Fighting cancer with TNT

Participants of the Team In Training program raise thousands of dollars in sponsorships for various events.

Christina Joslin

In 1999, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society expanded its Team In Training program to the Central Coast.

TNT is a way for volunteers to donate their time and efforts to raising thousands of dollars to help fight leukemias, while training to complete a marathon, triathlon or century (100-mile) bike ride.

Agricultural business junior Nick Saia is one of many Cal Poly students who has committed to TNT and Alex Cenoz is one of his honored teammates.

Motorcyclist turned triathlete

Saia is currently training for the Lassen Triathlon in Reno, Nev., on April 3.

Leukemia, an Olympic distance triathlon, is an athletic event that involves a 0.9 mile swim, a 26 mile bike ride and a six mile run.

Saia started his training about a month ago and has been sticking to the schedule he devised for him and his teammates.

A typical day for Saia involves either a 26 mile bicycle ride or a five to 10 mile run in the morning and about an hour at the Cal Poly recreation center at night to do weight lifting or swimming.

Saia balances a full academic load, working 30 hours a week and riding his motorcycle on weekends with his workout sessions.

"To do this, you've got to be very organized with your time," Saia said. "It's do-able, but it's starting to get a little hard."

So far, Saia participated in a couple half marathons, but this will be his first triathlon.

"This training schedule is a really good way to get in shape and stay fit," Saia said. "My ultimate goal is to get all the fund-raising done and finish the triathlon in under three and a half hours."

Saia has raised $2,000 of the $4,000 he needs to compete in the event, to date.

To raise more funds, he plans to hold a Cow Pie Poker event next quarter in Cayucos.

For this event, with a donation, everyone is given a square on a grid that is painted inside a cow pen.

The cow is then let into the pen.

The objective of the game is to have the cow defecate within your designated square.

"It's actually a pretty fun event," Saia said. "It's something us good old boys in Atascadero like to do."

A source of strength

Cenoz is one of the many honored teammates with the Central Coast TNT and helps motivate volunteers who go out of their way to raise thousands of dollars and train for countless hours.

Cenoz was diagnosed with High Risk Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia in May of 1999, when he was less than 3 years old. He endured 133 weeks of chemotherapy at Stanford University and finished his treatment Nov. 24, 1999.

"I like the volunteers because I know that they are running for a good cause and helping to find a cure," Cenoz said.

He is now 10 years old and loves playing sports and PlayStation.

"I just finished my soccer season and I'm about to start basketball," Cenoz said. "Basketball is my favorite sport and I really like the Sacramento Kings."

Cenoz has been an honored teammate for seven years and loves getting to know the volunteers and cheering for them at their events.

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Monarch Butterflies love winter on the Central Coast

The Pismo Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove is the most visited Monarch site in the world.

Emily Logan

The Central Coast is a place that is constantly revealing rare and wonderful places for tourists and locals alike.

The Monarch Butterfly Groves in Pismo Beach and Morro Bay are places that make the Central Coast's truly distinctive area.

Since the first week in November, Pismo State Beach (North Beach) and Morro Bay State Park have been sanctuaries for tens of thousands of Monarch Butterflies. The Pismo Butterfly Grove is a particularly popular tourist attraction.

Everyone really loves to go down there to see the butterflies," said Richard Simpson, a docent at the Pismo Beach Monarch Butterfly Grove.

Other locations in California that attract Monarchs include San Simeon, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Malibu and Long Beach, but none is as large as the Pismo grove.

"The locations they seek have cool, damp temperatures where they can rest and preserve their body's resources during the winter," Simpson said.

What makes the groves so amazing is that the butterflies come back every year to the exact same spots, and no one is quite sure why they do.

"We know they come for the protection that they get from the trees, but why they come to such specific places, we don't know," Welch said.

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PARKING WON'T BE EASY COME WINTER

After this quarter, there will be 580 fewer parking spaces; a replacement lot is being built on Mount Bishop Road.

Tawny Grace

The H-2 parking lot next to the library will close permanently Dec. 1 due to the construction of two new engineering buildings.

The parking lot was originally supposed to close before fall quarter, but delays kept the lot open an extra quarter, Associate Director of the University Police Department Cindy Campbell said.

"We are anticipating a lot of concern and discomfort," Campbell said. "This is why we are trying to educate everybody to take some time to figure out what they are going to do before they come back in the winter. Be prepared, and be ready. It will be different."

The closing of the parking lot will eliminate 580 parking spaces, but Cal Poly is currently building a replacement lot along Mount Bishop where the old abandoned poyton buildings are located. The lot will offer 360 general parking spaces.

The parking lot, adjacent to the Kennedy Library, is being replaced by two engineering buildings.

WEATHER REPORT

Today: Sunny, high of 60 degrees. Surf forecast: Height: 1 ft.

This weekend: Sunrise 6:52 a.m., sunset 4:58 p.m.
Cancer
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Jeniene and Jeff Cozas, Alex’s parents, have participated in 15 marathons and half marathons together.
“We were on the very first Central Coast team in 1999, and have been mentors ever since,” Jeniene said. “Together we have raised over $50,000.”

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“Prior to leaving for winter break, figure out the bus schedule and check if your bike is ready,” Campbell said. “We want to make sure people know what they are facing when they come back.”
Campbell said students will feel the impact of the closed parking lot during winter quarter because students take heavier class loads, and the cold weather prevents students and staff from walking or riding their bikes to campus.
“The bus drops you at the core,” Campbell said. “How convenient is that?”

The university plans to install 30 new bike racks around campus this winter, and the police department will specifically control the areas around bike racks, Campbell said.
“People are reluctant to bike or bus,” Campbell said. “We have a very mild climate here. There are very few days that biking becomes a problem.”

Uytteuwald said the plan was to build the replacement lot earlier, but past use of lead paint on the poultry buildings and swallows’ nests delayed the start of construction.

Lead paint is considered hazardous material, and the poultry buildings need special care to clean it up.

In the past, the swallows built their nests in the old poultry buildings. The forced construction workers to wait to begin building the new parking lot until the swallows left. After the replacement parking lot is built, the swallows will have to find a different place to settle.

Two engineering buildings will take the place of the library parking for Engineering 4 and the Bordelon Engineering Projects Center.

The Engineering 4 building will have multiple stories and house 100,000 square feet of labs, classrooms and offices, Uytteuwald said. The building is state-funded and will accommodate a space for Cal Poly’s expected rise in student enrollment in the next 10 years.

“The really good thing about this is we are going to get an academic building for students,” Campbell said. “We need to have the buildings in the campus core and the parking on the outskirts.”

Cal Poly also plans to decrease the number of parking spaces for staff and faculty, Campbell said. If the carpooling goes well, Cal Poly will make it available to students in the future.

“Knowing that these people who started out as strangers are now wearing a little band with Alex’s name on it and that they were moved enough by him and his story to do this great thing in his honor,” Alex just recently had his five year check up in Stanford and the doctors say that he is doing great.

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The Central Coast Natural History Association is an important force in the preservation and promotion of the groves. The CCNHA is a non-profit organization that helps with educational programs.

Ernie Glenesk, a CCNHA member who wrote a brief history of the grove, said the grove was kept secret for some time from the public, but was eventually opened to the public.

“During the 1970s, rangers began giving talks to school groups, and in 1980, docent Mary Lou Goy and Dick Simpson gave the first public butterfly talks,” Glenesk said.

The Pismo Grove is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily through December. Docents are available at these times and there are also docent talks every day at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, visit the CCNHA Web site at www.ccnha.org.
yelled directly at Peterson, her voice that was taken away from her,” she said. "I don’t have killed his wife." she yelled directly at Peterson, her voice rising and cracking as she spoke.

**STATE NEWS**

**REDWOOD CITY** — A heart-broken Shann Rocha took the witness stand Tuesday in the penalty phase of Scott Peterson’s murder trial, rising out of her seat and screaming at her former son-in-law that he should not have killed his wife.

"She wanted to be a mother. That was taken away from her," she yelled directly at Peterson, her voice rising and cracking as she spoke.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**WASHINGTON** — Fueled by fierce fighting in Fallujah and insurgents’ counterattacks elsewhere in Iraq, the U.S. military death toll for November equaled the highest for any month of the war, according to casualty reports available Tuesday.

At least 135 U.S. troops died in November, the same number as last April, when the insurgents rioted in Fallujah and elsewhere in the so-called Sunni Triangle where U.S. forces and their Iraqi allies lost a large measure of control.

**CHICAGO** — Mayor Richard Daley’s 29-year-old son has enlisted in the Army and will soon report for duty in the airborne infantry.

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When he was 18 years old and always remembered their motto, "Duty, Honor and Country," but I was so young and not really old enough to understand what it really meant."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**GENEVA** — The International Committee of the Red Cross said Tuesday U.S. officials have failed to address concerns about significant problems in the treatment of terror suspects detained at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The neutral agency refused "to cooperate" with the U.S. military and its to Guantanamo, the Times said.

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**Gwen: a guilty pleasure**

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It must be tough being Gwen Stefani. To watch your wife experience massive success, while you, alone, did not, is on hooks, beats and her larger-than-life personality. Stefani has much-anticipated solo debut, and her emergence from under the protective wing of No Doubt. Usually, when lead singers of successful bands take the solo route, they tend to stick close to their musical roots. Beyonce's solo debut, "Dangerously In Love," could pass as a Destiny's Child album. Rossdale's solo turn sounded like another pointless Bush album. But Stefani could never have made L.A.M.B. with No Doubt. It's too beat-heavy and club-centric, too chic and fashionable and lacks the punkish edge most No Doubt albums featured.

Instead of sticking to No Doubt's ska/alternative pedigree, Stefani has released the most unabashed '80s dance record since, well, the 1980s. The album is a stylishly wild and often bizarre rule, but an ultimately fun one at that. It's a deck and shimmering production, dripping with delectable content, all killer no filler. Stefani assembled a group of A-List producers from a wide musical spectrum, including Andre 3000, Dr. Dre, Nellee Hooper (a reggae legend who produced "Hey Baby"), The Neptunes, Dallas Austin, Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis and hit-maker Lyricist Linda Perry. With far too many producers, Stefani covers too much ground to make a coherent album, but that is part of the fun. The focus is on hooks, beats and her larger-than-life persona, not lyrical content.

The album is fashion-obsessed, featuring multiple mentions of her dressing like L.A.M.B. (yes, the same as the album title), and includes "Harajuku Girls," an ode to the ladies of the innovative Harajuku fashion district in Japan. In the song, Stefani gushes she is their "biggest fan." In interviews, Stefani said she wanted to create the "ultimate guilty pleasure record." She has succeeded. "What You Waiting For," with its tick-tock rhythm, is what a great pop song should sound like. Brassy and rootsy, the track has more energy and originality than any other song this year.

Following the success of their collaboration on the 2001 hit, "Let Me Blow Your Mind," Stefani and rapper Eve are reunited on "Rachet Girl." Dr. Dre lends the beat to the track, which is surprisingly disco-driven compared to his earlier, G-funk-centric work. The Neptunes provide one of the album's highlights with the "Hey Mickey"-inspired track, "Harliba Girl." With sparse beats, and a heavy hand clap in the background, Stefani sounds just like the high school cheerleader of every boy's dreams.

On tracks like "Serious" and "Crash," Gwen showcases her Malond "Borderline" era appreciation. With beats seemingly stolen from a cheap Casio keyboard, Stefani heads to the dance floor with violin hooks and a synthesizer reminiscent of Salt 'n' Pepa's "Push It."

The album's few missteps occur when Stefani and her producers attempt seriousness. Her collaboration with Outkast Andre 3000, "A Long Way To Go," addresses interracial relationships. Not only is this the topic out of place with its dance-floor-filling company, but the track itself sounds like a Kels reject left on the Stankona Recording Studio floor. The matriarchy inspired track, "The Real Deal," is the most straightforward club track on the album and is also the most boring.

As a solo, non-R & B female artist, Stefani has virtually no competition. Other female singers lack the originality, personality, personal fashion and introspective to create such a brazen '80s dance record, but luckily for pop music sake, Stefani did just that.

**Revisit the Backstreet**

The turkey was gone, yet the existential crisis remained. My Thanksgiving should have been fantastic—I'd invested two mealtimes exclusively for pie consumption, and a Tiny Toons marathon inexplicably ran all day on some obscure cable channel. However, I was plagued by more than a food coma—I was wondering if I'd even had reason to celebrate. What was I thankful for? Family? Friends? Amber waves of gravy? Yes, but I wasn't running for Mrs America; some basic truth was obviously missing. I could easily tick off a list of things I wasn't grateful for: my iceberg lettuce, drabness, red states—but that hardly helped. I worried, I stewed, I paced figure-eights in the tan carpet of the living room. And then, finally, like a revelation from some higher and benevolent deity, the answer came—and now I am reborn, uplifted by the truth I know what I am thankful for.

I am thankful for the Backstreet Boys.

What was that noise? Oh, it was your editorial snort of disbelief. After all, the Backstreet Boys aren't considered the pinnacle of coolness, except in rosutely ironic circles (the same that equate "Saved By The Bell" with Nietzsche). They were fire questionsably heterosexual men who refused to grow up, both in name and in musical maturity. They were care-inducing but catchy pop, and sometimes they shot videos in abandoned high schools or wearing half-naked in fake rain. Nowadays, dethroned by Justin Timberlake's shaved head, they're cultural whipping boys (and a lot of sexual speculation has been done to determine if they like that)—but about six years ago, they were bigger than Jesus. And we were lucky to have them.

After all, we'd had it grow up in the geek-chic "Information Age," at least we narrowly escaped with the least inane music offered. The Backstreet Boys sang cliched ballads about love, always catering to the fans' hopes that someday their professed love would become real. They played to hopeful emotions just like they had their yearning for the complex nature of love and feeling everything into milkshakes and hand-holding. Their sap was gold, and it was better than the alternative. Had we been born a few years later, we'd have been snubbed as "The Hot Topic Generation"—the collective of kids who are angry at their fathers because Good Charlotte tells them to be. We'd enjoy the vocal stylings of Lindsey Lohan (who whines about fame in her autobiography) and her collaborators performing the very reasons she recorded it, and we'd throw devil horns to overproduced mall "punks" like Avril Lavigne, who claims to write the god-awful lyrics she spews in nard country ballads. These acts rely on carefully crafted edginess and claim to be self-contained or directly involved in the creation of their own music. But it's all an elaborately packaged facade puffed up of a major label cag.
How to combat unfair, unjust grades

Have you ever been in class and truly felt discriminated against by your professor? Have you gotten a bad grade due to your personal beliefs or been graded down unjustly? I recognize this topic covers at a time when such issues are prevalent, and grades will be cast, but after I explain this, my hope is that you will know the process of grade appeals for your duration at Cal Poly.

You may be wondering how I know this process. Part of my responsibilities as ASI President is to nominate students to sit on university-wide and Academic Senate committees, two of which we are concerned with today. The fairness board and the student grievance board of the Academic Senate deal with grade appeals. But before I get into the details, you may be curious what the Academic Senate even is. The Academic Senate is the faculty governing body of the university which represents approximately 1,000 faculty members. It is the principal agency for formulating and recommending policy for the university and bridges the gap between the campus community and the administration.

Let’s say you get your grades back and you are in absolute disbelief. You legitimately think you should have gotten a higher grade but don’t know what to do. At this time you can file a complaint to the Academic Senate Fairness Board. This board exists to hear grade appeals based on the grievance’s belief that the instructor has made a mistake, shown bad faith or incompetence, or been unfair.

In a similar situation, let’s say you get your grades back and think you were graded unjustly because of non-academic related matters. The Academic Senate Student Grievance Board hears these complaints. The Academic Senate resolution AS-500-88/ETF states, “Grievances that would fall under the purview of the Student Grievance Process are those that deal with issues of alleged harassment or perceived unfair treatment such as those that result from race, ethnicity, gender, disability or sexual orientation. These grievances, which do not involve grade appeals, are at least as common as those grievances that do involve grade appeals.”

How much support will you have if you file these complaints to these committees?

Not only do students sit on these committees which review the cases, but a former colleague of mine, the creation of the Student Grievance Board on Sept. 18, 1998, President Baker wrote, “The establishment of a Grievance Board as an Academic Senate committee would be a welcome complement to the Fairness Board, which deals with student grade-related disputes. Cal Poly is committed to the fair treatment of all its students, and the establishment of this Grievance Board would further extend the protection of the rights of students in an important way.”

The first step is obviously informally solving the issue with your professor, but if that doesn’t work then you can file a complaint, in writing, with one of these committees. If you can’t resolve the situation with your lecturer, teaching assistant or professor, visit the Academic Senate Web site for specific steps you can take to appeal your grade at http://www.calpoly.edu/~academ/documents.html. This page has the documented procedures needed to appeal your grades.

If crying, bribing and extra credit doesn’t work, then this is another solution for you to ponder.

Blake Belson is the ASI President who is available for assistance on legitimate grade related matters and can be reached at asipresident@calpoly.edu.

Letters to the Editor

Cat-dog cartoons, real-life fish with legs plaque argument

I would like to thank Brian Crawford for his comments on evolution. I too have been plagued by those very questions. Where did all the cat-dogs and fish with feet go?

First, I would like to state that you have an overactive and ignorant mind, watching too many cartoons when you were younger to think a cat-dog could possibly exist. Can animals evolve separately, not from one another?

Secondly, the argument about fish with legs, toots, have you ever heard of a frog or perhaps ever read about how fossils of fish with feet have been discovered? No, didn’t think so. Also there is a fish known as the Northern Snakehead (go ahead and look it up) in Maryland that can crawl out of water and survive for several days. I would now like to enlighten a person so unfortunate as yourself who clearly hasn't taken a biology class.

First off, evolution is based on scientific research and is clearly stated as a theory not a belief (like creationism), the latter which you hold so dear. Over millions and billions of years, primordial soup developed into animal life, then to protozoans and on to those monkeys that began 'ploppin' out' us humans. It took a vast timeline with selective traits being favored over others and certain mixing of genetic variations that produced to produce a variety of new species. It’s an expense of time. I’m sure you can’t fathom. That is how our prejudice gradually evolved from the thought pursuant Crawf Ariel Nikzad

Statistic sophmore

Display is not meant to offend, misuse is sacrilege

Is it possible that the mannequin of the gay marriage display was sacrilegious. Meaning that it presented our landish argument that made those who oppose gay marriage look bigoted and hateful. Most people who oppose gay marriage not for fear gay people marrying dogs, or think that this is an effective argument against it. Just as the more recent feminist display in sacris, making people who think men and women have different strengths look sexist and ed. fashioned. Jacob Stoess

Mechanical engineering sophmore

Country doesn’t represent ‘freedom’ it champions

I am continually amazed by the narrow-mindedness present on this campus. David Jansson claims to not be homophobic, yet by stating he believes heterosexual behavior is wrong, he still condones intolerance. Looking back at the civil rights movement, what good would a citizen serve who believed in African-American’s right to protest, but didn’t believe they deserved equality? It’s a position that only reinforces the fact that this country doesn’t represent the “freedom” it claims to champion. If we did choose to follow our constitution, one might remember it stating “Liberty and justice for all.”

Concerning the idea of moral decay, where is the concern for the fact that (among industrialized nations) the United States holds the highest rate of child poverty? Not to mention that our country also experiences the highest rate of gun deaths (by far) among the world’s 36 richest nations. Thus, I find it strange that two adults of the same sex, looking to receive the same rights as any other couple, represent such a threat.

If you want to solve problems of moral decay, please work on preventing child and spousal abuse, or reducing hunger and homelessness. And finally, please don’t claim to love freedom if your beliefs don’t allow you to see all humans as equal. Thanks! Thank you! The list of countries allowing gay marriage continues to grow (Full recognition — Spain, Canada, Netherlands, Belgium; Civil Unions — Belgium; Misery — Netherlands; Belgium; Civil Unions — Denmark, U.K., France, Germany, Portugal, Switzerland). Let us hope that only reinforces the fact that country someday join these nations in truly standing for equality.

Courtney Dahl

Saxophore senior

A letter, that even rhymes, addressed to the president

Dear Mr. Brown,

You call yourself a moral man. While bombing a country called Afghanistan, 1,000 people die below? Their destinies never known. A few sort apples that you see. So you burn down the whole tree. You say it is for a good cause, protecting us from the world’s evil. Yet those who die, 7,000 miles away, are unheard to this day. Civilians, weddings, and babies to be these “smart” bombs really can not see it. Is this what you call a strategy? This does not match my philosophy.

Now you had your first taste of revenge. The blood stains leave you thirsty to see.

So change your course of attack.

Now you are blaming it on Iraq. Lie to the public and crush those who speak back.

So now you call in the Patriot Act.

Label it all with a pretty name. Then it will pass and all is sane.

Now, 16,000 more are dead. 1,000 of these carried your own lead.

Yet you call yourself a Christian man, while grabbing all the votes you can.

All I see is hypocrisy, lies, death, misery.

One thing that I know holds true.

This was not a problem before I knew you.

So please maybe you can change your stuttle ways.

Marc Breider

Chemistry senior

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**SPORTS**

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becomes a dooms day attitude right away which team the town spare?"

Despite the hardships, Azevedo said he has seen wrestlers Vic Moreno and

Haley improve over the past year.

Mooroo's hard work paid off when he

became an All-American last year.

"That success kind of feeds on itself

and the other guys," Azevedo said.

Anewcomer of the Year. The honor

became an All-American last year and was named Pac-10

Newcomer of the Year. The Honor

marked the first time a Mustang won

the title.

The team's next match comes up this weekend in Las Vegas.

It's still uncertain if some of the

injured wrestlers will be fit to wrestle.
Pac-10 plan is to take first at home

Tawny Grace

Despite losing its first two duals against Navy and rival Bakersfield, the Cal Poly wrestling team plans to win the Pac-10 conference title this year, and the championship will be in its own backyard. The Pac-10 moves its tournament championship to a different university each year and will be at Cal Poly for the first time in nearly 10 years.

Last year, Cal Poly placed second in the Pac-10, but the team plans to take first this year, which is something it has never done.

"Each year, we go into the season expecting to work hard and learn and get better at each competition," wrestling coach John Azevedo said. "The thing about wrestling is you can lose all your matches and then place at the Pac-10!"

The top four wrestlers from the Pac-10 proceed to compete in the NCAA tournament. The top eight wrestlers from the tournament become All-Americans. Azevedo said, "I think the team's getting better overall," Halsey said "Last year we had our best finish."

The team had a few setbacks coming into the season with some of the best wrestlers injured. Just some tweaked necks and knees and some sprains," Azevedo said.

The team lost one of its best wrestlers, Darrell Vasquez, for the year. Vasquez was one of the NCAA wrestlers last year, but had to go home this year because of sickness.

"You have to try to stay as positive as you can," Azevedo said. "It is like you have to take it one day at a time. Right now we just have to keep our heads on straight and get healthy. I think the rest will take care of itself."

Azevedo is in his second year as head coach and Joe Hedrick and his assistant, Matt Azevedo, are assistant coaches. "I learned last year that it is a lot of work being head coach," Azevedo said. "There is pressure there and you want to do well. I pray a lot. I pray for my team."

Even though wrestling is an individual sport, Azevedo said wrestling is very demanding and holds a lot of camaraderie.

"When some of the things happen like we have had this season, it will tear you apart a little," Azevedo said. "The guys are disappointed."

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Harris the hero in men's water polo national title win

Men's water polo wins its fourth national title and third championship in the past four years under Harris' two goals

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

When Cal Poly men's water polo needed a difference maker, Daniel Harris was just that.

Scoring two second half goals, Harris provided the winning margin as Cal Poly defeated University of Arizona 7-5 for the 2004 Men's National Collegiate Club Championship title.

It was Arizona that stole the momentum before Harris' heroes rallying from three goals behind to even the score, 5-5. But Harris beat the defense directing a shot away from Wildcat goalie Justin Corea's reach and giving the Mustangs a lead.

For Arizona, the tournament Most Valuable Player Eric Qualls led its comeback with two critical goals during the rally and three total. Qualls got things started with the game's first goal at 3:37 of the first quarter. Before the period ended, Cal Poly's Matt Knabke responded for a game-tying goal. The Mustangs took their first lead of the game on Matt Rhode's goal at 4:37 of the second quarter and increased the margin to 3-1 on a goal by Ryan Smillie with just 26 left in the half.

Arizona's Jeff Dunnam scored to bring his team to a 3-2 disadvantage before Cal Poly received third-quarter goals from Smillie and Knabke.

Arizona waited until 26 seconds were left in the third quarter to strike again as Qualls goal drew the Wildcats to within two. Wasting little time, Qualls found the net again striking 38 seconds into the fourth quarter for his third goal. The score was 5-4.

At 4:43, Dunnam scored another goal to knot the score. To reclaim the lead, Cal Poly went to Harris who scored the first of his two goals.

A final golden opportunity to score failed for Arizona after Cal Poly goalie Paulo Avila recovered to make the save on a shot lobbed short of the goal.

Harris then scored again to provide the Mustangs with the final margin of victory.

The victory gave Cal Poly its fourth National Title, a record, and its third championship in the past four years.

Mustang coach Matt Landre was voted Coach of the Year in his first year as head coach for the Mustang team.

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Portland disposes of men's hoops with ease as the offense fails again

The shooting problems persist as the Mustangs drop their third straight game, shooting just 39 percent from the floor

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

It was an embarrassing rout.

Cal Poly dropped to 0-3 as Portland led the whole way in a 93-65 victory at the Chiles Center.

Reserve guard Jeremiah Dominguez scored 21 points in the non-conference men's basketball game Monday night in the Chiles Center. Dominguez made eight of 12 floor shots, including three of five from three-point range, as Portland improved to 4-1 on the year.

Cal Poly was led by senior forward Mike Titchen who came off the bench to score 13 points. Starting forward Andrew Haskins and starting guard Derek Stockalper each added 11 points for the Mustangs.

The Mustangs struggled to take care of the ball turning it over 29 times.

And a familiar problem, shooting percentage, again flared its ugly head. The Mustangs shot just 39 percent from the floor.

Stockalper led the way with nine and Vladimir Lsinac with seven.

Cal Poly, which trailed 40-21 at halftime, surrendered 32 points off turnovers while scoring only 15.

The Pilots turned the ball over just 13 times and made 46.7 percent of their floor shots.

Portland has won all six meetings against Cal Poly.

The Mustangs play their third straight game on the road Saturday night, visiting San Jose State for a 2 p.m., non-conference contest.

Cal Poly will then play its next five games at home against Santa Clara, Dominican, Utah, UC Irvine and Long Beach State to close out the month of December.

This fall, Cal Poly has lacked a solid offensive presence and still awaits the return of guard Kameron Gray to the lineup who has been ineligible for academic reasons.

Glen Jones has seen much of the time at the point guard spot.