

SPORTS ROUNDUP

BASEBALL

- Led by **Steve Wood** and junior pitcher **Mike Zirelli**, the Mustang **baseball team** picked up series wins over New Mexico State, Sacramento State, and Pacific. Wood entered the final weekend of the season batting a team high of .333, with 16 home runs, tying him for second on Cal Poly's all-time single-season home run list. Zirelli won 20 games to tie for fourth all-time, passing former major leaguer Mike Krukow with 319.1 innings pitched.

SOFTBALL

- The **softball team** ended its season with a 22-28 division record and 11-18 in the Big West. Senior pitcher **Desarie Knipfer** led the conference and was ranked seventh nationally, with a 0.80 earned-run average and 253 strikeouts. Senior **Kelly Sack** led the team in hitting, with a .333 average, including 54 hits and 13 RBI's, and was ranked 16th nationally with 7 triples. **Head Coach Lisa Boyer** earned her 300th career-coaching win in Cal Poly's 3-1 win over Sacramento State.

TENNIS

- The **men's tennis team** wrapped up a successful 1998 season, coming close to an NCAA playoff berth following wins over Ohio State, Santa Clara, and Gonzaga. Led by the play of nationally ranked senior **Chris Magyary**, sophomore **Brett Masl**, and junior **Tony Piccuta**, the Mustangs were ranked in the top 50 for the first time in the school's history.
- The **women's tennis team**, under the direction of first-year **Coach Pete Gunther**, went 7-8 for the year. They put together four consecutive wins, including a 5-4 upset of Big West rival Pacific heading into the conference championships. **Karen Apra**, **Hanna Brummet**, and **Karly Kolb** were all strong in the top three positions this season.

TRACK AND FIELD

- The **men's track and field team** had several representatives at the NCAA Championships in Buffalo as sophomore sprinter **Kaaron Conright** blew away the field with career-best times in the 100 meters (10.25) and the 200 meters (20.64) to earn a trip to the championships. Conright set his 100 m. time at the Cal Poly Quad Meet between USC, Brigham Young, and Kent State.
- On the **women's track and field team**, **Soozie Shanley** broke the Cal Poly school record in the hammer throw with a mark of 172.02 at the Stanford Invitational, qualifying her for the NCAA Championships. She was joined by pole vaulter **Paula Serrano**, who cleared 12-4.75 at the Fresno Relays to also set a new school record. 

Two athletes represent Cal Poly at NCAA leadership conference

Track and field sprinter **Tamatha Jackson** and football player **Keith Washington** represented Cal Poly at the second annual NCAA Foundation Leadership Conference. The more than 370 student athletes who attended were selected from 850 men and women nominated from NCAA member institutions.

The forum allowed NCAA student athletes to discuss critical issues facing their peers nationwide, enhance their leadership skills, and promote communication among student athletes, coaches, administrators, faculty, and communities.

Jackson, a member of the Athletic Department's Block P group that represents Cal Poly's athletes, is a member of the Cal Poly student advising council, P.A.C.T. (Poly Athletes and Community Together).

Washington, also a Block P representative, has taken part in several community activities this past year. He participated in the Athletic Department's Canned Food Drive, worked as a teacher assistant at Sinsheimer and Abbott elementary schools, and volunteered in the university's Violence Intervention Program (VIP). 

Five new honorees enter Hall of Fame

Five distinguished individuals will be inducted into the Cal Poly Athletic Hall of Fame during Hall of Fame Weekend, Oct. 2-3, bringing the total number of inductees to 52 since the Hall of Fame's inception in 1987.

Two-time all-conference catcher and most valuable player **Robin Baggett (BUS '73)**, who played baseball at Cal Poly from 1969 to 1971, joins former teammates Mike Krukow and Dave Oliver. During his career, Baggett did not allow a single passed ball, committed just one error for a .990 fielding percentage, and threw out 70 percent of runners attempting to steal. Baggett is a senior partner in the San Luis Obispo law firm of Sinsheimer, Schiebelhut & Baggett and general counsel for the NBA Golden State Warriors.

An all-American member of Cal Poly's cross-country and track and field teams, **Kristina Hand Mathias (ESB '93)** helped lead Cal Poly to five NCAA championships (three track, two cross-country) from 1989 to 1993. At the 1992 NCAA Track & Field Championships she captured the titles in the 1,500-meter and 3,000-meter events,

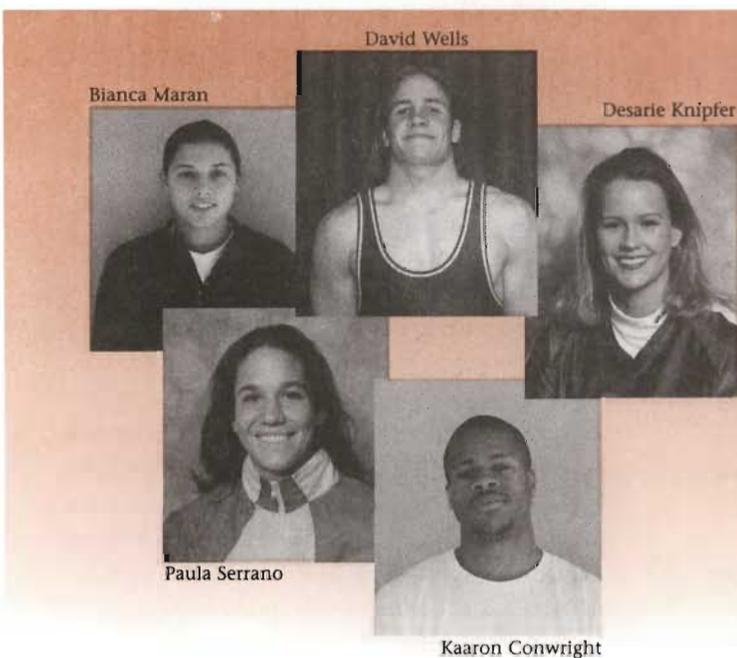
becoming the first female ever to win two national titles in a single championship. Mathias was named Division II Athlete of the Year as the recipient of the 1991-92 Honda Sports Award. She is a research assistant with Microcide Pharmaceuticals Inc. in the Silicon Valley.

As head coach of Cal Poly's track and field teams, **Steve Miller (FAC)** led Cal Poly to five NCAA championships and three California Collegiate Athletic Association titles. He arrived at Cal Poly in 1976, subsequently coaching several all-Americans and NCAA champions, including Jim Schankel and Joe Siai Siai. Miller later became the head coach at Kansas State for five years and athletic director for three years. He is now director of sports marketing for Nike Japan Corp. in Tokyo.

Loren Roberts, a Cal Poly student in the early 1970s, is one of the most recognized names on the Professional Golf Association's (PGA) tour, with five PGA-tour victories since turning professional in 1975. He qualified for three consecutive tour championships in 1994-96. He won two of these, becoming the first

golfer since Calvin Peete in 1979 and 1982 to win the same tournament for his first two tour wins. In 1994 Roberts was runner-up at the U.S. Open following an 18-hole playoff round, and was named to the U.S. team in the inaugural President's Cup in 1995. Today he continues to be a professional golfer with the PGA Tour.

Bart Williams, who studied business in 1975-79, is one of Cal Poly's all-time greatest track and field athletes. He currently holds the school record in the 400-meter hurdles and was a member of the school's record-breaking 400- and 1,600-meter relay teams. A four-time all-American in the 400-meter hurdles, his time of 49.32 was the ninth best in the world at the time. Williams was a member of the Cal Poly track team in 1976-79 and earned a spot on the 1980 Olympic team in the 400-meter hurdles, but did not compete in Moscow due to the U.S. boycott. Today he is assistant track coach at Contra Costa Community College. 



Cal Poly All-Americans

Wrestler **David Wells** and softball standout **Desarie Knipfer** each earned All-American honors this past year, while in May's Division I track and field championships **Kaaron Conwright**, **Bianca Maran**, and **Paula Serrano** finished as All-Americans in the top eight of their events: Conwright had fifth-place finishes in both 100 and 200 meters, while Serrano placed sixth in the women's pole vault. Maran became Cal Poly's first national champion since the school moved to Division I in 1994-95 by capturing first place in the women's pole vault, clearing 12 feet 5-1/2 inches.