Two minor sports dropped for '82-'83

Cal Poly men's volleyball and water polo were dropped from the university's 1982-83 intercollegiate athletics program, President Warren Baker announced Wednesday.

The need to drop men's water polo and volleyball was a combination of insufficient funding as well as a facility problem. Baker said in a memo to the 14-member Athletic Advisory Commission, which has been reviewing the intercollegiate athletics program since Fall Quarter.

In a statement, Baker said, "The needs of the institutional program of the Physical Education Department, combined with the scheduling of men's and women's basketball and men's wrestling, and the increasing facility demands of the intramural/recreation program, make it impossible for us to continue men's volleyball.

Volleyball Coach Craig Cummings said the decision was based on weak reasons. He said the team budget is $2,600.

"We could draw and easily clear the budget. When you make money it's ridiculous to drop a sport. If you run it like a business, then volleyball wouldn't cut," Cummings said.

Decision 'hurts'

He added, "It hurts. You have a team ranked eighth in the nation for first division and then you cut a sport like that..."

A similar situation exists in terms of the combined problems associated with budgetary limitations and facilities in conjunction with the use of the outdoor pool, making it necessary to find a solution (page 4).

Gerard said that he is not convinced that putting the Greeks in all in one place is in their best interest.

Good neighbors

"People must learn to live with other people," he said. "You have to live as a good neighbor no matter where you live. We'll still expect them to behave responsibly.

Cal Poly's Inter-Fraternity Council has been working on the Greek housing project since last spring. The proposed site for the project is on the southeast corner of Highland Avenue and Highway 1.

The land is presently 14.2 acres, an orchard run by the School of Agriculture. The trees in the orchard must be uprooted due to a disease called Brown Rot.

The fraternities and sororities could purchase the land and rent it from the state. A decision as to which has not yet been made.

"We're trying to set a strong foundation," said Tim Leets, IFC President. "This project is going to run into millions of dollars and the fraternities and sororities agree to absorb the costs. We want the future of the project to go well."

Leets said that a Greek row could solve many of the problems that presently exist for the fraternities and sororities.

"I think that a Greek row is in the best interest of the city, as well as the university and the frats," said Leets. "For one thing the city won't have to deal with the frats in the neighborhoods. There will be less complaints. There is also the housing shortage that this will help to cut down.

Bringing Greeks together

A Greek row would bring the fraternities and sororities together. At present, said Leets, the inter-Greek relations are not as good as they could be.

"If the Greeks are closer they have a better chance to interact," he said.

When the houses are situated as ours are, all over the campus, there isn't as much communication. We could be more productive. We could do more for the university and the community as well as ourselves. We'd be a lot stronger," said Leets.

Currently five fraternities and two sororities are interested in moving onto a Greek row as soon as possible. All but one fraternity has at least $150,000 to build a house on the row. All feel that the mortgage amount and more could be raised through loans, fund-raisers, or alumni assistance.

All feel that someday they would like to build a house on the row. This information was obtained through a questionnaire distributed to the fraternities and sororities by Bill Spencer, Greek Row Coordinator.

The idea of having a Greek row has been kicked around for a long time. We figured you have to start somewhere so we did," said Leets.

Poly Royal Queen crowned

Karen Devor couldn't wait to call her name Tuesday night.

Devor, a 21-year-old physical education major from Blythe, had just been chosen from a field of 37 contestants at the 1982 Poly Royal Queen at Chumash Auditorium.

You sit back there and you wait and you don't want to hear your name till the very end. But you don't want to be left out," said an ecstatic Devor moments after winning the title.

While she said she was "amazed," Vice President and science Professor Roy Harris, who was one of the judges, said Karen's "poise and ability to conduct herself as an adult behind the microphone" impressed him.

Devor's court includes four princesses: Leslie Ferrera, first runner-up; Michelle Brooks, second runner-up; Cheryl Hayert, third runner-up; and Cara Schoenweger, fourth runner-up.

According to Sandy Schultz, Queen's Chairman of the Poly Royal Executive Board, the Poly Royal Queen's duties are to represent Cal Poly during Poly Royal, attend luncheons and barbecues, help judge booths, speak at opening ceremonies and assist in presenting Poly Royal programs.

Candy Eckert, the 1981 Poly Royal queen, said "poise and the ability to stand up under pressure" were the criteria by which the contestants were judged.

Public speaking's got to come across very well. It's one of the main duties of the Poly Royal Queen to be well rounded, well versed and able to present herself well," said Eckert.

While men were welcomed to compete in the pageant, all contestants were women. They were nominated by any chartered organization on campus, and had to be seniors with an overall GPA of 2.5 or better.

The contestants were given a list of questions they would be asked on the night of the pageant. The questions involved the history and traditions of Poly Royal, so research had to be done on the women's part.

On the night of the pageant, Master of Ceremonies Monte Mills asked each contestant a question.

The winner was judged on her speaking ability and poise in front of people.

Ten finalists were then announced, and they had...
S.F. mayor proposes gun ban

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A ban on private possession of handguns—prompted after a landmark ordinance recently adopted in a small Illinois town—has been proposed by Dianne Feinstein, mayor of one of the country's largest cities.

Violations of the ban, which would not extend to rifles or shotguns, would carry a penalty of 30 days in jail. Residents would have 90 days to sell their weapons or surrender them to police, without question, once the ordinance took effect.

A ban on handguns in Morton Grove, Ill., gained widespread attention when it was upheld in U.S. District Court. An appeal to a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal failed, and the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the issue.

Her proposal carries special significance here since she was appointed mayor following the November 1976 shooting death of her predecessor, George Moscone, and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

Ms. Feinstein, who has since been elected to office, unsuccessfully urged Congress to adopt federal gun control measures after the assassination of M ore conde, San Francisco's mayor.

"Clearly, we must stop this carnage," she said Wednesday, noting that San Francisco has an inordinately high homicide rate.

The ordinance would stand a court test of its constitutionality, the city attorney's office said after examining a draft. It requires approval by the Board of Supervisors.

"The federal courts considered the ban under the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment," said Chief Public Defender Peter Keene, who penned the San Francisco draft. He said the amendment's guaranteed right of the people to keep and bear arms extends only to equipping a state militia or national guard.

"I will definitely have Sirhan testify," attorney Luke Missenek said Tuesday. "But I haven't made the tactical decision yet on how many people I'll call to refute the phony accusations against him by other inmates."

District Attorney John Van de Kamp, who has petitioned the board to rescind Sirhan's Sept. 1, 1984 parole date, submitted a petition quoting inmates as saying Sirhan had boasted to a fellow inmate that he would "take care of" Robert Kennedy's brother, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., after his release.

"We expect Mr. Watt to appear at our hearing with checkbook in hand ready to repay the misappropriated funds," said Rep. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., who is holding the hearing.

The opinion said, "We have not seen that report yet and would not be able to comment on it." said Interior Department spokesman Phil Millon.

The auditor's opinion involved a Dec. 14 breakfast and Dec. 17 cocktail party held at Arlington House, also known as the Custis-Lee Mansion.

Correction

The oral health educator pictured on page one of Tuesday's " ... was incorrectly identified as Maria Ortiz. Her real name is Martha Long.

Watt's yuletide parties funded

WASHINGTON (AP) - Interior Secretary James G. Watt improperly used government funds to throw two Christmas receptions and must reimburse the government at least $4,500, federal auditors have ruled.

The controller general of the United States also said "questions could be raised" about Watt's use of an additional $4,500 from his official reception fund to pay for the events.

However, the opinion said, "we will not object" to use of those funds because "agency heads have traditionally been accorded a great deal of discretion" in their use.

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Like the space craft Enterprise picture here, the space shuttle program is currently grounded. But four space shuttle flights have been planned in an effort to industrialize space.

...U.S. to industrialize space

BY KATHLEEN HORIZON

In the middle of a Florida swamp, an old pickup truck chased wild pigs and alligators off the 15,000 foot runway in preparation for the landing of America’s space shuttle. It was a picture of “technology dominated by wildlife.”

This scene was animatedly described to a small group of students by Ronald Haybron, an aerospace specialist for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at a meeting of the Cal Poly Engineering and Technology Council on Tuesday.

Haybron explained the intellectual and practical implications of the space shuttle program. Although five shuttles, or space transportation systems (STS), were originally planned, only four have been funded. However, a private firm, the Space Transportation Co., has offered to buy the fifth shuttle for commercial use, according to Haybron.

America is not alone in its hopes to industrialize space. Japan and Western Europe are now designing their own commercially viable space projects, Haybron said. This will, in turn, lead to multinational companies becoming involved in space, much like they are now involved in oil production.

By 1986, McDonnell-Douglas Corporation has predicted that the STS will be producing commercial goods for a profit.

“We are no longer in the exploration stage when it comes to near earth space,” said Haybron, “we have graduated to the use stage.”

STS is scheduled to be launched on March 22, 1982, but “it might go up a few days early,” said Haybron. He likens the launch to a “religious ritual” and a “pageant of sorts, where people go to be seen.” It is larger than a rock concert with 120 decibel noise, and acid rain follows the blinding infrared and tumbling earth created by lift-off.

According to Haybron, Apollo 11 was the high point of the exploratory age. The Apollo missions have provided valuable information that may some day allow the moon to be developed for its mineral resources.

The STS in actual use is based on total information control which makes problems in space easier to solve because they can be duplicated on earth, he said.

The future space shuttle will revolutionize communication and learning and could lead to the construction of large space structures. Some of the advantages are already here, said Haybron. The STS is reusable, for the most part, and even the astronauts’ suits are made to last for 15 years and be worn by more than one person, he said. The Apollo astronauts were given custom suits, made for one flight only, he said, and only the capsule returned to earth in one piece.

Faculty bargaining won't hurt students

BY SHARON REZAK

Despite a state report stating otherwise, faculty members will not be hurt by faculty collective bargaining, according to the Academic Senate chairman.

Timothy Kersten denounced a 1981 report put out by state coordinators of the California State Student Association which states negotiations at a bargaining session can have a negative and costly impact on students’ lives. The report said that with high education employees bargaining for higher wages, tuitions and fees could be increased or student services and programs drastically cut.

“I don’t think students will have to pay for higher teacher salaries,” said Kersten. “The faculty wants students to receive the best possible education, with the best possible benefits, tuition-free.”

The CSSA report also said students could become directly involved in the bargaining process by evaluating teaching, making decisions about tenure and promotion of faculty, and discussing class size, course offerings, grading policies and office hours.

“Tenure will never be an issue in collective bargaining,” said Kersten. Kersten said he doubted the question of tenure, promotion and hiring would ever be brought to the bargaining table because they are un-negotiable subjects. He said tenure is too important to faculty members to be "risked" at the bargaining sessions.

As for other issues such as class size and grading policies which the report stated students could negotiate, Kersten said these issues and questions are usually handled and heard by the Academic Senate or the ASI. Class size, grading policies, office hours and other student concerns are on-campus issues, he said, and have nothing to do with employer-employee relations in a bargaining situation.

"Collective bargaining allows for only three negotiations for the employee: Bargaining for better wages, for better hours and for better working conditions," said Kersten. "So what will the role of students be in the bargaining process?"

"I think students will be interested observers at bargaining sessions," said Kersten. "They’ll be able to watch the bargaining process, be present at the meetings, and submit information to other students through campus groups like the ASI.

The Higher Education Employee Relations Act (HEERA) of 1978 which gave state college and university employees collective bargaining rights, also gives representative students the right "to present and comment at reasonable times" during negotiations.

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Class lists
Students are reminded that Winter Quarter study lists are available in their major departments. The study list shows all courses and sections in which the student will receive a final grade. Errors or omissions should be reported to individual class instructors.

ASI Film
The movie Arthur will be shown in Chumash Auditorium on Friday at 7 and 9:45 p.m. Admission is $1.

Debate try-outs
The Mustang Debate Squad will be holding open tryouts for the March 31 National Debate Tournament. These English-speaking representatives of the Japanese National Debate Team are stopping at Cal Poly during their six-week national tour. The tryouts will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. in English 138 on Monday, March 1. Interested students should prepare three-to-five minute prepared speeches on Japanese/ American Trade Relations. For more information, call Dr. Bud Zeuschner at 546-1202.

Alcohol education group forming
The Alcohol Education Program of the Health Center is now forming a support group for those individuals affected by a problem drinker. The group will meet on Tuesday afternoons at Spring Quarter.

CD Club speaker
Dennis Nulman will talk about the special education career opportunities and more at the next Child Development Club meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.

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BY MAURA THURMAN Staff Writer

A Cal Poly student's senior project will save the county's senior citizens 10-30 percent on bills for car repair and other necessities. Recreation major Ross Ohrenschall will wrap up his senior project this week by publishing a guide to nearly 70 businesses that offer discounts to the over-60 crowd.

The program began with a $660 grant from the state Department of Consumer Affairs. Another senior, Kristie McKeon, originally worked on the project, and turned it over to Ohrenschall in September.

Ohrenschall said he initially expected to sign up 66 merchants. By the time the permanent directory is printed in May, Ohrenschall said perhaps 100 businesses will be involved.

Many businesses already have senior discount programs, Ohrenschall said. His project, under the direction of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, will make the participating merchants easy to find, as well as attract more businesses to the program.

Ohrenschall and his eight senior volunteers will begin distributing cards for the Golden State Senior Discount Program to the county's 38,000 senior citizens next week. A gold placard will appear in the window of participating businesses.

Most of the businesses are "practical services," Ohrenschall said, like restaurants and auto repair shops.

About half the establishments offered discounts already, he said, and most volunteered when told about the project. Personally, Ohrenschall said, they persuade a merchant to sign up by mentioning that about the project. Occasionally, Ohrenschall said, they hear that one merchant had signed up, "he said. "We'll wait a month or two before having a permanent one printed. By then hopefully everyone who wants to sign up will have called us."

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Poly in playoffs, face Bakersfield for CCAA title

BY TOM CONLON

There will be more at stake than the California Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball title when the Mustangs take the floor tonight at 7:30 in Bakersfield's Civic Auditorium to face the hometown Roadrunners.

The NCAA released word on Tuesday that both Cal Poly and Cal State Bakersfield have been given berths in the Division II playoffs beginning on March 5. In addition, the winner of tonight's CCAA showdown between the fifth-ranked Mustangs and seventh-ranked Roadrunners will be given the privilege and advantage of hosting the Western Regional.

Cal Poly's inclusion in the prestigious 32-team field marks the third straight year the Mustangs have been involved in the postseason tournament. Last year coach Ernie Wheeler's Mustangs finished 3rd in the nation among 300 Division II teams.

The playoff bids should take some pressure off both teams, since the loser could end up in a two-way tie for second place with Dominguez Hills. This could have created a question as to which team would have received the bid. But then Wheeler doesn't think there is any pressure on his team— one of the young guns he has taken into the post-season tournament.

"I don't think there's any pressure on us," Wheeler said. "We've always played well at Bakersfield."

However, three of the current Mustang starters have never played at Bakersfield, although they all saw action in Poly's 67-63 win over the Roadrunners in the Main Gym a month ago. In that contest Poly scored 41 second-half points to come from behind to win a close one.

The two teams' performances of late have been anything but close. Bakersfield routed both Cal Poly (27 points) and UC Riverside over the weekend, while the Mustangs edged Pomona in overtime by three and defeated Riverside by eight.

The flu bug was probably as much to blame as anything for the Mustangs' flat performance in the past two games, although starting center Mike Franklin was the only Mustang to sit out an entire game because of illness.

Practice has gone a little slow for the Mustangs this week as some of the players are still recovering from the ailment, Wheeler said. But if they are not all 100 percent by 7:30 tonight Wheeler will be the sick one (with an ulcer), he said.

Asked if his team's youth— Wheeler will start three sophomores and a junior— will be a factor in the game, the nine-year Poly head coach replied: "We've played 26 games and there's no longer rookies, they're veterans.

Of those 26 games the Mustangs have won 24 for their third consecutive 20-plus-win season. Bakersfield is 21-4 on the season and 10-0 on their home court.

The game will not only feature the CCAA's two best teams, but also the conference's two best players in Poly's Kevin Lucas and Bakersfield's Wayne McDaniel. With this being the last regular season game, Lucas would appear to have the CCAA scoring title clinched with 20.2 per game average. McDaniel is in second place in the scoring race, averaging 19.0 points a game and 8.8 rebounds.

For those Mustang fans who are still without a ticket to the Bakersfield game, 400 general admission tickets go on sale today at 9 a.m. at the Civic Auditorium box office. Only one Poly booster bus has been reserved for the trip and it has already been filled.

However, Mike Powell will have his usual broadcast of the game for KVBC radio, 920 on the AM dial.
**BY VERN AHRENDS**

Today is the Day 76 in the Mustang football program hostage crisis. This is Day 76 in the search for a new football coach since Joe Harper left the helm in December.

This has been a classic example of bureaucracy in action. Given the free-for-all, a decision still will not be made. The excuses seem to be legitimate Monday was the first day back for university President Warren (Killer), but the excuses still do not solve the problem.

The field of 70 applicants was narrowed down to six and the final interviews began earlier this week with the announcement of the new coach expected by March 1 at the earliest.

It is obvious that the committee is being very selective with the hopes of the new coach sticking around as long as Harper did. But, has the sacrifice been worth it?

The players are confused and would like to hear answers. In talks with some of the players, the general consensus is that they certainly want someone who is guiding the ship and the soonest. The players who have been in the program lose who is guiding the ship and they would like to know.

A lot of them, three months later, but the excuses still do not solve the problem. This has been a classic case of how to go about it. Where? Well, we don't have a ticket already, said Wednesday all 47 (Dave Grosz and Jim Steiger) of a winning double.

The six still in the run for the three of three also. Two of the candidates (Dave Grosz and Jim Sanders) have lived under the Harper regime and would offer a smoothest transition. It is a little awkward, however, to waste 11 weeks to pick someone who was in your bucket. There is no offical affiliation with a ROTC Unit, if you qualify, we cannot guarantee you a ticket already, said Wednesday all 47 seats (Dave Grosz and Jim Steiger) of a winning double.

This week's picks: If the bug does not set in again, Poly will win by one tonight in Bakersfield.

**Men netters**

Win 2, lose one

Cal Poly's men's tennis team visited the Southland and came away with a 2-1 record, with both wins coming over California Col­lege Athletic Association (CCAA) foes. Poly defeated Cal State Dominguez Hills, 9-0, and Cal Poly Pomona, 8-1, in establishing themselves as a co-favorite for the CCAA title.

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Martin Dyedell, Poly's No. 1 singles player, went two for three in defeating both league opponents. He took the measure of CPP's Ira Rees, 6-3, 6-4, and defeated CSDK's Dennis McGuire, 7-4, 5-7, 6-4. Dyedell teamed with No. 2 singles player Brian Bass in No. 1 doubles to win two of three also.

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**“I pilot pots! You have to hold on to them with both hands.”**

(Robby Durgan)
The reaction seems almost as inevitable as the sun’s rising tomorrow.

Following every assassination or attempted slaying of a national or world leader, a new wave of public outcry sweeps the nation calling for effective legislation against the use and ownership of handguns. This current wave of outrage follows the shootings of John Lennon, Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II. Every time in the past, the National Rifle Association and other pro-gunlobby groups have ridden in on such public outrage.

This time, though, the result could be different. Californians have the chance to petition to place the Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1982 on the state ballot in November. If approved in November, the measure would not ban handguns, but would require their registration and limit their numbers to the present level.

The initiative would require registration of all handguns in the state by Nov. 2, 1983, and would ban the sale of unregistered weapons after April 30, 1983. It would also make it illegal to bring unregistered handguns into California, ban mail-order sales of concealable handguns and stipulate mandatory sentences on all violators. The possession of rifles and shotguns would not be affected.

To date, this is the most significant effort in the nation to bring handguns under reasonable control. If passed, it could lead to the passage of an effective federal gun-control law.

This initiative is an important step toward protecting the lives and property of Californians, as the case for controlling the sale and use of handguns is virtually air tight.

Last year in the City of Los Angeles alone, 899 homicides were reported, and the FBI reports that handguns are the weapon of choice in more than 50 percent of all homicides, which is increased in another 15 percent. Nation-wide, U.S. handgun deaths now exceed 11,500 annually, 40 times greater than the combined total of annual handgun deaths in Great Britain, Switzerland, Canada, West Germany, Japan, Israel and Sweden.

In their defense, the NRA and others will inevitably appeal to Californians that handgun possession is protected by the Second Amendment to the Constitution. But this is not so. The Second Amendment states: "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed."

No, there is no sacred right of every citizen to carry his or her own piece down the street. The courts have been unanimous about this in interpreting the Second Amendment.

The facts speak for themselves, but as long as the NRA and others can get away with it, they will continue to pull the wool over the eyes of voters everywhere.

It is clear the opposition will be tough, but the campus community can do its part to guarantee a safer tomorrow for all Californians by petitioning to place the Handgun Violence Prevention Act on the November ballot.

Editor: As a long-time south county resident and avid fan of ORV use in the Pismo Dunes I am becoming increasingly upset with the Mustang Daily Daily Board in their one-sided attack on now flat not only the actions but the personality makeup of anyone who enjoys using the dunes. By your statement, "We wonder about people who can only enjoy nature by ravaging it," you show that you know very little about these people. Believe it or not, there are people in the REAL world who enjoy building sand castles, whaling in the dunes, but not abuse the rights of those individuals who abuse the privilege of using the dunes.

To assume that everyone who uses the dunes ion holiday weekends the numbers grow in excess of 60,000 people is destructive shows an incredible lack of information on a subject. You choose to express such a vehement opinion about people, who the possession of a ban has obviously not permitted you to experience the genuine fun and good times that can be had by running their vehicles on the trails. You would find that most of these individuals who abuse the privilege of using the dunes, but not abuse the rights of thousands in the process.

Scott M. Back

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It takes a lot of preparation to put on a gym show, especially one on a Thursday night, which was the only night that The Pretenders were available. The concert was scheduled to start at 10:00 p.m. since the committee was not given use of the facility until 4:00 Thursday afternoon.

The following paragraph is an explanation of why the show started approximately one and a half hours late and why the show was almost cancelled.

As a member of Concerts committee stage crew, I arrived at 5:00 p.m. finding the stage set up and the first of the two trucks almost unloaded. Danny Benjamin, the stage manager for Concerts committee informed me that the band’s road crew (the people who set up the band’s equipment) were stuck in Santa Barbara where their tour bus had broken down. Craig Waldman, Chair of the committees, was over at the hotel talking to Stan, the band’s tour manager, who was already in town. Stan told Craig that they (The Pretenders) were considering cancelling the show since there was no way to get it set up without the road crew. Craig argued that the show couldn’t be cancelled; there were already hundreds of people waiting in line. Stan informed him that they would take the crew approximately four hours to set the show up once they got here, and they would pack up two hours away. After a lot of discussion, Craig convinced Stan to charter a bus for the crew, and that... the Pretenders’ stage crew, under the guidance of Danny Benjamin, who had over three years experience, could have most of the equipment set up when the crew got here.

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Erie Pariser
Seat, ASI Special Events

P.S. Due to the behavior of the crowd at The Pretenders concert, the bid on the J. Galli band was rescinded and A.S.I. Concerts committee is up for review to see if they will be allowed to put on any more shows this year.

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