Wilton asked to leave post after 12 years of coaching

By Jay Garner
Staff Writer

Mike Wilton will be relieved of his duties as coach of the Cal Poly women’s volleyball team — a position he has held for 12 years — at the end of this season.

Over the past 12 years Wilton, 46, has coached Cal Poly teams to eight straight NCAA playoffs, and a No. 1 national ranking in the 1984 season.

Wilton said at a press conference Friday that it is "real possible" he will take legal action against Cal Poly and/or Athletic Director Kenneth Walker because of "the whole nature" of an investigation Walker conducted convincing him not to rehire Wilton.

Walker declined to comment on how the investigation was run, but he said it was run fairly.

Wilton disagrees. "I don't think I've been treated fairly," he said. "I feel this is a vendetta, and it's not the first."

Two coaches — Ernie Wheeler of the basketball program and Jim Sanderson of the football program — resigned in 1986. Walker was athletic director at that time.

On May 11, 1989, Walker told Wilton he was going to start an investigation into Wilton's volleyball program because several members of the team had quit, and there were a number of complaints about his coaching methods in the 1987 and '88 seasons, Wilton said.

"There was concern regarding the attrition rate of the players," Walker said.

Seven players have left the program since the middle of last season.

Wilton said a scholarship freeze from 1984 to 1987 limited the level of athlete he could attract to his program.

"The statement has been made by the director of athletics that I wasn't able to adjust to less talent (in 1987 and '88)," Wilton said. "That was not the issue... even a blind person could figure out that there was a difference in talent. That wasn't the point. The point to me was the difference in attitude (of the players), a difference in heart. I was not able to adjust very well after having been around a lot of players that wanted to achieve and work hard. Not all, but a good percentage of the membership of the teams of '87 and '88 struggled with that, and so I struggled with them. And I'll admit to having showed disgust even. I guess I had a difficult time of viewing a team having just an absolutely horrible performance, and then laugh about it afterwards.

"I'll admit to being human and certainly there are a lot of things I could have done to do a better job of adjusting to situations in the '87 and '88 seasons," Wilton said.

On June 14, Walker met with Wilton to review the negative comments that 10 or 11 former players had made during the investigation of Wilton's coaching in 1987 and '88, said Wilton.

"What he (Walker) did," Wilton said, "is he brought in everybody that he could that had quit (the team) over the past several years. People that went in there that had complaints and gripes came to me (afterwards) and said, 'You know, I had a lot of positive things to say, too, but none of it was written down.'"

Wilton said he received a report during the second week in August of '89 containing these negative statements along with Walker's and Assistant Athletic Director Marilyn McNell's summaries of the situation with the recommendation that "immediate termination" was the solution to the problem.

"The statement was made in the report... that
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Women's Volleyball
UC Irvine ran into the Mustang wrecking crew on Saturday.
The daily newspaper in San Luis Obispo, California.

**Editor**

- Things are looking bad for the Mustang Daily. I’ve been a student here for two years, and I’ve rarely met a Daily I enjoyed. I once gave the paper to a student who tried being handicapped for a day, but that was interesting. Stewart McKenney’s columns were fun. It seems to me, though, that entertainment has vanished from your pages.

- I realize a newspaper’s function is to inform. So how about if the Daily starts informing us about what’s going on? Set aside personal interests. Seek out campus history. Probe into incidence of crime. And hurry, before you either ignore away or tear apart the hole that is “Telegram-Tribune.”

- Michelle Hampton

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Bus benches to be installed soon
Smaller units to allow access for handicapped passengers

By Karen Kendzor
Staff Writer

The installation of new bus benches will arrive just in time for the rainy season, said Doug Gerard, executive dean of facilities administration.

The benches cost $2,400 and came out of a money collected from on-campus parking and speeding tickets, said Gerard.

Some students have complained that the removal of the benches last year and reinstatement this year is a waste of money.

But the new benches will allow handicapped access to the bus shelters, whereas the old ones would not, Gerard said.

Gerard said he pulled the benches because of a request from Disabled Student Services to modify the bus stop shelters primarily to allow the wheelchair-bound people to get out of the rain.

The benches will be off to one side so that there will be room for at least two wheelchairs and six or seven able-bodied people, said Gerard.

All but one of the benches will be installed within the next week to 10 days, said Gerard. The remaining bench will be in put with the addition to the Business Administration and Education Building, he added.

"The bus stop benches were constructed about four years ago at a time when none of the city buses had handicapped lifts," said Gerard. Now some of the buses have lifts.

The suggestion was made to cut the benches off, said Gerard.

"Had that been possible, we would have done it," said Gerard. "There was not a way to do it and get the proper clearances," said Gerard, therefore, put a team to work to design another bench installation system that would accommodate both the able-bodied and the wheelchair-bound.

The new seats are not part of the shelter, said Gerard. They are supported from the ground behind the shelter, he said.

WILTON

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Wilton thanked former and present assistant coaches and former athletic directors and Confidence and Eva Petterson. He also thanked the community for its support of Cal Poly volleyball over the years.

"Most of all, I'm grateful for the association with the athletes through the years."

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Recycle
The show must go on.

In the wake of Tuesday's earthquake that registered 6.9 on the Richter scale and interrupted the World Series, many people called for cancellation of the clash between the A's and the Giants. There were those who said that, in light of the tragedy and destruction widespread throughout much of the Bay Area, the 1989 edition of the World Series should be cancelled altogether. I disagree.

That isn't to say that I don't consider Tuesday's quake a disaster, because I do. I'm from San Jose, and I was just as worried as anyone else was when I couldn't get through to my family. And of course it's tragic that scores of people died when the Nimitz collapsed. But just because a natural disaster occurs doesn't mean events such as the Series have to come to a screeching halt.

Obviously, though, the Series has lost some of its luster. Most of the players on both teams make the Bay Area their permanent residence and were just as affected by the quake as anyone. And when the teams take the field next Friday, I'm sure some enthusiasm will be lacking. But that doesn't mean the Series should be cancelled. In fact, most players on both squads were asked whether they wanted to continue, and only one, Giants right fielder Pat Sheridan, said he'd rather not play out the rest of the Series.

My question is, why cancel the Series at all? Some say it would be out of respect to those who lost their lives on Tuesday. And that is a legitimate viewpoint. But on the other hand, millions of survivors have to live with the damage, and they could probably use a little bit of a morale booster.

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**Football**

Poly drops to 0-3 in WFC play

Mustangs fall short at Sacramento State

By Rob Lorenz

Sports Editor

Every time an extra point fails in any football game, someone always says, "That's going to come back to haunt them.

Sure enough, that's exactly what happened to Cal Poly on Saturday at Sacramento State.

With the Mustangs trailing the Hornets 6-3 near the end of the first half, Joe Fregiaidakis broke a 28-yard run for a touchdown to tie up the score. The extra point would have put Cal Poly on top at the half, but it was blocked, and the teams entered the locker room halftime tied up at 6-6. The Mustangs didn't come close to leading the game again until near the end of the contest.

Sacramento State came out of the locker room and built its lead to 16-6 on the strength of an Ed Bueno touchdown run and a Ramin Massoudi field goal. Cal Poly mounted a comeback in the fourth quarter, however, to pull within one with just over two minutes to play in the game. Faced with the option of kicking for the extra point and settling for the tie or going for two points and the win, Mustang Head Coach Lyle Strentich opted to try for the two-point conversion. The try failed, and Sacramento State ran out the clock to preserve its 16-15 win.

The decision would have been an easy one if the extra point in the second quarter hadn't been blocked, because the fourth quarter touchdown would have made the score 16-16 before the extra point instead of only 16-15.

Actually, Cal Poly had one last chance to win the game.

The Mustangs didn't come back to haunt them.

The Mustang defense came out following the kickoff knowing it had to stuff the Hornets and do it quickly, and it did just that. Knocking Sacramento State backwards and forcing a punt. Cal Poly got the ball back with 1:22 on the clock at its own 16-yard line, but could get no further than the 50. Keith Jarrett was picked off at the 15 on a final desperation throw, and the clock ran out with Poly on the short end of the score.

Standouts for the Mustangs included Fregiaidakis, who gained a total of 72 yards and ran for two touchdowns; Claude Joseph, who had three receptions for 113 yards. Jarrett threw for 258 yards going 16 for 37, but also threw three interceptions. Standouts on defense included Gary Gatus, Claude Joseph, who had three interceptions. Standouts on offense included Gary Gatus, Claude Joseph, and Chris Van Ee, who were both in double figures in tackles.

From page 5 sharing court time with Christy Dominice had 11 kills.

Defensively, Knuten led the Mustangs with 16 digs, and freshmen Lael Petriiorn had four blocks.

"Last Perlstrom just continues to blossom," said Coach Mike Wilton.

"We're on target," Wilton said of his team. "We keep this up and I think we have a good shot at the playoffs."

On Friday night the Mustangs lost a tough match to Long Beach State, ranked fifth in the nation, 15-11, 12-15, 6-15, 12-15. "They were very beatable tonight," Wilton said of Long Beach State.

Wilton said the Mustangs didn't maintain the emotional level of play that they showed when they won the first game. If they had, he said, they might have pulled out a huge upset.

"They're a great team," Myers said. "But we could have beaten them, and that's what hurts."
Women's soccer

Women suffer first loss in 2 years
Fresno State ends Poly's unbeaten streak with 2-0 win

By Adrian Hodgson
Staff Writer

All good things must come to an end.

For the Cal Poly women's soccer team, that good thing was their two-year unbeaten streak which abruptly ended Monday night as it lost 2-0 to Fresno State in a California Collegiate Women's Soccer Conference game.

But the loss is the lesser of two evils. Although the teams played only one game, both teams earlier in the season agreed to make this game count as two in the standings. This drops the Mustangs to 6-2 in the CCWSC and 8-2 overall.

Assistant Head Coach Carl Del Rosario said his team is still in the race for the league title, but it must win its remaining games.

Del Rosario said that he believes that the loss is good for the team because it "will wake them up."

Poly came out flat in the first half, and never looked like they were going to score. The defense and the midfield played well, but lack of communication and mistakes up front prevented the Mustangs from even taking shots.

The Bulldogs almost scored after 10 minutes when forward Kim Doleman took a shot from about 15 yards out, but Poly goalkeeper Eden Van Ballegooijen got her right hand on the shot and pushed it wide.

Doleman would not be denied five minutes later when she put the Bulldogs in front. After dribbling through the Mustang defense, she placed a shot past an outstretched Van Ballegooijen's left hand and into the goal.

"I think we wanted the win more," Doleman said. "We had to get up at 5:30 a.m. to be here (by gametime), and I think (Cal Poly) might have been a little overconfident."

The Mustangs came out strong in the second half, but were turned away time after time by a hard-working, if not fortunate, Fresno State defense.

Caryn McNamara slid a ball past Fresno State goalkeeper Tah Mahoney early in the second stanza, and the ball trickled precariously in front of the goal. Unfortunately for the Mustangs, nobody could reach it before it rolled wide.

Senior Janet Van Soest had a couple of great scoring chances, but the twice shot off target. With three minutes left in the game, Van Soest dribbled through the Bulldog defense and only had Mooney to beat.

However, the ball grazed off the outside of her left foot as shot, sending the ball high and wide.

As time ran down the Mustangs pushed everyone forward, leaving themselves vulnerable to a Bulldog counter-attack.

It was in this manner that Fresno State put the game away. The ball was cleared by a Bulldog defender to Del Rosario, who pushed the ball upfield. At the top of the penalty area she pushed the ball past Poly sweeper Sharrin Burroughs to Robyn Reisz. Reisz shot over Van Ballegooijen's head and into the net for the game's second score.

The Mustangs were visibly disappointed after their loss.

"It took so long to get started," Del Rosario said.

"When they decided they wanted (the win), it was too late. We made good plays now and then, and we weren't consistent." 

The Mustangs must concentrate on their last six CCWSC games if they want to win their second consecutive league title. They travel to Loyola Marymount University and to the University of Southern California next weekend to play two conference games.

Soccer

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home.

Gartner complimented both Hatcher and Murphy after the game. He said they have had great balls dangerously into Bakersfield's defense, creating scoring chances.

Her chance had to put his team further ahead minutes later when he had a once-in-a-lifetime chance at the goal. However, Lawson, who singlehandedly kept the Roadrunners in the game, got to the ball with his fingerprints, and a defender cleared the ball for a corner.

The Roadrunners began to come to life midway through the half, and chances on defense could have cost the Mustangs dearly. A number of players tried to play the ball first-time on the wet grass, but were misjudged. Luckily, other defenders, especially John Zielinski, cleared countable balls to stop Bakersfield threats.

Except for the misjudged, the defense played balls, completely shutting down the Roadrunner's most dangerous player, Aaron Ellis.

"We played rock solid in the back," Gartner said. "The defense played Ellis just down in the second half because of the game's importance; the loser would have only a slim chance to make the playoffs later in the year.

They came out and applied constant pressure for more than 20 minutes, but the Mustang defense and junior goalkeeper Harry Crouch shut them down. Crouch has a school-record seven shutouts this season; the team has a total of eight and has only allowed 11 goals in 15 games, and just four in the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

Poly put the game away eight minutes from the end. Murphy played another long ball across to freshman midfielder Anthony Campagna, who had come into the game a few minutes earlier. The ball skidded and looked to be going out of bounds, but Campagna's fresh legs enabled him to get to the ball. He then passed it back to Allan, who dribbled in close before slipping the ball under an oncoming Lawson and slowly into the net.

"We totally deserved to win. We were very alert, ready to play, and explosive," said a happy Gartner after his team's victory.

Gartner added that if his team wins the rest of their games, it has a good chance to make the playoffs. How he said all the remaining games are against good opponents, so the Mustangs are going to have to let down after their big win Saturday.

The Mustangs are now 4-1-2 in the CCAA and 7-2-4 overall. They travel to Pomona Tuesday afternoon after returning home to battle Chapman Friday night at 7 p.m.

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Ruggers win three of four in weekend tourney

By Scott Green
Special to the Daily

The Cal Poly rugby squad participated in the annual Tri-coun-
ter rugby tournament Saturday at Biddle Park. Although Cal Po-
y finished second in this tourn-
ament last year, the format this year didn’t allow for a champi-
onship game.

Tournament director Paul Fritz explained that this tourn-
ament was more an opportunity for the teams to “get the kinks
out, and to give new players an opportunity to show their met-
tle.”

Nevertheless, the Cal Poly squad seemed to take the mar-
ches quite seriously, winning three out of four. In the first
match of the day, Cal Poly faced UC Santa Barbara. Cal Poly only
managed to score once, but that was enough as they won 6-3.

In its second and most exciting match of the day, Cal Poly beat
the Kern County Rugby Club. Cal Poly led the match with only
a little over two minutes left when Kern County fullback John
Kennedy intercepted an errant pass from Cal Poly halfback Bob
Silverthorne and sprinted un-
touched into the try zone to put
Kern County ahead. Undaunted, the Cal Poly ruggers took the
kick-off and scored another try in
just over thirty seconds to take
the lead. Not to be outdone by
Cal Poly, Kern County put
together its own miracle drive to
once again take the lead with on-
ly 55 seconds left.

Cal Poly flanker Nick Massman said that it was at this
point that the Cal Poly team
decided “they simply weren’t go-
ing to lose this one.”

Cal Poly again took the kick-off and attacked Kern
County with a vengeance.

Following a series of well-ex-
cuted maneuvers, winger Chad
Humphreys made it into the try
zone with only a few seconds re-
main ing to secure the win for Cal
Poly.

Following a 9-6 loss to the
Santa Barbara Grunions, the Cal
Poly ruggers finished their day
by defeating the San Luis Obispo
city team 6-0. Cal Poly’s lone
score, by standoff Steve Davies,
was set up on a long breakaway run by winger Mike Davidson.

Although pleased with this
early season performance by his
team, Cal Poly Head Coach Ian
Mallin was quick to point out that the ruggers “are a long way
off from last year’s league win-
ning form.”

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From page 5 cancelled would just add insult
to injury. Players on both teams have al-
ready started to boost the spirits of
the area before the series has
even resumed. Players are mak-
ing generous donations, both of
money and time, to try and help
out as best they can.

“Our biggest concern is for the
people of the area,” said A’s
right fielder Jose Canseco. “I
think we can all contribute
something.”

When the Giants practice was
cancelled on Friday due to rain,
the entire team went to visit a
shelter set up for victims of the
quake. Now if I were a 15-year-
old kid who had just lost his
home and was living in a shelter
this is the last thing I would
have wanted.

Nevertheless, the Giants mana-
tred gehen donations, both of
to the area, and focused its
energy the series may be cancelled.

Although the baseball fans are
traditionally optimistic, the fans
of the Bay Area are being forced
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Of course there is still a possi-
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The commissioner of baseball,
Fay Vincent, met this weekend
with the mayors of Oakland and
San Francisco. It was the first
time since the quake that Vin-
cent has talked with either of
them, because, as Vincent said,
“They have more important
things to worry about.”

They decided that the series
would continue beginning Friday
as Candlestick if it were deter-
mined that the park could with-
stand another strong earthquake.

“If it’s not the right
time, it will be cancelled.”

I hope that doesn’t happen.
The Bay Area needs this series
more now than it did a week ago.
When the Giants take the field next Friday, I think it will be the beginning of the Bay
Area’s recovery. A morale boost
for the entire area, a shot in the
arm for those hard hit by the big
quake. And two exciting baseball
teams for the Bay Area to lean
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Dec. deadline for teaching prize

‘Distinguished’ faculty to receive $1,000 ‘from the heart’

Julie Gieringer

Cal Poly students, faculty and staff members have about a month to make their nomination for the Distinguished Teacher Award. Nomination forms are due by Dec. 1.

A $1,000 award is given to the chosen professor. The money comes from alumni.

“This award gives students the opportunity to say ‘this person is outstanding,’” said Phil Ruggles, a graphic communication professor, recipient of the award for 1985-1986.

“It is an award from the students, from the heart,” Ruggles said.

Education Department Professor Susan McBride, another 1985-86 award recipient said, “There are very few awards given to the faculty for teaching. It is a great honor to be recognized at that.”

McBride added that students get the end benefit of the teaching award.

Five past recipients of the award and two students are on a committee that reviews the nomination forms. McBride and Ruggles are on the committee.

According to McBride, the nomination form is extremely important. The nominator must explain why that particular professor deserves this recognition.

Initial paper screening is expected to be done by the end of January. At that time, the nominations will be narrowed down to five to nine finalists, McBride said.

The committee will spend the rest of winter quarter sitting in on classes of the finalists in order to make the final decision, McBride said.

Each year two to three professors are recognized by the Distinguished Teacher Award, McBride said.

In past years, the professors were recognized at commencement ceremonies in the spring and also at the Fall Conference during Week of Welcome for faculty and staff.

Last spring they were not recognized at commencement, due to time restrictions, but the committee that reviews the nomination forms. McBride and Ruggles are on the committee.

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He instructed people on how to cope with the excitement on the set, “Bring a book, it’s boring,” and whether or not to turn in the pictures they had brought, “If it’s of you and a pet, don’t turn it in. I’d be more likely to hire the pet.”

After all of the instructions were finally given, Dance was ready to begin.

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Comedy casting call captivates crowd

By Cyndi Smith

The people came from as far away as Fresno and as close as the dorms.

They lined up hours early and filed in to fill Chumash Auditorium.

They sat through hours of instructions and waited nervously to be “hand picked” by the director.

What drove these people? Could it have possibly been the $5-an-hour pay rate? The long working days (sometimes 12 or more hours)? The free box lunches?

For most, the reason was simple.

“I want to be famous,” said one woman.

Cal Poly turned into Polywood on Friday when auditions were held for the new Steve Martin movie entitled “My Blue Heaven.”

The movie, also starring Carol Kane, Rick Moranis and Joan Cusack, will be filmed in and around San Luis Obispo from November 11 until about the second week in December.

Extra Casting Director Bill Dance came to town to search for 750 extras, and his first audition drew people from all walks of life — students, businessmen in suits, housewives, elderly people, even a few teachers. Dance’s remark that he was searching for “all-American types to fill an Anytown, USA” drew chuckles from two bearded, tattooed, leather-clad men who looked like anything but boy-next-door types.

Dance was serious one minute, energetic and enthusiastic the next, beginning the audition with an emotional request for a moment of silence for Bay Area earthquake victims, and ending it by darting up and down the aisles looking for “the special people.”

He went through the general rules, “Don’t bring a camera, and don’t ask Steve Martin for his autograph.”

He slowly took movie hopefuls through each step of the measurements cards, “No, men we don’t need your bust size.”

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Your Input Is Greatly Needed and Appreciated!
Engineer to determine if cracks in U.U. stairs are quake-related

By Robert Grove

Recent cracks discovered under a stairwell in the University of California, Los Angeles, may have been caused by last Tuesday's earthquake.

Director of Plant Operations Robert Pahlke said that a structural engineering consultant has been hired by the university to look into the cause of the cracks.

The stairs were closed for a brief period Wednesday before they were determined safe for pedestrians.

If the cracks were caused by last Tuesday's earthquake, the question arises of how safe Cal Poly's campus would be if a major earthquake struck the area.

"Cal Poly is pretty safe," said City and Regional Planning Professor Steve French. "I would expect if there were any problems it would be in older buildings and appendages like stairs.

French spent months in Coal-

ings and Whittier studying the effects of those quakes and ex-

pects to do the same in San Francisco.

"Cal Poly is much more likely to handle a 6.9 earthquake than downtown San Luis," said French. "The campus is much safer than Higuera Street."

Most of the buildings on cam-

pus are fairly new, French said, whereas downtown San Luis Obispo has older buildings designed and built before many of the new earthquake regulations were made.

Day Ding, dean of the School of Architecture and En-

vironmental Design, said that older buildings downtown were not built to withstand sufficient lateral movement.

"Building codes stipulate specific requirements," said Ding. "However, as code re-

quirements change with techno-

logical advances and a better understanding of what earth-

quakes do, older buildings are not required to be upgraded to meet those new re-

quirements.

Ding said that a lot of destruc-

tion can be averted if existing buildings are updated to meet current requirements.

However, Ding said this would take an enormous amount of money.

Similar to the 1906 quake, last Tuesday's earthquake, was followed by a series of fires. This, according to Ding, is caused by "wet gas pipes." "More research must be put into flexible joints for gas pipes," said Ding. "These pipes must be allowed to expand and contract in any kind of movement."

He said research continues to build better structures that will hold up better against quakes.


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Six Cal Poly Interior Design seniors were chosen to assist a team of 20 professional designers in redoing the historic San Luis Obispo house.

The students — Rhonda Hoover, Karen Kestel, Ann Maigan, Donna Muller and Elizabeth Troxel — are working specifically on the master bedroom because their colors and schemes are different from past three years, the house has served as a rental for college students. Rob Rossi, a San Luis Obispo architect and businessman, for April, 1990. All proceeds will go to San Luis Obispo.

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