A year at Cal Poly
Krebs, Poly Plan, faculty pay make news

Editor's note: 1998-1999 saw some of the biggest stories in Cal Poly's history. Mustang Daily was there bringing the news to its audience of student, faculty and staff. Here, the editors choose the biggest of the big, the top 11 stories of the year. There were just too many for a top 10.

Two students disappear; police arrest suspect
Woman Baker called in the most tragic event he's seen in his 25-year tenure as president. Joe Lowne, Police Chief Jim Condit said it was the most intense investigation in the police department's history.

More than a month has passed since police announced they found the remains of Rachel Newhouse and Audrina Crawford, but the memory of these 20-year-old women stays vivid in student minds. Newcastle, a Cal Poly净利润 science junior, disappear Nov. 11 after leaving Tamba The restaurant in downtown San Luis Obispo. Crawford, a Cuesta College student, was abducted from her French Street duplex on March 17.

Inveiglers believe registered sex offender Rex Allan Krebs is responsible for their deaths. The women were found buried in grave sites near Krebs' rented Davis Carrown property. Police confirmed the victims died of starvation and were sexually assaulted. Last month, Krebs pleaded not guilty to two counts, including murder, rape and kidnaping. The preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 7.

Poly looks for state dollars to avoid fee hike
First, Poly Plan by story guarantees a student referendum on the fee increase. Then, they cancelled the vote to push Sacramento for more money for decaed educational programs. Now, Lord Great Davis has rejected the high-cost program plan, but has allotted $52 million to deep undergraduate fees at all California State Universities schools.

While state senators and assembly members propose revisions to Davis' budget, the future of the Poly Plan remains in limbo.

Administration reverses red handprint decision
The fate of the red handprints, which mark the location of an assault on campus, was in question spring quarter.

According to Vicki Stever, associate vice president of administration, members of Take Back the Night were not going to be allowed to reprint the handprints. For the last two years, the university has consented to the handprints, which mark the location of an assault on campus, a violation of university policy. Stever said that according to campus policy, students or organizations cannot mark on any campus facilities or post things in certain places.

Outraged students gathered more than 800 signatures in front of administration offices to keep the handprints. Associated Students, Inc. President Dan Geis and Women's Center public relations coordinator Whitney Ploumb wrote a letter to administrators proposing they drop the handprints from the current graffiti policy.

Instead, Geis and Ploumb wanted the handprints to be an education tool in connection with Public Safety, according to Juan Gonzalez, vice president for student affairs.

Frank Leven, vice president for administration and finance, responded to the letters, agreeing to establish guidelines that only allow legitimate handprints to be painted.

Many students called the university's decision to allow handprints a victory for all women.

Trustees approve general faculty salary increases
Cal Poly faculty members won a new salary contract this year that raises salaries across the board and offers a two-year contract for part-time lecturers with six years of continuous service.

The CFA Board of Trustees agreed to the terms of the California Faculty Association's approved contract on June 2.

Mustang Daily has followed the story since faculty members began picketing in front of the Administration building in Fall 1998. Earlier this spring, faculty formally voted for "no confidence" in CSU Chancellor Charles R. Reed.

The new contract raises lecturers' status, compensation and the issue of merit pay for all faculty of the CSU system. Reed said the contract resolution is a victory for students as well.

"By working together, the CFA and CSU can assure access to quality higher education for all qualified students," Reed said in a statement.

The agreement offers faculty a 5.2 percent average salary increase this year and a 3 percent average general salary increase retroactive to Sept. 1998, through a sticking point for the CFA bargaining team. It also begins offering two-year contracts for 390 part-time lecturers.

Eighth percent of CFA members who voted rejected the contract in see TOP STORIES, page 2
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late May and the CSU Trustees voted unanimously in favor of the deal this week.

Sheriffs’ interviews mine new clues in Smart case

Three years and still no answers. Kristen Smart disappeared Memorial Day weekend 1996, and investigations have recently received more leads. In March, FBI agents summoned 1,300 students who lived in the dorms when Smart disappeared.

New information from two weeks of interviews led investigators to search new areas around the North Mountain dorms. But officials have said they found nothing in these searches, conducted with cadaver dogs and shovels.

CAPTURE loses grasp as web registration emerges

POWER, Poly Online Web Registration, made its campus-wide debut March 11. The Office of Academic Records and Information Technology Services teamed up to develop the program for Cal Poly.

In winter quarter, 15,394 students used CAPTURE to register and 1,800 students used POWER, compared with 14,216 students who used CAPTURE and 3,355 students who used POWER during spring rotations, according to Jeff Caddel, co-creator of POWER and Office of Academic Records employee.

Caddel, a Cal Poly computer science graduate and full-time Cal Poly employee, along with Scott Wehrmann, a Cal Poly computer science senior, wrote the software program. They created POWER to give students an alternative way to register.

CAPTURE has 40 points of access while POWER has several hundred. This makes it easier for more students to register simultaneously using web registration. And unlike CAPTURE, POWER has no time limit and no codes to memorize.

Open classes are refreshed every five minutes at the POWER website, Wehrmann said.

POWER works in two different ways: It can generate a schedule, and maintain one as well. Students can generate a schedule seven days a week, 24 hours a day.

Correction policy

Mustang Daily publishes corrections on its own and in its own voice as soon as we are told about a mistake by anyone — our staff, an uninvolved reader, or an aggrieved reader — and can confirm the correct information. This policy, however, should not be taken for a policy of accommodating readers who are simply unhappy about a story that has been published. For corrections or complaints, contact editor Ryan Becker at (805) 756-1796 or editor@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu

POWER will rank a student’s schedule choices from the best to the least favorable. Students can then view each schedule, choose the one they like the best and then register for those classes with one click of a button, according to Caddel.

POWER can also maintain a student’s schedule. This part of the application is available during the same hours as CAPTURE. Students can see in what classes they are enrolled, request credit/no credit grading for a course, change unit values on variable unit courses and add or drop a class, Wehrmann said.

“POWER isn’t meant to replace CAPTURE,” Wehrmann said.

“POWER is available at www.power.calpoly.edu.”

see TOP STORIES, page 3
The Cal Poly men's water polo team made a splash. A scantily-clad team photo from the Rec Center sparked controversy. Rec Sports officials blocked them from selling a calendar turned into a risqué photo book, called "Speedos," which featured a black-and-white photo of the disrobed team, surrounded by the months of the year, and featuring a picture of the disrobed team. The team donated a portion of the proceeds to the fund for missing student Rachel Newhouse.

The C'al Poly men's water polo team made waves with the Rec Center when members posed for a calendar with only balls covering their bodies. The Rec Center officials later reversed their decision and allowed the club to sell calendars in the University Union. Members autographed and sold the calendars for $5.

CSU Trustees sue Bello's over use of Cal Poly logo

Tom Bello has supported Cal Poly for over 30 years, but now he's probably not eager to put his donations in the Cal Poly offering plate.

In April, the California State University system filed a complaint against Bello's Sporting Goods for the unauthorized use of the Cal Poly logo. At his Monterey Street store, Bello and his father have sold merchandise bearing Cal Poly's name since 1945. However, the Cal Poly logo can only be purchased and sold by licensed vendors, such as Jansport, said Jeff Bliss, director of university relations.

A May 1 Superior Court hearing, Judge Diane Levison denied Cal Poly's injunction request for Bello to stop sales immediately. A trial date has not yet been determined.

Sports and beer mix, first time at Cal Poly games

Cal Poly broke precedent in 1998 by allowing students - for the first time in the school's history - to buy alcohol at a football game. Associated Students Inc., the athletic department and Foundation coordinated an event before 1998's Homecoming. Students see it as a constructive way to deal with classroom rage.

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Ground breaks on 900-spot, 4-level parking structure

Construction of the new parking structure near the Performing Arts Center is on schedule.

The $13.8 million project is expected to be completed by January 2000. Columns are in place and one third of the first floor's slab is finished. Workers are forming the second floor above that section, and construction also continues on the next section of the first floor, according to project manager Katherine Dunklau.

On June 14, the temporary wood stairs will be torn down, closing off all pedestrian access behind the Performing Arts Center for the summer. Workers will build a permanent stairway to be finished by fall.

The Warty Design Group designed and engineered the parking structure.

Join VISTA, the domestic Peace Corps, and help insure that all SLO children can read at grade level through Cal Poly's America Reads program. This position is full-time starting around August 1. Compensation includes a $750 per month living stipend, health insurance, and end-of-year stipend of either $4,725 education award for college or $1,200 stipend. Application deadline is June 14, 1999. Bachelor's degree required. Call Sam at 756-5839 for additional information.
Prayer in schools is not the ‘quick fix’

It’s been a short while since the two school shootings, and prayer is being brought to the front line as just the thing public school kids need to keep them out of trouble. While more people accept that there are no easy answers and certainly no easy fixes, prayer in schools just might help. More and more politicians, religious leaders and polls, certainly think so. We have to get back to God and the way things were. Maybe about getting back to God, I’ll be in the line. But we want to get back to the way things were.

The first part of this century saw much racial discrimination enforced by law. Jim Crow ruled the South and segregation was everywhere. Child labor lingered for a while and indigenous peoples continued to lose land. We also imprisoned many Americans citizens for being of Japanese descent. One of those was Charles Moore. What change didn’t we want or need back in the way things were?

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Every student in the ninth grade should be able to write about what affected his or her life the most. The tragedy of events is that not enough students will be writing about what affected their life the most, or will have much to write about.

Prayer in public schools was read. Prayer didn’t come in the midst of times we hope for change, but much to our relief.

The current push for prayer in public schools is amusing to all the truly educated and spiritual people out there. Prayer can’t be forced upon you. The current agenda for prayer in schools does nothing but divide and alienate communities. We might be in serious times, but a few minutes of synthetic spirituality isn’t exactly the main ingredient that changes societies for the better.

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Jeremy J. Bennett is a graphic communications senior.

‘King’ appreciates students

Editor:

When I was hired two years ago to teach journalism and oversee the operation of CPTV at Cal Poly, I was ecstatic. I couldn’t wait to share my 25 years of experience in the television news business with students who wanted to pursue a career in that direction. Cal Poly’s “learn by doing” atmosphere would provide the perfect environment for teaching students the broadcast skills and fundamentals necessary to ultimately get them their first job in television news. And it did.

I was successful in this endeavor and much more during my tenure. But my accomplishments, contributions and performances couldn’t have been achieved without the students.

It was their perseverance that rebuilt and operated a struggling CPTV; their knowledge that put a clear class back on course; their contributions which upgraded more than one lecture; their ideas that helped to re-write the book; their humor that captured a different perspective; their character that tested tough times; their wisdom that helped enlighten the load; their sense of wonder that examined optimism; and their spirit that, more often than not, made school and home work.

I will be walking in a week. But it’s been a great run. Thanks to the students. They’re in a class by themselves.

‘Pre-see the way, don’t forget — you’re the best.”

King Harris teaches broadcasting to journalism students.

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Nabiel Sultan

Nabiel Sultan is an electrical engineering senior, who is praying for the ability to write just one clear and meaningful column.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Columnist is a ‘dumb jock’

Editor:

Congratulations to Matt King for ingenuously running his own newspaper on himself. After reading his ridiculous comment, “Sports at Poly is a classic joke,” I decided to check it out. June 3 confirmed what I always suspected: Matt King is a dumb jock.

First, King, you see the Greeks were great philosophers and great athletes. Maybe before comparing Poly to ancient Greece and our athletes to Olympians, you should start writing more like a great thinker and less like a Junior Woodchuck in the Jim Reno Fashbash.

Second, in the same paragraph that you denigrate those who apply stereotypes, you liken all the people who write letters opposing the one-importance of sports to people who play Dungeons and Dragons on Friday nights. You say the “nerds” think academic funding is being sacrificed. What you and the softball team don’t get is the need and the rest of us aren’t assuming our money is being misdirected to sports. We are fully aware that as soon as we sign the tuition check, big chunks of it are earmarked for stuff that benefits a very small percentage of our school (athletes).

I have nothing to do with Dungeons and Dragons, jocks, or nerds, but I do know I hate the fact that my tuition money is diverted to big companies I will never use or be allowed to if I wanted to. I hate that athletes, for two quarters, get to register before me, no matter what my priority is. I hate that underdressed duds, like the Wheatmen, the Lacrosse team, and many others, consistently kick ass while we make money into the “important” sports only to get less than impressive results.

Little King, You seem remiss that Poly doesn’t have the reputation that Stanford, UCLA or Notre Dame has because these schools are known for “athletic prowess.” Tell you what, you go enroll at one of those schools and have all the processes you want and I’ll be happy I’m graduating from a school that has a great academic reputation.

Besides, you probably don’t like it here anyway, since you’re a dumb jock.

Eric Samuel is a graphic communications senior.

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Thanks from President Baker

Editor:

As the spring quarter concludes, I would like to share a brief update on the status of funding for the next phase of the Cal Poly Plan. Thanks to the initiative and leadership of State Sen. Jack O'Connell, the California State Senate has proposed that $15 million be allocated next year for several high cost programs in the California State University — programs in agriculture, architecture, engineering and nursing. (Plans call for an additional $13 million allocation proposed following this year's Cal Poly, along with other campuses with high cost programs, would benefit significantly from this permanent CSU budget increase.)

Sen. O'Connell's action stemmed directly from our intensive discussion of the Cal Poly Plan this year. Since January, Cal Poly deans have consulted extensively with students, faculty and staff about the need for additional revenues to fully meet the goals of the Cal Poly Plan. As proposed during Winter Quarter, the present $45 per quarter student Academic Fee would have been increased by $15 per quarter, if supported by Cal Poly students. The resulting revenues would be invested in initiatives of direct, visible benefits to students. These initiatives would support attainment of Cal Poly Plan goals — especially academic quality, student learning and progress to degree. If the O'Connell initiative is successful this year, and if an additional $13 million are appropriated the following year, our campus would be able to proceed with the next phase of the Cal Poly Plan, without increasing the existing Academic Fee.

If the State budget initiative proves unsuccessful, the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee will be convened to initiate discussion of future options. For now, we await the outcome of deliberations in the legislature's budget conference committee, where our representatives will consider whether to fund the high cost program budget proposal — at the $15 million level proposed by the Senate, or at a $10 million level proposed by the Assembly. Faced with many competing demands, including growing pressure for tax relief, the conference committee also has the option to decide against any funding for CSU high cost programs. Finally, the Governor must approve any recommendation that comes forward from the legislature.

This year, there is a very good chance that the budget will be signed into law by the statutory July 1 deadline. Once we have definitive word about the budget, and about the status of the budget request, we will report back to the campus community. For now, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to students, faculty and staff for the serious renewed attention given to the Cal Poly Plan this year. It demonstrated clearly the very broad and deep commitment to preserving the distinctive, high quality character of a Cal Poly education.

Warren J. Baker is the president of Cal Poly.
1998-99 Mustang Daily staff farewell

CAN YOU SAY CHEESE? The 1998-99 editorial and advertising staff members pose for one final photo on the lawn of President Warren Baker's home before being chased away for loitering on private property. This was the only photo taken the entire year without alcohol present.

Daily Quotables

The newsroom is a weird place. Every day Mustang Daily employees go off the deep end. And every day we share some of that insanity through Quotes of the Day, found in the staff box on the Opinion page. Our favorites from the 1998-99 editions:

- "I didn't climb to the top of the food chain to eat oats and hay."
- "There's nothing funnier than the pit penis."
- "You're wrong and you smell like ass!"
- "I'm going to tell all of the ladies that Jeremy is easy!"
- "Take my thing out of your mouth."
- "Does anyone have something I can suck on?"
- "I dominated that computer. I made it my bitch."
- "Even when I'm drunk I'm working for the Mustang Daily."
- "Just stick your face in there and lick it."
- "Three women invaded my apartment this weekend and I feel a little worn out."
- "Great Danes don't just hump your leg, they hump you."
- "That Brandy was a tough ride."
- "Let's break it open and get some wetness down here."
- "Joe touches his feminine side."
- "Hey, how far do you think I can stick this thing in here?"
- "What will they name after Baker? I don't know, but it will have to be something you can't see."
- "Out of my way citizen, media coming through."
Editors write final chapter to 98-99

To the reporters, my apologies for every time I missed an all-important comma, period... capitalization at the start of a sentence. Common punctuation is so overrated anyway. And I truly enjoyed all the times people came up to me and asked, "So, like, what do copy editors do, anyway?" And I'd explain that we look for grammar, style, sentence structure and things like that. Then, each time I'd hear, "But, like, doesn't a computer do that for you?" I realized just how awesome job appreciation is. To all the outgoing editors, your leadership and dedication will not be forgotten; the hard part will be trying to follow in your footsteps. Okay, enough cheesiness.

Melissa McFarland

copy editor

After a year of racing out to crime scenes, getting last minute assignments from a certain news editor and coordinating a shrinking staff of photographers, I can say it was worth it. It's an end to more than the year though. June 4 represents an end to my Cal Poly career and closes the door on the office which has become a second home. From racing to finish term papers minutes before they were due, to late night film developing on election nights, the Daily has been a part of every Cal Poly quarter.

I'll miss the fans in Mott Gym and Mustang Stadium. I'll miss saying "I'm with the Daily" as I cut to the front of lines and got free admission to everything. More than that, I'll miss the pressure of deadline and the commitment to making the Daily credible, honest and better than the T.T. (oops, I mean The T).

When I'm not shooting, most don't recognize me. I will continue to be just a name under a photo for most people, especially since this photo editor forgot about the photo she was not only supposed to take, but to be a part of last Tuesday morning at 11:15 a.m.

Dawn Kalmar

photo editor

While at Cal Poly, I avoided the Mustang Daily like the plague, and never thought in a million years I'd end up spending so much time here. Of course, "so much time" is all relative, but to me it seemed like I spent half my life here this year. But now that it's all over, I'm glad I did it, and I'm sorry it's over, because now I have to find something else to complain about.

I'm glad I could make my time at the Daily worthwhile, by being the one who falls on her ass and sniffs whatever is within arm's reach with any sort of chemicals in it for everyone's enjoyment.

Arts and entertainment — whatever. Good luck Whitney and Steve (my arts department, thank you very much).

Jessica Niland

arts & entertainment editor

This has been, well, a different year. For once, I have been the oldest in many of my classes, and here at the Mustang Daily — although people would probably never guess this was the case, since I act so young, oh, and I look young too.

I've held my fair share of jobs this year, but I've had the most fun at the Mustang Daily. Being the opinion editor of a college paper, I was the first to read letters that eventually offended many people, and sometimes offended me by name — but none of it hurt. None of the sticks or stones thrown at me this year have broken any bones, although the names I have been called sometimes got some editing — or maybe didn't even make it to print.

I'd like to thank all of those people who wrote in, even those who never added their major or class standing and ignored the plea for letters with less than 600 words. Your words helped fill my pages and probably inspired others to write in telling you how wrong, retarded and uninformed you were. Thanks for sticking your neck out and taking a chance.

Jamie Zuffoletto

opinion editor

All I want for Christmas is for one damn Cal Poly sport to win a National Championship.

This year has been amazing: Silver Legacy, senior complaint scoop, Kentucky and Mayne, bootin' the shitbird, the CIPA hot tub, making the All-Pro team two straight quarters, ESPN in micro Mott and of course, Mustang Nightly.

The sports department has been a pleasure to work with. Ruivoso, Ms. Stevenson, Trisha, Bryce, Huffer, Kathryn, Sterling, Matty K., Arns and Alexis have all greatly impressed me. I hassled, annoyed, criticized and overworked all of you, yet you kept coming back for more. You will always be my sports department.

Joe Nolan

sports editor

Ladies and Gentlemen of the class of 1999...

Thank you for reading the Mustang Daily.

If I could offer one piece of advice for you, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

The police are always telling you to do this, and it seems like no big deal, but the reason I'm qualified to tell you this is my own meandering experience.

It all started in January. I went to a party and had a few drinks with friends. Before I knew it, a few became a lot. I remember some people came by and I met them, but now I don't know who they were. They knew who I was, though.

I left the party a few hours later in my car, but I didn't get far. The police who pulled me over initiated the field sobriety test and I failed.

"You've had too much to drink tonight," the officer said as he reached for my arm and secured the handcuffs around my wrist — "And watch your head," he said as he placed me in the back of the Crown Victoria.

I paid a lawyer in advance.

Later, in court, the officer took the stand, but he wasn't the one who arrested me.

My lawyer quizzed him about what he saw that night.

"And you saw the truck drive toward you on Grand Avenue," he said carefully, slowly, "Is that correct?"

The officer didn't hesitate to answer.

"Yes."

I don't know what happened next, but the judge said he didn't see sufficient evidence to allow the hearing to proceed, and the next conversation I remember having with my lawyer, he told me I was going to walk.

I remember when I told my parents. It wasn't as hard as I thought it would be. They wondered how I was going to get around, having lost my license for four months.

I told them: "My friends, I guess."

To Becker, Kaney, Nolan, Hufi, Jessica, Geringer, Summer, Amber, Kristy, Bouda, Jerry, Dawn, Trish, Mel, A.J. and everyone — thanks for the ride! I owe you one.

Working at the Mustang Daily has been and will continue to be a part of me that I won't be able, won't want to extricate. I have it in me and it has me in it.

I love that people at Cal Poly care about what's happening on this campus, and I hope you have as hard a time leaving it as I will.

To everyone who ever told me to just relax, I'll let Woody Allen do the
FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Copy Editor Summer Martin, Opinion Editor Jaime Zuffoletto, Assistant Arts Editor Whitney Phaneuf, Arts Editor Jessica Niland, News Editor Jeremy Roe, Editor in Chief Ryan Becker, Managing Editor Kim Kaney, Adviser Marvin Sosna, Assistant News Editor Andy Castagnola, Copy Editor Melissa McFarland, Sports Editor Joe Nolan and photographer David Wood.

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Jeremy Roe
news editor

Something like four years and 300 days ago I stepped foot into the office of the Mustang Daily for the first time as a Cal Poly journalism student. I remember the first time an editor called me about writing a column for the paper. I remember the two days I spent with ROTC in full camouflage shooting an M-16 with no bathroom for miles. I’ll never forget the year I spent as sports editor with a staff that communicated worse than a dysfunctional family. And this time around a staff that has become a family at a place I call home. We even survived a convention packed with people streaking, people vomiting on walls and lesbians in the bathroom.

To all the editors and reporters who have touched my life, I say thank you. Bad or good, each experience has strengthened and enriched me. I will forever keep you framed in my walks. To A.J., thank you for being the foundation of the Mustang Daily and the one who always had an open door and attentive ear.

Remember nothing was my fault, but I will remain always right. Some day I’ll beat up Joe, and some day I’ll learn to keep my mouth shut. But right now, I find it impossible to stop writing and walk out of this room. One last line, one last page, one last time — so hard to say goodbye.

Kimberly Kaney
managing editor

When I was interviewing for this job more than a year ago, I was pretty damn nervous. Facing down a panel of journalism faculty with the fierce title of “publisher’s board” was unfamiliar territory to me. I was explaining my perfectionist attitude when a professor I hold in high regard interrupted: “Sounds like you’d be a real son of a bitch to work for.”

At least we got that out in the beginning.

I’m not making any excuses for this creature we call a newspaper. Despite all the criticism, I’m proud of what we’ve done this year. We’ve covered some of the biggest stories in Cal Poly history, and with a level of professionalism I know surprised both our mentors and competitors.

I’ve learned a lot. I’ve learned that sometimes pissing people off is a great way to make things happen. Sometimes, it’s better to just keep your mouth shut.

I owe a lot to a lot of people. I’ve met people I never want to forget, and people I want to forget but will never be able to.

I decided when I started this little adventure that I would stay in the background, a decision for which I was criticized. But I’d make the same decision again in a second: I never wanted to be a cheerleader or a diplomat. I want to work on a tangible product and make it shine.

I’m not ready for it to end. I don’t know why — I think it’s a disease.

And Dr. Murray was right. For some reason, this paper matters too much to be a nice guy. Thanks to everybody else who was a son of a bitch with me.
Sports

David Wells earns honor

Mustang Daily

Mustang Daily sports writers award senior wrestler David Wells with Male Athlete of the Year. Wells won the Pac-10 Conference title at Stanford in the 174-pound weight class on Feb. 28.

Last year, Wells was just one of 14 Mustang wrestlers since 1982 to become an All-American. He finished seventh at the NCAA championships in the 158-pound weight class.

Wells finished the 1998-99 season by winning 16 consecutive matches. He ended the year at 18-4.

During the season, Wells slaughtered several opponents 15-0, including Brett Shantfeld from UC Davis by a technical fall in 7:00.

Junior Kaaron Conwright was the runner-up after ruling the track this season. He was an All-American in the 100 and 200 meters and is ranked third in the nation in the 100 with a time of 10.17 seconds at the Mount Sac relays.

Conwright, a defending Big West champion in both events, is hoping to compete at this year's World University Games held in Spain. The top two American athletes in each track and field event attend the event.

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**NEWS**

June 4, 1999

By Ryan Becker

Mustang Daily

Rebuilding year? Try and tell him that.

Andy Castagnola, a journalism senior, is already preparing his battle plan for the moment he takes over as editor in chief of the Mustang Daily. "You don't apply to be on the Daily staff for the money or the glory. You're here because this is where you love to be. This is where students come first for news," Castagnola said. "This is where they come first to gripe, to find out how the basketball team is doing. I only hope to improve the informational quality of the newspaper."

"I've got to learn that I'm not going to make everybody happy," he said. "I hope I can learn how to better deal with criticism, how to handle sharp blows to the ego."

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— Andy Castagnola

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Mimnaugh named Coach of the Year

Mustang Daily

Women's basketball head coach Faith Mimnaugh limited this season with an 8-18 record, but numbers can be deceiving. She is building a dynasty that will contend for the Big West Conference Championship and NCAA postseason in the near future. For these reasons, the Mustang Daily sportswriters voted her as the Coach of the Year.

Mimnaugh's typical starting lineup featured three freshmen, a sophomore and a senior. "In a couple of years, we will be fighting for the championship," said Mimnaugh, who brings eight sophomores to next season's team. Mimnaugh knows championships take time and is happy with where the program is going. Her freshmen have been the stars of the team. Junior forward Caroline Rowles was named to the conference's All-Freshmen Team and won No. 3 on the conference rebounding list, averaging 12.9 per game. Freshman Baker was a consistent leader in assists and three-point goals before a late-season leg injury sidelined her for two months. Guard Odessa Jenkins finished the season averaging 1.8 steals per game, which put her at No. 8 in the Big West. But statistics will not tell the tale of Mimnaugh. The real story is about how she treats her players. She maintains the discipline of her team, but at the same time is able to keep friendly relationships with her players.

"The team's morale has been a lot better since Mimnaugh arrived," said Kristie Cirimin, a graduating senior guard. "The work ethic has just skyrocketed." And the work has paid off. This year, the team won the most games since its 1994 move to Division I. Next season's team will consist of 13 returnees and four newcomers — four freshmen, eight sophomores, one junior and four seniors.

Time is on their side. And you can bet Mimnaugh will make an addition to a duty women's basketball trophy case soon. If the Coaches of the Year voting was a volleyball game, Steve Schlick missed first place by a score of 15-13, 16-14, 13-15, 15-13, 18-16. The head women's volleyball coach was one vote shy of the award.

Schlick certainly deserves recognition for guiding his team to an 18-0 overall record and 8-8 in the Big West Conference. The team finished fourth in the Western Division of the conference. That's not bad when you have to play national powerhouses — No. 1 Long Beach State, No. 9 University of Pacific, and No. 11 UC Santa Barbara — twice a year.

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APPLAUSE: Mimnaugh deserves praise for her hard work.

Wells Wins 16 straight and the Pac-10 title

Why was Cal Poly wrestler David Wells so much fun to watch on the mat? It could have been his outrageous style, his ability to rack up 150 fouls over opponents, or the fact that you can almost count on him for a solid win. This senior proved himself the Mustangs' most formidable wrestling force on the mats this season, ending his Cal Poly career with a 16-match winning streak, and a Pac-10 Championship title under his belt.

Men's cross country wins Big West Championship

The Cal Poly men's cross country team scored the athletic department's only conference championship this year and finished seventh in the NCAA Western Regionals. This season, the team never finished lower than fourth place and brought home the school's first cross country championship. Sophomore Adam Butts led the way at regionals for the Mustangs, finishing 21st overall.

Volleyball goes on 11-match win streak

It was an unusual streak for a Cal Poly sports team this year: a winning streak. It belonged to the women's volleyball team, which posted 11 straight wins.

While the streak did not propel the team into the Big West Conference championships, it made for successful season. Several women's volleyball players were honored for their successes. Senior Kristin Moro was selected as one of two Cal Poly Scholar Athletes of the Year. Sophomore Jessica Rodkey earned a trip to the NCAA Leadership Conference for her performance in athletics and academics.

Two seniors, Trisha lenssen and Jill Butts set personal records in the sea-son's final games. Jonsen made her 1,000th career kill late in Sunday night's game, and Butts set a career high for assists surpassing her previous record of 1,008 set in 1996.
Not only did Stockton provide the offensive firepower for Cal Poly, but she also played a solid left field. She made only two errors, both on the season, giving her a fielding percentage of .966, fourth best on the team. Stockton’s biggest contribution to the team may have been her leadership. Completing her fourth season with the Mustangs, Stockton played and started in all 52 games this year and finished with 184 total games played in her career. Teammates called her their leader both on and off the field.

As one of the last players remaining from the dominant Mustang team of four years ago, Stockton has been able to maintain that high level of success. This past season was the best of her four years and deserving of the Female Athlete of the Year.

Zielli was the No. 79 overall pick in the draft, which lasts 50 rounds. Her team, leading 26-2, drafted a dot hitter and rim scored (29), points higher than the next closest statistic. Her percentage of .562 was 171 points higher than the next closest statistic.

**STOCKTON**

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for hits in a season by five with 66.

Stockton also led the team in doubles (13), and runs scored (29), while finishing second on the team with 26 RBI. Her team, leading 26-2, drafted a dot hitter and rim scored (29), points higher than the next closest statistic. Her percentage of .562 was 171 points higher than the next closest statistic.

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be on the same short-season team this summer,” Cunningham said. “The Giants said they wanted to draft both of us, but you never know what will happen until draft day comes. I’m just happy that what they said came true.”

As the Mustangs’ No. 1 starter, Zielli went 7-7 on the season with a 2.90 ERA, ranked average and a team high 118 innings pitched. “The scout that has been looking at me has seen me pitch at least once every year,” Zielli said. “I think he came out and saw me a few times this year.

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She’s set to report to the Giants spring training facility in Scottsdale next Friday.”

“I just wanted to get picked and get a chance to prove myself at the next level,” Zielli said.

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**Yesterday's Answer:**

Sammy Sosa holds the Major League Baseball record for most home runs in a month with 20. Congrats to all 30 people who e-mailed the correct answer!

**Today's Question:**

Who is the greatest Mustang Daily sports editor of all-time? Please submit answer to sports@mustangdaily.ca for a chance to win the next issue of the paper.

**Votes**

Six members of the Mustang Daily sports department voted for these awards. The number of points received is to the left of the name. The number of first-place votes is in parenthesis.

**Coach of the Year**

Faith Minnaugh 26 (4)
Steve Schlick 25 (11)
Wolfgang Garnier 13 (1)

**Female Athlete of the Year**

Sara Stockton 23 (4)
Paula Serrano 22 (1)
Caroline Rowles 15 (1)

**Male Athlete of the Year**

David Wells 28 (4)
Kazuo Conwright 20 (1)
Antonio Warren 17 (1)


**ESPN2 heads stories of the year**

**Editor's Note:** There were a lot of exciting sports stories this year, but the ones you chose were the ones the sports department chose for top 10.

**ESPN2 broadcasts from Matt Gyn**

For the first time in Cal Poly's Division I history, ESPN2 came to Cal Poly where the men's basketball team was shown on national TV. The Mustangs lost to Idaho, 101-75, but ESPN was impressed with Cal Poly as a host.

The announcement, Leo Ramos and Dennis Horton, expressed a desire to come back to the Central Coast and said the flow from game play to commercials went very smoothly. An excited crowd, made up mostly of students, had painted faces and colorful signs, creating a classy, Division I atmosphere.

**Senior football players go to McCutcheon**

After an impressive 10-1 season where the Mustangs narrowly missed winning for the postseason, the Cal Poly football team stumbled to a 3-4 season, the worst since 1967. The Mustangs struggled to find a solid replacement for wide receiver Kamel Loud (who was drafted by the Buffalo Bills) and quarterback Ali Ahem (who was one of the top passers in the country). A win over Liberty in the final game and Antonio Warren's rush into the Cal Poly record book as the all-time leading rusher were highlights.

**Football team finishes with dismal 3-8 record**

**Men's basketball doesn't meet media expectations**

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**Women's basketball wins most games since Division I move**

You only get better with age, so Cal Poly's women's basketball team hopes. This year's slate of freshmen will return to the team, bringing more experience and refined skills.

The team also brings a greater focus on recruiting after taking the most wins since it entered Division I in 1994. Although its final record of 8-18 didn't top the division, it proved that

**Zirelli is second Poly pitcher drafted by S.F.**

**By Matt Sterling**

For the second time in two days, the San Francisco Giants selected a Cal Poly pitcher in the Major League Draft. This time, Mustang ace Mike Zirelli was the lucky player chosen.

Zirelli joins fellow Mustang Jeremy Cunningham as recent draft selections of the Giants. Cunningham was selected in the fourth round, No. 138 overall, yesterday. "The scout that had been looking at me called me this morning at 9:30 and told me he had some good news for me," Zirelli said. "He said they took me with their first pick (Thursday in the 23rd round)."

Zirelli has been a Giants fan for years. The Giants were his first choice, but he had also been scouted by the Cardinals and Rockies.

"My dad has season tickets for the Giants," Zirelli said, "and I've been the 'Stick more times than anyone that I know." Cunningham was excited about the possibility of playing with Zirelli again. "I think it's going to be awesome. Hopefully, we'll see ZIRELLI, page 11

**Williams like:**

Sara Stockton shattered the Poly record, hitting .407 in her senior year.

**Stockton named top athlete**

Mustang Daily

Among the quality female athletes at Cal Poly, finding an Athlete of the Year is a tough challenge.

Paula Serrano's pole vault of more than 11 feet broke both the school and Big West Conference records at a meet in February. The jump ranked her second in the nation's colleges, for women pole vaulters. She also earned a second straight NCAA Championship appearance.

Caroline Rowles also had a tremendous season with the women's basketball team.