Holocaust survivor faces haunting past

By Christine Powell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

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Peers choose outstanding employees

By Matt Sterling
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Three university employees were chosen by a committee of their peers as Cal Poly's 1999-2000 outstanding employees: Druci Reese, administrative support coordinator for the music department; Ellen Stier, an administrative assistant in the computer science department; and Bonnie Knupp, a research and planning analyst in the instructional planning and analysis department.

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Cinco de Mayo festivities are sparse, excluding restaurants

By Robin Nichols

Daily Mustang Writer

Cal Poly's campus will remain relatively quiet on Cinco de Mayo this year. Students will have to find their own entertainment instead. Cinco de Mayo is not Mexican Independence Day, but a significant event in an important event in Mexico's history, and a national holiday commemorating the victory over the French in 1862, Mexico MECHA, Cal Poly's Mexican dance organization, has no events planned for the day.

Most of the movement in San Luis Obispo will take place in Mexican restaurants, such as Lety's Otayoz and Toreilla Flats.

"It's going to be nuts. I'll be the place to go to," said Lety's Otayoz general manager Matt Water. Lety's will be selling beer and tequila at happy-hour prices all night, starting at 4 p.m. It also plans to have dinner specials to accompany the festivities.

Toreilla Flats will also be having drinks and dinner specials in honor of the holiday, followed by dancing, owner Ruth Ellis-Nimick said.

However, another popular San Luis Obispo Mexican restaurant will not be changing their menu in honor of Cinco de Mayo. "I think the Americans celebrate it more than the Mexicans," says Delgado's general manager Barbara Fleckenstein. The restaurant will keep everything just the same, with no special deals or events, she said.

Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday that celebrates the victory over the French in the Battle of Puebla in 1862, during the time of the Civil War in America. The day was an event that brought pride for Mexico and is still celebrated as such today.

In another malicious twist, the new virus was designed to destroy several types of increasingly popular computer files, including those storing pictures, video and music.

Computer security experts, stunned by the rapid spread of the virus, urged computer users to delete any subject line reading "SLAVELET" and a message saying "hurry check the attached LOVELETTER coming from me."

"I stepped away from my desk for 10 minutes, and when I came back, there were 177 people who were in love with me," said Ted Canova, news director at WCCO-AM in Minneapolis, who deleted this files and suffered no damage. "That's in addition to the 200 I had when I signed on today." The virus was activated by opening the "LOVELETTER" attachment. That commandeered a computer's Internet browser to view a Web page, download a program that searches for various types of passwords, and send them to an e-mail account that appears to be based in the Philippines. The Web site was later shut down by its service provider.

"If this is unleashed on your home computer, I hope you have backups. It is a destructive force. Once it has run, it has done its damage," said a spokesman for the computer virus.

Computer security firms scrambled to post software on their Web sites to scan for the bug and remove it from infected machines. The virus targets computers running on Microsoft's Windows operating system, attacking the Outlook e-mail program and the Internet Explorer browser, both of which are made by Microsoft.

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On the day of their meeting, Stuefle impressed the attended. Frenzel, just released from 16 years in prison, spoke in a tone of remonstration. He had no way of release part of his guilt.

Frenzel was not impressed by the attendance. For two years, he had been living a normal life. He remembered Frenzel in a different light than what he saw in the man with the heavy gut sitting across from him. Frenzel was once an efficient guard who led incoming transports of Jews to gas chambers. To slave workf

"I felt, would be of great value for future generations to come."

Blatt was one of the few who came out of the Holocaust alive. He took part in what is now recorded as "the most successful and successful of any Nazi camp during World War II" by escaping from the Sobibor death camp. Although he was successful, most of those who ran were hunt down and killed.

Blatt has been known to tell fellow survivors that the escape wasn't "right" until the story is told. And telling the story is just what he does. Blatt personally autographs two books, and he speaks at universities and benefits across the United States and Europe.

Blatt will not let the memories of his colleagues be forgotten. Since the end of World War II, he has been on a crusade. Under Communist rule, relatives were not allowed to visit the monument or memorial plaques at Sobibor. Now, thanks to Blatt, visitors will find a tribute that reflects the story of the 1,000 Polacks who died there. They were Jews, and they were killed solely because they were Jews.

Blatt currently lives in Brookline, Mass. He will speak at Chassidic Auditorium at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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EMployees will be granted with past winners of the award. The Co-workers surprised the department during its annual meeting last week with the news of the award.

The Staff Scholarship Committee, which gives scholarships to staff members and their dependents.

"I get to interact with lots of people on campus, which is great," said "I have a lot of contact with people not so much with students all the time, but with other staff and faculty." Krupp said that the opportunities she has had serving on campus committees has shaped the way she interacts with others.

"If I think for me it's always trying to do a real good job and do it the highest level I can," she said. "I try to do it in a way that the decision is not being made just for the moment, but looking at the broad picture -- how it is going to affect other people, things or the university."

The winners will receive $500 from a private endowment fund and plaque during the university's Fall Conference General Session.

aille to post club messages and even have "shout-outs," where students can wish their friends "Happy Birthday" on the marquee.

Addressing the concern that some clubs may get more time on the marquee than others, Markarian said, "We want to make sure everyone gets the same amount of time."

So far, the committee has debated allowing a club to post one event per week and then run its message in a series of other messages for the week. However, Markarian said the committee is open to all suggestions and nothing is definite.

"If people want to be on committee, they can," Markarian said. "This is for the students -- there's a lot going on at Cal Poly."
Gold Rush era saloon dishes up good brunch, good times

Wild west is gone, but Pozo Saloon endures

By Monica McHugh

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The Pozo Saloon reopened in 1967. It is still that remains as an attraction for locals and curious travelers.

Walking into the Pozo Saloon today is like walking back in time. Everywhere, including tables, chairs, doors and walls, is made of wood, Snakeskins, stuffed animal heads and old photographs, including one of the last hangings in California, adorn the walls. A huge oak tree stands outside the front door and dollar bills cover the ceiling. The building has no doubt seen everything.

"The Pozo Saloon has a great sense of days gone by, good food and camaraderie," said local David Dawson. "I think what I like best about the place is that it's only 300 feet from my house!" He added that visitors don't seem to mind traveling further.

"It is such a pretty area that people like the drive," Dawson said. "It's a great place to stop and have a burger, and the tri-tip is hard to beat." The Pozo Saloon consists of burgers, chicken and of course, tri-tip. Salad and Caesar dressing are also available. Dinner Thursday through Sunday brunch is served from 9 a.m. to noon. The Crundo's, a '60s rock band, typically entertains visitors.

Thursday night is enchilada night, when most of the locals visit the saloon. Those nights only one employee, Jan, works as chef and waitress.

"The food is the best when Jan is cooking," Dawson said.

The saloon also offers several concerts during the spring, summer and fall. Some performers who have played at the saloon in the past include Steppenwolf, the Jerry Garcia Band, Iron Butterfly and Jefferson Starship. The next concert to be held at the saloon is on May 28 when folk/rock singer Jesse Colin Young and others are scheduled to perform. Tickets are available through Valleyway or at Pozo Record.

Rock climbing without the rope

What do you get when you take the spot of rock climbing, remove the rope and fancy safety equipment, and climb rocks under 20 feet high? It's called bouldering, one of the fastest-growing sports in America. The beauty of bouldering is that anyone can pull-down and still have a good time whether you're a "gambi" (someone who has never climbed before) or the next Chris Sharma.

In reality, no gear is required, but a good pair of climbing shoes sure helps, as well as chalk to help keep your hands on those tiny crimpers and a crash pad to soften the landing when you sketch off the rock. And unlike roped climbing, bouldering is a solo sport, a chance for you to get a little one-on-one time with the rock.

Of course, having a friend or two at the bottom of the rock to offer a spot is never a bad idea, and that way they can make fun of your manhood (or womanhood) when you miss that easy "jump" (a dynamic move to a hold where your body momentarily loses all contact with the boulder). Living on the Central Coast, climbers can find countless areas to boulder, from nearby Bishop Peak to Legzida Mosaic and Painted Cave in Santa Barbara. Besides these more well-known spots, half the fun of bouldering is seeking out a new rock to climb, which isn't hard given the geological makeup of San Luis Obispo county. For more information on bouldering, stop by your local climbing shop and pick up a copy of John Sherman's "How to Boulder Forever." Also, Poly Esques frequently offers bouldering trips, like the Boulders Tour, where climbers of all levels get a chance to go play at some of the premier spots in the state.

Recreation administration senior Will Hoida writes weekly for Get Out and is the next Chris Sharma.
Opinion

The issue: Parking for freshmen dormries

Leave your cars at home

Cal Poly will never be able to meet current and future demands for parking on campus. The solution is to change the culture on campus by using alternative transportation, carpooling, limited freshman parking and restricted permits for students living close to campus.

However, the culture change will not occur quick enough. It is imperative that a simple low-car plan be implemented to help alleviate parking problems. Parking restrictions for freshman on-campus residents will provide a piece of the parking solution.

Although the completion of the parking structure will somewhat alleviate the parking crunch, factors such as Tidal Wave II and new on-campus housing will further add to the parking problem. Limiting the number of freshman cars on campus is the first logical step in mitigating congestion.

According to the Master Plan, Cal Poly has the most successful program for reducing single occupancy vehicles. However, there is still a great demand for student, staff and faculty parking on campus. Cal Poly should emulate other universities’ policies of restricted freshman parking.

At University of California, Los Angeles, only one in six residence hall students receive parking permits. These students are chosen using a campus-wide point system. The parking situation at UCLA is on a completely different scale and makes the problem at Cal Poly seem minute. However, the point system can be implemented at Cal Poly to determine which freshman residents can receive permits.

At University of California, Santa Barbara, residential student permits are assigned on a lottery basis. This is another option Cal Poly could use.

At first, not having a car may seem like an inconvenience, but incoming freshman will soon realize the vast number of resources Cal Poly has to offer. A majority of dorm-life necessities, such as snacks, toothpaste, stamps and health care, are available on campus. Students looking for part-time employment have a wide variety of jobs available. Recreation options are also abundant.

Furthermore, dorm life without a vehicle is virtually painless because the campus is close to the community. San Luis Obispo provides a convenient and easy-to-use transportation system when it is necessary to travel to and from campus. The bus system is free with a flash of a student identification card, and numerous buses travel through campus every hour.

Although not having a vehicle while living on campus as a freshman may require some creative solutions for transportation, it is neither difficult nor unfair. A carpooling program can easily be designed for traveling to and from one’s hometown. Rides are easily accessible by posting a notice on the message board in the University Union. Amtrak and buses provide an affordable and convenient route to and from home.

Parking is a nuisance in the Cal Poly community. An alternative solution is essential to relieve the lack of parking for students, faculty and staff. San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly provide the resources for on-campus residents to easily survive without a car. It is time to promote a car-free culture not only among freshman but the entire Cal Poly community.

Restricting freshman parking will open up at least 1,000 additional spaces. Although this policy is not a solution to the parking problem at Cal Poly, it should be the first step in relieving the parking issue.

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Cars mean independence

You’ve been accepted to Cal Poly, paid your dues, have your car packed and are ready to move into the dorms. Unfortunately, you can’t bring your car.

The revised Master Plan contains a proposal that might limit the number of incoming residents who can bring their cars to school. I understand parking has been a problem this year for everyone. Delays in the construction of the Grand Avenue parking structure have caused more people to drive around like vultures looking for somewhere to leave their cars. Others just hop on the bus to avoid the frustration.

Residents have a special situation.

In limiting parking for residents, the school is also limiting their freedom. Unlike the majority of the college population, approximately 3,000 dorm residents live here on campus. This is their home, and the parking lot is their driveway.

Sure, residents can walk down to class or ride the bus into town, but they lose the freedom to escape Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo. Unless they find some other means of transportation, they can’t go home when they want. They also can’t take off for the weekend with friends to destinations outside San Luis Obispo County.

We all remember the days when we were 15 and couldn’t wait to drive. We wanted the freedom to go where we wanted, when we wanted.

When we finally got that little plastic card bearing our name and picture, we were elated. We no longer had to depend on our families to drive us around or be friends with people just because they’d take us places.

Who wants to go back and relive that feeling? Being away from home and adapting to college life is enough of a struggle. Taking away the freedom to drive a car leaves new residents feeling stranded and alone.

Dorms also face other parking challenges on campus. I know that living here on campus and using the parking lot has been a challenge for me. I always get a parking spot on the other end of the lot and have to carry everything back and forth. It took me forever just to move in.

People don’t drive down or stop at the light on Grand Avenue as you’re lugging your laundry across the street to put it in your car. It’s even worse when you’re carrying a few boxes or bags to save yourself a trip back and forth.

In addition to that struggle, we’re not even allowed to work on our cars or wash them in the parking lot. On occasion, I’ve even spotted general parking stickers in the resident parking area, taking one more spot away from residents who have to hunt for spaces in the already crowded lot.

Residents give up many car-related privileges by living on campus. Whoever came up with the idea to limit resident parking hasn’t experienced life on campus and doesn’t appreciate the freedom to escape Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo.

Cars mean independence. You deserve it.

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Gay issues are too slow to come out of Cal Poly's community closet

I'm gay. There, I said it. That wasn't so hard. I'm fine with it, actually. My family is fine with it. Even me. I'm not someone's grandmother is fine with it, and she grew up in a time when the word "gay" was simply not uttered. The only reason I should be concerned about saying that I'm a lesbian is society.

Actually, ladies, sorry to disappoint you, but I'm not a lesbian. However, wonder if saying I was gay changed some people's opinion of me, even before knowing who I am or without reading the rest of this article. With the coming of the new millennium, I had hoped the nation would be more accepting of so-called "alternative" lifestyles. I was against Proposition 22 (keeping marriage between a man and woman only) and thought that enough other voices shared my views to keep the bill from passing. I was wrong. For some reason, the majority of the California voting population can't accept gay marriages.

Last Sunday, more than 3,000 gay and lesbian couples were "married" in Washington, D.C., as an attempt to compel legislators to pass a law allowing same-sex unions. They were faced with protestors but not as many as I would have thought. Only 15 demonstrators turned out for the event. Thankfully, most of the couples blew it off and had pictures taken with the shouting crowd as souvenirs. Obviously, they were used to the disapproval.

Locally, there are outspoken community members who have problems with homosexuals. David Weyrich'site £ posters, the population seems to keep a low profile. I can understand why. With a climate that defines it," Weyrich said in a statement.

Maybe it's because I'm not looking hard enough, but other than the infamous GLBT posters, the population seems to keep a low profile."

The battle over homosexual rights remains strong in cities like San Luis Obispo, but there's not much one can do to convince the other side to change its position. Bible-quoters argue that it isn't God's will for a man to be with a man or a woman to be with a woman. Gay rights supporters say they believe love is what's most important, and the issue is more than just a matter of sex.

Whatever the individual's opinion, what I can't stand is someone else making my decisions for me.

And if I were gay, I would want to decide for myself whom it was legal for me to marry.

Robin Nichols is a journalism sophomore and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Turn in application to Andy Castagnola in building 26, room 226 by Monday, May 8.

Megan Arenaz is a journalism sophomore and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

College women should not walk in shame of their whole identities

Anyone who's known me more than a few months is bound to notice I have a nice collection of odd pet peeves. Some I've had ever since I can remember.

I've always hated the witty dialogue newscasters feel they have to exchange between segments or at the end of a broadcast. Everyone is familiar with the horren­dous chanting, "This is the 15-year anniversary of my sister-in-law's neighborhood's optimum dog's pur­rple hat." It's fabulous that these people have friends, family and neigh­bors they'd like to talk about with their co-workers in front of the entire community, but hearing it drives me absolutely insane. An annoyance I've recently acquired stems from my almost-exclusive pedestrination of the last eight months. With walking as my sole method of transportation, I've developed a certain hatred for individuals who stop their cars in crosswalks rather than behind the white lines. I've been known to project this hate by walking across the hoods of perpetrators' cars.

One of my oldest pet peeves, however, is something that reaches far beyond annoyance and into the realm of things that emotionally hurt. I hate seeing young women walk with their arms crossed.

One look across the blonde, blue-eyed, tanned sea that is our student body makes it evident that body image is important at Cal Poly. Body image in itself, however, isn't the problem. It is important for individuals to be aware of who they are mentally, emotionally and physically, because these aspects make up who we are. I know, with­out consulting my driver's license, that I am 5'11 and weigh 150 pounds. But I also know what my favorite books are, why I'm a horti­culture major, how I like my steak served, who I am right now and where I hope to be in the future. I am confident with myself and my decisions. I know how about my body — positive or negative — does not dominate my life.

I also know this wasn't always the case. I went through a stage in high school when I was ashamed of having small breasts early on in high school and frequently wore a padded bra.

My roommate's mother had each and every one of her daughters on a diet before they began high school. My youngest sister went through a period of time when her obsession with having a tiny waist prompted her to only consume toast. One of my best girlfriends in high school lived in a house where her mother forbade her to leave without a shower, hair blown dry and makeup.

Events from early adolescence play a major role in how our self­images develop.

No woman on this campus is 13 anymore. It's time to move beyond the idea that we'll never be thin, pretty or perfect enough. It's appalling that some of the most brilliant and talented female stu­dents in the country have dreams of becoming business, political and social leaders yet still cross their respective campuses with shoulders sloped forward, eyes turned downward, hair partially covering faces, and fingers on arms wrapped around chest or stomach, hiding from the world.

Megan Arenaz is an environmental horticulture sciences freshman.

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Opinion
River Way Ranch Camp hunting for counselors

Summer's coming. Granted, it's been a long year for all of us here, but regardless, it's time to round up a summer job.

Maybe something not too stressful, a job where you could get paid to ride waverunners and minibikes. We all know about Cal Poly's reputation with industry and the business world, but there is one business in particular that is angling to hire Cal Poly students to be camp counselors at an incredible adventure camp located in the foothills of Sequoia National Park.

Such an experience would be the culmination of any Cal Poly student's summer. Who could resist teaching enthusiastic young kids how to water ski, or lead them through a ropes course? River Way Ranch Camp is looking to train enthusiastic positive students how to lead campers in any of the activities that they have to offer. If you've always wanted to be a lifeguard but never had the funds to train, they will train you for free and give you the opportunity to lifeguard their aquatics programs over the summer. The camp is also providing courses in CPR and first aid for those positions that require it, as well as for anyone who is willing to learn.

As if the camp doesn't offer enough excitement in itself, the first week of counselor training is June 18, allowing enough time for any pre-job vacations.

After training, there is a variety of different schedules the counselors can work with, providing for those students who may only want to work half the summer, as well as those who are looking for a full summer position.

Don't worry about additional costs of living. River Way Ranch Camp will handle your room and board needs.

In addition to the traditional counselor positions, like lifeguarding and archery instruction, River Way Ranch Camp is looking for instructors for martial arts, gymnastics, go carts, computer graphics classes, dance, wave runner use, and water skiing.

And if perhaps you're out of practice, or need a little training yourself, the camp will be there to hone your skills.

Their recruiters will be hosting an interview workshop at the camp from May 6-7, with complete transportation provided. You can contact the camp by phone at (559) 787-2551, on the web at www.riverwayranchcamp.com, or by email at rwrcamp@ol.com.
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will race in all three events. The ages of participants range from 7 to 82 years old.

College students competing from other states, such as Arizona, Colorado and Florida, will also participate in the Olympic course on Saturday. Professionals compete in the Long course on Sunday.

Past winners of the Long course include four-time winner Cameron Wildfog for the men’s competition with a time of 4 hours, 3 minutes. Heather Fauser won the female competition with a time of 4:37.

Public relations committee leader Amy Rife said she was very impressed with the talents of the competitors. “It’s amazing what these people can do,” Rife said. “There are those who run for specific causes, like leukemia or for their grandmother. But whatever keeps them going, it’s just amazing.”

Midfielder Danny Hill was interviewed by Stu Martin for influence the referees’ call in the Central Coast Roadrunners’ home opener last season.

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“I’m optimistic the guys will come ready to play,” Smith said. “If they play together, we will do extremely well.”

Wilson agrees. “I’m confident we can beat them even though we haven’t all practiced together yet.”

Last season the Roadrunners beat the Heroes twice and tied them once, Smith said. “We really want to revert to the previous week when it was 17 over four games.”

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For tickets to all Roadrunner home games and Home run in the series against UC Riverside. For Cal Poly to succeed against the Roadrunners, it needs to play defense as it did against Riverside — with only two errors over the three games — and revolve the previous work when it had 17 over four games.

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Baseball needs series win at Sac State

By Matt Sterling
MUSTANG DAILY ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Two teams fighting for an NCAA tournament bid face their most important series of the season when the Cal Poly Mustangs travel to face the Sacramento State Hornets in a three-game series this weekend.

The Mustangs are coming off a sweep of UC Riverside, where they saw both the pitching and hitting aspects of their team peak. They improved their overall record to 25-21, and they stand at 11-10 in the Big West Conference. Mustang hitters put up 19 runs over the three games, and the pitchers allowed just five runs.

Jared Blasdellprovided one of the strong pitching performances for the team, throwing seven innings of shutout ball and allowing just two hits while striking out six.

"That weekend was finally where everything seemed to come together for us," he said. "Throughout the year, our pitching has struggled, and our defense has struggled at one time or another, but last week pretty much everything was solid."

Sacramento State's conference record is 12-9 while its overall record is 15-27, but heat the University of Pacific, last week in two games, continuing their solid conference play. They have lost only one Big West series all season, which puts them right in the middle of the race for the conference crown. Both teams have only 10 games remaining, so each one is crucial.

Sacramento is riding the hot bat of Big West Player of the Week Rick Gonzalez, who bat .591 (13-for-22) in last week's games, scoring six runs and having at least one RBI in each contest. Cal Poly counters with the duo of Steve Wood and Jason Barringer, who each hit well and had some clutch hits.

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Roadrunners open season at home tonight

By Kimberly Tahsuda
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The Central Coast Roadrunners kick off their Premier Development Soccer League season tonight at 8 p.m. against the San Fernando Valley Heroes in Mustang Stadium.

In a preseason poll, the Roadrunners were chosen by league coaches as the No. 1 team to beat in the Western Conference.

"This is the most talented group we've had in five years," Roadrunner General Manager Larry Smyth said. "Unlike previous years, this team has no holes."

The Roadrunners return key players like midfielder Dana McGregor, fullback Nicholas Mosley and goalkeeper Michael O'Byrne. Forward Sean Heniry joins the team from Santa Barbara.

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Athletes, clubs prepare for Wild weekend

By Victoria Walsh
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This weekend Lake Nacimiento will be swarming with more than 6,000 people as they take part in the 18th annual Wildflower Triathlon. Approximately 30 miles north of San Luis Obispo, Lake Nacimiento has played host to the Wildflower Triathlon, a common precursor to the more famous Ironman competition.

There are three different races in which participants can compete. They include the following: the Mountain Bike course, which is a 25-mile swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a 2-mile run; the Long course, which is a 1.2-mile swim, a 56-mile bike ride and a 13.1-mile run; and the Olympic course, which is a 1.5 kilometer swim, a 4.1-mile bike ride and a 10km run.

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The Wildflower Triathlon consists of a course that requires biking, swimming and running.

Women's water polo heads to nationals

The Cal Poly women's water polo team heads to the national finals this weekend after earning a bid earlier this season. The team becomes the schools second to make the national finals — the men's team also made the national finals and brought back the national championship.

Head coach Jon Walker has had a successful first year with the Mustangs. Walker said at the helm for the men's team and now leads the women to the national finals.

The Mustangs season came down to an important tournament at Cal Poly in April. The team needed multiple wins over Chico State to advance to the nationals.

The Mustangs won the first meeting 8-4 before winning a dramatic 8-7 overtime match with the Wildcats. Cal Poly came from two goals down to tie the match and force overtime and then put away two goals in the extra time to grab the win.

The Heroes are 2-1 this season, and Roadrunner coach Bill Wilson is optimistic despite a lack of practice time with the team. The match tonight will be the first time this season the entire team will be on the field together.

Due to the distance some players must travel, the entire team will not have the opportunity to practice regularly until university and college campuses finish the spring term.

"It's tough to start off," Wilson said. "The team has not practiced together yet. We have 22 possible starters, and we will have to sort out the starting lineup."

However, Smyth is positive the team's talent can overcome the lack of practice time.

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