Lawsuit ends  
Staff Council  
public service

Former leaders may pursue projects
By Shannon Pedrick  
Summer Mustang

Members of Cal Poly's Staff Council are unhappy that their community service efforts will no longer be allowed during university time. A March-settled lawsuit against Cal Poly and the Council cut off university support of the Staff Council ending its five-year life span.

A labor judge found the council in violation of terms and conditions prohibited by the California State Employee Association, one of which is using work time to conduct activities on behalf of the council. The Staff Council was founded in order to involve the Cal Poly Staff in university activities, and was involved in activities that were beneficial to Cal Poly and the community. One of those programs was Adopt-A-Family.

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"It is hard to coordinate those activities without having a central entity to back us," Knapp said. Broering said with the campus being as large as it is, it's difficult for staff members to communicate effectively.

"It is difficult to get people involved and without official recognition, it is really hard," said Broering. Andersen said that CSEA does not have a problem with members conducting activities during their free time.

"Our activities are restricted to noon time and after hours," Andersen said. The Cultural Awareness Committee conducted all of its meetings during lunch hours, according to Knapp. Knapp said that they will try to continue with their efforts, but it will be difficult without a sponsor.

"Right now we are doing the best we can. We are not willing to just give up," Knapp said.

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Bagel Basement gets Poly dough
By Amy Lovell  
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Not getting your zzzz's?
Sleep deprivation attributed to student anxiety, stress
By Rory Cox  
Summer Mustang

If you are stressed out and irritable, you need an alarm clock to wake up, have trouble getting out of bed in the morning or have difficulty concentrating and remembering things, you might be part of one-third of all Americans suffering from sleep deprivation.

Sleep deprivation occurs when the body doesn't get as much sleep as it needs. Dr. Mary Carakas, a professor of psychology at Brown University and sleep researcher, observed an increase in sleep deprivation as students begin college. Students at the university define finals week as a time in which they get very little sleep. Rosa Narez, journalism senior, can identify with this.

"Finals began my addiction to coffee," she said. "During my last finals, I didn't sleep for two days." Dr. Jim Aiken, Associate director of Psychological Services at Cal Poly, said that many students he sees with sleep deprivation are feeling anxiety and depression.

"We try to help people put their life in order by giving each other time," Aiken said. Students who were attached to the bagels served on campus last year will have to get used to a new brand. The highest bidder for the Campus Dining bagel contract this year is Bagel Basement, which ousted Boston Bagel by one cent. Students started munching the new bagels July 1.

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Author missing since '97 drive to Carpinteria

PALM SPRINGS (AP) — A year after a screenwriter vanished on a drive across the desert, divers following an amateur detective's lead found his Ford Explorer and human remains Wednesday in an aqueduct below a highway bridge.

The discovery was prompted by a bizarre development in a case that yielded few clues for investigators trying to solve the disappearance of Gary DeVore, author of the thrillers "Running Scared" and "Sudden Death." "We're confident we have located Mr. DeVore's vehicle," Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Spg. Mike Burridge said. However, he said they couldn't immediately say if the remains were DeVore's until dental records were checked.

DeVore vanished on June 28, 1997, while driving from New Mexico to his home in Carpinteria on the Santa Barbara County coast. DeVore's wife, Wendy, originally speculated that her husband had been abducted and was suffering from amnesia, while some friends had said he ran away from a sagging career and troubles with the Internal Revenue Service. DeVore, 55, had spent four days near Santa Fe, N.M., working on the script at the home of his family friend mandi Macen before he disappeared. "I am devastated and I feel so for his family and wife," Macen said by telephone Wednesday.

After reading a newspaper article about the anniversary of DeVore's disappearance, and another article about a woman who had a freak car accident and disappeared into the California Aqueduct, amateur detective Douglas Crawford contacted DeVore's publicist, Michael Sands, and investigators about a hypothesis he had formed. According to credit card receipts, DeVore, 55, refused in Fennit, 35 miles west of Needles, on Interstate 40, after leaving New Mexico. Crawford deduced that DeVore had a 592-mile range of travel and was heading toward home because he spoke with his wife of just 18 months on the phone while passing through Barstow in the Mojave Desert.

Speculating that DeVore fell asleep while driving and his vehicle rolled over the guard rail and into the murky aqueduct, Crawford visited the site Friday and found parts of an Explorer. The area in north Los Angeles County is where the highway crosses the aqueduct and San Andreas Fault before quickly rising up into the rugged Angeles National Forest.

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so worrying won't keep them from sleeping," he said. "Research shows that college students have shifted time clocks because most don't go to sleep before 12 a.m."

Aiken said sleep disruption should be taken seriously because lethargy, depression, anger and hostility, intolerance, lack of appetite, and clumsiness can be symptoms of sleep deprivation.

"Within 30 hours of suffering from sleep deprivation, people can suffer from hallucinations and hear things," Aiken said. "Within 40 hours, psychotic episodes can occur."

Dr. Bruce Aikin, director of the Sleep Disorders Center at San Francisco, said traffic accidents increase by about 8 percent the morning after daylight savings time begins.

"Even a one-hour time change can have a big impact on people," he said. Experts on Healthbeat say it takes about one week to adjust to the time change and that the peak time for accidents caused by drowsy drivers is 2 a.m.

According to the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, an estimated 100,000 police-reported crashes annually (1.5 percent of all crashes) involve drowsiness or fatigue as a principal causal factor. An estimate of related fatalities is 1,500 annually or 4 percent of all traffic crash fatalities.

The National Sleep Foundation (NSF) blames drowsiness and fatigue in crashes attributed to other causes.

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Psychological Services director

Dr. Aikin estimated that between one million crashes annually, one-sixth of all crashes, are thought to be produced by driver inattention. NSF says sleep deprivation and fatigue make such lapses more likely to occur.

Dr. James Maas, sleep expert and author of the book Power Sleep, recommends avoiding caffeine and chocolate after 2 p.m., scheduling a "worry time," if worrying keeps you up, keeping TVs out of the bedroom, using a moderately firm pillow and avoiding reading anything work- or school-related before bed.

Aiken recommends getting at least seven hours of sleep each night and taking naps after pulling an all-nighter.

"Sleep is cumulative. Rest, instead of celebrating the end of finals in a bar," he said. Aiken also mentioned the benefits of herbal teas and medicines and daily exercise in achieving a good night's rest.

For more information visit Psychological Services in the Health Center. You can also contact the National Sleep Foundation for more information on sleep deprivation, sleep clinics and disorders at (888)NSF-SLEEP.
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Tommy Lasorda Lobbies Senate Base 

Baseball legend wants amendment to protect U.S. flag 

WASHING TO (AP) — Baseball's Tommy Lasorda urged the Senate Wednesday to approve a constitutional amendment that would protect the U.S. flag from being called a flag-burning attempt at a game in the 1970s. 

Lasorda, former manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers and now the team's general manager, told senators the 1976 incident was "one of the worst things that happen in America." 

"We all watched dumbstruck as the man pulled out a match and tried to light the American flag to burn it" during the game in Los Angeles against the Chicago Cubs, Lasorda told the Senate Judiciary Committee. 

Player Rick Monday grabbed the flag and threw it onto the playing field. "One of the most heroic acts ever to take place on the field during a major league baseball game," Lasorda said. 

He described the flag as a symbol "that ties every American together." 

But Marvin Vitali Stenhammar, a veteran who served with Army special forces in the Gulf War, Panama andtests elsewhere, testified the flag "is just a

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Court denies test-score release 

Justice allows ruling of lower courts to stand until hearing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The state Supreme Court refused Wednesday to order the immediate release of scores of limited-English-speaking students on California's recent English-only achievement test.

The justices, without comment, denied review of lower-court orders that blocked state publication or Internet posting of the scores until a San Francisco Superior Court hearing scheduled July 16.

Only Justice Janice Rogers Brown voted to release the scores. Chief Justice Ronald George did not participate in the decision because his son, a member of Gov. Pete Wilson's legal staff, is involved in the case, the court said.

The tests, the first given statewide in four years, were administered solely in English to 1.1 million students classified as limited-English-proficient, or LEP. 

The order was sought by the Oakland and Berkeley school districts, which contend testing students in a language they don't understand and publishing the results was discriminatory and violated a state education law that entitles students to valid and reliable tests.

Earlier, the San Francisco Unified School District had refused to test its students and was ruled that the case is appealable.

After a state appeals court upheld Quidachay's order or limit it to the Oakland and Berkeley districts and allow immediate release of scores from the rest of the state's 1,100 school districts, Wilson lamented the court's refusal.

"Every day that the test scores are not released is one more day that parents and the public are subjected to confusing, misleading and false data," Wilson said.

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CNN star keeps job

ATLANTA (AP) — Star CNN correspondent Peter Arnett emerged with his job intact Wednesday after daring negotiations with network bosses who were under pressure to discipline him more severely over a disputed report.

"Peter Arnett's reprimand stands. No further personnel actions are planned," CNN News Group chairTom Johnson said, without elaboration.

CNN last week retraced the story that the nerve gas sulfur was used in Operation babied, a U.S. raid into Laos in 1972 to find and kill American defectors.

Arnett, perhaps the network's best-known face, spent nearly nine hours fighting for his job with CNN senior executives. He told The Associated Press that he realized he could be fired and carried with him an eight-page "I can't talk" paper in reporting the story as peripheral.

"They required me to adequately explain my part in the story," he told the AP afterward. "They clearly explained the limited nature of my role in the preparation of the story." 

Although Arnett was the on-air correspondent, he said he had been "prodded" by producer with producer April Oliver's on a version of the story that appeared in Time magazine. Arnett insisted he had no decision-making role in it.

Oliver and another producer were fired, and a third quit. Arnett was reprimanded.
It's all about the Benjamins

There's no CAPTURE Fairy

This is in response to the July 2 Summer Mustang article “Classes Crowd Schedules.”

I appreciate Jim Howland's desire to open another section at a deferred pay schedule.

I understand that to increase enrollment in the one section offered would decrease the effectiveness of instruction.

But I completely disagree with what Liberal Arts intern Dean Harry Sharp had to say about the situation.

Sharp said students who registered through CAPTURE should have had no problems getting classes, despite demand.

Obviouly, Dr. Sharp has never had to CAPTURE a class at Cal Poly. Is he aware of how completely illogical that statement was?

If there is a high demand for a class, students are going to have difficulties capturing it.

“I viewed that [lack of class availability] as more a tempest than teapot, what was a crisis on Monday, was no longer a problem on Wednesday,” Sharp said.

While it may no longer be a problem for him, it is still a large problem for students who are trying to graduate on time.

Wednesday has come and gone, and there are still 20 students who need English 310 to graduate with their class.

“We have registered during CAPTURE, they would have gotten in it. If I were graduating this quarter, I would have captured the class instead of waiting until the first day to crash,” Sharp said.

I think he misses the point of what crashing is.

Crashing a class is an attempt to register for a class that is already full.

Let's look at a hypothetical situation.

There are, say, 20 seats in a given writing class, and 40 students want to take the class. This means that 20 of them can't capture it, despite trying to do so.

“The section you requested is full, no other sections of this class are available.”

This phrase from the voice on CAPTURE alone is enough to drive fear into students' hearts and send them into a frenzy.

Dr. Sharp, CAPTURE isn't magic. Calling into CAPTURE and trying to register doesn't guarantee a spot in the class.

The more I think about it, the more appropriate the name is.

You aren't registering for classes, you are hunting them down and trying to catch them. Good luck.

Jennifer Wiggins is a graphic communication junior.

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A common mistake

It's embarrassing to work at an institute of higher learning and look at the bold title on the Opinion page: “Where have all the father's gone?"

Using the possessive rather than plural is, unfortunately, a common mistake in the English language.

It would be nice, though, to rise above the common, especially since Cal Poly is touted to be among the best schools in the country.

Come on, folks; let's try to get beyond grade-school level in our journalistic efforts.

Dallas Day is an English senior who is “warming up to improve this campus, even if they don't want me to.”

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"If he wanted to feel special, he shouldn't have come to Cal Poly."
Fighting for the hemp revolution

It's not about smoking marijuana

I am writing on behalf of the hemp movement as a businessperson and as one who has studied and used herbs both medicinally in my home and for their fibers in spinning and weaving textiles.

When I was first learning to weave and was studying natural fibers, I read in many books about how hemp made some of the finest and strongest fabrics on earth, with the strength of flax (linen) combined with the softness and comfort of cotton. This was close to 20 years ago, and most textile experts also agreed that the United States would probably never allow it to be farmed as it once was because of its association with marijuana and its classification as a drug.

Our generation has seen such a broad range of publicity about this plant, whose botanical name is Cannabis sativa, and there have been so many emotional debates and propaganda, rumors and innuendo, that many don't know what to think.

The movement to end the prohibition of hemp farming and production is actually not a new idea, but one that is only coming to the forefront because those of us who came of age in the 1960s and '70s are now older and more able to speak with a political voice. We now are "the establishment," and our years have given us the right and obligation to speak up.

What I can tell you as one of several businesses in San Luis Obispo county who sells hemp clothing and other textile products, as well as body care products that utilize the very useful hemp seed oil, is that I see a side of the hemp movement that may not be readily apparent.

Although when most people think of hemp they see young people in tie-dyes and dreadlocks listening to reggae music, the reality is actually quite surprising.

The people who come into my store to talk about hemp and to buy hemp products are often clean-cut farmers who understand hemp is a useful and low-impact cash crop.

Most of the people who buy hemp clothing in my store are very dignified and respectable people in their sixties and even early seventies. To them it is not a drug issue, but an issue of personal freedom and liberty to grow and use a plant that has been used in a practical way for thousands of years.

Most of the young people who support the hemp movement cannot afford to buy hemp clothing because it is still so costly to import it from China and Europe where it has been cultivated uninterruptedly for fiber production. They buy what they can and look forward to the day when they will have a voice and a say to change things.

Don't be quick to write off the hemp movement as a hippie thing. Some very respectable and responsible people have historically supported and engaged in hemp farming, even the founding writers of the Declaration of Independence, (now there was a radical document) and our own Constitution, the blueprint for the political rights of U.S. citizens!

Ali Arnold is the owner of Freshair Fare II in Morro Bay.
Hootenanny hops on Fourth of July

Irvine show features 18 bands, chromed-out cars, and enough hair grease to make Elvis jealous

By Jeff Biafore
Summer Mustang

It’s a scorcher today.
— Jimbo Wallace, bassist, Reverend Horton Heat

Irvine show features 18 bands, chromed-out cars, and enough hair grease to make Elvis jealous. Fortunately, there happened to be such a show put on at the Oak Canyon Ranch in Irvine. The Hootenanny, a celebration of music, cars and all things American, done up rock 'n' roll style, is a bit of Americana come to town — and they had big, greasy hair and all, is put on every year for two days, July 4 and 5. With a large number of live bands, a car show and clothing, food and beer booths, the Hootenanny can be a great diversion from the normal summer festival. Headlining the show both days were the staple punk/psychothillyock bands The Cramps, Reverend Horton Heat, Social Distortion and X.

The opening acts for the show changed each day, but included well-known bands such as the legendary Blasters and Los Inquietos. The upcoming band Big Sandy and the Fly Rite Boys, a western-style swing band that plays frequently in downtown San Luis Obispo, were there on Saturday. The car show area on the grounds was the first thing visitors saw as they passed through the gate. With over 18 car clubs represented, the amount of vintage American cars was impressive to say the least. Cadillac, Chevrolet, Buick and many other chopped, lowered and otherwise customized rides were all shiny, beautifully displaying the lifestyle of their owners.

The Sunday show of core artists was underway with the band The Superrocker, an old punk outfit I had no idea even existed anymore. Immediately after that blast from the past, Lee Rocker took the stage. He is the former stand-up bass player of the band The Stray Cats, and he has been very instrumental in putting the Hootenanny together. Rocker only played tunes from his solo album, flying away from his Stray Cats songs, which was no surprise, since the set he played last year at the former Zebra Cantina in downtown San Luis Obispo was pretty much the same stuff.

The highlight of Rocker’s show came when he did his balancing act on top of his bass while playing. Looking back at past Stray Cats albums confirmed this as his signature move.

The main stage was split in half so that there was no lag time between bands. Because of this, immediately after Lee Rocker, legendary rock and country singer Buck Owens took the stage. To my surprise, Owens kept the crowd that gathered for the previous bands, and still more people showed up once he started going. Buck sang about his life and his Crystal Palace balloon in Bakersfield, but the highlight of his act was when he sang the Chuck Berry classic, "Johnny B. Good."

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Fireworks fly at Pismo

By Shannon Pedrick
Summer Mustang

The gray skies did not stop hundreds of people from coming out and enjoying the Pismo Beach fireworks display. The Fourth of July lent an excuse for many to come out and celebrate despite foggy weather conditions.

The streets were lined with families in lawn chairs from Shell Beach to south Pismo Beach. The fireworks display started around 9 p.m., but the audience began arriving in the early evening.

“We came at around seven to find a good spot to watch the fire, works, and there were already a lot of people down here,” said Dave Ehrlich, visiting from Orange County for the holiday.

Ehrlich was not the only one who traveled to the Central Coast to celebrate Independence Day. Twelve-year-old Henry Kennedy came up from Ridgefield with his family to stay with his grandmother in San Luis Obispo for the weekend. Henry Carillo, 10, was also anxious for the fireworks to start. This was Carillo’s first time seeing a large fireworks display.

“We have never been allowed to light fireworks at home. I hope there are blue and green ones,” he said.

Carillo and his three brothers and sisters wanted in their family’s warm van for the fireworks to start.

Nature gave onlookers a little show before the fireworks began: off the coast of Shell Beach, a pod of whales were swimming and jumping. The whales were the coolest part, better than the fireworks," said Kennedy, who now considers himself a whale watcher.

Once the sun went down, the sky turned again to the fireworks. From Highway 101, smaller fireworks displays could be seen up and down the beaches.

Cars doubled parked, small children bundled up and the crowd finally got what it came to see.

“Once the fireworks started, everyone got really quiet. It was really pretty, and the ocean made it even more beautiful,” said Casey Lynch, a Cal Poly kinesiology sophomore who came down from Fairfield to see the show.

Indeed, the ocean provided a spectacular backdrop to the lights.

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Mission concert done Creole style

By Julie O’Shea
Summer Mustang

With the weather cooperating, a large crowd gathered in Old Mission Plaza to hear The Creole Syncopators, the second band in a series of nine that will perform in the plaza this summer.

The audience began clapping the steps and the surrounding courtyard almost an hour before the starting time of 5:30 p.m.

The band played a few numbers that had the people in the front row tapping their feet to some old-time Dixie. The Creole Syncopators’ rendition of the blues was an interesting twist of jazz, which sometimes sounding like a Latin rumba.

“These concerts are a good way to give back to the community," said Pete Eberle, promotions director of the Downtown Business Improvement Association. "We have a beautiful Mission Plaza, and we should show it off."

An afternoon of New Orleans-style Dixieland jazz seemed a fitting tribute for the holiday weekend, reflected by the American flag waving above the audience in the middle of the plaza.

But for all the lore about togetherness and giving back to the community, the Creole Syncopators didn’t seem moved by the kind of feeling the concert organizers hoped to promote. When asked if he enjoyed giving outdoor concerts, Dave Caparone, the band’s trombone player, was unmoved.

“I prefer playing in smoke-filled rooms," he said.

See CONCERT, page 7
Central Coast group offers cultural dance

By Amy Lovell
Summer Mustang

In the movie "Come With the Wind," Robert Redford's character, Clark Gable, dances with flowers and other objects. He describes dancing as being "like a girl." This phrase has been referenced in various ways throughout history, but what does it mean to dance? Is it simply moving to music, or is it something more? In this article, we explore the idea of dancing as a way to connect with others and express oneself.

The Central Coast Cultural Dance Society is holding a dance festival at the California Polytechnic State University. The festival is open to all, and it's a great opportunity to experience different cultures through dance. The festival will feature performances from groups representing a variety of cultures, including Mexican, Indian, and African.

The festival will be held on Saturday, July 12th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the California Polytechnic State University. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the California Polytechnic State University website.
Sports

Hockey rolls to second-place win

Team battles for national championship

By Steve Fairchild
Summer Mustang

While they back in the hot summer sun, the Cal Poly Roller Hockey team is also basking in the glow of taking second place against eight of the toughest teams in the country at the Collegiate In-line Hockey Association National Championships in Las Vegas.

Cal Poly’s 10-man team went to nationals with an overall record of 11 wins, 2 losses in the Pacific region.

Getting up for nationals, team members were confident they would come home champions and have the statistics and the motivation to prove it.

Cal Poly may not be a big school, but it provided the big guns to take on some big-name schools including University of Nevada, Las Vegas, University of California, Santa Barbara, University of California, Irvine; University of Missouri and Washington State University.

After hearing up their wheels winning four games in a row, Cal Poly faced University of Missouri for the national title.

Brennan Edwards, last year’s club president and veteran goalie, put on his Battle armor to protect his house one last time. When it was all said and done, Edwards would skate home with a respectable 85 percent save record, three wins, one loss, and 65 saves for the tournament — but not the national championship.

Missouri managed to shut out Cal Poly 3-2 in a slap-shot fest that could be heard over the nickel slots on the Vegas strip.

Lead scorers Mark Wagner and Alex Schneider both came home with seven goals and four assists each.

James Marshall was the strongest scorer of the year during scheduled season play, with 12 goals and 14 assists.

Now the team is taking the summer off to regroup and train new recruits. Three of their core players graduated and two are taking a year off to study abroad. All is not lost, though, according to new club president Clint Marsalek.

“I think we have a good chance. The three players we lost weren’t our strongest, two of our strongest are coming back and we just gained Chris Blake from Cuesta College, who is a strong defense man,” Marsalek said.

The biggest challenge facing next year’s in-line warriors will be finding a replacement for Brennan “Brick Wall” Edwards. Marsalek is taking a lighthearted approach to finding a new goalie.

“We may have to put an add on the Internet and hope for the best,” he said.

The Cal Poly Roller Hockey club recently celebrated its ninth birthday, and while it may be young compared to the Rugby club, an average of 40 players come out each year to play on their traveling team and B team — what Marsalek calls the “fun team.”

Many just get involved in local in-line league play. Marsalek hopes more people will come out and gone their slap-shot skills for next year’s season.

“If anyone wants to come out and play at Santa Rosa park, there are always people in the club willing to play,” he said.

ABOVE: Cal Poly’s Roller Hockey team face off against their opponents during the national tournament.

Wrestling signs six recruits

Two more contracts may be announced

By Shannon Pedrick
Summer Mustang

Six new recruits will be red-shirting next year for Cal Poly’s wrestling team, and Coach Dennis Cowell is not through with his recruiting — two more wrestling hopefuls are in the process of signing a contract.

The new wrestlers were all recruited from within California, and five of them are fresh out of high school.

Aaron and Andrew Ghust, twin brothers from Poway, are both California Interscholastic Federation champs.

Tyler Lunn, from Clovis, finished his senior year of high school with a 46-0 record. From Newcastle, Jeremy Webber served as team captain of his high school wrestling team.

Billy Waller won the league title two years in a row in Redding.

The only recruit coming to Cal Poly with college experience is Dave Leonard from Sierra College in Rocklin. Leonard was a two-time junior college All-American.

Cowell is looking forward to next season and said he is very confident in his new recruits.

“Each of these young men will contribute a great deal to Cal Poly wrestling in the future,” Cowell said.

All of the new recruits will red-shirt, according to Cowell, though some may be pulled up to compete later in the year.

Cowell said all the recruits will receive some sort of scholarship. None, however, will receive a full scholarship.

With last year’s rookies now competing for Cal Poly, Cowell thinks that the new recruits will provide a great compliment to the returning wrestlers.

“We had a good recruit last year, and were able to have some of the recruits compete,” Cowell said.

Cal Poly’s wrestling team finished last year with an 11-8 dual match record. This is Cowell’s 15th season as head coach for Cal Poly.

Poly Wheelmen gear up for summer competition

By Steve Fairchild
Summer Mustang

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In recent years, Warren has fallen just short of his goal, taking seventh and eighth place in the masters division of the individual pursuit. Warren is optimistic about the team’s chances this upcoming school year.

“Our team can get top five in college, we can get enough people to go,” he said.

The mountain bikers on the team are competing individually around the state, but many will come together for the annual mountain-bike race at Mammoth Mountain, July 15-19.

The Wheelmen also help put on several racing events and community events each year.

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