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 the student body, 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

Women's gift, called it the most tragic event she's seen in her 20-year tenure as president. Sue Luis Obeso, Police Chief Jan Conlin 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 stay vivid in students' minds. Newhouse, a Cal Poly nutrition science junior, disappeared Nov. 12, after leaving Tamalpais Hall following a meeting at San Luis Obispo. Crawford, a Cuesta College student, was abducted from her French Street duplex on March 12.

Investigations believe registered sex offender Rex Allan Krebs is responsible for their deaths. The women were bound in grave sites near Krebs' rented Slauson property. Police confirmed the victims died of asphyxiation and were sexually assaulted.

Last month, Krebs pleaded not guilty to two counts, including murder, rape and kidnapping. The preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 7.

Poly looks for state dollars to avoid fee hike

First, Poly Plan big show guarantees a student referendum on the fee increase. Then, they cancelled the vote to push Sacramento for more money for upgrades: educational programs. Now, the tech group has rejected the high-cost program plan, but has allotted $52 million to stop development of 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 handprints 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 repaint the handprints. For the last two years, the university has considered 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 Gies and Students' Center Public relations Coordinator Whitney Plamondon wrote a letter to administrators proposing they drop the handprints from the current graf¬fiti policy.

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

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

Many students called the univer¬sity'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 ser¬vice.

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

Mustang Daily has followed this 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 increases faculty's 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 CSU and CFA can assure access to quality higher education for all qualified students," Reed said in a statement.

The agreement offers faculty a 3.2 percent average salary increase this year and a 3 percent average general salary increase retroactive to Sept. 1998, the sticking point for the CFA bargaining team. It also begins offering two-year contracts for 800 part-time lecturers.

Eighty percent of CFA members who voted supported 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. Krisrin Smart disappeared Memorial Day weekend 1996, and
investigators have recently received their search for leads. In March FBI
agents summoned 1,500 students who lived in the dorms when Smart disap­
ppeared.
New information from two weeks of interviews led investigators to
search new spots 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 team up to develop the program for Cal Poly.
In winter quarter, 15,384 students used CAPTURE to register and 1,800
students used POWER, compared with 14,216 students who used CAP­TURE and 1,355 students who used
POWER during spring rotation,
according to Jeff Caddle, co-creator of POWER and Office of Academic
Records employee.
Caddle, 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 web site,
Wehrmann said.
POWER works in two different
ways: It can recreate a schedule and
dent’s schedule. This part of the
application is available during the
week, 24 hours a day. It can see in w4hat classes they are
enrolled, request credit/no credit
grade for a course, change unit val­
ues 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
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HATS OFF: The California State University Board of Trustees filed a court
complaint this year against Bello’s Sporting Goods downtown to prevent
the store from selling unlicensed merchandise bearing the Cal Poly logo.
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 but­
ton, according to Caddle.
POWER can also maintain a stu­
dent’s schedule. This part of the
application is available during the
same hours as CAPTURE. Students
can see in what classes they are
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TOP STORIES

Nude waterpolo calendar sinks, then stays afloat

The Cal Poly men’s water polo team made a big splash. A scantily-clad team photograph on a team calendar turned into a source of controversy. Rec Sports officials blocked them from selling the calendars to raise money for a trip to the National Championship.

“The offensive part is being covered by a water polo ball,” coach Sean Renshaw explained. “It’s in good taste. (But) the closer you look, you notice these guys don’t have any Speedos on their hips. You can tell something’s missing.”

Interim director of Rec Sports Mark Hartman said the picture was not appropriate since the water polo club is an entry of Rec Sports and not an independent club.

Hartman gave the team the option of retracting the picture wearing Speedos. After the team agreed to digitally alter the photo to limit certain player’s exposure, the sale of the calendar, a single sheet featuring a black-and-white photo of the disrobed team, surrounded by the months of the year, went ahead at El Coto Bookstore.

The team donated a portion of the proceeds to the fund for missing student Rachel Newhouse.

Polyratings provides an outlet for classroom rage

It’s the outlet for all-time professor revenge. Even the most constructive way to eliminate classroom rage is to allow the site to be used. However, the site is up, running and teeming with threats. A Peninsula Players community theatre production

“Live Theatre! The Adult Comedy”

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EYES ON THE BALL: Cal Poly’s men’s water polo team made waves with the Rec Center when members posed for a calendar with only balls covering their skin, equipment. 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 an 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 large vendors, such as JamSport, said Jeff Bliss, director of university relations.

In a May 1 Superior Court hearing, Judge Diane Levison denied Cal Poly’s injunction request for Bello’s 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 game that included beer sales.

Despite the historic moment, however, fans barely tapped the keg. Only 12 beers were sold at the pre-game festivities. Still, plans are in the works for a similar event at every home game next season.

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

Construction of the new parking structure near the Performing Arts Center is on schedule. The $8.8 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 Durkacz.

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

The Watry Group designed and engineered the parking structure.

“We tried to give the university an economical structure and preserve views. The only thing that will protrude above the upper levels will be the elevator towers, which are small,” said Tod Hansen, an architect with Watry.

Everyone can keep up to date on the construction of the parking structure on the Internet via a live web camera, http://cmweb-calslo.calpoly.edu.

The $11,000 square-foot open-air parking structure will have 936 parking spots including 20 handicapped spots on its four levels. The garage will also include a drop off loop for the PAC.

Taking into consideration the 150 parking spaces that will be lost, the parking structure will add 786 parking spaces to campus. It is still undecided how many of the spots will be staff and how many will be general.

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Prayer in schools is not the ‘quick fix’

I t’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 some people prefer that there are no easy answers and certainly no easy fixes, prayer in schools just might help. More and more politicians,. more and more parents, are getting religion; possibly they think so. We have to get back to God and the way things were. 

The first part of this century saw much racial discrimination enforced by law. Jim Crow ruled the South and Jim Crow was every occurrence. Civil rights labor learned for being of Japanese descent, even the ones that said their prayers.

Getting back to the war things were to be a cost of restitutions. Multitudes might not be that eager to return to those peaceful times. Men and women have a natural tendency to view the past through rose-colored glasses, but through photographic negatives. Black becomes white, white becomes black, and human beings remember the past all wrong. Multitudes might not be that eager to return to those times.

So we have older adults believing the era they grew up in was the best time to grow up. A virtually white community of crime and poverty and other social ills (After all, you never hear black people talking about the peaceful Alabamas of the ’50s or ’60s, it seems talking about the glory days on the reservation). And we have fine upstanding, younger citizens believing the older ones when they speak about something that never existed.

We all want peaceful communities, but we get chances, at the midst of this class we hope for a change, but that hope can be an illusion. Prayer in public schools didn’t make a difference before. It was merely a coincidence that happened at the same time that prayer in public schools were read. Prayer didn’t cause violence in the first half of this century, but it didn’t do much to stop it either.

Then the Supreme Court ruled school prayer unconstitutional in 1963, and more violence continued to take place, like the shootings. No prayer is back in the limelight, but it remains a simple, yet highly effective, fix of our problems.

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.

If God is universal, then why does the drive for prayer in public schools seem less than universal?

Nabeel Sultan

Nabeel 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 ingeniously proving his own stereotype on himself. After reading his ridiculous commentary “Sports at Poly is a classic joke vs. Norte Dame,” June 3, I 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 asking more like a thinker and less like a Junior Woodchuck in the Jim Rome Fandubs.

Second, in the same paragraph that you decry those who apply stereotypes, you liken all the people who write letters opposing the over-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 misused negatively 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’s athletes.

I have nothing to do with Dungeons and Dragons, jocks, or nerds, but if I do know I hate the fact that my tuition money is diverted to baseless complexes I will never use nor be allowed to if I wanted to. I hate that athletes, for two quarters a year, get to register before me, no matter what my priorities. I hate that undetermined clubs, like the Wheelmen, the Lacrosse team, and many others, consistently kick us as while we dodge money into the “important” sports only to get less than impressive results.

Lattice, King, you seem to think 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 success 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 communication senior.

It’s been fun, Mustang Daily Editor:

As the web manager for University Graphic Systems, it has been my profound privilege to work with the Mustang Daily staff and editors. I firmly believe Mustang Daily exemplifies the ‘learn by doing’ approach at Cal Poly. I have seen a more dedicated group of professionals work so hard on a product, which has a lifespan of only a few hours.

It has been both a pain and a pleasure working with them. I don’t know how they manage to work 7 to 8 hours a day on the paper and still have time to go class (maybe and) party all night (definitely). I look forward to working with the staff next year and beating all of them at softball for the first time ever, we hope. Oh and by the way, I am no worse at playing softball then they are at reporting it.

Jeremy J. Bennett is a graphic communication senior.

King Harris teaches broadcasting to journalism students.

‘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 performance couldn’t have been achieved without the students.

It was their perseverance that rebuilt and operated a struggling CPTV; their knowledge that put many a class back on course; their contributions which upgraded more than one lecture; their ideas that helped 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 the way, don’t forget — you’re the best.
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'Connor, 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 next 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 million Academic Fee allocation proposal would generate an additional $135 per quarter student, based on the $15 million level proposed by the Senate, or an additional $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 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.

Bellos fights back against Poly

Editor:
This is written in response to Christine Helwick's letter in which she attempted to justify the lawsuit that Cal Poly opened against Bello's Sporting Goods for selling sweatshirts with "Cal Poly" sewn on the garments. With all due respect to Helwick, she has erred. The lawsuit is based on an exaggerated, inaccurate interpretation of Cal Poly's legal rights.

Cal Poly contends that "CSU" means "Cal Poly" and that the mere use of the words "California State University" or "any abbreviation of it" if used improperly. Cal Poly contends that "CSU" means "Cal Poly" and that the mere use of the words "California State University" or "any abbreviation of it" if used improperly.

Cal Poly claims that Bello's sales of soft goods with "Cal Poly" sewn on the garments violates a specific provision of the Education Code, which prohibits the use of the words "California State University" or "any abbreviation of it" if used improperly.

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Editor:

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1998-99 Mustang Daily staff farewell

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 '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... capitaliration 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 cheeseiness.

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.

Jaime 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 Wayne, booin' the shibbird, 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. Ruvusso, Ms. Stevenson, Trisha, Bryce, Huffer, Kathryn, Sterling, Matty K., Arms 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, Hutf, 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
talking: “I don’t respond well to mellow, you know what I mean, I... I have a tendency to... if I get too mellow, I... I ripen and then rot.”

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 my 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 on my walls. 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.

Ryan Becker
editor in chief
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 1980 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 Shanfeld 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 200 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.

Senior runningback Antonio Warren is the Mustang's all-time leading and our third choice. In the Sept. 26 game against St. Mary's, Warren broke the Cal Poly record for total yards rushed. The 18-year-old record of 5,350 yards was broken when Warren rushed for 144 yards in the game.

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Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort is the perfect spot for celebrating the end of a school year with special friends.
New chief prepares millenium plan for 1999-2000 Daily

By Ryan Becker
Mustang Daily

"(The Mustang Daily) is where students come first for news... I only hope to improve the informational quality of the newspaper."
— Andy Castagnola
new top dog

"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."

"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 what's happening this weekend, to find out how the basketball team is doing. I only hope to improve the informational quality of the newspaper."

The journalism department's publishers' board selected Castagnola this quarter to lead San Luis Obispo's best daily newspaper into the new millennium. His tenure as editor officially begins in the fall.

"I have a lot of ideas, and I'm ready to get going," he said in an exclusive sit-down interview on Thursday. "I have a good grasp of lots of different aspects of managing a newspaper."

Castagnola has been an assistant news editor and a reporter for the Mustang Daily, and has also worked an internship at Scripps-Howard News Service in Washington, D.C.

The clean-cut Castagnola is hoping his ambitious plans for the Daily are infectious. He wants the Mustang Daily to continue challenging San Luis Obispo's other media outlets.

"We can do it better than they can. If we're just a student paper, how come we're getting to the news first?" he said. "How come our stories are better and our photos are better and our design is better? I think there's a dedication to the Mustang Daily that other media doesn't have."

Castagnola is expecting a great deal of personal growth, too.

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- Andrea Parker, opinion editor
- Whitney Phaneuf, arts editor
- Steve Geringer, assistant arts editor
- Shelly Carr, Kristi Doehne
- Melissa McFarland, copy editors
- Jeremy Roe, new media director
- Ryan Becker, weekend editor
- Craig Nanaumi, graphics editor

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Mimnaugh named Coach of the Year

Mustang Daily

Friday, June 4, 1999

Mimnaugh knows championships take time and is happy with where the program is going. Her freshmen have been the stars of the team.

Caroline Rowles was named to the conference's All-Freshman Team and won No. 1 on the conference rebounding list, averaging 12.9 per game. Kristy Baker was a formidable 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 1.9 steals per game, which put her at No. 8 in the Big West.

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 Critten, 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 15-11, 16-14, 13-15, 13-15, 16-16. The head women's volleyball coach was one vote shy of the award.

Schlick certainly deserves recognition for guiding his team to an 18-9 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 powers — No. 1 Long Beach State, No. 9 University of Pacific and No. 11 UC Santa Barbara — twice a year.

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Women's basketball head coach Faith Mimnaugh finished this season with an 8-18 record, but numbers can be deceiving. She's 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, one junior and tour seniors.

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the Mustangs are taking steps forward.

Another sign of forward progress is the list of awards for this year's freshmen. Forward Caroline Rodgers was named to the Big West Conference All-Freshmen Team and took third in rebounds in the conference. Fellow freshman Kristi Baker rounded out the conference in assists and three-point goals. A third freshman, Odessa Jenkins averaged 1.9 steals per game and enough for eighth in the Big West.

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Not only did Stockton provide the offensive firepower for Cal Poly, but she also played a solid left field. She made only two errors the entire 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 the leader and 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.

Zirelli was the No. 78 overall pick in the draft, which lasts 50 rounds. He's set to report to the Giants spring training facility in Scottsdale next Friday.

Zirelli said, "I'm glad to get picked and get a chance to prove myself at the next level."
**Zirelli is second Poly pitcher drafted by S.F.**

By Matt Sterling

Mustang Daily

For the second time in two days, the San Francisco State coaches offered a $500 scholarship. The Mustangs picked a first-team All-USA
drafted Poly's Jeremy Zirelli as second round pick.

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 scouts that had been looking at me
called me this morning at 8:30 and told me
they had some good news for me," Zirelli said. He
told me he was looking for the future.

— Jeremy Cunningham

fourth round draft pick

*(Thursday in the 2nd round)*.

Zirelli has been a Giants fan since he was a baby. The Giants were his first choice, but he also had been selected by the Cardinals and Rockies.

"My dad has season tickets for the Giants," Zirelli said. "I've been to the Stacks more 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

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

The Sports Complex breaks dirt

After years of planning and discussion, the long-awaited Sports Complex finally began construction. The Sports Complex project completion due
time is the summer of 2000. The finished

will be a state-of-the-art baseball
stadium and softball field. There will
also be time after the multi-purpose field,
which will primarily be used by intramurals and club sports. The Sports Complex will cost more than 9 mil"n
and was recently estimated at

being 15 percent incomplete.

Football team finishes

with dismal 3-8 record

After an impressive 10-1 season when the Mustangs narrowly missed winning the season, the Poly football team stumbled to a 3-8 season, one of the worst since 1976. The Mustangs were unable to find a solid replacement for wide receiver Karmi Loop (who was drafted by the Buffalo Bills) and quarterback Alf Ahrens (who was one of the top passers in the country). A win over Liberty in the final game and Antonio Williams' run into the Cal Poly record book as the all-time leading rusher were highlights.

**Mustang named top athlete**

Men's basketball doesn't meet media expectations

Women's basketball wins most games since Division I move

Six members of the Mustang Daily sports department voted
draftsman's awards. The number

of votes received is to the

right of the name and the

date in parenthesis.

Senior football players go
to McCutcheon

Coach of the Year

Most Cal Poly's lost to Nevada, 101-75, but
the Mustangs still have a shot at the NCAA tournament. The seniors said their "off-season" plans include working on their academic support, discipline, communication and recruiting. McCutcheon took the seniors' card

concerns to Walsh before deciding to leave.

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