1,100 in fake currency. U.S. Attorney Kevin Ryan said.

Rieck Shane Cook, 32, admitted passing several of the counterfeit bills to merchants in Eureka during one day in March 2005.

Cook, who faces a maximum 20 years in prison, will be sentenced April 30.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Grey's Anatomy" star Isaiah Washington, under fire for using a gay slur about a co-star, met Monday with gay rights activists who said he agreed to help educate the public about the cruelty of such language.

"He seemed very sincere in his desire to work with us in an ongoing basis," said Kevin Jennings, executive director of the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network.

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Paris couture shows oozze red carpet glamour

Joelle Diderich

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Port O'Brien captures SLO's heart

I feel like I've been babbling about Port O'Brien since the first time I saw them perform. It's hard not to because everyone else is talking about them as well. Not only have they been getting better, they have been getting bigger. A review in the independent music blog Pitchfork Media put them alongside some great and well-loved folk artists.

The rise in popularity once again threw the whole band off and didn't leave the five-piece band sounding as good as they should have. I ended up getting quick glimpses of music that I really liked before weird imbalances in the sound distracted me. Let's just say they were good because the band shouldn't have been blamed for something that was the sound guy's fault.

The Finches followed. Apparently, they are usually a larger band but for this performance it was a one-woman show. She explained that some swollen tonsils led to another member of the band having copious amounts of pus extracted from his throat. And she followed that with pretty music that seemed somewhat reminiscent of Rilo Kiley member Jenny Lewis. And she followed that with more great stories, one of which involved a seedy bar in San Luis Obispo and a man in a green mesh shirt.

Port O'Brien then took the stage in their full band form which featured members of the Bloody Head, Somehow, lead singer Van Porrasolako got crazier and wilder than ever before. He spewed songs while misting the whole affair with bizarre, crusted humor that kept the audience engaged. In addition, he ended the night with the bow-clacier player to help flesh out the sound even more. The show definitely changed my perception of (Port O'Brien) to some extent. Before, they were a really good local band that I knew some members of. After the show, I realized the band is a lot more and that they definitely have become a unique band I love...
The Ladies of Wisteria Lane are back and feeling frisky

Amy Asman
MUSTANG DAILY

A shoot-out in the supermarket. An immature-stricken convict caught in the middle of a steamy love triangle. A sack of human teeth hidden under the pantry floorboards.

Sounds like the plot to a melodramatic soap opera, or maybe a creepy horror flick, right? Well, not exactly. It's simply a handful of the devilishly clever storylines from the current season of ABC's hit show, "Desperate Housewives."

The brainchild of comedy wiz Marc Cherry, "Desperate Housewives" hit the Hollywood television scene in 2004 to rave reviews from critics and viewers alike. Not only did the dramedy feature creative plots and writing, it also gave viewers a a winning script (a refreshing change from much of the reshuffled junk frequentely paraded on the boob tube), it broadened the genre's narrative boundaries. It's a new and wickedly funny changes; say goodbye to the drooping storylines (Andrew's sick fascination with the span of six months, the show is back and setting a pace that may make them better than ever. It seems that Cherry and crew have done some much-needed trimming, say goodbye to the drooping storylines. It's true that the show still has a few story gaps and that the men of Wisteria are hurting for screen time. Still, the television season is young and the plot-line pickings are ripe. Fear not, ladies and gentlemens, "Desperate Housewives" is taking a cue from one of its newest characters and bringing itself back from the dead.

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Movie musicals starting to make a comeback on the big screen

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HUMOR COLUMN

Mike's checklist for new relationships

Mike's Guide to Life

BY MIKE HEINOWITZ

For the last year and a half — and — I don't know — two days, I was a single man. I lived my life without the responsibility of having a girlfriend. But just recently, I am back on the market, and am now in a relationship. It is a new time for me, as I must adjust to life with this new girl by my side. And there are certain things that I must share with you, my loyal reader, as I go through them in my relationship.

Before I really jump into this "Guide to Life," I must point out the great love column that is the Mustang Daily every Thursday. "Love in the Time of College," written by Sarah Carlson. While she seemingly knows her stuff in each of her columns, I must say that it is time to get a man's perspective on this whole dating thing. I'll try not to cross any lines here or step on her toes (1), as I'll let you in on my experiences of the early stages of a relationship. To help me do so, and to aid me in this, instead of referring to my girlfriend by her real name, I'll just use the word "Woman" as a proper noun to describe her. (2)

First things first, and probably the most defining part of any relationship — make sure to quickly change your status on both facebook and MySpace. Everybody knows that there is no faster way in the world to spread the news of a relationship than the facebook news feed. We went through the national progression of having our status say "Heard the news," then "Blank," and then, of course, finally having it say, "in a relationship with Woman." With the status change, "congratulations" quickly came to me from all around. (3) It isn't right on facebook, it isn't right in real life.

With MySpace, the Top 8 has already taken over. At first I put her in the number one spot, but then a few weeks later, I put her little gay friends and sister before her. In those few minutes, Woman saw the change, and quickly asked why she was moved down in the Top 8. We worked it out though, as I told her the importance of each person, and she got it over (4). So, my advice to you, is to talk about the Top 8 position, because apparently that is one of the most important status things there is.

For our first problem, we worked it out by going over some ground rules. This proved to be extremely hard, but will be beneficial for you too. Think about what is important to you, and do what I did by talking about these important ground rules. One of the rules that I had to go over with Woman, had to do with my street cred. As a college student, I'm one of the whitest guys around, (5) but sometimes I feel like I need some street cred.

One way for me to do this is to refer to her as "my bitch." Hold on, before you start flooding the Daily with letters about how shameful it is, just hear me out. In no way am I calling Woman a "bitch" but rather I am using it as a term of endearment as I really can't call anyone else that. (6)

So, well, she still didn't really like that idea, but, we compromised, which is ever so important that I can refer to her as "my bitch" if she is not anywhere near me. Buddy bing, buddy boom and the give and take in the relationship is oh so strong.

Fashion is another thing we talked about, and it should be something you talk about with your new girlfriend too. I noticed the other night that she was wearing Uggs. While I pretty much hate them unless they are properly worn by say, Eskimos, I just don't understand them. Instead of me telling her to never ever wear them again though, I looked for compromise, and told her to tell her to never ever wear them with her pants tucked into the top. Communication really is the key.

On the same subject of fashion, I told Woman that with hoop earrings, I don't see that the great philosopher and long-time friend Ben Kim once said, "The bigger the O, the bigger the hat."

Well, I really truly hope you learned something from this article. This is a subject that is a subject is a subject is a subject is a subject is a subject is a subject is a subject. So I really hope you learned something from this article.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stop sending us spam

Enough is enough! I've had it with spam from my Cal Poly e-mail address. I was forced to have an e-mail address to a system that is either nonfunctional or redesigned 100 times to change some sort. Now to make matters worse, I get spam for all kinds of crap, from drugs to home enhancement to drugs to being a travel agent. I am tired of it! So what, we didn't pass the student referenda to increase fees last year so my e-mail address was sold to make up the funds! I can't believe that a technical school has so many technical problems. As a point are administrators responsible to protect our privacy? Something needs to be done! I am open to suggestions.

Mark Henderson
Liberal studies senior

GUEST COMMENTARY

"Grey's Anatomy" star's insults humorless

Mark Potts
"Grey's Anatomy" (TV - 9:00)

Issiah Washington (Dr. Preston Burke on "Grey's Anatomy") made a mistake. Sure, he said a derogatory word about homosexual people, but that's not the mistake I'm talking about.

The mistake is that he didn't make it. And that's why people are having a hard time with this. Mel Gibson's drunken trade was funny, because the money he called women's breasts was hysterical and the fact that he called them "f**kables" was a nice touch. Michael Richards, on the other hand, was funny because he just went overboard. Everything he said was ridiculous and off the wall. Now here comes Washington who, just heaping his cap and telling us all what we can't say. He said it on "Grey's Anatomy" and you too will be on your way to cancellation. Am I a fan of the show, you ask? No, no I am not. Why? "Grey's Anatomy" is a ripoff of "Scrubs." Hospital! Hospital. Mix up the occasional drama! Check. A black and white doctor who are friends? Check. Female characters that name their vaginas funny? Check. It's all these people don't deny it. And if you do deny it, then I guess you support Isaiah Washington. What do you do now? What do you do?

Got something to say?

Send a letter to the editor!

Submit your thoughts, opinions, rants and raves in 250 words or less to mustangdailypo@gmail.com
San Diego on Friday. Saturday afternoon in Uaggett doubles and closer Marc Nobriga runs in the seventh inning to break lead til I"oly to an 11-3 baseball batters over the miniinuni to record Morel contributed a pair of run--open a 5-3 game and belted anoth­ other two-run double in the eighth as Cal Poly pulled away.

As a team, Cal Poly fell 5-2 to Cal Poly pulled away.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT
Cal Poly senior Matt Baca recorded an upset win over Jakub Cech of the Fresno State men' s tennis team by a score of 6-1, 6-4 on Cal Poly's closest dual of the day was against unranked Gardner-Webb. The Mustangs won five of the nine matches wrestled but fell to the Bulldogs by a final team score of 25-22. Monteiro at the 197 pound weight class recorded his second pin over Matt McKee at the 1-lead in the seventh and Dorrell came home on Morel's RBI single. In the eighth, Scott Domincig singled and scored on a wild pitch before Dorrell capped the scoring with his second two-run double. Casev Fyen and Jeff Reben each pitched two innings for the alumni and Sean Alexander and Jonathan Woodcox both had singles.

Cal Poly parlayed 12 singles and three doubles, including one by senior designated hitter Beyer Kepner, into a 15-hit offensive attack. The Mustangs scored four times in the second inning, thanks in part to RBI singles off the bats of second baseman Pat Peretz and center fielder Logan Schafer and added a run in the third on a double by Kepner and an RBI single by Morel. The first of Dorrell's two-run doubles staked the Mustangs to a 2-1 lead in the seventh and Dorrell came home on Morel's RBI single. In the eighth, Scott Domincig singled and scored on a wild pitch before Dorrell capped the scoring with his second two-run double.

Casey Fyen and Jeff Reben each pitched two innings for the alumni and Gurton Holmes, Bud Norris, Gary Daley Jr. and Dennis LeDuc tossed one inning each. Norris suffered the loss, giving up the four runs in the second inning. Coach Larry's Mustangs upset the Chippewas of Central Michigan, 6-4.

Cal Poly's team of Fred Dewitte, Gary Daley Jr. and Dennis LeDuc combined to average 16.3 points, 11.2 rebounds and 3.2 assists during his 36-day layoff. The Nuggets delivered, jumping in the first half with a series of alley-oop dunks and scoring on a 17 for 33 from the floor.

The Mustangs'  first dual was a range on his jumper to hit 40 of 85 3-pointers. He has scored in dou­ ble figures in six straight games and his clip of 17 for 33 from beyond the arc in five Big West games ranks sixth in the confer­ ence at 51.5 percent.

"He's playing with confidence and that's what you want from a senior," Bromley said of McGinn, who averages 11.2 points and 3.2 rebounds per game.

Bromley said the most impor­ tant statistic to him is field-goal percentage defense. That is a catego­ ry his team has fared well in, limiting opponents to 42.3 percent shooting. He credited junior shooting guard Dawin Whiten for much of that, saying, "he's devel­ oped into a team defender."

Something Bromley is con­ cerned with is depth underneath the basket. Although starting sophomore center Titus Shelton and junior sixth man Dreshawn Vance combined to average 16.3 points, 11.4 rebounds and 2.8 blocks, the luxury of another post presence is still in limbo, Bromley said.

"Those two kids play above the rim," Bromley said of Shelton and Vance. "There's got to be another one." Cal Poly will try to win its fourth straight when it visits three- time defending conference champ­ ion Pacific (6-11, 2-2 Big West) at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Mustang wrestling squad goes 0-3 at tournament

Cal Poly lost to a pair of ranked teams at the Chippewa Challenge hosted by Central Michigan on Sunday.

The East-West Shrine Game is playd to raise money and awareness for 22 North America-based Shriner Hospitals, which provide free burn and orthopedic care to children. It has raised more than $14 million and led to treatment for more than 750,000.

Shorwell had the opportunity to interact with and sign autographs of several of the hospitalized children during the week.

"It was an eye-opening experience," Shorwell said. "It made me feel extremely blessed for what I have. It breaks your heart to see kids like that, but it's inspiring to see. They're the true heroes. They're fighters, warriors and it's really inspiring to see."
Bill Parcells could have returned to the Dallas Cowboys for one more shot at becoming the first coach to lead a team to a Super Bowl championship and a playoff victory. Instead, Parcells decided Monday to call it a career, ending a four-year run in Dallas and a 19-year tenure in the NFL that produced two championships.

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He could have come back to try ending the longest playoff drought in the franchise's proud history. Or he could have come back to finish what he started in developing quarterback Tony Romo and a 3-4 defense.

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The two-time Super Bowl-winning head coach was 54-32 with the Cowboys.

Jaine Aron
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Parcells' retirement from coaching comes after a 4-year run in Dallas.
Raiders hire USC’s Kiffin as head coach

Oakland hopes the Trojans’ 31-year-old former offensive coordinator can reconnect a once-proud franchise.

Greg Beacham

The Oakland Raiders hired Lane Kiffin as their coach Monday night, making the 31-year-old Southern California offensive coordinator the NFL’s youngest head coach.

Kiffin replaces Oakland’s defense coordinator Monte Kiffin, earned the job with a strong interview. Miami, after the Raiders failed to reach a deal last week with 32-year-old Steve Sarkisian, Kiffin’s fellow assistant to Pete Carroll at USC.

Raiders owner Al Davis quickly moved to land another up-and-coming offensive mind with sterling college credentials, but just one season’s NFL experience — as a defensive quality control coach with Jacksonville in 2000.

Raiders senior personnel executive Michael Lombardi confirmed the hiring in an e-mail to The Associated Press. The agreement was first reported by the Contra Costa Times and ESPN.

Kiffin is the Raiders’ 14th head coach — and the youngest in franchise history.

The former Fresno State quarterback is younger than at least nine players who finished the season with Oakland during its NFL-worst 2-14 campaign, including defensive tackle Werner Sagga, quarterback Zack Crockett and receiver Alvis Whitted.

Coach Art Shell was fired after the season, and Davis apparently was determined to hire another young offensive-minded coach in the mold of Jon Gruden, his last successful hire. Davis also fired three coaches in the last four years: Bill Callahan, Norv Turner and Shell, whose return to the Raiders lasted just one year.

Kiffin had been at USC for six years. While former Raiders assistant Sarkisian coached from the sideline last season, Kiffin called the plays for the Rose Bowl champion Trojans.

Sarkisian had two strong interviews with the Raiders last week, but decided to stay at USC on Friday night. Both claimed Sarkisian never was offered the job, though numerous media reports said Sarkisian turned the club down.

Davis first interviewed Kiffin on Thursday, apparently to explore the possibility of hiring Kiffin if the club’s offensive coordinator, Kiffin, who also coached receivers for USC, returned to the Bay Area on Sunday for a second interview, this time to discuss becoming the Raiders’ head coach.

Kiffin also was a finalist for the top job when the Minnesota Vikings, Mike Shanahan and John Madden all succeeded in Raiders head coaches in their 30s — as did Davis.

The Cal Poly senior linebacker capped a crucial week of practice with seven tackles in the East-West Shrine Game.

Tristan Aird

It was a memorable week for Cal Poly senior football player Kyle Shotwell.

As one of only four players not from a Division I-A school to play in the 82nd annual East-West Shrine Game on Saturday, the linebacker led all players with seven tackles (five solo). He was also voted by the all-star game’s coaches and selection committee as the Pete Tillman Award winner for showing character and work ethic.

“I was pretty happy with my performance,” Shotwell said Sunday in a phone interview. “I thought that I definitely did a good job out there.”

Shotwell helped the West beat the East 21-3 in front of 23,554 fans at Reliant Stadium in Houston. The game was nationally televised on ESPN.

But more importantly, he showed versatility in playing all over the second-level of the defense.

After racking up 122 tackles and seven sacks to lead Cal Poly to a 7-4 record this past season, Shotwell took home the Buck Buchanan Award as the top defensive player in I-A. That productivity came while playing virtually the entire season at middle linebacker.

But the 6-foot-1, 235-pound Shotwell started only at weak­side linebacker and made the transition late.

“Well, I think I played well,” Shotwell said. “I fit into that position pretty well. I actually really enjoyed it. I could play outside linebacker.”

Along with the Senior and Hula bowls, the East-West Shrine Game is crucial for players such as Shotwell trying to raise their stock in the eyes of scouts for the NFL Draft, which will be held this year from April 28 to 29. The last two

The Mustangs have won three straight, including their first road win of the season at Big West Conference rival UC Santa Barbara on Saturday.

Tristan Aird

It lasted 10 games, spanned more than 11 months dating back to last season and was the conspicuous goat on the back of the Cal Poly¬men’s basketball team.

But now it’s gone.

The road losing streak for the Mustangs came to an emphatic end Saturday night with Cal Poly’s 71-61 win over Big West Conference rival UC Santa Barbara. It was the team’s first win in the Thunderdome since 1998 and only in second there since 1959.

“It felt great,” Cal Poly sophomore guard Traci Clark said Monday at a weekly athletic department press conference. “Last year we had a tough time in Santa Barbara.”

Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley said a lively celebration in the team’s locker room ensued after the game.

“They were excited,” Bromley said. “It was pretty neat to see in the locker room. They felt it in the locker room after the game.”

Cal Poly (9-8, 2-3 Big West) has won three straight games overall and possesses a winning record 17 games into the season for the first time since an 11-6 start to the 2001-02 campaign, which includ­ed upset home wins over Oregon State and Utah State.

But the Mustangs are trying not to get too giddy over their newfound success.

Clark, who dropped 19 points in the win at UCSB (11-6, 3-2 Big West), said Cal Poly still has areas to improve.

“We have to concentrate on defense,” he said. “Stress the defensive effort on our team. I don’t really worry about our offense.”

Indeed, the Mustangs’ offensive has been a strength over the three-game winning streak. Cal Poly averaged 72.3 points per game during that stretch and committed only five turnovers Saturday.

Bromley said his team’s play has improved largely because of its attitude.

The thing that’s hard to explain is their positive frame of mind and communication,” Bromley said.

Cal Poly senior Tyler McGinn has started at power forward all season, but has shown enough improvement to earn a starting role in Saturday night’s win.

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