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As Cal Poly approaches a landmark date, Mustang Daily looks at the landmark structures that shaped our campus.

By Matt Sterling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly students unknowingly rush by places like the library and the University Union every day, but hiding in the walls of these landmarks are the people and the visions that shaped the campus.

As we come closer to the millennium, it is important to see what it took to construct these buildings, and what stood on the grounds prior to construction.

When Cal Poly first opened its doors in 1901, the library was housed on the first floor of the old administration building, one of the first two buildings on campus. Until 1947, the library jumped to a variety of locations, and its constant growth increased the need for a place of its own.

In 1949, the Dexter Library opened, which featured seminar rooms, two large reading rooms and three classrooms. Adjacent to one of the meeting rooms was a lounge complete with fireplace.

However, as campus enrollment grew exponentially after World War II and the famous GI Bill, Dexter Library was soon stressed to its limits. Thousands of new students entered the university, and the college struggled to have enough buildings to service them.

An annex to Dexter was used as a library later in the century, but in 1981 the current library was opened to students. At the time it was built, the Robert H. Kennedy Library was a humble structure that could be seen from Highway 1.

The library, named after former Cal Poly president Robert H. Kennedy, cost approximately $12 million to build.

"The library created a great deal of excitement when it opened," President Warren Baker said. "The library was a tremendous resource for the campus because the library facilities we had prior to that (in Dexter) could not house a very large percentage of the students."

With the new library more than quadrupling the meeting size of the Dexter library, students were able to have convenient study rooms.

"Students today take it for granted," Baker said. "But the students who saw the transition saw an enormous change. They now had a vital resource that they didn't have before. We found a huge see LANDMARKS, page 3

Technology revolutionizes Cal Poly's millennium plans

By Sonia Slutzki
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

Imagine a University Union where you can enjoy a cafe latte with a friend while looking up library information via Internet. What would it be like to have a building where students can socialize, study, do research or simply relax all in one?

As surprising as it may seem, technology is coming to Cal Poly as soon as 2004. As part of a master plan for future campuswide restructuring, a second university union near Robert E. Kennedy Library is being imagined, a dream that may soon enter the sketch books.

The concept of one or multiple buildings is still not clear, Kitamura said. Since certain entities may have funding earlier than others, construction may take place a little bit at a time, and a final outcome may take many years to complete.

"The earliest date for a final design would be around 2004, and it will probably be funded through private money," he said.

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STORIES THAT SHAPED A UNIVERSITY

Editor's Note:
Regardless of your feelings about the millennium, 2000 is a landmark we will all mark even if we cannot point to one specific date.

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Poly's famous grads remember alma mater

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

Mustang Daily contributor

Among those who have graduated from Cal Poly, an illustrator for the New York Times, a former Cal Poly student, has struggled with the fact that the library was a place where students could study. In this issue, we explore the importance of the library and its role in the education of Cal Poly students.

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Dear Santa, I still believe you are real

Dear Santa, there have been some awful rumors circulating about your existence. Some may argue that you are a myth, a legend and a fallacy. Some may also argue that you are real.

However, if people can believe in the oddities of so-called wrestlers who are employed by the World Wrestling Federation, then believing in a guy who dresses up in a silly red costume, hangs out with elves, sneaks into strangers’ homes to eat their cookies and drink their milk is not as far-fetched as it may seem. Your presence (and presents) are worth believing in.

There are countless legends about your origin. According to those legends, you, also known as St. Nicholas, were born in Turkey around 245 A.D. You were exiled at an early age. After receiving your inheritance, you gave it all away as food, gifts and money to the poor people of your homeland, Turkey. I can’t think of a better example of celebrating the Christmas spirit than a man who gave everything to help his fellow man.

Your legend has spread around the world. You are Father Christmas in England, Epiphany in France, Babbo Natal in Italy, Sinter Klass in Holland, and Joulupukki in Finland. If it weren’t for you, Christmas wouldn’t be Christmas. Thousands of shopping mall Santas would be out of a job. Letters to Santa would have to be altered. “You better watch out. You better not cry. You better not pout. I’m telling you why. Actually, I have no reason. Do what you want.”

Believing in you not only embodies the spirit of Christmas, it also aids in parent­ ing. Moms and dads around the world tell their kids to behave, or else coal will be the only thing in their stockings. Kids know that coal doesn’t look too cool next to the remote control or their friend got from Santa.

My parents are actually grateful for you. I don’t know if I would have been such a good little girl if not for the lingering notion of you always watching me when I was sleeping. You knew when I was awake. You knew when I was attempting to convince my little brother that holding an umbrella while jumping off our house would enable him to fly. The possibility of no presents in my stocking didn’t worry me. I just didn’t want to be on the “naughty” list.

Unfortunately, your spirit is now largely commercialized. The value of a gift doesn’t have to be measured in monetary value. A homemade present like a doorknob made out of Cheerios, bottle caps and tin foil can be appreciated as much, if not more, than a gift from Tiffany and Co. if it’s given from the heart.

Santa, I know it’s not easy being forgotten and taken for granted. Just remember that there are countless people, across the globe who realize the true spirit of Christmas. No one else can light up the eyes of children everywhere, except Pokemon.

Rest assured. I’ll do everything I can to keep pocket monsters from ruining Christmas.

Nanette Pietroforte is a Mustang Daily staff writer who knows Brent Marcus isn’t as much of a scrooge as everyone thinks.

Santa Claus is only a commercial icon

Yes, Nanette, there is a Santa Claus, and he is in the employ of evil. The Jolly Old Elf formerly known as Father Christmas sold out to an organization of huge multinational corporations years ago. He had some liposuction done around the midsection, ditched Mrs. Claus and now spends Christmas Eve cruising the back alleys of the North Pole in a red Corvette, yelling “Hoos, hoos, hoes,” and waving a $100 bill.

Nowadays, Santa is a plastic lawn ornament that spends the majority of the year in a storage container. He’s a career criminal with 25 minutes of obesity and a red suit, sitting in a mall, enticing the prepubescent children of the world to sit on his lap. He is the symbol of the gross consumerism that permeates the winter months, laughing merrily because he knows we have no choice but to buy lots of crap we don’t need. The man who was once a symbol of holiday cheer is now nothing more than a manifestation of all that is wrong with the holiday season.

When political cartoonist Thomas Nast created the American version of Santa Claus in the 1860s, he probably wasn’t anticipating that his creation would run amok. It was Coca-Cola in 1931 that put the finishing touches on the fig­ ure we recognize today. Even then, business had a strong hand in the cele­ bration of Christmas.

When Santa Claus gave up and became an economic symbol, Christmas started to lose its meaning, and hard-core consumerism invaded. Officially starting the day after Thanksgiving, people who have been able to preserve their sanity for the previous 11 months lose their minds, frantic­ ally moving from sale to sale in search of a gift that will probably be returned or used for kindling. The holiday shop­ per is a peculiar beast. There is a wild look in its eye and it will maim or kill to get its hands on the last gift on its list. Presents are bought out of a soci­ al feeling of obligation, not neces­ sarily because they fill a need or carry significant meaning to the receiver.

The true spirit of the holidays lies in personal appreciation of life and family. Gifts are, always have been and always will be, an important part of the season, but they have become burdensome and irrel­ evant. Cadbury, trinkets and die­ dals are not a substitute for 164­ days of familial neglect.

Rather than burning your dad a tie that will end up in the garbage, tell her how much she means to you.

Santa may have fallen in with big business, but don’t let his horrible mistake affect you. Don’t succumb to the hype. Don’t give gifts that people don’t want.

Use the holiday season to create stronger bonds with your friends and family and resist the urge to buy things people don’t need.

And if a girthy fellow dressed in red pops out of your chimney this holiday season and asks you to give him yet another tie, tell him you gave that to Tiffany last year.

Brent Marcus is a Mustang Daily staff writer who knows Nanette Pietroforte doesn’t really understand the beauty of professional wrestling.
Ten years of valuable life lessons

As my undergraduate college career winds down—a long road spanning 10 years—I’ve come to believe a few things.

1. High SAT scores and good grades aren’t necessarily indicators of common sense. How many times have you run across someone who falls into this category?

2. Attending class actually improves your grades. Unfortunately, I learned this lesson the hard way.

3. I can no longer tolerate parties, or crowds for that matter, where the people are packed like sardines into small areas.

4. I am sometimes wrong.

5. Teachers are sometimes wrong.

6. Sincere effort does not always insure positive results.

7. Keeping your cool while others around you lose theirs is not as easy as it sounds.

8. While “the more” may be simple in design, efficient navigation requires an M.D.

9. Future curriculums should include a class on personal finance; a class covering wills, trusts and estates; and a class on child care.

10. High school curriculums and/or the college general education curriculums should include a course on personal finance.

11. Perfectly executed California-roll stop is a beautiful thing.

12. Anita Hill was telling the truth.

13. Clinton lies whenever his/her lips are moving.

14. Animals can get laryngitis, too. There is nothing funnier than a cat meowing in a cracked voice.

15. The real beauty of a woman lies within.

16. Expertise in one area does not necessarily indicate knowledge in another. However, arrogance tends to ignore this boundary.

17. I still have no idea what the phrase “all things being equal” means.

18. Ignorance is sometimes blissful.

19. Most people believe that administrators and politicians have second job titles: co-conspirators. Far too much credit is being granted to these people for this to be the case.

20. None of the world’s problems will be solved by putting the world on a pedestal, taking the time to think how you fit into the whole thing. This New Year’s, don’t accuse us of being unrealistic.

My other solution is a little more tame.

Scott A. Lemos is a political science senior who is anxiously awaiting a fat envelope from law school.

If the world does not end at the stroke of midnight on New Year’s Eve, we are all going to be in a lot of trouble. In less than a month, the world will be simultaneously useless and terrifying.

Three, two, one, it will be just another New Year.

The world has been preparing for the coming of the new millennium for 1,000 years. That’s a long time for an event that will come and go in the manner of a single second. Dick Clark will temporarily leave his giant formaldehyde-aqueous to countdown the seconds.

“Three, two, one, Happy New Millennium,” and we will all be standing on the other side. Yeppee. But then what? New Year’s Day is on a Saturday, giving us Sunday to recover from our bacchanalian orgies. On Monday, it’s business as usual, and 2,000 more years to the next celebration. Depressing, isn’t it?

My plea to the federal government is the immediate addition of President to the water supply. We already have fluoride to fix our teeth, and aren’t our psyches more important than a good set of choppers? Unfortunately, for reasons beyond me, governmental mud regulation is frozen upon.

My other solution is a little more tame. Ignore all the hype, resist the urge to buy any product with the word “Millennium” emblazoned across the front, and spend the evening with the word “Millennium” emblazoned across the front, and spend the evening with the word “Millennium” emblazoned across the front, and spend the evening with the word “Millennium” emblazoned across the front, and spend the evening with the word “Millennium” emblazoned across the front, and spend the evening with the word “Millennium” emblazoned across the front, and spend the evening with the word “Millennium” emblazoned across the front. Do you believe in our success.

Brent Marcus is a journalism senior who is responsible for our success.
Letters to the editor

ASI straightens PACE facts

Editor,

I cannot help but feel obligated to clarify the history of professors versus athletes. Yesterday’s letter to the editor, “PACE, back on track,” included a lot of factual inaccuracies. But here is the true history of PACE, something the letter’s author failed to consult when deciding to declare that Associated Students Inc. has given up on the PACE vote. I was there. I witnessed the proceedings. In fact, I attended the PACE vote as a Web-based system.

1997–98: ASI passes Bill 97-98, finalizing the procedures for PACE’s vote as a Web-based system.

1999: Jan 10, Porthole is launched. 1999–2000: Porthole includes grading and brings back poll questions.

2003–2004: ASI appears as part of important public forums and is published by ASI. I think we can all decide the facts for ourselves.

I would encourage any student who has any idea that will benefit students to contact ASI for help.

Samuel Abrome is an industrial engineering senior who has been involved in ASI for four years.

Keep tradition in perspective

Editor,

As a brother of a recent graduate of Texas A&M, I am still closely tied to the traditions of the bontire’s construction. Furthermore, it is obvious that she has no idea about what the bontire is or how it is used. I cannot help but feel disturbed to clarity is shown in this article. Where do we find our traditions? Where do we find our history? Where do we find our identity? Where do we find our culture?

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Schools strengthme college athletic programs

Editor,

As a former scholarship athlete at Cal Poly, let me say that you expressed your opinion by Brian Seley (“Athletic scholarships are not necessary,” Dec. 11). I couldn’t help but be embarrassed about our institution. This attitude is exactly why our athletic program struggles to remain competitive today and with the latest trend toward ensuring our sports programs have the underwrite financial aid is a slap in the face. In his letter, Seley makes an interesting point. You can see how Cal Poly should allocate these athletic scholarships. If that was to happen, say good-bye to the strength of our athletic program too. No high school athletes with any pride or value to go on the field that does not appreciate and commit to its athletes. Who wants to attend a school represented by

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Poly solicits cash for 100th birthday

By Nanette Pietroforte
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Foundation hopes to triple the annual amount of donations with a campaign geared to celebrate Cal Poly's 100th birthday in 2001.

Vice President for University Advancement William G. Boldt said Cal Poly receives almost $11 million in private donations annually. With the Centennial Campaign, Foundation hopes to raise the annual average to $30 million.

"The Centennial Campaign is a comprehensive campaign to identify academic needs of the university and then raise private support to meet those needs," Boldt said.

He said private donations supplement what state support can't fund. "We, as a polytechnic university, require expensive equipment to support curriculum," he said. "We want to maintain academic excellence."


Boldt said the campaign is different than most fund-raisers.

"Most campaigns have large, unrestricted goals," he said.

Money raised during the Centennial Campaign funds five specific areas, such as student support and program enhancement.

"Donors are more generous when they see immediate results," Boldt said.

College advancement directors, deans and the president's office contact possible donors, including individuals, foundations and corporations for the Centennial Campaign.

"We're building relationships with alumni, friends and corporations," Boldt said. "For example, a Cal Poly graduate wins the Pulitzer Prize. We'll call them and ask, 'Have you thought about giving back to Cal Poly?'"

Craig Nelson, interim director for the Cal Poly fund, heads the Student Phonathon program. More than 35 students are employed with the program, located on campus. They can see CENTENNIAL, page 8

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We are looking at a possible overall enrollment increase of up to 4,000 students, which would have to be housed on campus.

Warren Baker
Cal Poly President

The housing complex, which is protected for June 2001, is one of the structures being built to create a more compact campus core, Baker said. The idea is to meet the demands of higher education for more students while conserving our focus as an undergraduate institution, and maintaining Cal Poly's unique low student-teacher ratio and hands-on educational programs.

Other projects nearing completion include a large student union designed for the future, the designing of an engineering building as well as a campuswide telecommunications infrastructure with fiber optics and an architecture-engineering renovation project. The estimated cost for total construction of the master plan has not yet been determined.

In its 22nd Anniversary Year
The Civic Ballet of San Luis Obispo proudly presents
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The Polytchnic Californian replaced El Mustang for less than one year in 1940.

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Face-lifts change downtown SLO

By Scott Oakley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

There's "a whole lot of shakin' on" in downtown San Luis Obispo. Ideas for redevelopment have been in the works for several years, and during the new millennium the face of downtown will see many changes.

"We have a downtown concept plan that was adopted in the early '90s," Dave Romero, San Luis Obispo vice mayor, said.

According to Romero, the idea behind the plan is to improve downtown's aesthetic appeal.

"We are trying to improve downtown all the time. If you don't improve downtown, it looks away," Romero said.

Currently, the Copeland's Chinatown project is a proposal aimed at improving downtown. Proposed by Tom and Jim Copeland, the plan calls for redeveloping the Chinatown District parking lot on Osos and Monterey streets. In addition, future redevelopment of the downtown bus transfer center is also planned.

"The downtown center has been in the works for a number of years," Transit manager Brandon Farley said. According to Farley, the city is looking to remodel the downtown center to increase passenger safety. With thousands depending on buses, Farley believes continuously improving safety measures is important. One of the measures in the works is to lengthen curbs.

"An off-street facility could run from $3 to $5 million," Farley said.

If the city does not go with an off-street facility, the cost will be between $500,000 and $600,000. Farley said funds are already secured for the main-street facility. In remodeling the main-street facility, some changes being considered include new restrooms and new passenger shelters.

Farley said he anticipates that City Council will make a decision by spring.

A new clock plaza is being constructed now and is scheduled to be completed in late December. Homebuilder Arnold Volny and his family donated the 20-foot-tall post clock and four benches because he and his wife had seen these clocks all over the country and felt it was time for San Luis Obispo to have one.

The clock the Volnys selected is from the Verdin Company, which has manufactured tower clocks in Cincinnati since about 1835. The clock's timing mechanisms will be set by a satellite-based global positioning system. The clock will play songs ranging from bell ringing to holiday sounds and can be programmed up to a year in advance.

The clock will be located in the Volny Heritage Clock Plaza on the corner of Monterey and Osos streets.

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One of San Luis Obispo's most historic landmarks is SLO Brewing Company, above. Left, plans for the proposed Copeland's Chinatown project, which will redevelop areas along Osos and Monterey streets.
The Rock and Roll Diner is a unique Central Coast dining experience. The restaurant is situated in two renovated 1948 train cars, and features an American oak pit barbecue, seafood, pasta, salad, and even Greek entrees.

The two train cars were transported on a flatbed semi-truck and set in place by a crane at 1300 Railroad Street, Oceano. One of the cars was part of the Orange Blossom Special, a train that used to run from New York to Miami. The second car was part of the Great Northern Railroad, which used to run from Seattle and Chicago.

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Morro Bay Weekend Guide

Dorn’s combines great food, stunning view

It’s the end of the quarter and the holidays are upon us. Why not celebrate T.G.I.F with great appetizers and terrific drinks at Dorn’s Breakers Cafe in Morro Bay?

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In 1966, a young Cal Poly student and host at Breakers Cafe, Dan Dorn, met and fell in love with Harry’s daughter, Nancy. Dan and Nancy eventually married and purchased Breakers Cafe. Dorn’s Breakers Cafe carries on the warm family service and excellent food that patrons had come to expect.

In 1998 Dan and Nancy passed those responsibilities on to the third generation as their son, Chris Dorn, took over as manager of the restaurant. Chris continues to provide the same wonderful service and friendly service.

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New Year’s parties send students near and far

Christine Janocko
 Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly students don’t need Dick Clark to have a rockin’ New Year’s Eve. They’ve found plenty of other ways to welcome 2000.

One hot spot for students to spend the millennium in is Europe, said Debbie McKrell, the assistant manager of Traveltime on campus.

“Probably France is the highest (destination) of all the countries (in Europe),” she said.

Paris is another popular place to send the new year, McKrell said, as it is the first place in the world to welcome the new year. Many students have opted for “the usual stuff,” McKrell said, like visiting Hawaii and NYC.

Regardless of where students are going, the trips aren’t cheap. McKrell said a round-trip ticket to Europe can cost from $500 to $5,000. A lot of students have doubled or tripled their budgets in anticipation of millennium expenses, she said.

“People are spending more for this New Year’s than they’ve ever spent before,” McKrell said.

Even though the big event is less than a month away, students are still coming in to ask for cheap getaways.

“That’s when we laugh,” McKrell said.

That reaction is because most excursions are sold out. There are a few cruises left, and the remaining vacation packages average around $1,000. However, McKrell said, students looking to welcome the new year in a unique way need not lose hope.

“If (students) want something special, we can probably do that,” she said.

“Even if I didn’t have to work ... I’d probably stay (in town),” Gollinger said.

Some students are venturing a little farther away. Industrial technology junior Dave Schlossberg will be spending New Year’s at Lake Tahoe “partying like a rock star,” he said.

Schlossberg said his party plans are special this year in honor of the millennium.

“I’m going to be drinking extra heavily,” he said.

English graduate student Brad Ensminger plans to drive up the coast to the town of Jenner where he’ll be meeting with friends in a cabin. Avoiding the effects of Y2K is Ensminger’s goal.

“I’m just trying to get away from technology for the weekend,” he said.

That isn’t unusual for students, travel consultant McKrell said.

“Everyone’s coming back in the second (of January),” she said, to avoid any Y2K problems and to make it back to town in time for the start of winter quarter, which begins Jan. 5.

McKrell doesn’t think people should be too concerned about traveling on Jan. 1, however.

“Bottom line: If you’re traveling inside the United States (or other first-world countries), you probably won’t encounter problems,” McKrell said. “Anywhere else, good luck.”
Seahawks attempting to end NFL's longest playoff drought

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — They've shown they can win close games. They've demonstrated they can win on the road. This week, the Seattle Seahawks have something else to prove as they try to end the NFL's longest playoff drought.

Seattle (8-3) heads to AFC West rival Oakland (5-6) on Sunday determined to bounce back from its worst defeat of the season and overcome another of the psychological barriers that have haunted the Seahawks for a decade.

Seattle was feeling pretty good about itself heading into last weekend, sporting a five-game winning streak in which only one game had a margin closer than 10 points. But a 16-3 loss at home to Tampa Bay, in which Jon Kitna threw five interceptions and lost a fumble, rattled that sense of invincibility.

So, instead of looking ahead to a division title and the end of a playoff drought of 10 seasons, the Seahawks are trying to regroup against a Raiders team that has virtually fallen out of the playoff picture. Last-play losses the past two weeks against Denver and Kansas City have done in the Raiders.

"If we had been coming off a win and we were 9-2, I'd say things were pretty good, and we'd be thinking about clinching the division," Kitna said. "But we need to get back on track. We're kind of back on our heels right now."

When first-year coach Mike Holmgren arrived in Seattle from Green Bay, one of his tasks was getting Seahawks players to believe they could win. He said a couple of one-point comeback victories early in the season, one at Chicago and the other a 22-21 win at home over the Raiders, helped establish that belief.

Now Holmgren wants to see how his team, 4-1 on the road this season, will rebound from the loss to Tampa Bay. The Seahawks knocked out starting quarterback Trent Dilfer but were beaten by backup Shaun King.

"We played a stinker game last week," Holmgren said. "Now let's see how they handle this."

The Seahawks, who lead the NFL with 21 interceptions, are eager to put that Tampa Bay loss out of their memories.

"We're just trying to get that nasty-taste out of our mouths," linebacker Darrin Smith said. "We're just focusing on winning this game."
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West Championship, fans began to show their support by increasing attendance at Mustang Stadium.

"As the season went on, the fan support just mushroomed," he said. "A lot of the effect the cheering has on the players is subconscious, but they just loved it."

Despite having an older team with upperclassmen getting a lot of playing time, the team stayed balanced when it came to scoring chances.

"I was surprised at how balanced the team was," Crocetti said. "Most of the scoring was done by four or five players, but the other team members played great, and sometimes it didn’t show up in the stats."

Women’s Volleyball

"This fall was also a breakthrough season for the women’s volleyball team, which continues its magnificent season tonight against Michigan State in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Mustangs return to the tournament after a 10-year drought."

"The NCAA Tournament is a serious challenge," head coach Steve Schlick said. "That on any given day, if we play with enthusiasm and heart, good things can happen for us."

The Mustangs, led by senior Karri DeSoto and junior Melanie Hathaway, also received a great addition to the team this past with freshmen twins Kristin and Carly O’Halloran. DeSoto was named Big West player of the week twice during the season, and Hathaway once.

"We had five or six primary goals at the beginning of the season, and we hit all of them but one," Schlick said. "The only goal we didn’t meet was that we didn’t win all the tournaments we entered, but we did beat Santa Barbara and get an NCAA bid."

The Mustangs finished fourth in the Big West Conference, but a victory over Santa Barbara and a single-game win against Long Beach State, coupled with an off-and-on top-25 ranking, catapulted Cal Poly into the tournament.

Cross Country

Adam Boothe and the men’s cross country team also picked up an invitation to the NCAA Championships by finishing fifth in the NCAA West Regional.

Boothe, who was named Big West Athlete of the Year, qualified for the event by placing in the top 15 at the regional meet. He led a strong attack for the defending Big West Champion Mustangs.

It was also the first trip to the Championships since Cal Poly moved up to Division I in 1994. Darren Holman was the top Mustang finisher at the meet, crossing the line in 88th place overall.

Men’s Soccer

Finishing the season with a 4-11-1 mark, the men’s soccer team didn’t have a successful season as they expected. Losing starting goalkeeper Ithil Jurge to a broken leg midway through the season took its toll on the Mustangs as the team struggled through the second half of its season without Jurge.

Senior captain Rob Helms and sophomore scoring sensation Anthony Dimech both had fantastic seasons for Cal Poly. The team was able to pull off upsets against ranked Cal State Fullerton and the University of Portland. Helms and Dimech combined for a formidable offensive combination for the Mustangs with seven goals and five assists between them.

Football

For the second year in a row, the football team finished with a 5-6 record, but playing one of the toughest schedules in Division I-AA played a major part in its disappointing season.

Individual accolades were made as senior Craig Young became Cal Poly’s all-time leading rusher with 4,235 yards, passing Antonio Warner, who set the record last season. Sophomore Adam Herling emerged as the prominent receiver in the Mustangs’ offense, catching 14 passes for 306 yards and four TDs.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Shaolis O’Brien piled up 59 tackles, and junior Steve Prejean had eight sacks to go along with 48 tackles.

With the success that full sports had, it will be difficult to duplicate the winning in the winter. However, with Mike Womak already breaking the men’s basketball all-time scoring record, success could be just around the corner for the Mustangs.

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A tough time getting students out to see their events, they still performed very well.

"We tried to get people out to see our games weekly earlier in the year, but it is hard to get noticed among all the sports," Allmendinger said. "Luckily, our team is so large that other members of our team are able to cheer the seniors on."

Women's Field Hockey

The women's field hockey team successfully defended its California Field Hockey Club Championship despite losing five key seniors from last year's championship team.

"We didn't expect to do as well as we did," captain Carolina Rodrigues said. "A lot of freshmen stepped up for us this year."

The team finished the season with a 7-1 record and beat UC Santa Barbara in the championship game 3-2 on penalty strokes. The team was able to rally together and beat the Gauchos in Santa Barbara to wrap up the title in mid-November.

"So far, we have been meeting all of our expectations for the season," president Jim Torres said. "We've been able to gear up for the tournaments we've been in."

The team, which features fencers of all levels, plays year-round. It has placed highly at tournaments but has a tough time drawing spectators to its matches.

"People don't know it's hard to advertise when it's not a big-time sport," Torres said. "The equipment is expensive, but Rec Sports has helped us out a little with that.

As witnessed by the success of the club sports this fall, the Cal Poly club programs continue to excel without the necessities of enough funding or fan support.

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Fall sports teams finish successful quarter

By Matt Sterling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly's Division I sports teams had one of the most successful fall quarters this decade, sending three teams to the NCAA postsea­

Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team returned to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since (99), this time as a Division I team. The Mustangs defeated Fresno State 2-1 in the first round before falling to Stanford 3-1 in the second round of the tournament. The team finished the season with a record of 13-9.

"We didn't expect to have nine losses, but the season was definitely successful," head coach Alex Conier said. "It wasn't the path we had choice before the season.

As the Mustangs piled on the wins en route to winning the Big

see TEAMS, page 14 Mustang wide receiver Adam Herzing was one of the few bright spots for the football team this year.

Left, senior Scott Gordon races for the wheelmen through some heavy terrain as the

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Poly clubs excel without funding

By Matt Sterling
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Club sports brought home two national championships to Cal Poly as well as strong showings in other sports. All this was accomplished despite having to fund their own activities while struggling to get spectators to their events.

Men's Water Polo

Even though most Cal Poly stu­

ents know them for their freezing cal­

endar, the men's water polo team also showed they know how to play,

brining home a National Championship.

"Before the season started, we were kind of lost without a coach,"

captain Matt Landre said. "But the one common thing we had was that we all wanted a national champi­

ship, and once we got our new coach, he definitely helped us achieve that."

Like other club teams, members often have to spend their own money to travel to tournaments, although some of the cost is covered by the Associated Students Inc. contem­

pracy fund.

"It's hard to watch all the Division I teams compete, and since we are a club sport, it's tougher to get cover­

age," Landre said. "Luckily, the cal­

endar helps us get our names out there."

Wheelmen

The Wheelmen, Cal Poly's cycling team, won the West Coast Cycling Conference championships and finished fourth in the nation.

"It really wasn't a surprise that we did that well," said Tiffany Allmandinger, publicity director for the team. "We hit our goals, but we didn't win the conference by much."

The team was able to fund its trip to the National Championships in Georgia, raising money in different ways. Sponsors, such as Mountain Cycle, helped by providing equip­

ment, and the team also raised money through campus bike fines dote by members of the team.

Even though the Wheelmen had

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

Bret Boone was the first third-generation major

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Grudzielanek facing assault charges

LAHAINA, Hawaii (AP) — Los Angeles shortstop Mark
Grudzielanek faces an assault charge for allegedly punching a bar

bouncer earlier this week.

The 29-year-old Grudzielanek, a former All-Star, was in Moose

McGilvraudy's on Front Street late Tuesday night when a bouncer

asked him to leave, Sgt. Donald Simpson said Thursday.

For some reason, Grudzielanek then allegedly punched the

bouncer several times in the face, opening a 2-inch cut over his

left eye

Grudzielanek was placed under citizen's arrest and held until

police arrived.

He was charged with misdemeanor third-degree assault and

released early Wednesday morning after posting $200 bail. He is

scheduled for a Dec. 22 hearing in Lahaina District Court.

Dodgers spokesman Shaun Rachtai said Thursday that he spoke

with Grudzielanek's agent, Seth Levinson, and "according to him,

there's no merit to the case and it will ultimately be dismissed."

Schedule

TODAY

* Women's basketball — South Florida Tournament
  * at Southern Florida

* Wrestling — Las Vegas Tournament
  * at Las Vegas
  * 10 a.m.

* Women's volleyball vs. Michigan State
  * at Pepperdine
  * 5 p.m.

SATURDAY

* Men's basketball vs. Cal State Northridge
  * in Mott Gym
  * 7 p.m.