Students say OK to Nebraska job for Baker

University of Nebraska officials will announce their choice for the four-campus system's new president later this week—a move that could greatly affect Cal Poly.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker is among the four finalists for the job. He and three others were chosen out of a field of 140 nominees.

Baker, 55, has been president of Cal Poly since 1979. He was a finalist for the top job in the California State University system in 1991, but lost it to now-Chancellor Barry Munitz.

Since that time, Baker has been asked to consider several presidencies, including two in Colorado, but the University of Nebraska job is one of the most prestigious opportunities he's had. As president, Baker would be ultimately in charge of 52,000 students from the university's four campuses, which includes a medical school.

University of Nebraska President Martin A. Massengale has announced he will not renew his contract on Jan. 1, but offered to stay in the position until a new president was named. The search for his replacement began in April.

Finalists for the job were chosen by a committee who checked background and history, credentials, talked to references and will be interviewing candidates face-to-face, according to Joe Rowen, director of public affairs for the University of Nebraska.

Baker flew to Nebraska on Tuesday and will be inter-

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Rowdy party won't threaten open house

Months before the reintroduction of a Poly Royal-type event to Cal Poly, an out-of-control block party last weekend that took three police agencies to disperse cast a shadow over some city residents' optimism about the event.

Six hundred partiers at a Halloween bash on the 1400 through 1500 block of Morro Street blocked traffic and threw bottles and rocks at officers trying to bring the area under control Saturday night. The San Luis Obispo Police Department had to call in California Highway Patrol and Sheriff's Department backup.

However, San Luis Obispo Police Chief Jim Gardiner and ASI President Marquam Piros said they don't think the disturbance has any relation to the proposed spring open house.

"I think it's a real disservice to the community to link the two together," Gardiner said. "It was a large party where some debris was thrown. There were no injuries and only one arrest was made.

"It should not be characterized as a Poly Royal or an Isla Vista. It's not fair to associate what happened Saturday night to a Poly Royal-type event."

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Title IX case promises sports equality

Sophomore quarterback Mike Fisher is a walk-on player for the Mustangs. A recent Title IX lawsuit settlement forces compliance with gender equity rules, threatening opportunities for walk-on players / Daily photo by Scott Robinson

By Brad Hamilton
Daily Sports Editor

There were no burning bras. There were no rallies or protests.

Cal Poly's athletic department simply did some self-examination and didn't like what it saw. And the department has decided to do something about it.

Athletic Director John McCutcheon has devoted himself to directing Cal Poly toward meeting gender equity.

In recent years gender equity has started to break out of its 20-year-old cocoon.

In 1972, 52 years after women won the right to vote, the first piece of legislation surfaced prohibiting discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 was signed into law by Congress and then-president Richard Nixon.

According to the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the governing body of intercollegiate athletics—basic requirements dictate that athletics financial aid be allocated in proportion to the numbers of male and female participants in intercollegiate athletics.

In recent court cases, the under-graduate population of women on campuses has been used as a "bench mark" to measure compliance.

Title IX requires all benefits, opportunities and treatments afforded participants of each sex be equivalent, including access to locker rooms and practice fields. The legislation also calls for the same degree of respect for women and men in terms of number of participation opportunities and selection of sports offered.

The NCAA said if any of the Title IX requirements are not met an appropriate reason must be presented to the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights (OCR), the enforcing agent of gender equity.

"Our (OCR) role is to enforce Title IX," said Regional Director of OCR John Palomino. "We can force universities to comply by whatever means we possess. First we educate universities on the legal issues and then as a last resort we use recourse."

Forty-six noncompliance complaints have been submitted to OCR since a 1988 Supreme Court ruling which assured Title IX applies to all operations of a higher education institution receiving federal financial aid. This includes athletic departments as well as universities.

"Gender equity is not Title IX, and Title IX is not gender equity," NCAA Executive Director Richard D. Schultz said at a news conference March 11.

He went on to explain that gender equity is the philosophical consideration while Title IX is strictly legal.

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  •  Profile of Director Dr. Rolf Buttinger speaks on "Germany After
  •  "Gang Violence in SLO County Schools," 7 p.m. —  Agriculture, room 221
  info: 781-2777
  •  "Trojan Country Club" plays the U.U. Plaza —  11 a.m.
  info: 756-5973
  •  Romeo Kickoff celebration. 11 a.m. —  U.U. Plaza
  •  First day for continuing and former student CAPTURE registration for winter
  •  1st Annual Hale Olympics, 2 p.m. —  Dexter Lawn
  •  "Polywood USA" Parade, 11 a.m. —  Figuera Street, downtown
  •  Eighth Annual Love Olympics, 2 p.m. —  Dance Lawn
  •  "Polywood USA" Parade, 11 a.m. —  3rd Ave., Parkland Boulevard
  •  Homecoming Football: vs. Cal State Northridge, 7 p.m.
  •  "W omen's Rights in Islam," sponsored by Ethnic Studies program, 11 a.m.,
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  •  Robert Johnston, nuclear geologist, speaks on ozone depletion and global
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Baker: If president accepts position, students say they would shed no tears

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viewing with the committee today.

The other finalists for the job are Constantine Curris, president of the University of Northern Iowa, L. Dennis Smith, executive vice-chancellor for University of California at Irvine and Gregory O'Brien, chancellor for the University of New Orleans.

But as Baker interviews in Nebraska today to "explore" the university and the job — even though he said he has no immediate plans to leave Cal Poly — students are left to wonder if they want to see him stay or go.

Emma Goldbeck, a recreation administration senior, said she would like to see Baker go.

"I think it would be good (if Baker got the job)," Goldbeck said. "Then we'd get someone new who could implement new policies."

Goldbeck also said she was concerned about Baker leaving in the middle of the academic year.

"He should wait until the end of the year," she said. "I don't think it would be fair to cut out because he has caused so much harm."

But some students said they were willing to look at the opportunities a new job might offer Baker.

"It's a job opportunity and he's going for it," said Tim Brophy, a civil engineering junior.

Most students questioned said they didn't care whether Baker stayed or went.

"I'd be really indifferent about it," said civil engineering senior Brian McRee. "He's seriously lacking in student relations, (so) most of his work goes unseen."

Renata Montal, a human development junior who works at the Children's Center, said she didn't really care what happened, but found a bright side if Baker left.

"At least it would end the whole Children's Center feud," she said.

•  Daily Staff Writer Erica Eichler contributed to this report.

PARTY: Police, ASI officials say weekend bash was an isolated incident

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But Ray Nordquist, co-chair of Residents for Quality Neighborhoods, said he felt concerned after hearing about the block party.

He said the melee was not the only one of its kind this year, but part of a general trend toward irresponsibility by student-partiers in San Luis Obispo.

"What I think is more disturbing is that on a typical weekend there can be as much as 80 of those," Nordquist said, explaining he was speaking from personal observation, not representing an RQN consensus. "This was just the most prominent."

"If you just isolate the public disturbances, when you start counting the numbers it gets to be kind of frightening."

Nordquist said he enjoyed previous Poly Royals. But he said the riots that ensued four years ago placed a burden on the students to prove to the community they could conduct a festival without allowing it to get out of control.

"The students kind of dug a hole during the Poly Royal riots and they haven't climbed back out of that hole yet," he said. "Borderline people are saying, 'Wait, this (the Saturday disturbance) doesn't look good.' It did have an effect."

But that effect was not enough to cause Nordquist to withdraw his own support for a modified open house program this spring.

"We should give it a try," he said. "Give it one more crack, and see if the students are capable of policing themselves."

Pirro said plans for the open house are not shaken by anything that happened over the weekend. He said he discussed the issue with Gardner, and felt Saturday's revelers would not dampen enthusiasm for a re-invented festival like past Poly Royals.

"Part of the planning process is to get the word out to students that this is our one chance to show the community that this is not going to be like it was in the past," Pirro said. "Saturday's disturbances is not going to jeopardize it whatsoever."

"We've worked very closely with the community to get this (open house) back together. It's a totally different orientation and focus."

•  Daily Managing Editor Marla R. Van Schuyver contributed to this report.

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•  Sheriff's Office annual Christmas Bicycle program — donate bicycles. Mon. —
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New fires ravage Malibu, other SoCal locations

Several injuries reported; one death rumored

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—New brush-fires fanned by Santa Ana winds tore through Southern California brushland and hillside homes Tuesday, sending hundreds of people fleeing and badly burning two people.

Roads jammed as people fled a giant blaze pushing through brush and enveloping homes in the Woodland Hills, Calabasas and Malibu areas 20 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

Two people suffered burns while trying to rescue animals, said Los Angeles County Fire Department spokesman Steve Valenzuela. At least one fatality has been rumored, but as of press time, none were confirmed.

"We've got ashes falling all around. It's like night time over here in Malibu," said Jeffrey Bliss, a spokesman at Pepperdine University in Malibu.

More than 500 people were evacuated north of Banning, in Riverside County, as fire quickly raced over 3,000 acres 30 miles east of Los Angeles, said county Fire Department spokeswoman Bonnie O'Connell.

Seventy acres were scorched in the San Bernardino County community of Yucaipa, 60 miles east of Los Angeles, said county Fire Department spokeswoman Bonnie O'Connell.

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Re: "A wooly development"

Thank you for using the front page to call attention to the recent action on the Wool Act. There were, however, several inaccuracies in the story that need clarification.

The article suggests there is a bleak future for Cal Poly students interested in "sheepherding." This is true, Cal Poly has never prepared, nor will it ever prepare, people to be shepherds.

During the phone interview with the Daily, I indicated that the elimination of the program could cause the disappearance of two-thirds of the sheep, which represent less than 10 percent of the producers.

California has only 10 percent of the nation's sheep and there are no commercial woolen mills in the state. What I stated was that California breeders breakers further process 25 percent of the nation's lamb, which involves 75,000 jobs in the urban job markets. The wool incentive check for an average producer represents 7 percent of their annual income (not one-third).

Despite the subtitle, this is not President Clinton's reap. He hasn't signed the bill into law yet. Legislation has already been drafted to redesign the program to tie it to "GATT-like" language whereby the state. What I stated was that California breeders breakers further process 25 percent of the nation's lamb, which involves 75,000 jobs in the urban job markets. The wool incentive check for an average producer represents 7 percent of their annual income (not one-third).

I know where you are, and I really think you'd be better off taking this message somewhere else to read.
GENDER EQUITY: Some walk-ons could suffer from ruling

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Cal Poly's Assistant Athletic Director Marilyn McNeil, president of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic Administrators (NACWAA), said she defines gender equity as: "an atmosphere and a reality where fair distribution of overall athletic opportunities, resources, proportionate enrollment and the same opportunities for male and female student-athletes in athletics or limit the opportunities for women to participate in athletics or in women's scholarships by the 1998-99 academic year. But he said Cal Poly has no university policy that would lose their positions on a team, McNeil said, "you tell them sorry we have no opportunity for you, just like we have been telling women for years."
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TOPANGA: Residents risk personal safety, but take stands to save homes

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Laguna Beach fire last week, fire crews were well prepared along several canyons in the Topanga area and made save after save of residences. There was a fire truck parking in many driveways, and crews used to extinguish the smallest spotted ember.

Animal Regulation Department Lt. Richard Selosky held a garden hose and sprayed down five pack horses 100 yards from where the fire was burning.

"We got out as many as we could," Selosky said. "But God only knows how many horses are up here. We got a call for 133 horses at one ranch and 56 at another ranch. You take your pick."

Maddy Williamson had no trailer to move her five horses stop Valley Drive but vowed not to abandon her animals. "I'm ready to stay," she said.

Bill Sloan said the thin brush behind his home hasn't burned for 43 years. But across the canyon from his one-bedroom apartment, the brush was exploding in flames.

"I cleaned off that mountain about three times," Sloan said, pointing to the fire. "But this stuff grows right back in just three years. The brush is just terrible."

Shortly after the fire began, ACRS-TV general manager Bill Appleton said he had to argue his way through police lines on Mulholland Drive to reach his wife and children in the family's Calabasas Highlands home. Flames were burning on both sides of the road, and he literally had to run a gauntlet of fire to get her with police telling users to go any further. And I'm saying, I have a wife and kids and we're going in," Applegate said.

LAW SUIT: Cal Poly is ahead of the game in complying with standards

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strong focus on cost containment which will afford Cal Poly more opportunities to become gender equitable.

"When I announced the 1992 adoption of the AWC as its president (during the summer)," Baker said, "I said I felt very confident this conference would lead the way to gender equity across the board."

Baker said scholarships and coaching positions have been reduced since entering the AWC this year. He said those reductions would continue to help Cal Poly arrive at gender equity.

At Cal Poly, McCutcheon said operating budgets for men's programs equal $404,000 — 66 percent of the total operating budget. Women's programs total $188,500 — 32 percent. By 1997-98 he said men's programs will grow by $140,000, to $544,000, and will constitute 58 percent of the total operating budget.

Conversely, the women's programs operating budget would increase by $210,000 and equal 42 percent of the total operating budget in 1997-98, he said.

Cal Poly's coaching staff is divided up into 13 men's positions, 63 percent of the total positions in athletics, and 85 women's positions, 37 percent. Half a percent represents a (part-time salary).

By 1997-98, Cal Poly plans to jump to 15 men's positions, 55 percent, and 12 women's positions, 45 percent.

The 1993-94 scholarship budget — 65 percent for men, at $303,362, and 35 percent for women, at $162,446 — would increase to an amount intolerable at this time, McCutcheon said. He said too many factors like the amount of money given to Cal Poly by the state, the amount of money donated by alumni and other sources of revenue fluctuate too much to predict an accurate number.

But regardless of the amount, McCutcheon said 54 percent of the scholarship budget will be allocated to men's programs and 46 percent will be allocated to women's programs.

"It's going to be difficult to comply," McCutcheon said. There are no two ways about it.

But it is going to be a lot less difficult for us than other colleges.

"I thank my lucky stars to be here at Cal Poly," he added.

MacCarthy said CSU as a whole is also not far away from gender equity. He said funding for women's programs on a system-wide scale is about 45 percent for men's programs and 35 percent for women's programs. CSU campuses as a whole need to be around 60 percent for men's programs and 40 percent for women's programs to comply to the settlement, he said.

Berkowitz said if campuses do not comply by 1998-99, they must provide a concrete reason why they have failed to do so.

"As it stands, he said. "We would like to be perceived as important enough to play in the men's programs (18 p.m.)."

Women's soccer head coach Alex Crozier also said Cal Poly is close to gender equality in almost every area, except perhaps one.

"Number for number, women need couples more sports to make up for football," Crozier said. "They have got about 20 million guys."

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MUSTANG DAILY
Women's soccer forced to travel
Mustangs seek to avenge early season loss to Sonoma State Cossacks

Mustang Daily Staff Report

Cal Poly's women's soccer team faces Sonoma State Sunday at 1 p.m. in the first round of the Division II Championship Tournament.

The Mustangs (13-4-1), ranked fourth in the nation last week, will travel to Sonoma for a rematch against the Cossacks (17-0-1). The Cossacks had been ranked second in Oct. 11 poll but lost their ranking after failing to pay dues to the polling source.

The two teams matched skills in a contest earlier in the season. The Mustangs lost 1-0.

"It's hard to play well after a big win," Crozier said. "We have never come off a 15-0 win before."

Earlier in the year, he said if the Mustangs made it into the playoffs, they definitely have enough talent to win the whole thing.

We need to play tough defensively and take the ball," Crozier said. "Defensively we have to work hard for scoring opportunities."

On the year, the Mustangs are 15-0 at home and 4-1-0 on the road. Cal Poly has outscored its opponents 52-16. Sophomore midfielder Wendy Jones leads the team in scoring with 11 goals and six assists. Junior midfielder Kaelin Kannis follows closely with six goals and five assists.

Freshman goalkeeper Kaitlin Grega has attributed much of the success of the Mustangs, recording 10 shutouts and ranking eighth in the nation with a .889 goals-against average.

Sonoma is led by Allison Gibany Hadfield with nine goals and three assists. She is followed by Tiffany Hadfield with nine goals and three assists.

Cal Poly was selected among six other teams in the country to participate in the tournament. The winner of the Cal Poly vs. Sonoma State game on Sunday takes second-ranked Franklin Pierce in New Hampshire (16-2) at a campus yet to be determined.

"We haven't peaked yet," Crozier said. "I hope we do this weekend."

Franklin Pierce and second-ranked Mercyhurst (12-2-1) located in Pennsylvania, enjoy byes in the first round. Top-ranked Barry University (14-1), located in Florida, hosts Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville (11-6-1) Nov. 7.

The winner of that match will face Mercyhurst in the semi-finals Nov. 13. The championship game is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 14, on the campus of the higher seed.

**Men's soccer lets one slip**

Mustang Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly men's soccer team traveled 925 miles only to suffer a 3-2 loss Sunday at the hands of the University of Arizona-Little Rock.

Meeting their adversary halfway, the Mustangs lost to the Trojans at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque.

The win elevated the Trojan's record to 8-10-1, and dropped the Mustangs to 12-5-2.

Cal Poly senior midfielder Vince Juarez scored his first goal of the year four seconds into the match to put the Mustangs up 1-0. Senior defender Jesse Miller also scored his first goal of the year at 4:30 in the first half. Miller's goal lifted the Mustangs to a 2-1 halftime lead.

But the two first-half goals did not nab them a victory. A second-half goal by the Division I Trojans forced the match into overtime.

After one scoreless 15-minute overtime period, Trojan midfielder Mark Maze scored an assist from forward Jeff Lipa eight minutes into the second extra period to give Arkansas the victory.

Cal Poly closes its season at home Friday at 7 p.m. against UC-Santa Cruz.

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