

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL

- The Mustangs finished the season 37-21, their best record since moving to Division I three years ago. Playing in the Big West Conference for the first time, they finished third in the division.
- Senior **Scott Kidd** was named First-Team All-Big West Conference and earned Second-Team All-Far West and Second-Team All-American by Collegiate Baseball. He recently signed with the New York Yankees.

SOFTBALL

- The Mustangs placed fourth in the Big West, with a 37-17 record. They reached No. 7 in the national rankings, thanks to a 15-0 record season start.
- Junior pitcher **Desarie Knipfer** struck out 232 batters (an average of 8.2 per game) and was ranked 13th nationally with a 0.90 ERA. She was named First-Team All-West Region and was a First-Team All-Conference selection. She was also named a Louisville Slugger Second-Team All-American and was chosen Cal Poly Female Athlete of the Year in May.

TRACK & FIELD

- Senior **Nikki Shaw** led with top times in 800 and 1500 meters, while sophomore **Cynthia Pettibon** set a school record in the triple jump with a leap of 40'5.5" to take first at the Mt. SAC relays. Pettibon was also nominated for GTE Academic All-American in 1997.
- Senior **Sean Brown** qualified for the NCAA Championships with record-breaking performances in the pole vault. At the time, his Mt. SAC relay vault of 18-06.75 was the best in the nation and one of the best in the world. He was named Cal Poly Male Athlete of the Year in May.
- Junior **Andy Sverchek** qualified for the NCAA's in the shot put and set a school record in the men's discus with a throw of 178-03.

TENNIS

- Junior **Chris Magyary**, ranked nationally entering the season, defeated UCSB's and UC Irvine's best players. Freshman **Brett Masi** of Riverside went 14-5 and didn't lose a single match to a Big West opponent.
- Women's tennis finished seventh in the Big West, led by junior **Karly Kolb** and freshman **Karen Apra**.

Kristal Kreis and Darren Yee review experiment data displayed on a monitor in the new 64-seat chemistry studio/lab classroom of the College of



Mathematics, where lectures and labs are integrated and pairs of computers are hard-wired to lab equipment. Shown here (right foreground) is a computer-interfaced temperature probe for monitoring acidity, pressure, and electrical changes during chemical processes; a hot plate/stirrer is used for mixing samples. **CP** (Photo by Doug Allen)

Mike Campos accepts his award for Cal Poly Outstanding Student Employee of the Year for 1996-97 from President Warren J. Baker. Campos



was chosen from a group of almost 30 student nominees for his leadership and managerial abilities in the Cal Poly Crafts Center. He created, designed, and initiated the building of a new student gallery; remodeled the center with original cabinet designs; created an efficient inventory system; increased the center's income 47 percent; and won "best overall booth" in the 1996 Open House design competition. He then went on to win the state and regional competitions sponsored by the Western Association of Student Employment Administrators and at press time was competing in the national contest, sponsored by the National Student Employment Association. **CP** (Photo by Doug Allen)