Poly alumni stake out restaurant location

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Trevor LaSalle, who graduated in June, and Eric Peterson, who finished his classes in December, met Peterson took his senior project, a 15-page business plan, and sought advice from other business owners.

“The talk to a lot of people who own big businesses and they talked with us and welcomed us and that’s the best way to get the knowledge,” Peterson said. “Also, when my professors would share their personal (business) experience, that was a bigger learning experience for me than the curriculum.”

La Salle and Peterson began looking for investors and a good restaurant location. After looking at various locations in Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo and Atascadero, they finally found an affordable location in Atascadero.

“Atascadero needs this there’s mostly Mexican food restaurants and a couple sushi places, but not many steak places, if any,” LaSalle said.

With the help of Peterson’s father, the two graduates began to completely remodel the restaurant in October. They built all the tables and the bar, repainted and built walls.

“A really neat part to own this place and it wasn’t doing so well, so we approached the idea,” Peterson said. “It was the right price and size and had a nice patio.”

After three months of labor, they finally opened for business on Jan. 15 and have been busy ever since.

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PETA speaker encourages student activism

Angela Watkins

Dan Mathews is known for his wardrobe. He has been photographed around the world dressed as a carrion bird, a priest and a cow, but early Saturday morning in Chumash Auditorium, he wore just jeans and a Change the World T-shirt.

The 43-year-old author and senior vice president of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) was the keynote speaker for the sixth annual Change the Status Quo Conference: A Student’s Role in Shaping Society.

The stop at Cal Poly is one of many university stops for Mathews, who is currently promoting his new book “Committed: A Rabblerouser’s Memoir” and trying to encourage more active involvement among young adults.

“Activism in the post-'60s world has been redefined from politicians as just troublemaking, and it seems like they forget what makes America distinct throughout its entire history is people speaking up against injustice,” he said.

“In a democracy, there always has to be a cutting edge group of people who will push for change. Women were not granted the right to vote because they asked nicely and wrote a few letters; they had to chain themselves to mayors’ offices,” the controversial group leader told the nearly full auditorium early Saturday morning.

Although Mathews, a devout vegan, hoped Cal Poly’s reputation as a university with its own slaughterhouse would bring out some devil’s advocate questions from the crowd, he instead was received by a welcoming audience eager to hear his opinion on rodeos and his thoughts on how to get involved locally for animal rights.

“The idea of who can stay on this animal whose balls are being twisted the longest is a sport is kind of pathetic,” Mathews responded.

Dan Mathews wears animal costumes like this one to protest the unethical treatment of animals.

Mathews’ efforts to affect change in the world for animal rights range from breaking into Calvin Klein’s offices and running the streets naked in Japan to wearing a carrot suit while angry pig farmers had children throw slices of benogla at him and accosting the Colorado beef industry while wearing a cow costume. However, his favorite exploit was when he dressed as a priest in Milan.

His new book documents these outrageous endeavors and the legal consequences that followed; he has been arrested more than 20 times in five different countries. During a RKC protest in France, police thought he was insane and had him committed to an asylum where he had to prove his sanity in French.

“I speak French as well as Paris Hilton speaks English,” Mathews said during a phone interview, making sure to include a quick jab at the hotel heiress who is often seen at the top of PETA’s worst dressed list, a dubious honor for famous fur wearers. Despite the language barrier, Mathews was eventually released and a French gear up for National Week of Engineering

Agnus-Dei Farrant

Gear up for National Week of Engineering

THE College of Engineering (CENG) is gearing up for the annual National Week of Engineering, Feb. 18 to 22, planning student activities, outreach and entertainment.

“Engineering is known as the stealth career,” said Amy Hewes, CENG director of publications and communications. “In fact, engineering is so much more than that and it touches all our lives in so many ways.”

Student activities are scheduled throughout the week along with days devoted to various themes: Monday is Opening Day; Tuesday is Northrop Grumman Showcase Day; Wednesday is Sustainability Day; Thursday is Outreach Day and Friday is Closing Day.

“Students have been working on this event for at least four months,” CENG director of alumni and donor relations Donna Aiken wrote in an e-mail. “They’ve completely re-formatted their event, using it as an opportunity to help bring our engineering student community together.”

CENG is revving up its energy in reaching out to women and underrepresented minorities interested in the engineering field. In fact, the Society of Women Engineers, Mathematicians in Engineering Science Achievement and the Engineering Student Council (ESC) are planning to spend Thursday at local elementary and high schools.

“Engineering can be a daunting major even for the most studious of students,” Aiken wrote. “We want our engineering students to know that they have reasons to be proud of what they do.”
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The Guest House Grill is mainly a steakhouse, specializing in burgers, steaks and ribs, but the menu offers everything from meatloaf to salads and hot sandwiches. “Our Herb and Cream Cheese Chicken is our best seller,” Peterson said. “We also have a St. Louis Rib that has a rich and coffee dry-rub. Those sell a lot.”
“If I was working this many hours per week I’d quit my job if I wasn’t working for myself,” LaSalle continued from page 1 said. “We also have a St. Louis Rib that has a rich and coffee dry-rub. Those sell a lot.”

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their major and proud of being engineers.”
With an ample 26 percent of Cal Poly’s students — approximately 5,300 — enrolled in the CENG, engineers have a large role on campus.
“Engineering affects everything from transportation to telecommunications, not just roads and bridges,” Hewes said. “It’s about improving the quality of life and solving the problems of the 21st century.”
In addition to the established activities and themes, this year the college will focus on the omnipresent topic of sustainability.
“Our students and alumni are happy to make the world a better place,” Hewes said. “Just like my generation was.

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officer proclaimed “not only is he
sane, he is a good citizen.” Mathews is best known for creating
the “I’d rather go naked than wear fur” advertising campaign of the ’90s, which featured a plethora of famous actors and models posing nude to boycott the Fur industry.
Mathews attributes some of his success in the campaign to his ho­mosexuality.
“I honestly don’t believe I could have convinced Pamela Anderson, Cher, Britteny Spears, to get naked if I wasn’t a fag,” he said.
When asked if he would consider giving up his veganism if animals were treated ethically before they died, Mathews said, “That’s like asking would I eat my grandmother if she lived a nice life? I consider all meat-eating cannibalism.”

Kosovo declares independence from Serbia

Protests in Kosovo — Revellers fired guns, waved red-and-black Albanian flags and set off fireworks over Kosovo Sunday after parliament proclaimed independence in defiance of Serbia and Russia, which condemned the declaration of the world’s newest nation.
A decade after a bloody separatist war with Serbian forces that claimed 10,000 lives, independence proponents took to the streets in Kosovo’s capital city of Pristina to declare a “democratic, multiethnic state.” Its leaders looked toward the European Union as a partner to help convince the international community to recognize Kosovo.

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Where: Harman Hall in the Performing Arts Center
Questions? Call the music department at 756-2406.
NIU shootings show vulnerability despite efforts to secure schools
Sharon Cohen

Bloody students fleeing in terror. Bodies carried out on stretchers. Candlelight vigils and makeshift shrines. Another campus, another deadly attack with a sickening senselessness that now borders on routine.

Despite a national push to secure schools after the Virginia Tech shootings, the rampage at Northern Illinois University this week proves a gun-wielding reality. Unless colleges are willing to turn themselves into armed camps, they're helpless against these kinds of attacks.

As word of the shootings rippled throughout the country, students and authorities alike reacted with frustration and — tellingly — resignation.

"I don't think there's anything that could be done," said Brian Dornack, 21, a sophomore at the University of Minnesota.

"People do what they feel like they need to do, and I don't think anyone is going to be able to stop them. People will just have to either learn to live in fear ... or they'll just have to not think about it."

The gunman this time, Steven Kazmierczak, a 27-year-old NIU graduate, opened fire Thursday afternoon in a lecture hall, killing five students and injuring more than a dozen others in a rapid-fire assault that lasted just a few minutes.

He committed suicide on the stage.

"You kind of think it won't happen around here but it could happen anywhere and there's no way of really protecting yourself," NIU Police Chief Donald Grady said, there is no foolproof way to prevent this type of tragedy.

"I wish I could tell you that there was a perfect plan, or to limit the damage a shooter can do rather than stop one from invading a campus. As NIU Police Chief Donald Grady said, there is no foolproof way to prevent this type of tragedy."

"The lesson to be drawn from this is that it could have been worse if people were not prepared," he said. "Colleges and university campuses are unique but they must be seen as communities like everything else."

"People go crazy whether it's at a school or at a workplace. ... You can't live your life not going to class," said Barbara Coons, a 21-year-old junior at the University of Pennsylvania.

"That may be harder to say on a campus ripped by violence."

"My dad was saying last year, 'I'm really glad you go to Northern where stuff like that doesn't happen,'" said Bryce Lack, a 19-year-old NIU student, referring to the Virginia Tech massacre.

"You look at everybody differently now."
**State**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Sunday ordered the recall of 143 million pounds of frozen beef from a California slaughterhouse, the subject of an animal abuse investigation, that provided meat to school lunch programs.

Officials said it was the largest beef recall in the United States, surpassing a 1999 ban of 35 million pounds of ready-to-eat meats.

No illnesses have been linked to the newly recalled meat, and officials said the health threat was likely small.

The recall will affect beef products dating to Feb. 1, 2006, that came from Chino-based Westland/Hallmark Meat Co., the federal agency said.

**PACIFICA** (AP) — A girl buried up to her neck in a landslide at a Pacifica beach is recovering after being rescued by a man who dug furiously to free her as debris rained down.

A steep section of the beach at the edge of an RV park gave way Saturday afternoon, trapping the teenager and burying two women who ran for help.

Witnesses said Michael Robert Keller ran down the hill and dug the girl out with his bare hands. She was hospitalized with minor injuries.

**BERKELEY** (AP) — A woman who allegedly confronted a police officer with a knife is dead after an officer opened fire in what authorities are calling a case of self-defense.

Berkeley police Sgt. Mary Kumin said police were responding to a second domestic disturbance call Saturday night at a South Berkeley apartment complex when the shooting took place.

Kumin said the five-year veteran shot the woman to defend himself and a second person who was not named. The names of the shooting victim and the officer were not released.

**Editorials**

“Someone who figures out new ways to make things work.”
— Michele Mayorga, software engineering senior

“I usually think of software engineers, innovating technology and improving processes.”
— Jeff Potter, computer science senior

“I think about improvement in general.”
— Alejandro Castorena, computer science junior

“I think of design, ingenuity and building.”
— Kelsev Peirce, agricultural business sophomore

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**Monday, February 18, 2008**
Groundation rocks SLO in remembrance of Bob Marley

Aaron Gaudette
MUSTANG DAILY

A reggae show seldomly sells out at Downtown Brewing Co. It’s not too often that a tribute show — and one without an opener at that — can achieve the status of a sell-out show. But this is just what Sonoma-based Groundation did with its Bob Marley tribute last Friday.

“We’ve been doing the Bob tribute shows since 2000; it’s just tradition,” said David Chachre, the band’s trumpeter and complimentary percussionist. “I was originally hired on to do only the Bob tribute shows, but then was asked to join the band permanently afterward. It worked out rather nicely.”

“It has to do with our and everyone’s love for the music itself,” added Harrison Stafford, the band’s main vocalist and lead guitarist. “My style of singing is quite similar to Bob’s because of his influence on me, and I do my best to honor his phrasing and approach to every note.

“Our styles are so alike in terms of texture that we only feel it appropriate to do tribute shows to him; we could do a Peter Tosh tribute show, for instance, but it would be hard due to the diversity of styles.”

It was evident by the crowd jumping and dancing that the audience enjoyed Groundation’s approach to Marley’s music. The band’s gratitude for the crowd’s energy was also quite apparent, with Stafford taking the time to shake hands and give hugs to all who wanted them after the show.

The band’s set consisted of “a list of Marley classics spanning his entire musical career from 1961-1981,” according to the band’s Web site, and focused on such masterpieces as “Small Axe,” “Exodus,” “No Woman No Cry” and “Mr. Brown.” These songs, and Groundation’s accompanying additional stylings, left the crowd cheering for more after the completion of its second set.

Most thought that the roar of applause that continued for almost two minutes after the band left couldn’t possibly get any louder.

This notion proved wrong, however, with the deafening thunder of applause that came from the crowd when the band returned to the stage for its 20-plus minute encore. It was enough to leave everyone’s ears ringing for the rest of the night.

The humidity level inside the venue reached Amazonian jungle-like proportions when Stafford and the two female vocalists danced the span of the stage throughout the encore, encouraging the audience to follow suit.

“Yeah, I don’t know how these guys can dance like that,” said Chachre, shaking his head in disbelief. “It serves to get the crowd more into it, which is the good thing, but it puzzles me how they can do it for over 20 minutes in a venue like this.”

The essence of Marley’s cause and music permeated the venue for the entire set, as Stafford dedicated songs to the reggae great before performing them. He also got the crowd to see Groundation, page 7.

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Scheduled to appear (pictured L to R): Joe Cannon (San Jose), Frankie Hedjuk (Columbus), Jaime Moreno (DC United), Ben Olsen (DC United)

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Palms sweaty and unsure, I was suddenly painfully aware that walking into the auditorium with a notebook might have seemed a little odd. Taking quick action, I attempted to use the program as camouflage before the usher into my jacket pocket.

When I exhaled an hour and 40 minutes later, I was ready to hit up the nearest salon. That may be a slight exaggeration, but “The Vagina Monologues” was equally heartwarming, touching and empowering. But most of all it was funny.

Written by Eve Ensler in 1998, the play is a collection of monologues based on interviews with more than 200 women about the most private of subjects. The play was designed to break down barriers and shatter the taboo of talking about sex and the darker subject of violence against women.

Ten years later, the battle is still being fought, but considerable progress has been made and my cringes were reserved for only the most outrageous of aliases. When “monkeybox” and “nappy dugout” elicit outbursts of laughter and not shocked gasps, it’s evident that the taboo is in decline.

Our generation takes this openness for granted. But realizing how far we have come only shows how far there is left to go. This was Cal Poly’s fifth annual performance of “The Vagina Monologues,” performed by students and staff in celebration of V-Day, a global movement to end violence against women.

The performance was so poignant because, although designed for women, it speaks to everyone about self-doubts and being true to yourself. The monologues touched on subjects like hair, what the vagina would say/wear, moaning, orgasms and countless other topics, but they all spoke to a broader message of being happy with who you are.

The first half was hilarious in the way only sex can be, because every woman has a vagina. "Because He Liked to Look at It" was my second favorite vignette of the first half, "My Angry Vagina," in which a woman spouted off her vaginal grievances—tamps; the big, cold, duck lips one sees while getting a pap smear; and "the vagina smell like roses, the zoned, when it is supposed to smell like pussy?"

“The Vagina Monologues” is something everyone should see at some point in time. It’s different, hilarious, heartbreaking and well written, and most of all, it’s a 19 years-long movement to eradicate violence toward women and their vaginas.
It's time for some new X-TREME catch phrases

Brian McMullen  Mustang Daily
You may think you got the phrase that pays, but check again home one your ways are played.

One of the fastest and constantly changing trends is saving catchphrases. We spared funny lines from popular movies until they've released on DVD. We drop lyrics from our favorite pop songs until they're off the radio. We create inside jokes that grow into casual ways of speaking. These trends phrases come and go naturally and no one really notices — with a few exceptions. There are some phrases that people seem to think are timeless. But they're not. So I'm calling them out, in hopes that we can all move on.

First up is "Got Milk?" How long has it been since the jingle was played, yet somehow I still see T-shirts with crap like "Got Jesus?" "Got Pirates?" "Got Hemp?" "Got Duct Tape?" "Got D-mail?" Even Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama are in on this with "Got Experience?" and "Got Hope!" respectively. I see we are starting inventing these questions when we see them. "Excuse me? Yeah, you see, I just wanted to let you know that yes, I do got beef... with your lani-ast shirt! Bovada!"

Another successful ad campaign that's been re-purposed for everything imaginable is "What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas." I thought this one was finally dead, and then last quarter I saw T-shirts with "What happens to an Accord, stays in an Accord!" Well, I hope so, a lot of sick stuff goes down in those holes. Have you seen how far those stars go back? If this phrase pops into your conversation or makes sure what happens in your mind, stays in your mind, because it's more played out than a second-hand "Hungry Hungry Hippos" game.

Another trendy phrase I hope we can put behind us is anything that contains a shortened word, like "What's the schtick?" or "Quiet your convo, fool!" Set it for the instant messengers. This is just lazy on too many levels. For one, you're obviously too lazy, or too cool, to finish the entire word. Like shoving off those three syllables is really saving you precious time. Also, what happened to inventing new slang? All you're doing is cutting your words short. We used to pick synonymous words for what we were trying to say. For instance, "dancing" became "gettin' jiggy with it." Well, that never really caught on, except with people trying hard to appear cool with the youth culture, but you get what I'm saying.

Lady, I want to take some time to give a eulogy to a word that changed many of our lives and is now deceased, to the benefit of us all. It was given songs by an alternative culture in the '90's, and took flight on half-pipe ramps and skateboards through our supermarkets, grabbing the-labels of sports drinks and cereal boxes. In commercials, it made products appear edgy and youthful. It was the best word to describe Marli Man Ray Rassy as he stepped into a Sim Jim. That word, my dear friends, was "X-Treme." Not to be confused with "extreme." Instead, less "I'm going to kick the arthritis out of your grandmother." (wink). No. X-Treme was much more than that, it was a way of life for soul skaters like Bruse from 'Team Pulp N'Suds.'

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With that said, let's get over the "Gotts." Let's let what happens somewhere be that it was a trend for soul skaters like Brink from 'Team Pulp N'Suds.'
The 2008 Summer Olympics will be held in Beijing in six months. China has spent tens of billions of dollars in creating new venues and infrastructure to house the sporting events and the thousands of foreign visitors that will stream into the country to view the games.

In the midst of trying to construct the biggest show on earth, China is on the receiving end of criticism over its position in Darfur. Slowly and sadly, the summer games in Beijing, once titled "One World, One Dream," are becoming branded as "The Genocide Olympics."

The unrelenting stream of condemnation rests on China's iniquitous relationship with the Sudanese government. As one of the biggest buyers of Sudan's oil and the primary supplier of weapons and arms for the government, China is in the most valuable position to advise the Sudanese government to allow the entrance of foreign protestors into the Darfur region. However, even with pressure from other super-countries, including the United States, and the United Nations as well, China is foreclosing on any thought of letting violence continue. Arguing that foreign diplomats are using the Olympics as a leverage for politics, China refuses to budge.

This setting in positioning, China has done little about foreign protest except to plan for more. The government has decided to restrict media access to Tiananmen Square in preparation for possible street protests from foreigners. Additionally, Olympic officials are worried about protests during the torch relay and welcoming ceremony and are safeguarding themselves in advance.

There are many countries that need to adjust their ways in respect to Darfur but China is decisive in making the first big impact in the troubled region. Nicholas Kristof of the New York Times outlined the potential peace process made through a change in Chinese positioning: If Chinese officials suspended the supply of weapons to Sudan until a peace agreement is arranged, then the Sudanese government would be forced to make negotiations with rebels. Moreover, the relinquishment of a political cover from China will compel the Sudanese government to allow the entrance of more humanitarian aid embryos. With the Chinese lock to Darfur broken, the U.N. and diplomats from other countries can provide the support needed to turn around the region.

Having emerged as a world power, China deserves to host the games, but attempting to draw attention away from its unforgiven international action in Darfur will only help to lose more supporters. As the conflict becomes more publicized, global opinion and media across the world wide are speaking out against the games. The short list of celebrities on the long list of protestors includes Prince Charles of the United Kingdom, Steven Spielberg, who quit as artistic director of the games because of the dispute, and many former Olympic medalists. Current athletes, due to the Olympic Charter, are asked to not give their opinions on the hosting nation.

As frightened Chinese officials begin to crack from the highlighted opposition of well-known figures, we can see a mode of operation for ourselves. Through our own protest of China's big homecoming, the government will ease on its stance and begin negotiations. If more athletes, representatives and celebrities voice their concern as well, the mounting pressure could convince the government to shift its position entirely with Sudan. Moreover, the dedication on guilt and less on gold and glory could make this an Olympics where the real competition is between the diplomats, not the athletes.

The lights in Beijing's stadiums and arenas will seem dimmer this year. With the shadow of controversy looming over the summer games, expect less glory, more protest and, hopefully, the introduction of a new relationship between China and Sudan.

Taylor Moore is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily current events columnist.

Great column! Isn't it a great feeling to start using the logical part of your brain, rather than the emotional side? As Republicans (or conservatives), we all have varying social views (which is tolerated within the party — unlike the true dark side), but you nailed the very core beliefs — you should never have to. It also has kind of got under my skin that there are only two types of articles written in the conservative slot of this paper: "slathering anti-liberal articles and "poor me, the liberals are attacking me" articles. Can we please have an intelligent and well-reasoned article more along the beginning to see that traditions and Anti-Hazing.

— Emma Response to "How I joined the dark side"

It's good to see that fraternities are beginning to see that traditions of days past don't have a place in society today. But I must note that there are fraternities out there that do not and never have subscribed to the secretive traditions/rituals that fraternities are known for. As an alumna of Cal Poly and Delta Upsilon Fraternity, I'm proud that DK was founded in 1834 based upon principles of Non-Secrecy and Anti-Hazing.

— T. Reeves Response to "One student's journey to stop hazing"

Um, reminded me again how holding a peace sign on a street corner brings about world peace? Please people, let's use common sense now...

— Michael Response to "SLO icon for peace: 'Hey, peace on you?'

To the Editor

Save the whales, eat a human.

Matt Tarlecki Civil engineering senior

Please, build me a better conservative

Well, it's a political season again; the Republican columns have again switched back of their schizoid nature they display. On Feb. 13 we were subjected to not one or two, but three columns by Cal Poly Republicans, which essentially boiled down to "poor me, I'm a Republican" ("Bringing Bias to Class," "How I Joined the Dark Side," and "Journey of a Republican—President"). Compare these to "Wanted: Rational, Reasoned, Liberal Individual" (Nov. 7, 2007) to see why I consider them to be schизoid (same author as "How I Joined the Dark Side").

Now, I agree with some of the points made in these articles; you don't always have to agree with all of the choices made and positions taken by your fellow classmates. But in the end, you need to be comfortable with what you've chosen, and if you're not, maybe you should rethink it.

Hello, Troy Koehorst Aerospace engineering/physics senior

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Race

Leading up to the 2002 draft, another unknown writer called Stanford guard Casey Jacobsen (white) "a fundamentally sound, strong competitor without even being a 'hard worker' himself. The player taken one slot above him, Texas center LaMarcus Aldridge (black), according to Smith, needed more "intENSITY" and "in high school he developed a reputation for being soft and not showing enough heart."

In reality, Aldridge went on to have the same kind of rookie season as Morrison, if not better, and this season has been central to his Portland Trail Blazers' resurgence.

Neither Smith nor any particular individual should be blamed, though. Pundits universally portrayed Morrison as a one-of-a-kind entity while Aldridge and other similarly sought-after blacks were merely good ballplayers, with no mention of desire or work ethic.

Of course, basketball isn't the only such plagued sport.

Beginning with this week's NFL scouting combine, more than 300 of the country's best college football players will be interviewed, poked, prodded, measured and analyzed. Their past athletic successes and failures, and their futures, too, will also inevitably be viewed through a lens crafted from mental dispositions regarding race.

Year after year, the most cerebrally demanding position — quarterback — is also the most heavily scrutinized.

Ironically, the top-rated white QBs, much more often than over all equivalently-rated black QBs, are praised for possessing polish, game-management skills, intelligence, poise, leadership, intangibles and being "pro-ready" dedicated workers.

Black QBs' shortcomings, meanwhile, are annually pointed out to be rawness, needing to sit a few years to learn an offense and not being "pro-ready." A year ago, Pro Football Weekly's draft guide characterized Notre Dame signal caller Brady Quinn (white) as a "very intelligent" player who "takes the game seriously, studies it and really competes" and had the "mental makeup" to be successful.

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A similar injustice is taking shape this year. According to his NFL Draft Countdown.com profile, Louisville's Brian Brohm (white) "has a terrific football IQ and knows how to read a defense as a QB who's "very smart and doesn't make many bad decisions" and a "hard worker.""

Kentucky's Andre' Woodson (black), though, "has some issues when it comes to reading coverages" and "needs some development."

But Brohm, the Web site's second-ranked quarterback, compiled a 46- to-17 touchdowns-to-interception ratio over his final two seasons while fifth-ranked Woodson's was 71 to 18. In fact, when Woodson's Wildcats defeated Brohm's Cardinals 40-34 last season, Woodson threw four touchdowns with no interceptions, while Brohm passed for a more pedestrian two scores with one interception.

Who, again, had difficulty reading defenses?
bounds and eight assists per game, helping the Cavaliers capture a region championship. She was named the state’s Class 5A Player of the Year in her final prep season.

Despite also playing in volleyball for four years and being named to the All-State First Team as a senior, she eventually decided to focus mainly on basketball because of her confidence in it and the unique joy it brings playing in a team. "I like that it’s a team sport because I get more joy and pleasure out of seeing everyone succeed together," McBride said.

Both she and Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimnaugh agree her strengths are her ability to communicate well with other players on the court as well as her rebounding skills. Even after McBride’s become such a valuable contributor for the Mustangs (9-15, 6-5), she and Mimnaugh each believe she can be even better. "She has a vision of what she would like to become," Mimnaugh says. "She wants to hear what coaches say about how she can improve."

In the Mustangs’ 55-54 win over Cal State Fullerton on Jan. 16, McBride pulled down a career high 14 rebounds, the most by a Cal Poly player since November 2006.

McBride, 21, says her primary goal for herself is to continue to take smart money for special basketball camps," she said. "McBride, whose academic success in high school earned her the Dr. Vone Smart Chase Coy Scholar-Athlete Award, added that her grandfather supported her by attending all of her basketball games when she was growing up, and her coach helped find a college where she felt comfortable and could play basketball.

For Mimnaugh, the decision was a comfortable one, too. "She has demonstrated by actions, words, and effort that she is one of the strongest leaders on the team," Mimnaugh said. "She emerges as a leader in whatever she touches. Cal Poly is fortunate to have such a diverse person on campus."

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ovic and Vlade Divac, coach Rick Adelman’s Kings were one of the best and most entertaining teams in the NBA for five seasons, but they never reached the finals. Now the Kings are in the midst of a major rebuilding project. They’re 23-28 and have no immediate, pressing need for a 29-year-old point guard. Bibby is making just $13.5 million this season and will earn $14 million in 2008-09. Sherelson Williams averaged 5.5 points and 5.4 rebounds, with eight double-doubles, as a rookie, when he started 31 games. He has no starts while averaging only 2.9 points and 2.9 rebounds this season.

Williams has another year remaining on his rookie deal that is paying him $3.3 million per year. The contracts for Anthony John­son, Luke and Wright expire at the end of the season.

“We’re excited about adding another young frontcourt player who was the fifth pick of the 2006 draft with 46 wins along with some experienced veterans to the team," Petrie said. "We’re looking forward to seeing how they integrate in with the rest of our roster.”
It was Sacramento's last remaining starter from its 2002 Western Conference finals squad. On Saturday, the Sacramento Kings traded Kings ship Bibby, final piece of contenders, to Atlanta for Williams, three expiring contracts.

**Desert reign**

Junior forward from Arizona is Cal Poly's second-leading scorer and rebounder this season

Coral Snyder

At 6-foot-2, Lisa McBride uses her height to benefit her on the basketball court, but when she started playing, she wasn't nearly that tall. She began when she was 4 years old on a YMCA team that was coached by her mom and continued to play as she grew through elementary school, junior high and high school, as well as on club teams.

"I enjoy it because it's different and it helps me be a better basketball player," McBride said of the rebounding and shot-blocking advantages her height provides.

As the tallest player on the Cal Poly women's basketball team, McBride, a junior, has towered her way to 10.5 points and 6.2 rebounds per game, both second on the team, as is her 47.5 field-goal percentage.

A skilled power forward, her team-leading 78.6 free-throw percentage is fifth in the Big West Conference. After starting 17 times as a sophomore, this season she's led the Mustangs in rebounding nine times and in scoring on seven occasions.

Before coming to Cal Poly, McBride was a multi-sport star at Flowing Wells High in her native Tucson, Ariz., where she played tennis and volleyball and was a high jumper in addition to making her presence felt in basketball.

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Charles Odum

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The trade is pending league approval and physicals.

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Bibby has averaged 16.7 points for his career and is making more than 36 percent of his 3-point shots for the ninth straight year.

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Woodson and Michael Greron Jr., one of the team's owners, were pleased the team did not have to touch in core of promising young players to acquire Bibby.

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