Legal problems stop consummation of Apple deal

by Mary Hennessy
Managing Editor

Legal restrictions on purchasing prevented Cal Poly from joining the Apple computer consortium. President Baker announced Wednesday in a written statement that the statement, which was a response to questions from students and faculty members about the cancellation of the deal, mapped out legalities both the university and the foundation must clear up before other arrangements with Apple or any other commercial enterprise can be made.

"The old deal is no longer available," said Associate Executive Vice President Howard West who spoke for Baker who is on Univeraity assignment in San Francisco. "We are continuing to carry on discussions for arrangements within the legal limits."

There are several legal requirements that made the Apple deal impossible for Cal Poly to accept. West added. The university does not have the legal authority to sell equipment it buys, and state regulations forbid the university, as a state agency to sign a contract with a single source supplier, said West while explaining Baker's statement.

Baker said in his statement, that such legal restrictions forced him to look for alternatives through the Cal Poly Foundation. Foundation agreement could not be constructed however, because the California State University Board of Trustees and State Legislature do not approve of universities engaging in "practices that can be viewed as unfair competition or circumvention of the bidding requirements."

"Any hint of practices that raise the spectre of circumvention of state regulations could jeopardize the Foundation and the CSU attempts to gain greater responsibility for self determination," Baker added.

West further explained that the CSU and State legislature fear commercial dealers who sell Apple products might say the Foundation is acting unfairly if it sells the product for a lower price than they would sell the product for.

"Even though I wanted Cal Poly to join the consortium, I could not respond positively and still feel I was upholding my responsibility to the CSU Trustees and the Legislature," Baker said around the campus. Baker emphasized in his statement that joining the consortium, which would have allowed to students and faculty to buy Apple Macintosh computers at a 50 percent discount.

Senates announces new 400-space parking lot

by John Bachman

The Student Senate's Administration Committee announced Wednesday night that 400 new temporary parking spaces will be constructed on the animal pasture which is along the road to the ornamental horticulture unit.

"One of the parking problem is the worst ever," said Jay Colombini, a senator from Agriculture and Natural Resources and member of the Administrative Committee which announced the new lot. "We have the smallest number of parking vacancies reported this year."

Colombini said that this year's parking stickers sold out faster than ever before, and that there were over 500 requests for stickers after they had sold out. The number of people using the daily permit boxes have quadrupled he said.

The new parking lot is scheduled to be completed within four weeks. The new lot will be temporary and made from a gravel asphalt mixture similar to the RRUG lot on the far side of the parking lot below the residence halls.

Colombini said that the administration is looking into relocating the sheep unit and putting a 600 to 700 car parking lot west of the rodeo arena.

"We considered many alternatives," said Larry Carter, dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources. "We preferred using this location to moving the sheep unit."

"We're not slated about giving up the land, but we are part of the whole educational community and so we picked the piece of land to give up) that would least damage our program."
Letters

MacIntosh offer was a sweet deal, reader says

Editor:
I would like to enter my two cents worth on the Apple Macintosh controversy. First of all, I believe it should be obvious to all by now that we've got a great opportunity—at least temporarily. The Macintosh offers good—make that great—potential, particularly at the $1000 price that was mentioned. The friendliness of the Mac highlights this for all students, faculty and staff.

Referring to the Jan. 30 letter to the Mustang Daily, it should also be obvious that the Macintosh deal (aka "Apple Consortium Deal") was no risk offer, requiring little of the university, while offering tremendous long term advantages. A benefit apparently overlooked is that such a sweet contract in effect, the impetus would be for other vendors to produce a similar package. Good old capitalism in action.

Should any members of the anti-Macintosh faction doubt the need for such an agreement, let me reiterate the facts for them:
1) We were offered, in basis, substantially discounted microcomputers in a no-risk deal.
2) At the price ($1000), the features of the Macintosh are unmatched.
3) The Macintosh is very friendly—vast experience with computers is not required. No computer majors should chase on that for a while.
4) Portability—students in particular can appreciate this; but even faculty and staff might find portability a benefit.
5) Industry acceptance—the computer industry recognizes the impact and potential of the Macintosh; and is vigorously hopping on the bandwagon, recognizing the benefits.

6) Apple is trying to create a new generation of computer users—and first appearances are that they will be very successful. This creates glorious opportunities for those who become involved early on; again reminiscent of the IBM PC.

Alas, the opponents of the Macintosh would like to seek out any disadvantages. Please note the following possibilities:

1) Price—can we get a better computer for a better price? On the open market, the Macintosh, TRS-8000 and IBM PC are all similarly priced ($2500), although the features vary. I confess that if all the computers were offered for $1000, I might consider the others, even though they may not be quite as 'friendly.'

2) MS-DOS?—Microsoft's is currently the fastest growing and most up-to-date software system, and is now the primary operating system in most new 16-bit microcomputers. The Macintosh is not currently compatible. However, Apple is expected to rectify this shortly, even though it probably isn't necessary in light of the industry's interest in creating software specifically for the Macintosh.

3) Expandability—currently not the strongest selling point of the Macintosh; the situation should begin to change soon, as Apple and other manufacturers introduce their options for the new computer. Expected are a 512K version, along with expansion boxes and plug-in components.

4) Compatibility—whatever first brought this up should have known better. Compatibility is a grades situation; plugging in a Mac for TRS or PC into another computer isn't like plugging a toaster into a wall outlet—it requires some thought.

But neither is it difficult nor impossible. A modem or other networking device is often all that is required. If Apple is offering dedicated hardware * * to link the Macintosh computers and accessories.

Certainly other microcomputers can also. Interesting, Apple is offering dedicated hardwared to link the Macintosh with IBM and DEC mainframe computers. Of course, an IBM 3270-PC ($4000+) will do pretty much the same thing.

I should hope by now that the negotiating team for Cal Poly will see that there is substantial interest in the Macintosh.

Randall Holfield

More on the Macintosh

Editor:
I feel compelled to comment on Cal Poly's rejection of Apple Computer's offer of half-price purchases of Macintosh computers and accessories.

The objections to Apple's apparent failure were based on the Apple III. The Apple III is still selling, and more importantly, Apple is still heavily supporting it. The Macintosh is also criticized for not yet having much software, and because it is not compatible with any of the existing computer systems on campus.

Yet the IBM PC didn't have any software when it was introduced, and now it is the center of a huge software industry. And what is meant by compatibility? No microcomputer is truly compatible with any of Poly's mainframe or minicomputer systems.

Two million dollars does seem like a very large amount. However, I did some simple figuring, taking the following as a rough estimate of the typical Macintosh computer purchase: $1,200 for the computer, $300 for a printer, and $200 for manuals, software, etc., or about $1,700 total. This figure divided into $2,000,000 gives about 1,200 computer purchases. Further division by three years yields 660 computers a year. That doesn't seem so bad! Now, the article stated that the goal is to have 10,000 computers on campus. There seems to be plenty of room for Apples and other brands, too.

Brian Payton
Letters

Reader's Diablo economics

Editor: We have heard all the various points of view concerning the Diablo Canyon issue except one: the economic viewpoint. Let us for a moment consider the issue of the plant from the business viewpoint.

PG&E has made a great financial investment in the Diablo Plant. Such an investment is not easily cast away by any company. If right now PG&E were to abandon the plant they would incur millions of dollars in losses—losses so huge that PG&E would have to raise prices charged to consumers. In turn all of us, the consumers, would pay for their loss.

The Diablo Plant is like a car that cannot run, because it has no fuel. Unfortunately this car is very expensive and cannot be merely replaced by going to Joe's used car lot.

We as the recipients of PG&E's product must understand their dilemma. True, the plant is a danger to the community, due to flaws in its construction, but unless someone is willing to reimburse PG&E for its investment there is little hope that the present situation will change.

We as people have two choices; we either reimburse PG&E for the nuclear plant (and abandon it) or we force PG&E to improve the facilities to an acceptable level of safety.

Pan! Cooper
Business Administration Major

The Doll

by David Klein

Editor: I was disconcerted to read in the Mustang Daily that the computer science department is considering leaving the School of Science and Mathematics. I think this would be a serious mistake because I believe that an important relationship is developing between computer science and science, especially in the areas of artificial intelligence, the nature of consciousness and quantum theory (physics).

Tom Schumann
Physics Department

Computer science needs math
UU celebrates with week of specials

by Margie Cooper

Must Write

Unions bring people together, whether it be in a celebration of marriages or in a celebration of the union. There will be cause for celebration next week on campus as students, faculty and staff join in "Unions in Celebration" to honor the University Union.

"The UU has undergone many changes and renovations this past year," Assistant UU Recreation Director Laura Thompae said, "and we'd like to showcase all that has gone on."

"We want students to see what their money has gone for," she added.

The UU is financed and supported by student fees. These fees paid for the $40,000 task of remodeling the games area on the lower level, Thompae said.

Student fees paid for a $3,000 satellite dish so TV viewers sitting in Bishop's Lounge now have 98 channels from which to select programs, she said.

Students should take advantage of the UU Travel Center, Thompae said, for travel, information on reservations, tours and discount flights.

Festivities begin on Monday, Feb. 6 and will continue all week with each activity area offering raffles or discount items.

At midnight on Thursday, Feb. 9, a grand prize raffle drawing will take place to culminate the week's activities, Thompae said.

The grand prize winner will receive two quarters of registration fees paid or a trip to Hawaii.

During the week, the Ice-Cream Parker, a favorite place on campus will offer double-scoop cones for 90 cents.

At the Burger Bar, mid-term crammers can grab a quarter-pound hamburger and get 50 cents off the regular price.

All rental equipment at the Escape Route will be half-priced for avid backpackers and outdoor enthusiasts.

El Corral plans to have a 91.29 book sale, an attractive price for voracious readers and the Copy Center will offer price specials on resume paper, envelopes and bindings.

The Games Area will be handing out a $50 prize for the highest score in 'Pac-Man.'

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Club readies women for business world

by Margarita Mills
Staff Writer

Preparing for careers in the business world is the primary purpose of a newly-formed club for women of all majors.

Women in Business is a professional organization designed to direct students toward a successful career in any type of business field. The club stresses personal development through the use of speakers, seminars and discussions.

The president and founder of the club, Debbie Chin, a senior business major, stressed that the club is not intended just for business majors.

Angela Colodro, the club's secretary, said they are planning to have speakers for most meetings. "The purpose of the guest is to discuss obstacles which may be encountered on the job. Seeing these successful women and hearing their stories motivates others to accomplish their goals," the math major said.

Scheduled speakers include Char Webster, an entrepreneur and owner of Image One, and Linda Fljmn, color and wardrobe consultant. Chin added, "We want to have primarily women speakers so they can share with us how they learned to deal with competition in a man's world and how they got around those barriers to become successful."

Chin started the group this quarter as a senior project. "I wanted to do something (for senior project) that would be more practical than a case study, something that would include working with people," more. There will be membership brunch Saturday, discouraged by larger clubs and don't get involved. So I thought it would be neat to get a group together to help women become successful.

Chin started by calling colleges and universities across the country to find if there was an organization for women of all majors. "All the groups I contacted required some sort of background in business. Then I found a Women in Business club at San Diego State, and started from there," she said. The San Diego and San Luis Obispo chapters are not bound by the same bylaws.

To get financial backing for the club, Chin contacted Debbie Richter, a lecturer in the Computer Science Department and a member of the local American Women's Business Association. Richter got the AWBA to contribute and became advisor for Women in Business.

Chin concluded, "It's getting off to a strong start. We now have about 30 members and are welcoming more." There will be membership brunch Saturday, February 4, in Fisher Science Room 292 at 10:30. The brunch is free to members. Anyone interested in joining can do so at the brunch for $5 for the rest of the academic year.

Author to speak after movie

"Missing," the film about an American family's search for their journalist son and his wife during the Chilean coup of 1973, will be shown at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in Chumash Auditorium.

Attorney Tom Hauser, author of the book on which the film was based, will appear after the movie and speak on the C.I.A.-backed coup that ousted then-Chilean president Salvador Allende Gossens.

Hauser will also talk about espionage, the C.I.A., conspiracy and related American business interests.

Hauser, 35, was the lawyer for the family whose son, Charles Hauser, disappeared. His book is a study of allegations that the U.S. government ordered the assassination of one of its own citizens to cover up American involvement in the coup. The book, published in 1978, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Advance tickets for the movie and lecture are $2.50 for Cal Poly students, children and senior citizens and $3.60 for the general public. Tickets will be 60 cents more at the door. They are available at the University Union ticket office, Cheap Thrills and Boo Boo Records.

The program is sponsored by the ASI Speakers Forum and Films Committee.

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Lifestyle
Around the world in

by Linda Reiff
Lifestyle Editor

Halfway through winter quarter, most Cal Poly students are hunkering down for cold-term. But there is something the diligent student should divulge in—plans for spring break! Several off-campus organizations are planning exciting ways for students to really enjoy their one week away from school.

The Cal Poly Travel Center, also located on the lower floor of the University Union, is arranging a pedalo-tour of the big island of Hawaii. The round-trip with all accommodations and activities included is only $200. A. S. I. Outings is planning a week at the Havasu Indian Reservation. This is one of the most beautiful places in the world," said Ned Neubert, University Union Recreation director. "The water is turquoise, the canyon is red, and there are spectacular waterfalls 200 to 300 feet high."

One of the A. S. I. Outings' most popular trips will be offered again over spring break—backpacking for a week at the Havasupai Indian Reservation. "This was geared more for this faculty and staff. We encourage them to take advantage of all our trips. They're for the whole campus community," Neubert said.

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One of their proposed plans is a trans-Sierra trip on cross-country skis. A group of students will spend a week travelling on one of four high Sierra routes, depending on the snow conditions. The total cost for the trip will probably be around $160. Check in at the Escape Route, located on the lower floor of the University Union, for further details.

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Littlefield said the group will be able to tour the islands and go scuba diving. The cost is $100, which includes breakfast meals prepared by the crew.

"People say it's just fantastic! Just bring your bathing suit, sunglasses and suntan lotion—that's it," he said.

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CAVING IN CARLSBAD

A small group of students is planning a trip to explore 17 caves in Southeastern New Mexico. About eight people will be allowed to go to the Carlsbad National Park caverns for one week. The cost will be about $15. Only experienced cavers may go on this trip.

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in seven days—students plan outings for spring break

Cal Poly students and staff members ride the rapids during a rafting trip sponsored by the A.S.I. Outings committee. A spring trip is being planned.

SUN VALLEY SKIING...
Five days of skiing in Sun Valley, Idaho, is the goal of the Cal Poly Ski Club this spring break. About 150 Cal Poly students are expected to travel by bus to this well-known resort.
Mike Benkert, club president, said the cost is $286. This will include transportation, lodging, lift tickets and activities.
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Crest Pizza Parlor. Anyone interested in going should attend the gathering or call Benkert at 543-0637.

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WHITE-WATER RAFTING...

Somewhere in the western United States, depending on weather and water conditions, the A.S.I. Outings Committee is planning a white-water rafting trip. Five days and nights will be spent on the river.

"You don't need experience," Brainer said. "This is an extremely good way to spend the break. There's a lot of floating along, soaking up the scenery, then every couple of hours the river becomes more rapid."

About 25 people will be allowed on the trip, at a cost of around $120 each. Sign up in the escape route.

Baker optimistic for more after Apple

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percent reduction, was not simply a low cost pricing agreement.

The university would have been required to purchase and use the Apple in order for students and faculty members to also purchase the computer.

Baker also stressed that he is attempting to bring a "wide range of computing power" to Cal Poly. He said pricing agreements to bring microcomputers at a low cost to faculty, students and staff are being pursued.

Members of seven black student organizations, in coordination with Cal Poly's black faculty and staff, will present activities throughout February to celebrate Black History Month.

A Black History Month Committee was organized to coordinate the activities. The purpose is to increase awareness of the contributions of Afro Americans to the culture and history of the United States. The committee consists of the Afro-American Student Union (ASSU), Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., the Society of Black Engineers and Scientists, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., and the Student Academic Services.

Activities for the Cal Poly Black History Month celebration will include an exhibit in the Robert E. Kennedy Library from February 6-29 depicting Afro American history. In the multi-Cultural Center from February 13-18 there will be books, pictures, posters, and other popular representations of Afro-American life on display. In the Venture Gallery of the Art Department from February 16-March 7 an exhibit titled "Off White" in which the work of black artists Gail Oliver, Robb Mosley, and Guy Maxwell will be presented.

A Talent and Award Show February 11 at 7 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium will feature skits, poetry and dramatic readings, a fashion show, and a performance by the House of Prayer Choir.

Dr. Clayborne Carson, associate professor of history at Stanford University will speak in San Luis Lounge at the University Union on February 16 at 7 p.m. His topic will be "The Civil Rights Movement and the State of Black History."

Rounding out Black History Month will be the "Black Chautauqua: An Evening with Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass and Maria Stewart," on February 28 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Health Center Conference Room.
Patrick Hunt and Joann Byrne perform in a one act play based on George Orwell's '1984' put on by faculty and students from San Francisco State University.

Professors, students put '1984' on stage
by Catherine Aaron

An original theater production from George Orwell's 1984 was presented at Cal Poly in conference room 220 of the University Union yesterday by five professors and students from San Francisco State University.

The 60-minute presentation was written and directed by Larry Medcalf, associate speech professor and director of forensics.

Dressed in black and gray, the four speakers reenacted the experiences of Winston Smith, the main character in Orwell's novel. Smith joins a conspiracy to fight against the dictatorial political party in power and the pressures to conform in action as well as thought.

The cast began and ended the show chanting "war is peace, freedom is slavery, ignorance is peace," which was one of the slogans of the regime of "Big Brother" in the fictitious society.

The speakers were students Joann Byrne and Beverly Smith, and speech and communications professors Patrick Hunt and Bill Sonnenschein, all of San Francisco State University.

The presentation was the third in five to be presented this quarter by Cal Poly's Arts and Humanities Lecture Series Committee.

"Big Brother is Watching You" is the next lecture to be delivered by James B. Maguire III February 16 at 11 a.m. in the University Union, room 220. The series is free and open to the public.

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Women's waterpolo springs into season

by Karen Kraemer

Women's water polo does exist at Cal Poly. Recently, the Cal Poly women's water polo club has gotten together to begin workouts for the spring season.

Two former water polo players have volunteered to help coach the squad. But there remains one problem, as only nine dedicated girls are on the roster.

"If it only takes seven to play, but ideally we'd like to have more than 14 people, at least for scrimmaging in practice," said David Wilson, a former Cal Poly College and Cal Poly water polo player.

Also sharing the assistant roles is Chad Livermore. Livermore spent fall quarter playing polo under coach Terry Bowen at Cuesta.

Both coaches goal of producing "a competitive women's water polo club" will be seen provided there is some help from growing attendance.

"I know there are a lot of girls out there. I hope after people hear that there is a team, they'll start showing up," said Wilson.

"The sooner the better."

The team will compete in tournaments spring quarter. Presently vying for pool time, the club organizes home games during Poly Playoffs.

The winter quarter practices will concentrate on developing skills and physical condition necessary to be effective in a game situation. Practice runs from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., every weekday. Any women interested in playing water polo are encouraged to come by the pool.

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**Men's tennis team goes on the road**

by Sherman Turnite

Staff Writer

The men's tennis team will compete today against Westmont College in Santa Barbara and will take on the University of Santa Barbara on Saturday.

The Mustang netters won their season opener last weekend against California College Athletic Association rival U.C. Riverside, 9-0. They will attempt to keep an unblemished record today against Westmont College, who is in the top ten in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Poly beat Westmont last year 8-1, and third year head coach Hugh Bream feels his team can be successful today. "Their top players are very strong and competitive, but the team overall lacks depth. We should sweep their bottom three," said coach Bream.

Westmont's top player, Doug Matthews, is ranked 10th in the NAIA. The competition will be a lot tougher when the Mustangs match up against a tough Division I U.C. Santa Barbara team.

Last year Poly beat the Gauchos 5-4 in Santa Barbara and 7-2 at home. But coach Bream anticipates a tense battle against UCSB, who are one of the top teams in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

"The match will be extremely close and probably come down to the number one doubles match," said coach Bream.

The Mustang netters will return home for a match against another PCAA power, Fresno State University, on Wednesday. "A win over UCSB will give us a lot of confidence going against Fresno State," coach Bream emphasized.
Lacrosse club makes its mark in west

by Karen Kraemer

Lacrosse on the west coast? A Cal Poly nilie’s club is proving that lacrosse is a sport not limited to the spacious poles fields in the east. A combination of hockey, soccer, and basketball, lacrosse is known for its quick picks, short passes, and fluid motion.

The 24-member club has grown from a single ad placed in the Mustang Daily five years ago. Now the team is considered one of the most competitive teams in the WCLL (Western Collegiate Lacrosse League).

“We are playing teams such as Cal Berkeley and Stanford, we’ve had both head and paid coaches,” said Randall Pearson, the last of the original players. “For what we have, we do fantastic.”

Coaching the club is goalie Scott Graham. Graham, from Long Island, New York, has been a starter for three years now. Polv has the only player-coach situation in the WCLL. Regardless of lack of material resources, the men’s lacrosse team has managed to do exceptionally well.

Last year they were the only division team to beat state champions UC Santa Barbara. This year the Cal Poly lacrosse season will open against the same Santa Barbara team.

A strong defensive could secure another win for the club. “If the defender can’t shut down a attack then it’s all over,” Pearson said. “We’ve lucky enough to have back almost all of our defensive line.”

Some key players for Cal Poly are Stephen Bump, an all-star WCLL selection last season, Andy Fernandez, and Rob Nast. This trio will lead the Cal Poly team in an attack which should leave the Gauchos stunned.

The next home game is scheduled for February 11, against Cal Berkeley. Time and place of the game have not been decided.
No leisure time for Poly decathletes at L.A. meet

by Karen Kraemer
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Last Saturday and Sunday while students relaxed at the beach, two Cal Poly decathletes battled it out under the L.A. sun. The occasion was the 14th Annual L.A. Invitational Decathlon, and competing for the Cal Poly men's track team were Loren Diaz and Don Aguiar.

The decathlon is two days of intense competition. It involves effort in ten very different and demanding events. Throwing, running, jumping, and sprinting are only half of what it takes to be a competitive decathlete.

The other half involves dedication and mental discipline. The decathlon may not be as publically popular as the 'golden mile' but it certainly deserves some recognition.

For Diaz, an electrical engineering major, the meet proved to be riddled with new personal bests. Beginning with a strong 100-meter dash (11.3), Diaz ended the day with a 5:19 in the 400-meters. That same day he also managed to get in a 20'8" long jump, a 33'11" shot put, and a 6'1 1/4" high jump.

"The first day is always fun. You just do what you can and then worry about making up any mistakes on the second day," said Diaz.

On the second day, aside from the hurdles, Diaz ran into a few unforeseen obstacles. After incredible performance in both the 110-meter hurdles (16.3) and discus (110), Diaz had problems with the stadium lighting, or lack of lighting.

"This kind of thing upsets me the most," said Coach Tom Henderson. "When an athlete is kept from a national qualifying standard because of something entirely out of his control, it just doesn't seem fair.

Diaz found himself at the end of the pole vault run way holding a 15 foot pole and seeing nothing but darkness. The night followed him to the javelin run way where he made his throw two full strides before the hose box. Nonetheless Diaz threw 168 in an event which is fast becoming one of his strongest.

The 1600 meters was run by the lights of the parked cars which surrounded the track. Diaz opened up the ring with the fastest time of 4:26.9.

Although his final effort fell just 63 points short of the Division II national qualifying standard, Diaz is confident that he will make up the difference in the near future.

I wasn't really expecting to qualify this early in the season, but now I do have something to shoot for," said Diaz of his 6887 point total.

Also shooting for the national standard of 6950 is senior physical education major Don Aguiar. For Aguiar, the meet was a good chance to see how he compares and then worry about making up any mistakes on the second day," said Diaz.

Although his final effort fell just 63 points short of the Division II standard, Aguiar, like Diaz, is mainly a pole vaulter. Both Diaz and Aguiar competed in their first decathlon last spring in the California Collegiate Athletic Association conference meet. Coach Tom Henderson threw them into the event with only one week's warning.

With a ceiling on the number of conference competing athletes, Henderson needed the pole vaulters to "simply score points in the decathlon.

The two did more than that. Diaz won the conference title while Aguiar finished with a strong third.

This year both decathletes are seniors. Their sights are set on the spring nationals. Diaz and Aguiar still have to earn their plane tickets, but they are on the right track.

Ulrich helps rev up Mustang team

by Shari Ewing
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Cal Poly women's basketball player Kelly Ulrich is an athlete of many talents.

Not only does she enjoy a solid starting position on the Mustang squad, she also makes sure her two vehicles—a truck and a motorcycle—are in starting condition.

See, Ulrich is an accomplished mechanic.

"I like to do as much as I can because (repairs are) so expensive," she explained. "I grew up on a ranch and we had to know how to do that.

Her mechanical abilities carry over onto the court, where Ulrich turns up the Mustang offense. The 5-7 senior holds down a guard position—shooter guard to be exact—opposite teammate point guard Chris Hunter.

On the court, Ulrich is a self-taught mechanic. "I studied the Peugeot manual and tried to fix things," she says.

In the first week of the season, Ulrich spent 20 hours repairing her truck. "It was worth it, I just had to get back to the way it was," she said.

Ulrich is on a roll, and thinks this is her best season. Averaging 11.2 points and 4.8 rebounds per outing, she's right. In CCAA action, Ulrich averages 10 buckets and is the team's number two scorer behind Terri MacDonald.

It doesn't seem like anything is going slow her down, either. Ulrich just played the two best games of her career against CS Northridge and CS Los Angeles, with a fractured finger, sustained in a game against Chapman College.

Ulrich, injured finger and all, and the lady Mustangs travel south Saturday to play what is probably their toughest game this season against perennial powerhouse Cal Poly Pomona. Pomona is ranked first in the nation in Division 11 polls.

"That's going to be a tough game, but we may be able to pull it off," said Ulrich. "We have two wins this past week. We're ready to go."

Cal Poly is blessed with belonging to the toughest division in the nation, along with Pomona, Chapman College, Dominguez Hills and UC Riverside.

Because of this, two or three teams from the California Collegiate Athletic Association advance to the regionals—the first step to the NCAA championships. The Mustangs, with their 2-3 conference standing, still have a shot at making a regional berth if they can overcome Pomona and win their remaining games.

But whatever remains in store for the basketball team, one thing is for certain: Ulrich will keep busy. The natural resources management major has a lot of outside interests: if the weather stays nice, she'll go surfing. If not, she'll hit the slopes, or maybe go fishing. She could even take the old motorcycle out for a test drive.

If she does, this off-the-court and on-the-court mechanic is in for a smooth ride.

Wilton changes mind, stays at Poly

by Dave Wilcox
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In a turnaround as sudden as his initial announcement was surprising, Mike Wilton Thursday afternoon decided to remain as Cal Poly's head women's volleyball coach after formally announcing his resigna tion earlier that day.

Wilton, who had accepted a similar position at the University of Washington, said he changed his mind after an emotional meeting with his players during which he informed them he was leaving.

"After that, I looked down at the floor of the gym, saw the dust and the gum, and decided I couldn't leave what I've started here," Wilton explained.

Wilton said he thought about "all the great fans, the students and community. I can't leave."

After informing Poly officials of his switch, Wilton said he still had to make a phone call to the University of Washington.

In six years at the helm of the women's program, Wilton has taken a sub-.500 team to a top ten Division I powerhouse, guiding the Lady Mustangs to three consecutive NCAA fifth-place finishes beginning in 1981. During his tenure, Poly has posted an impressive 54-68 record.

As part of the Washington deal, Wilton would not have had to assume any teaching responsibilities and would've been allowed to run his own camp, keeping whatever profits were made.