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Spring commencement sends grads into future



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Students line up eagerly for their diplomas at Saturday's spring commencement ceremonies. Nearly 3,500 students graduated and thousands of friends and relatives filled the campus for the festivities.

By Karin Driesen

SUMMER MUSTANG NEWS EDITOR

Nearly 3,500 students said goodbye to Cal Poly on June 10. Filling the center of Mustang Stadium on a sunny Saturday, the black-robed graduates sat through Spring 2000 commencement ceremonies as thousands of parents, relatives and friends proudly cheered for them.

Two ceremonies were held. The morning ceremony included the colleges of Agriculture, Liberal Arts, Science and

▶ 3,460 students graduated this spring

▶ There were additional black, Latino and Chicano, and Asian and Pacific Islander commencements

Mathematics, and Master of Arts in Education and the Statewide Nursing Program. The afternoon ceremony included the colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design, Engineering and Business.

Following each ceremony, the colleges dispersed into separate groups. Smaller ceremonies were held for individual colleges and departments where students received their diplomas.

State Sen. Bruce McPherson from Santa Cruz, a 1965 Cal Poly graduate, was the commencement speaker. McPherson praised the graduates on their outstanding accomplishments and told them how glad he was to be associated with them.

"I want to thank you for being so intelligent," he

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Krebs venue in question

By Robin Nichols

SUMMER MUSTANG ARTS EDITOR

The trial for Rex Krebs is still evolving as weeks have passed without any concrete answers or decisions.

Superior Court Judge Barry LaBarbera decided on June 5 that Krebs' trial would stay in San Luis Obispo County, denying the defense team's motion for a change of venue. This did not come as too much of a surprise to defense attorney Jim Maguire.

"We anticipated that he was going to rule against us," Maguire said. "During the time we presented the motion, he wanted to talk about jury selection. We had our writ to the court of appeals ready when he made his decision."

LaBarbera, in his written decision, said the majority of the publicity surrounding the Krebs case is informa-

tion that will be presented in the trial and that it is mostly accurate. He wrote it therefore does not merit a change of venue for the trial.

However, the judge conceded that if an impartial jury cannot be found in this county, the option for a change of venue to another county will remain open.

In reaction to this decision, the defense team appealed to the Second Appellate District Court in Ventura. The prosecution team will reply to this appeal by July 6, and both teams will appear in court on Aug. 10.

Maguire was concerned with the way LaBarbera wanted to pick a jury before moving the case. He said the majority of judges today avoid changing venues for trials, sometimes regardless of the evidence presented. He included a special section in his presentation to address this.

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Student Affairs interim VP appointed by President Baker

By Jana Larsen

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Juan Gonzalez's interim replacement has been announced.

Robert C. Detweiler is the new interim vice president of Student Affairs. His position became effective Monday. Cal Poly President Warren Baker appointed Detweiler to succeed Gonzalez, who accepted a position at Georgetown University.

Detweiler, who came to Cal Poly in 1998 after his resignation as president of California State University, Dominguez Hills, will hold the position while a national search for a permanent vice president is conducted.

"I will serve until the new perma-

nent vice president is recruited and comes to work on campus," Detweiler said. "I expect this will be (one) year at the most."

Detweiler will continue with the programs initiated by Gonzalez over the past six years.

"In a couple of areas, we will look for ways to improve our services," Detweiler said. "Generally I hope to capitalize on what are already productive units."

Detweiler hopes to work with the directors of Student Affairs and will not begin many new initiatives, working instead on strengthening

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Police search Flores property Police use new technology in Kristin Smart case

By Katherine Hays

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The search for missing Cal Poly student Kristin Smart continued Monday with a search of an Arroyo Grande property.

The property is owned by the mother of Paul Flores. He was the last person seen with Smart before her 1996 disappearance.

"No human remains were found during our search," said Sgt. Sean Donahue.

This is the second search of the property conducted since Smart's disappearance. The property was searched in

March 1997 using X-ray equipment and cadaver dogs.

No remains or other evidence were uncovered during the 1997 search, but sheriff's department officials were prompted to search the property again with new technology previously not available for their use.

"The technology has been out there, but we haven't had access to it until now," Donahue said.

Together with University Police and FBI agents, sheriff's deputies served a search warrant to search the property, but not the home.

The search was conducted using

ground-penetrating radar that sends back electromagnetic images of objects that might be below ground.

"This technology allows us to search the area below the immediate surface with as little damage to the property as possible," Donahue said. "We only had to dig when there were anomalies we had to check on."

Investigators scanned the ground beneath the house, the recently built garage and the yard surrounding the home. The search ended at 5 p.m. with no new clues.

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Robert Detweiler took on his new position as interim vice president for Student Affairs on Monday. He will remain in that position until a permanent replacement for Juan Gonzalez is found early next year.

Cal Poly receives national fund-raising award

By Katherine Hays

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly was recently identified as one of two California State Universities to receive an award for superior overall fund-raising performance.

Cal Poly was awarded a Circle of Excellence in Educational Fund-Raising award from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Cal Poly is one of 43 universities nationwide to receive the award.

Vice President for University Advancement Dr. William Boldt credits this achievement to the hard work of the advancement staff and the support of generous alumni donors.

"We are blessed with loyal alumni, parents and corporate partners," Boldt said.

The state requires that universities generate at least 10 percent of their annual budget from private donations, he said.

On average, Cal Poly has been able to generate 20 percent of its annual budget this way.

"What's really exciting is the steady increase in donations over the last five years," he said.

Boldt estimates that the 1999-2000 fund-raising efforts will add up to over \$25 million, a 103 percent increase since 1995.

One reason for the increasing dependency on private funds is necessity, he said.

"This is a polytechnic university. With technology constantly changing, we must continue to upgrade our equipment," he said. "That is what we absolutely must do to keep our students industry-ready."

Sources for private donations include Cal Poly alumni and corporations, many of whom donate out of a need to give something back to Cal Poly, he said.

"The reason for our fund-raising success is the quality of education that our alumni donors have received," he said. "Our corporate partners benefit from this great education in the form of future employees."

Another source for donations are parents of Cal Poly students. They donate 10 times more funding than at any other state university.

"I believe this is because the parents are really happy with the quality of education their students are receiving and the low tuition rates," he said.

Sources of Cal Poly income (approximately):

20% private donations

20% student tuition

60% state budget

The expected \$25 million for 1999-2000 includes donations to all areas of Cal Poly, including entities such as athletics.

This year's expected funding is a 103% increase since 1995.

Animal shelter in need of new home

By Shannon Akins

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

In just one year, Woods Humane Society, located on Broad Street, will be forced to move. The shelter is in the way of the future expansion of the airport's runway and must relocate. Woods is in search of a community member to donate five to 10 acres for a new shelter.

"We're looking for a good samaritan to offer five to 10 acres of land zoned for agriculture or commercial use," said Diana Roberts, chairwoman of Woods.

In October 1999, Woods made the decision that the Humane Society would no longer pursue the building of a new shelter on property previously acquired at Clark Valley and Los Osos Valley Road.

High sensitivity to the preservation of county agricultural land and the fact that the property is in the jurisdiction of the California Coastal Commission were two reasons the shelter decided against this site. There was also high residential opposition to the placement of the shelter at this location.

Currently, the shelter is located on less than one

acre, and the facility needs constant repairs, Roberts said.

"The (Broad Street) shelter houses 40 dogs and 20 cats," Roberts said. "We want the new facility to hold twice that."

Woods is seeking a new site below the Cuesta Grade in the San Luis Obispo-Arroyo Grande corridor. Woods would like to build a facility that can accommodate administrative offices, kennels for at least 60 dogs, 20 cats, puppy and kitten rooms, and still have enough room for future expansion. The nature of the shelter activities is deemed appropriate for lands with an agricultural or commercial zoning, but would be inappropriate near residences.

"Any land donation would be a 100 percent tax write-off," Roberts said.

Woods has been San Luis Obispo County's Humane Society for over 40 years. Its mission is to serve, protect and shelter homeless companion animals. In 1999, Woods found new homes for over 97 percent of the animals it cared for.

Rodney King have all said to pick a jury first," Maguire said.

In a press release issued June 15, the district attorney's office said it will "reserve comment on the matter until the conclusion of this court hearing," including rulings made.

Krebs is being charged with last year's murder of Cal Poly student Rachel Newhouse and Cuesta College student Aundria Crawford.

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"We said there are two issues - whether Judge LaBarbera made the wrong decision, and because this is a predominant attitude among judges, is this still good law? Is it really worth it (to have a change of venue trial)? Appellate court decisions about change of venue since

CSU faculty allege gender discrimination in pay raises

(U-WIRE) LONG BEACH — The California Faculty Association is contending that preliminary data from the last two rounds of pay raises for Cal State University faculty were possibly tainted by system-wide gender discrimination.

"Preliminary findings point in the direction of gender discrimination," said Hamdi Bilici, president of the CFA.

The CFA alleges that on some campuses fewer women received raises, and those raises were smaller than those given to men.

The question of gender discrimination was brought up by the National Education Association last week after its preliminary review of data on pay raises in the CSU system.

The Office of the Chancellor is examining the data, said Samuel Strafacci, senior director of employee relations for the office.

According to Strafacci, there has been "no disparate treatment on the basis of ethnicity or gender in the awarding of faculty merit increases (FMI)." The office will publicly issue a report on the matter at the end of next week.

"I think it's always best for an institution to review the statistics," he said.

The CFA is the union that represents teachers in the Cal State University system. In the FMI process, faculty submits a report of their work to the deans of their respective colleges.

The union believes that there is room for deans to arbitrarily grant pay raises in a manner that would discriminate against women. The union

has called the Faculty Merit Increase program "arbitrary" and the guidelines regulating the process "unclear."

The studies of the distribution of raises is so preliminary that evidence of other questions of discrimination, such as bias against minority

faculty members, have not yet arisen, according to Bilici.

"The gender bias stood out," Bilici said.

The union has resisted the FMI program from the program's inception. As part of contract negotiations with the CSU, the union is asking for a moratorium on the merit program.

The union's "analysis of the program has been driven by their desire to see this program in abeyance," Strafacci said.

The CFA has notified the governor's office about the situation.

Event to raise money for Woods Humane Society

By Shannon Akins

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The dogs and cats at Woods Humane Society need the community's support. This Sunday's "Tails by the Sea" is Woods' fourth annual fundraising event. All proceeds go to help the animals at Woods Humane Society. The fundraiser gives San Luis Obispo residents the opportunity to give back to the organization that has been saving Central Coast animals since 1955.

"We're hoping to raise \$35,000 this year," chairwoman Diana Roberts said. "Last year we had 200 people attend the fundraiser. This year we're expecting 300 (people)."

The event will be held at the Avila Bay Club on June 25 from 4 to 7 p.m. Local businesses and residents have donated their time and services for the cause. Five wineries will be pouring at the catered event that includes raffles, a magician and guest auctioneer Tony Cipolla of KSBY. Cipolla will auction off a wide variety of getaway packages.

The proceeds will go to the care of the 40 dogs and 20 cats that Woods houses.

Have a
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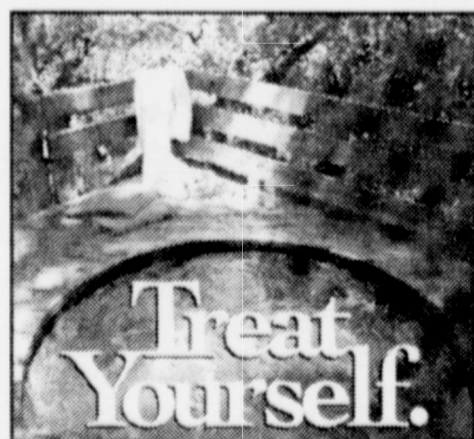
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Housing director to support Student Affairs interim

By Jana Larsen
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Preston Allen, Cal Poly director of Housing and Residential Life, will take on an expanded role at the university as assistant vice president of Student Affairs. Allen will assume responsibilities including broad staff support for the vice president of

Student Affairs. Allen will support Robert Detweiler, the interim vice president of Student Affairs, in the ongoing development and implementation of the division's strategic plans and initiatives.

"We are really appreciative of his willingness to accept this responsibility," said Dan

Howard-Greene, executive assistant to Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

Allen plans on playing a supporting role in moving forward in all areas of academics and not only with the strategic plan.

"I am very excited with working with Detweiler," Allen said. "We have sat down and discussed the importance of being

available to students. Between the two of us, we are committed to student services."

Allen, who has been a key member of the Student Affairs Management Team at Cal Poly since 1993, is directly responsible for the administration and management of the university's Housing and Residential Life department.

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said. "It makes me and every other Cal Poly graduate look so much better."

McPherson advised them that to succeed is to take the path less traveled. He gave them several virtues to develop and hold onto as they strive for that success.

-Integrity. Obey the absolutes as best as you can.

-Responsibility. Be responsible for your own actions.

-Adaptation. Because life is ever-changing.

-Respect. Use the Golden Rule.

Treat people with respect and dignity. -Unselfish service. It's not enough just to provide for you and your family.

-Appreciation. Be thankful for the basic things in life that you take so much for granted.

"The biggest test in life for each of you is still ahead," he said. "May you change the world in a positive way to the best of your abilities. What you do matters."

In addition to Saturday's ceremonies, three separate ceremonies were held for minority students on June 9. This year there were commencements for Cal Poly's 31 black, 31 Latino and Chicano and 22 Asian graduates.

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This lack of discovery doesn't discourage sheriff's officials.

"We may not have found anything, but it's important to recognize the importance of being able to exclude a location from our search," Donahue said.



KRISTIN SMART
Missing since 1996

Susan Flores, who is now divorced from Paul's father, currently occupies the home with her 91-year-old grandmother. Paul Flores was not present for the search; he is currently serving a jail sentence in Santa Barbara in connection to a charge of driving while under the influence.

Sgt. Donahue emphasizes that the case is still open.

"We will continue to actively investigate this case until a conclusion is reached," he said.

Smart was last seen walking to her room at Muir Hall with Flores on May 25, 1996.

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current student support programs that enhance learning.

"I am impressed by the strength of programs, clubs and organizations that help students learn outside the classroom . . . and I would like to see those entities continue to be effective," he said.

Detweiler is currently teaching history classes and helping President Baker address issues related to diversity at Cal Poly. He has worked for the CSU system for the past 30 years, including serving as president of CSU Dominguez Hills, vice president of Academic Affairs at CSU San Bernardino, and a history professor and dean of the College of Arts and Letters at San Diego State University.

"He has worked over a long period of time in the CSU system and has a solid reputation for knowledge and integrity," said Dan Howard-Greene, executive assistant to Baker. "Because of that knowledge we are fortunate to have him. Bob has a wealth of experience and information and is a very competent leader."

Preston Allen, Cal Poly director of Housing and Residential Life, will support Detweiler in his position. Allen is being assigned to an expanded role as assistant vice president of Student Affairs.

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ON CAMPUS DINING GUIDE

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The AVENUE	Located across from Mott gym	Monday - Friday 7:00am - 3:30pm	The Ave--We've got what you want! Hungry for chicken? A custom-made sandwich? A blended fruit drink? How about a burrito? A Wrap? A bagel or some soup? The Avenue features Chic-fil-A, Cowboy Grub Lil Lucy Juice, Tapango's Super, and City Deli. Why not enjoy a frozen yogurt at Sweet Persuasions?	X	X	X		X	X
PIZZA	Located in U.U. Plaza	Monday - Friday 10:45am - 1:00pm	Fresh, delicious pizza by the slice, individual size or share a whole pizza with friends. Order a 16" pizza ahead by calling 756-1126.	X	X	X		X	
CAMPUS MARKET	Located by the Library, behind Ag Science building	Monday - Friday 7:00am - 5:00pm Saturday 10:00am - 5:00pm	What do you call a small convenience store that has just about everything you could need during a day on campus? You call it the Campus Market, the store that can fulfill your needs.	X	X	X		X	X
Julian's	Located on the first floor of the University Union	Monday - Friday 7:30am - 4:30pm	For the finest coffees, from whole beans, to fresh brewed, to cappuccino, and a wide assortment of baked goods including croissants, muffins, cookies and pastries. Julian's is ready to serve you. Hungry for ice cream? Julian's serves delicious shakes, sundaes and cones.	X	X	X		X	X
NIGHT HOUSE	Located down the stairs from U.U. Plaza	Monday - Friday Breakfast: 7:30am-8:30am Lunch: 11:30am-1:30pm Dinner: 5:00pm-6:30pm Weekends Breakfast: 10:00am-Noon Lunch: Noon-1:30pm Dinner: 5:00pm-6:30pm	There's lots to choose from with all-you-care-to-eat meals daily, including fresh pastries, eggs to order at breakfast, daily entrees, charbroiled hamburgers, home-made soup, salad bar, fresh baked breads and desserts, soft serve, and a variety of beverages.	X		X	X	X	
Vista Grande Restaurant	Located near the entrance of the University on Grand Ave	Monday - Friday 11:00am - 7:00pm Sunday Brunch 10:00am - 2:00pm also open in conjunction with major Performing Arts Center events	Full table service dining room with a wonderful view of the campus and San Luis Obispo. We serve lunch, dinner and Sunday Brunch featuring soups, salads, sandwiches, desserts and a variety of contemporary and ethnic dishes.	X		X		X	X

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SLO deserves a chance to try Rex Krebs

The murder trial of Rex Krebs has been a fixture in newspapers throughout San Luis Obispo County. Undoubtedly, the public is well-informed about the facts surrounding the case. Because of this, Krebs' defense attorneys want a change of venue.

The Krebs defense team believes media coverage has tainted prospective jurors. However, have the prospective jurors (meaning you and I) been inundated with facts about the case, or biased opinions containing falsities?

In my opinion, Krebs has been treated quite fairly by the county media. The public knows the facts about the case, and we have had an opportunity to form our own opinions.

The murders of Aundria Crawford and Rachel Newhouse happened over a year ago, and the change of venue process could take another year. What ever happened to a speedy trial? The parents of these girls deserve at least that. The longer the trial goes on, the more difficult it is going to be for the parents.

I think that the right to a fair trial is an important right. However, I also believe that when the facts are there, the facts are there.

In 1961, a man named Mad Dog Irvin was accused of killing six people in Evansville, Ind. When the case came to trial, surveys showed that the majority of people in the Evansville area had heard about Irvin and believed him to be guilty. So the trial was moved to a neighboring county. Even after the change of venue, everyone had heard of him, and he was quickly convicted.

Though this case differs from the Krebs case, it brings up an interesting point. With a change of venue, the defense team would hope to find a jury uneducated about the details of the case. But the facts surrounding the case are going to speak for themselves. It doesn't matter where the trial is held, Krebs is going to get the sentence he deserves.

Superior Court Judge Barry LaBarbera is confident that a fair jury can be selected from the county. I agree. I think that before a change of venue can be allowed, an attempt must first be made to find a fair and impartial jury in San Luis Obispo. A change of venue should be contemplated only after the judge is sure that a fair trial is impossible.

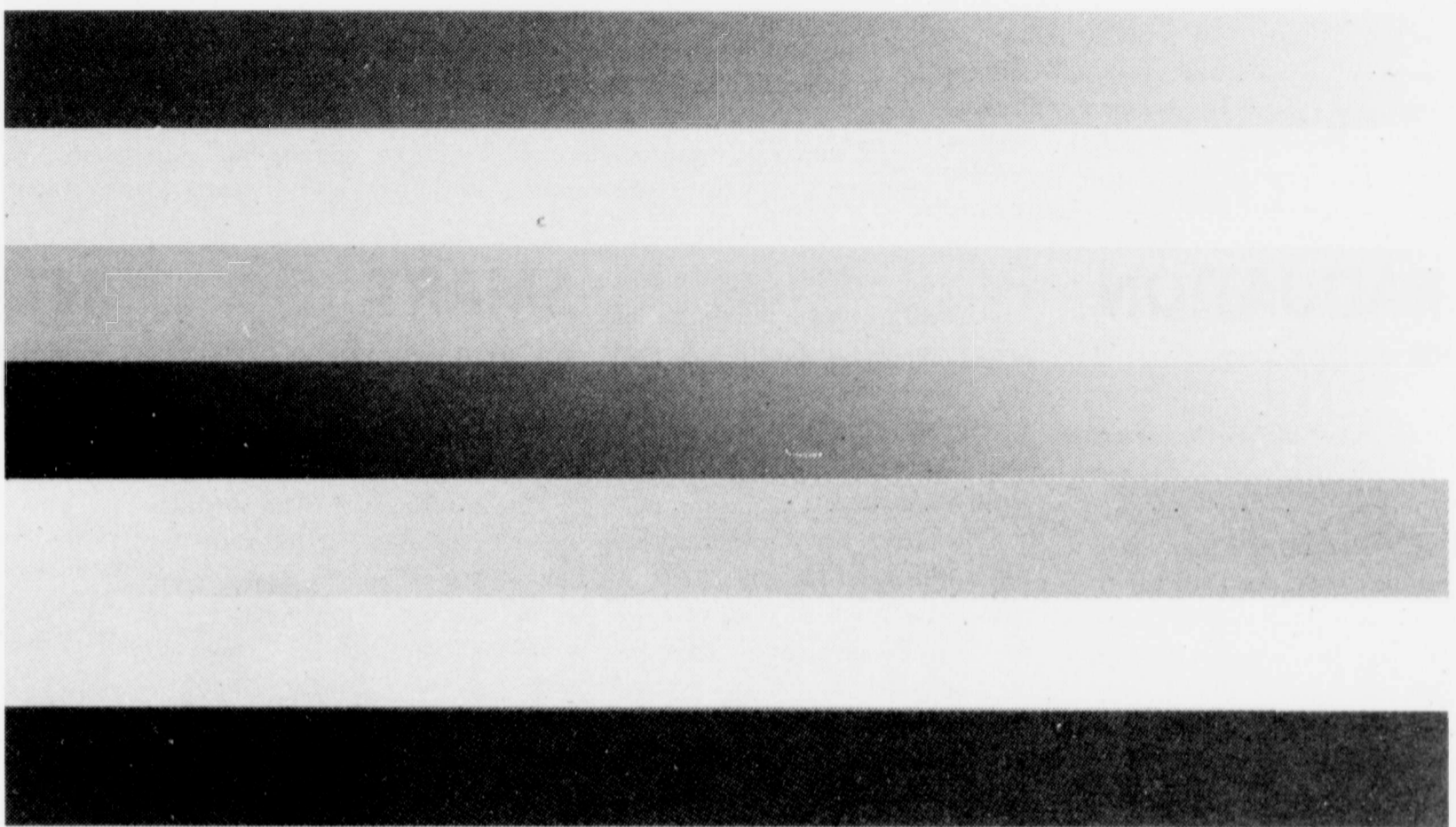
In a recent Tribune article, Crawford's mother, Gail Eberhart, said she feels the people of San Luis Obispo are entitled to judge Krebs.

There is no doubt that we deserve to judge Krebs. He is suspected of being the person who made it unsafe for women to walk alone in the sanctity of San Luis Obispo. If he did indeed commit these crimes in San Luis Obispo, he deserves to be judged by the people of San Luis Obispo.

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A year in Mustang Daily history.

Summer kind of wonderful

There is nothing quite like a summer in San Luis Obispo, from the lazy days and warm evenings to the pleasant buzz of tourists. I should know, because I've spent the past 18 summers here.

No, I'm not in my 15th year of "seniorhood." Rather, I had the opportunity to be raised here on the Central Coast. In fact, because of summer school, I will probably make it to graduation in four years.

You may say that summer is a time to kick back, relax and get away from school. I say that I am kicking back, relaxing, and, since I am here at summer school, I will have the opportunity to continue to do so throughout the year.

I normally take 12 or 14 units per quarter. In my mind, the six units I take each summer allow me to continue to take three or four classes every other quarter, but they also do more than that.

During the summer, I do not have so many units that I can't do other things. Due to the fact that I only carry six units, I am not overwhelmed with too many assignments, so I can focus on getting A's in the classes I am taking. Heck, the only reason I'm taking summer classes at all is to get a couple of decent grades to boost my cumulative grade point average.

I tried this approach last summer, and it worked.

Summer school is also great preparation for the working world that lies just beyond the horizon. After all, once college is over, the "real world" doesn't stop

for summer. Anyone with a car payment knows this.

Besides, I have it all worked out so that I work and go to school Sunday through Wednesday. That leaves me with three days each and every week that are completely devoid of responsibility.

So, what is there to do in San Luis Obispo during the three months while everyone else is gone and school is out? Like I said, I've been here for awhile, and trust me, there is plenty.

San Luis Obispo is a tourist haven. People travel here from all over to vacation. Take a stroll downtown on a Sunday afternoon. The tourists are there with their fanny packs and black socks stretched over their calves. They must be traveling here for something.

The truth is the Central Coast is a beautiful place. The weather, the hills' and the oceans all create a perfect landscape. There is kayaking, hiking and rock climbing for those who are partial to outdoor activities. There is bowling, a plethora of movie screens (there were not always so many) and plenty of good restaurants for those who prefer air conditioning. The stuff that kept students occupied all year long is still here.

The beach is only a few minutes away, Santa Barbara makes a nice day trip, and, in the tradition of summer, there is always the pleasure of zoning out in front of daytime television for hours on end.

Sarah Goodyear is a journalism junior and a Summer Mustang staff writer.

Letter to the readers

Readers,

And then there was color. We're excited to start this quarter of Summer Mustang at a new level. Rather than an occasional color issue, we will be bringing you a colorized paper every week.

Past Managing Editor Joe Nolan and past Editor in Chief Andy Castagnola have left us with the gift of color, which will be daily during fall, winter and spring. With Nolan as the visionary and crusader, months of negotiating have paid off. Nolan always said he couldn't lose. He wanted color for the Mustang Daily, and it came to be.

Aside from the work of our predecessors, University Graphic Systems, a student-run printing endeavor, was able to offer color printing at a cost we could afford.

And, with that, welcome to another year of news.

Adam Jarman is Summer Mustang editor in chief.

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"How naughty are the credits? Are they moaning?"

Put the 'death tax' to rest

Way to go Lois Capps! It's about time someone helped ease the unfair burden of estate taxes.

About two weeks ago, Congress passed the Death Tax Elimination Act, a bill that Capps voted for. It

Commentary will phase out and finally eliminate the estate tax over the next 10 years. The act passed by a vote of 279 to 136.

Estate tax is a tax on property left to others, usually a child or a relative, when the owner dies. The estate tax was introduced as a temporary measure designed to raise revenue in times of war and to break up large concentrations of wealth.

However, in 1916, the estate tax became a permanent code.

As a result, many family-owned farms and small businesses have been forced to sell out, because they can't come up with enough money to pay the tax collector.

Estate taxes are too high. According to an article by Ohio Congressman Dave Hobson, family heirs face estate tax rates from 37 percent to 55 percent, depending on what the estate is worth. In some cases, the liquid assets assumed by the heirs don't even cover the cost of the taxes imposed on the estate, including property and other assets. In fact, some of the lowest estate tax rates are higher than some of the highest income tax rates.

It seems it would be easier and cheaper to sell the family-owned business before death rather than passing the business to one's heirs. Estate taxes are just too much of a burden.

According to an article by the National Grocers Association, over 70 percent of family-owned businesses do not survive through the second generation and 87 percent never make it to the third generation.

It is too much to handle. It's bad enough that families must lose a loved one, but to take away their livelihood in addition is just plain cruel.

It seems estate taxes hit families when they are down and vulnerable. It is wrong and unjust that they must face a chance of losing what their family member had built.

Family-owned businesses should be passed down to future generations. They should not be sold because of outrageous estate taxes.

Our community has an abundant number of family-owned farms and businesses. I'm sure that many Central Coast residents are relieved to hear that estate taxes will one day be a thing of the past.

Thanks to representatives like Capps, family businesses will not be in danger of extinction.

Candice Conti is a journalism senior and a Summer Mustang staff writer.

Don't blame teachers for bad grades

Taking tests is not my idea of a good time. I dislike filling in bubbles, I feel no love for the cramp in my hand, and I detest the wide range of emotions experienced in the surrounding time period of an exam. I

Commentary take them in the hopes that when I finally graduate, I will never have to touch a Scantron again.

Teachers in Massachusetts, as of this month, will be taking tests again if 30 percent of their students fail the state's math tests. An even worse blow to their dignity is that they have to take the same test that their students failed.

The regulation came about after 40 percent of the state's eighth graders and 53 percent of the 10th graders failed the math section of the 1999 standardized tests.

These exams would be pointless. After taking innumerable college exams, a teacher could easily pass a junior high student's test. Not to mention that they have taught the subject to the students all year.

But, you say, if the teachers had

been teaching, the students wouldn't have failed.

We all know that the kid who slinked into the back row and never raised a hand did not share the desire to learn with the bright-eyed teacher's pet that sat front-and-center.

Teachers cannot make students pay attention. Back in the day, fear of being hit with a stick might have captured a child's interest. Now a teacher can't even call attention to a derelict student because that child might go home crying and come back with irate parents towing a barge of lawyers.

It's hard to stimulate those already reluctant students with cookie-cutter learning. Public school educators must stick to a prepared curriculum created by the state's education administrators.

State administrators aren't the only ones who limit teachers. The Department of Education also quashes teachers' choices.

Why aren't the decision-makers being blamed? They have better lawyers.

The nation still needs someone to take the fall for America's plac-

ing in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study. American high school students ranked 19th out of 21 countries in mathematics.

Don't blame teachers. No one attributes an exceptionally smart student's performance to a teacher. Instead that child's intelligence is credited to their DNA or their upbringing. Thus, a teacher cannot be blamed for an exceptionally dumb child.

Don't force teachers to take an insulting test, either. Not only is it a waste of pride and money, but it is a waste of time. Teachers have a tendency to protest, and if this regulation spreads throughout the nation, students won't even have a chance to learn because their educators will be on strike.

Instead, spend the time and money and restore the educator's dignity on programs that the teachers deem helpful to their students.

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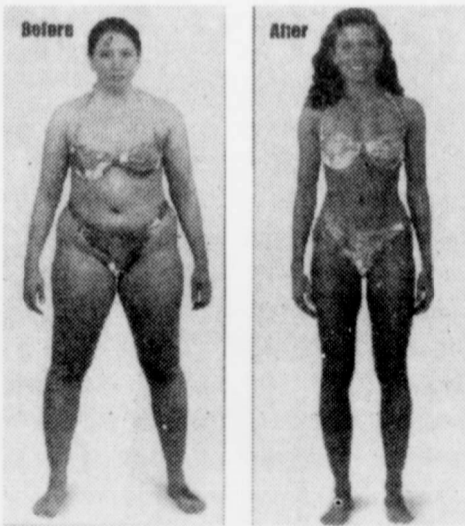
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PAC celebrates 'Summer Solstice'

By Jana Larsen

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The annual fund-raiser for the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center will be a community ball featuring more than 18 bands and performers.

The musicians will perform on seven stages at the PAC Ball on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. The theme of the fundraiser is "A Summer Solstice Celebration."

The genre of the various bands scheduled to perform is diverse, ranging from Shival Experience's reggae groove to the upbeat sounds of The Mighty Croon Dogs.

"The whole ball represents SLO because the community here is so diverse, and the music at the PAC is diverse," said Billy Fappiano, lead guitarist of The Mighty Croon Dogs.

The \$60 ticket includes parking, entertainment throughout the evening, dancing, food, beer and wine.

A "Feast of the Senses" benefit dinner will precede the PAC Ball at 5 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. The black-tie reception will take place in the Rossi Grand Lobby, followed by a multi-course dinner on the main stage in Harman Hall. The \$500 dinner package also includes valet parking, a commemorative photo and entrance to the PAC Ball.

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Billy Fappiano
The Mighty Croon Dogs

Local musicians The Burnished Brass and violinist Paul Severtson will perform for the dinner.

Severtson, co-concert master of the San Luis Obispo Symphony and a violin teacher at Cal Poly, will stroll from table to table throughout the dinner taking requests.

"I offered my services because we need to raise money to keep the PAC going," Severtson said.

The Foundation for the Performing Arts Center represents a community effort to provide support for the center. Profits from the PAC Ball, including the "Feasts of the Senses" benefit dinner, directly benefit the \$30 million center by providing annual operating support. This contributes to keeping rental fees low for local non-profit groups and helps provide lower ticket prices to the public for performances.

For additional information about the PAC Ball, call 541-5401.

Grammy winner Pancho Sanchez will be one of many to perform at the annual PAC Ball on June 24.

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The Mighty Croon Dogs will add their up-tempo selections to the PAC Ball celebration.

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SLO Art Center displays photographs by local artists

By Jordan Roberts

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The San Luis Obispo Art Center is currently home to "Visions 2000," a photography contest and exhibit presented by the Central Coast Photographic Society.

"Visions 2000" is a juried exhibit, meaning its photographs were selected by an expert of photography. The works were chosen from 104 entries, and several photographs received awards. The juror, Joseph Schwartz of Atascadero, has been practicing the art of photography for 60 years and just released a book called "Folk Photography: Poems I've Never Finished."

Cal Poly marketing professor Gordon Schneider had all three of his entries awarded a spot in the exhibition. Schneider's "Butterfly Dreams Opus" series is very different from his specialty of travel photography.

Some of the exhibited photographs were manipulated by computer or printed on watercolor paper to achieve more of a "fantasy" feel. However, it was the more traditional photographs that won awards. Among the awards were Best of Show, Best Color, Best Black-and-White and Honorable Mention.

Twila Stofer, whose entry received a juror's award, founded the Central Coast Photographic Society. She is also responsible for bringing the group to the San Luis Obispo Art Center. Stofer has a dozen magazine covers to her credit and has sold work to companies like Paramount

and Hallmark Cards.

"I was going to enter a different photograph in the contest, because I wasn't sure if this one would get back in time, but it came just in time for the contest," Stofer said. "I get all of my photographs developed at a lab in Denver."

Stofer's entry "Soldier's Mail" is on sale at the gallery for \$85. The photograph shows a postcard sent to her mother from her uncle during World War I in France. The photograph is of an unknown man, a rose and her mother's locket. Stofer's entry has an antique feel, and the bright red jewel of the locket stands out against the browns of the picture.

"I used high-speed film without a lot of color, because it displays the brown tones so beautifully," Stofer said.

The Best of Show award went to "Cleaning Shrimp and Grouper," by

"I used high-speed film without a lot of color, because it displays the brown tones so beautifully."

Twila Stofer
photographer

Dorothy Cutter. The primarily red and black photograph is a close-up of a fish's mouth that seems to open out at the viewer. The underwater photograph was taken during a trip Cutter took to Borneo, and is on sale for \$150.

All of the photographs in the exhibit are for sale, and can be viewed Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until July 23. For more information, call 543-8562.



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The Visions 2000 gallery is on display at the SLO Art Center.

'Shaft' remake tells new story with modern twist, original style

By Cory Callewaert

SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

John Singleton's "Shaft" mirrors the original in being violent, sexy and way too cool. However, it brings in some new faces to tell the story.

Samuel L. Jackson stars as John Shaft, the original Shaft's nephew. Jackson's Shaft is a little more modern but still just as hip. With his Armani wardrobe and in-your-face attitude, Shaft lays down the law to corrupt cops, street thugs and a racist rich kid with a bad temper. Jackson plays the part perfectly, using force and style.

After the naughty opening credits, which include nudity and a background including sex and firearms, "Shaft" keeps the viewer absorbed. The power of its action sequences may leave the viewer wanting to smack someone in the nose.

Christian Bale and Jeffrey Wright steal much of Jackson's spotlight as

the racist rich kid, Walter Wade, and a Dominican drug lord named Peoples Hernandez, respectively. These two characters are what make this movie worth watching. The scenes they have together are full of witty dialogue and tense moments of criminal mistrust.

Vanessa Williams plays the role of Carmen, Shaft's police colleague and friend. She isn't very impressive as she doesn't make much of a presence in the film.

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Busta Rhymes is Ra'saan, Shaft's street-wise friend who

chauffeurs Shaft around town. He tries hard not to come off as the typical side-kick, but not hard enough.

Of course, you can't have a "Shaft" movie without the man himself, Richard Roundtree, the original John Shaft. Roundtree is definitely still working it, and working it well.

With its great cast and exciting plot, "Shaft" is back and is one bad mutha ... shut your mouth.

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that really like each other," he said.

As for his returning players, Schneider looks to senior center Chris Bjorklund to lead the team, both on and off the court.

"Bjorklund is clearly the best player and possibly the greatest team leader we have ever had," he said. "That is something you have to have."

But while Schneider has been focusing on the positive aspects of his team, many people have been focusing only on the negative, he says.

Schneider says he appreciates the great support his players have given him during the last few tumultuous months.

"It's just great how they've come out in support of me," he said. "As a coach, that's just the greatest thing that can happen."

One of the coaches' greatest defenders has been Bjorklund.

"I know that (Schneider) has been getting a lot of negative press lately," he said. "But the 10 guys that are still on the team are completely behind him. That needs to be said."

Of the four players that will not be returning, three are sophomores,

which completely wipes out last year's recruiting class.

King, last year's starting point guard, left Cal Poly in March due to academic problems.

In April, Hulst decided to transfer to The Masters College to pursue a career in ministry.

Finally, in May, both Hoffart and Campbell decided they would not return to Cal Poly for the next school year.

Both Campbell and Hoffart were unavailable to comment on their decision to leave Cal Poly. Some of their teammates speculate that the two players were looking for more playing time in their sophomore year, something they most likely wouldn't have gotten from the Mustangs with six returning players.

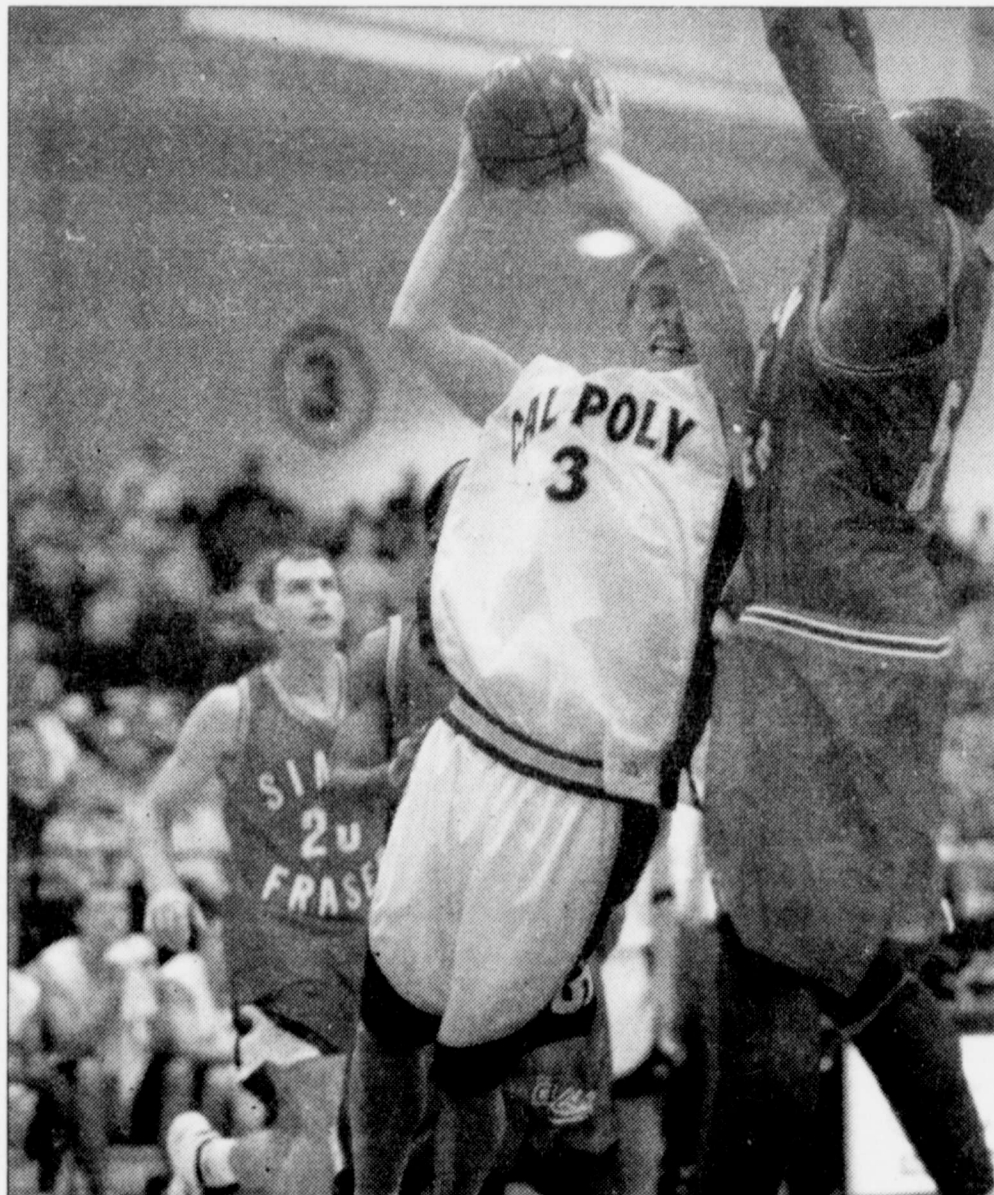
Of the four, King was the only player who had significant playing time. He averaged 10.3 points a game.

Hoffart and Campbell averaged 2.6 and 1.3 points, respectively.

"I think they wanted to get more playing time, something neither of them saw much of last year," Bjorklund said.

Despite the changes, Schneider is optimistic for next season.

"This is by far the best team we've ever had," he said. "Bottom line: We are going to win."



COLIN MCVEY/SUMMER MUSTANG

Freshman point guard Mark Campbell is leaving the Mustangs.

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strators about an extension on his contract and received one through 2002. Another year was added in 1998.

The past two years, however, have not been as successful. In 1998-99, the Mustangs were picked to finish first in the conference by major publications, area media and conference coaches, only to finish 6-10, putting them in fifth place.

Schneider has successfully brought the game of basketball back to the audience. He has raised the attendance from 500 people to sellout crowds averaging 3,100. The games have become community events, which has helped generate support for Cal Poly's athletes.

The coach sees a lot of interest in the program.

"I'm at peace with myself, with what has been done and where this program is going," Schneider said. "I'm also very confident we'll have success next season."

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"Jake is playing strongly and doing well for us at fullback," Wilson said.

With 10 games left in the season, the Roadrunners are looking to kick it up a notch as they return to league play and aim for a bid to the end-of-season tournament. With three other teams in the PDL having four losses, the Roadrunners stand a good chance at winning their division.

"This weekend is huge for us," Wilson said.

The team needs only two wins to match the total of league leaders San Fernando and San Gabriel.

The Roadrunners will travel to play the San Gabriel Valley Highlanders on Saturday and the San Fernando Valley Heroes on Sunday.

The next Roadrunners home game is June 30 against the San Fernando Valley Heroes. The game starts at 11 a.m. at Arroyo Grande High's Hitchen Stadium.

PDL United Soccer League Southwest Standings

	GP	W	L	GF	GA
San Fernando	10	6	4	30	26
San Gabriel	10	4	6	27	30
Central Coast Nevada	8	4	4	17	16
Nevada	8	4	4	15	18



COURTESY PHOTO

Roadrunner Alex Avina makes a move for the ball at a recent game.

200,000 celebrate Lakers championship at parade

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Where stores were looted and police cars burned two days before, almost a quarter-million Los Angeles Lakers fans hailed the new NBA champions Wednesday in an adoring sea of purple and gold.

They heard speeches from the mayor, promises of more titles and a pledge from their biggest star to try to undo some of the damage from Monday night's violence.

"The other night after the game, a couple of bad things happened, a couple of people trashed two police cars," Shaquille O'Neal said. "So on behalf of the Lakers and (coach) Phil Jackson, we're going to get them two new police cars."

"We want to say that when we get one (championship) next year, we just want to be safe, we want everybody to be safe and do the right thing because we're going to get one next year, too."

The fans roared, and said the outbreaks of crime after the title clincher seemed far away.

"I had no reservations at all about coming out today," said Dorothy Rhan, a member of the enthusiastic crowd stretching nine blocks to the Lakers' home at the Staples Center.

"I love it. It's wonderful," Rhan said. "L.A. has its unity now and it's all due to the Lakers."

A mob looted stores, smashed windows and torched police cars and

news vans outside the arena after the Lakers defeated the Indiana Pacers 116-111 for the NBA crown. Eleven people were arrested and four police officers were hurt.

Police vowed zero tolerance for parade violence and a highly visible force of more than 300 officers was stationed along Figueroa Street to keep the peace. Reinforcements were on hand nearby as a precaution.

There were no arrests and no trouble reported.

"It was great doing it this year for the city and for everybody else. And we're going to try to get one next year. I love you."

Shaquille O'Neal
Lakers center

"This is a festive event. If there was some type of problem, we'd be ready," police Lt. Horace Frank said. He estimated the crowd at about 200,000.

Jackson got a huge ovation when he joined the Lakers on stage outside the Department of Water and Power building prior to the parade kickoff. At least seven helicopters buzzed overhead.

"We appreciate this a lot. This is

for the city of L.A. We are starting a new millennium right now," Jackson said. Signs in the crowd called it a "new Phillenium."

Mayor Richard Riordan declared it Laker Day in the city celebrating its first NBA championship in 12 years and a skywriting plane spelled out "LA Lakers" overhead.

"What a great day," Riordan said to the wildly cheering throng. "You are the first champions of the 21st century, the start of a great dynasty. But most of all, you are No. 1 in the hearts of all Angelenos."

Then, it was time for O'Neal, the 7-foot-1 center who swept Most Valuable Player honors in the regular season, the All-Star Game and the playoffs.

"I cannot hear you all," the gum-chomping O'Neal said, egging on the crowd as it chanted "MVP! MVP! MVP!"

O'Neal also declared that his era as "The Big Aristotle," spouting philosophy in locker room interviews, was over.

"I want to be known as 'The Big Shakespeare,'" he said. "Because it was Shakespeare that said, 'Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, some have greatness thrust upon them,' and it was great doing it this year for the city and for everybody else. And we're going to try to get one next year. I love you."

Dodgers trade Vizcaino to Yankees

NEW YORK (AP) - With second baseman Chuck Knoblauch battling a throwing disorder, the New York Yankees acquired some insurance Tuesday night, sending Jim Leyritz to the Los Angeles Dodgers for versatile infielder Jose Vizcaino.

Trade rumors have circulated around the two-time defending world champions Yankees, who have dropped 20 of their last 34 games. Among the top concerns for manag-

er Joe Torre has been the play of Knoblauch, who committed three errors on Thursday and has 14 this season.

"Brian (Cashman) and I call each other once a week or so and we ask each other if we can help each other get better," Dodgers general manager Kevin Malone said of his discussions with his Yankee counterpart. "We started discussing this last week and it came to fruition tonight. We both

felt this will help both of us."

In Vizcaino, the Yankees receive an switch-hitter who can play second, shortstop or third base. The 32-year-old Vizcaino is batting just .204 this season with no homers and four RBI.

"This is baseball and you've got to be prepared for it," Vizcaino said. "New York needs a second baseman, so maybe I'll get a chance to play over there."

Schneider's contract shortened



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Head coach Jeff Schneider, shown here coaching at his basketball camp, has led the Mustangs to two consecutive 6-10 Big West conference records.

Men's basketball head coach's contract amended to end in 2001, not 2003

By Patty Green
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

Jeff Schneider, head coach for Cal Poly's men's basketball team, has had his contract shortened, giving him only one more season as coach for the Mustangs. His contract, which originally ran through 2003, was cut in March to end in 2001.

"This season the team will be strong with a chance for success," Schneider said. "The team has some of the best players returning."

Chris Bjorklund, Jeremiah Mayes and David Henry will be three of the team's starting five players. Highly touted recruit Jamal Scott is also expected to make an impact on the team. Schneider said Scott was selected as Arizona's high school player of the year and made the recruiting magazine Hoop Scoop, which features the top 100 high school basketball players.

"The team will win by overachieving," Schneider said. "The team is behind me all the way."

Also expected to make a contribution is guard Steve Geary, a junior college transfer from Oklahoma.

Schneider was hired in April 1995, and steered the Mustangs in 1995-96 to a 16-13 mark, the best turn around in the country after receiving a team that went 1-26 in its first season in Division I. The team now uses an up-tempo offense focusing on 3-point-shooters.

Under Schneider's first three years of coaching, the Mustangs won the conference's freshman player of the year award.

During the 1996-97 season, Cal Poly went 14-16 in the Big West. After the season ended, Schneider asked admin-

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Two more players transfer from men's basketball team

By Katherine Hays
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly men's basketball team has suffered many losses in the last few months, including the loss of an assistant coach and four players.

Freshmen Mark Campbell, John Hoffart, Brandon Hulst and sophomore Jason King have all left Cal Poly, and coach Kwanza Johnson has left the basketball program to take a similar position at University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

However, head coach Jeff Schneider believes that these losses have helped to unite his team, and make them a force to reckon with next season.

"I feel extremely comfortable with the team as it stands right now," he said. "I think we have a great chemistry."

Chemistry, Schneider says, is something he is carefully guarding as he decides whether or not to add another player to the roster.

"It's a possibility that we may still sign another player, but at this point, I'm not sure it's necessary," he said.

The loss of Johnson, Schneider says, is a disappointment, but not a surprise.

"I knew we wouldn't be able to keep him here for long - he is that good of a coach," he said. "I love him as a player, as a coach and as a person. I am really excited about this opportunity for him."

Johnson was with the Mustangs for only one season. Schneider says he's close to making a decision on who will replace Johnson for next season.

The team currently consists of six returning players, one player expected to come off the injured list, and three new recruits.

"What we have right now is 10 guys



MARK CAMPBELL: Leaving Cal Poly



JOHN HOFFART: Leaving Cal Poly

Roadrunners trying to kick summer blues

By John Guerra
SUMMER MUSTANG STAFF WRITER

The Central Coast Roadrunners split a pair of games this weekend at Arroyo Grande High's Hitchen Stadium against higher Division 3 opponents. The Roadrunners defeated the Riverside Elite 3-2 in overtime on Friday and fell to the Chico Rooks 3-1 on Saturday after defeating the Rooks earlier in the season. The Roadrunners, members of the Premier Development League (PDL), are 4-6 overall and 4-4 in league play.

Coach Bob Wilson noted the effects of playing back-to-back games on the Roadrunners, which only suit-

ed 14 players for Saturday's game.

"We just did not have the energy on Saturday as we did in Friday night's game," Wilson said. "It is very strenuous on our players who are facing opponents who have had a few days to rest."

Even though the Roadrunners defeated the Rooks a week earlier in Chico, they did not seem to have that all-important second wind.

Wilson is optimistic about the second half of the season, due to a shuffling of the roster.

"We have a strong roster; however, we are losing some players," Wilson said.

He said the team has lost housing

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Bob Wilson
Central Coast Roadrunners head coach

for some players and subsequently may lose a couple of players who are from out of town.

The Roadrunners are looking for some fresh legs and goal production to take them through the second half of their season. Forward Jose Miranda is looking to lead the team by example. Miranda finished the weekend on

the right foot by scoring three goals in the two games. Defender Jake Crisp, the only Cal Poly student currently on the Roadrunners' roster, has started a couple of games and should get more playing time as the season unfolds.

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