Student dies in car accident

The recent death of Edgar Viernes brings the total number of student deaths to five within the last three months.

Emily Rancer
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Edgar Richard Viernes, an electrical engineering junior, died Friday as a result of a car accident on Foothill Boulevard near O'Connor Way. He is the fifth Cal Poly student to die in the last three months.

"He was just a great person, really easy-going," said Alex Aldana, an electrical engineering senior who was friends with Viernes. "He was really kind and genuine — that's probably the thing I'll remember most about him."

Vieres was in a car driven by his roommate, computer engineering sophomore Patrick Mariano, when a dog ran across the street. Mariano swerved to avoid it, causing the car to spin out of control and into a large tree on the east shoulder, according to a San Luis Obispo Police Department press release.

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SLO kicks off Rideshare Week; students weigh options

Tyler Wise
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As traffic congestion and lack of adequate parking continues to grow at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo County aims to ease the overcrowding this week. Today marks the beginning of Rideshare Week — the county's annual campaign to promote carpooling and alternative means of transportation. In conjunction with Cal Poly, SLO Regional Rideshare and the Air Pollution Control District of San Luis Obispo, Rideshare Week (Oct. 16 to 20) is the county's attempt to encourage both students and workers to carpool, ride the bus, bicycle, or walk to school or work in order to alleviate city-wide traffic congestion and air pollution.

"Rideshare Week is a great time for our community to explore the road less traveled," said Lisa Quinn, program coordinator for SLO Rideshare, in a press release. "With gas prices at an all-time high, it is important for us to get creative about how we use our limited resources."

As an incentive to encourage faculty and student participation, Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo County will also provide prizes, including a grand prize—a trip around the world.
Rideshare Week runs until Friday and is an effort to alleviate city-wide traffic congestion and air pollution.

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world — and several smaller prizes for those who pledge to participate during Rideshare Week.

However, some Cal Poly students say Rideshare Week is a meaningful exercise that will help reduce highway and intercity traffic as well as environmental stress regardless of the incentives.

"I think it's (Rideshare Week) a good idea if it helps promote alternative modes of transportation, especially those that don't have any adverse effects on the environment," said Christy Bedayan, a biological sciences junior who rides her bike to Cal Poly. "But for those that have no choice, carpooling or using the bus should be something that every student tries to take advantage of, regardless of Rideshare Week," she said.

According to an online poll conducted on the Mustang Daily Web site, it would appear that students are doing just that.

When asked, "What do you use for alternative transportation?" 17 percent responded that they use a skateboard to get to school, 25 percent ride the bus, 25 percent walk to school and 33 percent ride a bicycle. Information concerning how many people take advantage of carpooling was not included in the poll.

Yet it is very apparent, by the early morning traffic congestion at Football Boulevard, California Street, and Grand Avenue, that there is large portion of the student and faculty population that still drive to Cal Poly. And though many say they would prefer to participate during Rideshare Week, many students and faculty members live too far away to ride a bicycle or ride the bus, while others say they can’t find anyone to carpool with.

"I would definitely like to help out by carpooling with my roommates or friends, but there isn't an opportunity to because we all go to class at different times," said Patrick Trautman, a mechanical engineering senior who drives to Cal Poly. "I ride a bike to school every once in a while though, and I would definitely like to do that instead of driving to class because parking is becoming such a bitch," said Trautman.

In any event, if any students and faculty can and would like to participate to help reduce the load of traffic and emissions during Rideshare Week, check out Rideshare's Web site at www.rideshare.org to learn more about the campaign and available prizes. The deadline to pledge is Oct. 20.

"This has been one of the more sad and troublesome starts to the school year," said Cornel Morton, vice president for Student Affairs. "This is not understood to be part of a regular university life."

Three other Cal Poly students have died since July, though only one was actively enrolled.

Morton said that in the four years he has worked in Student Affairs, he has had to deal with at least one student death per year, but "nothing quite like this."

Reporter Sara Hamilton contributed to this article.

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tions. Most of the day a DJ plays, said Davidson. "There is a magic show and definitely karaoke on Saturday," he said.

The activities were interesting, but the main reason for the weekend was the cars; the streets were lined with cars from several eras. Muscle cars were the main ones out there, said Davidson. "They are mostly three makers: Chevy, Ford and Chrysler. A few others come, but that is what most are," he said.

Saturday was for spectacles, but Sunday was the most important day for the owners as the cars were judged and trophies were awarded for prizes such as best in show.

Everyday, cars lined the pier, beach parking lot and streets of Pismo. "I really liked that there were cars on the pier," said nutrition junior Mueve Blessing. "There is an incredible view of the ocean."

This weekend, only 25,000 to 30,000 spectators were expected to show up, said Davidson. "The rain will probably keep them from coming out," he said.

However, it didn't keep everyone from attending. "It's so pretty out here and it's totally different than anything else I've been in," Blessing said. "My favorite car was the blue Belair and I loved the kettle corn stand."

The show has been happening in Pismo for two years, said Davidson. In June, the same company, just Cruzin' Productions, puts on a weeklong show in the same location. The company has put on four shows total since they received the license, he said.

In June, 125,000 people showed up to the show called the Pismo Beach Classic. So far, there have been no conflicts during the shows, said Davidson. "This is very tightly controlled and the perfect rule that nobody gets outside of," he said. In all four shows, no insurance claims have been filed, he said.

"The people that show up at the shows are typically car people," said Davidson. "They don't get too wild," he said.

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Study shows more college students volunteering

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Campus Projects Quarterly Update - Fall, 2006

Poly Canyon Village
Projected Completion Dates: Phase 1 - Summer, 2006
Phase 2 - Summer, 2009
Construction Start Date: Fall, 2005
Description: Apartments to accommodate nearly 2700 students, located on the northeast side of campus. The complex will have 618 units and 1930 parking spaces, study areas, lecture space and swimming pool. Agriculture Building relocations completed: Bull Test and Feed Mill have been moved and the new Beef Center (formerly Bull Test) is now in use. The new Animal Nutrition Center (formerly Feed Mill) is under construction.
Program Manager: Brookwood Program Management. Atlanta, Georgia
Design-Build Contractor: Clark Design Build of California, Oakland
Architect: Niles Bolton, Atlanta, Georgia

Bonderson Projects Center
Projected Completion Date: Fall, 2006
Construction Start Date: March, 2005
Square Feet: 21,000
Stories: 1/2
Description: In 2001, Paul R. Bonderson Jr. and Sandra K. Bonderson established the Bonderson Excellence in Engineering Gift Fund for Projects. The fund benefits the College of Engineering and Computer Science Laboratory Renovation and Upgrade. The Projects Center is a new facility for senior projects and other related activities.
Architect: John Trautmann, Santa Monica
General Contractor: Maino Construction Co., Inc., San Luis Obispo
For construction photos: http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/homefp.htm

Alex. G. Spanos Stadium
Projected Completion Date: Phase 1, Fall, 2006
Description: Phase 1 - West Side Bleachers and Memorial Plaza
The project includes over 3600 seats, realignment of California Blvd. (completed spring, 2005) permanent restrooms and a memorial plaza at the southeast corner of the stadium.
Architect: RRM Design Group, San Luis Obispo
General Contractor: Maino Construction Co., Inc. San Luis Obispo
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Engineering IV
Projected Completion Date: Winter, 2007
Construction Start Date: February, 2005
Square Feet: 104,000
Stories: 3
Description: (JCA) College of Engineering (CENG)
The project will provide a new building for CENG that will house Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, Materials Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering and Biomedical Engineering.
Architect: AC Martin Partners, Inc. Los Angeles
CM at Risk: Gilbane Building Company, Phoenix, Arizona

Bella Montaña Faculty and Staff Housing
Projected Completion Date: Fall 2007
Construction Start Date: April, 2005
Square Feet: 104,000
Stories: 3
Description: The Cal Poly Housing Corporation is developing a 5.58 acre site on Highway One at Highland Drive under a long term ground lease from the university. Limited housing supply and overwhelming demand in the county have created a critical need for employee housing. The Bella Montana development will provide 69 two and three bedroom condominium units for sale to eligible employees under program guidelines developed by the Cal Poly Housing Corporation.
Design-Build Developer: BDC Development Corp., Pismo Beach
Architect: LGA, Pismo Beach
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Sustainability at Cal Poly Biennial Progress Report
Cal Poly Facility Services, together with Facilities Planning & Capital Projects, and in cooperation with the Vice President's Sustainability Advisory Committee, worked over the summer to publish the Biennial Progress Report on Campus Sustainability for 2006. The document details progress made in campus planning, development and operations to move toward a greener campus, and in response to the Talloires Declaration signed by President Baker in 2004. The report contains information about energy use, transportation, water resources, solid waste and recycling, and land use. The document is available online through the Facilities Planning Website at: http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/homefp.htm

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All construction projects - large or small - must go through the campus building permit process. A building permit is required for all departments, offices and student projects whether or not they are using their own resources. For a building permit application and more detailed information on the process, go to the Facility Services web site and click on Building Permits:

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Jon Lovitz brings laughs to campus

Devan McClaine

It was "Saturday Night Live," all over again at the Christopher Coban Performing Arts Center on Saturday night. The reason? Former "SNL" cast member Jon Lovitz was in town. The veteran of 30 films including "A League of Their Own" and "Benchwarmers" regaled the crowd with his thoughts on everything from his own sexuality (he's not gay but Bob Saget is another story), to his religion — he wants to be Jewish.

The show had an international flavor with Australian-born comedians Jim Short opening for Lovitz. Short continued Lovitz' habit of distancing declaring to the crowd, "Mel Gibson is yours now, he's not ours anymore. Mel Gibson is from New York." The stand-up veteran was hilarious for the five minutes he was on stage.

Lovitz is working backwards in the fact that he is an actor going to stand-up, and it shows. He's not as polished or smooth in delivery as most accomplished comedians, or maybe that's just Lovitz. I don't know.

That said, he had some really good bits, such as teaching the mostly gentile audience what the Yiddish word "hutzpah" means. Lovitz: "Lance Armstrong has hutzpah...well,
one hutzpah really." Finally, he laid it out in far simpler terms saying, "Hutzpah is Hitler moving to Israel and asking 'why is everyone picking on me?'"

The weirdest thing was hearing Lovitz drop the f-bomb in the first couple of minutes. I've seen a bunch of his movies, but I don't remember hearing him curse. It was kind of awkward, like getting used to watching your grandparents make out. You know it's gonna happen, but nothing prepares you for its arrival.

Unlike your grandparents, Lovitz is a delight to watch. His stand-up career is in its relative infancy, which seems apparent as he fumbles over his words a bit, but it quickly becomes part of the act.

One of the best portions of the show was when he got into a "raise your hand" bit with the audience. The first came when he asked all the Catholics in the audience to raise their hands. He then congratulated them for being "wannas" then instructed everyone in the audience to look at them. I'm pretty sure he lost the conservative portion in the audience after that.

Lovitz closed the show with a rousing musical tribute (he's got a decent voice and plays the piano pretty well) to his best friend, comedian Bob Saget. Side note: remind me to move the pitchman for Subway perform a musical parody of the star of "Full House," come on — endings don't get any better.

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**Why is White Zin a sin?**

White Zinfandel started as a fad wine to evangelically convert beer drinkers into wine drinkers. It was also there around the time of wine coolers, spritzers and those hideous spandex aerobics outfits.

Twenty years ago White Zin was the "it" drink — as long as you brought it to a party in a jug for everyone to share.

In the 1970s a Napa Valley winery by the name of Sutter Homez began experimenting on how to perfect their ultra-gourmet Zinfandel by draining juices in order to concentrate color and flavor in the remaining wine. Well, one particulars winemaker accidentally tasted this runoff juice and was surprised by its sweet and mild nature.

White Zinfandel is grown from Zinfandel grapes and is not a separate varietal, rather a method of production. This blush wine goes through a "Stuck Fermentation," in other words, the yeast dies before it has a chance to turn most of the sugar into alcohol.

In essence, White Zinfandel is a stunted version of Zinfandel with a milder, sweet taste. Because of its more subdued nature, it is easy to see why White Zin is the third most popular wine bought in the United States as of 2006, according to Wikipedia.

For all those readers out there who have never tried wine but would like to, I would recommend to you this "Wine on Training Wheels." The transition from there to white wines is a very smooth one.

Wines or recipes to Lauren Jeter@gmail.com.

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POLITICAL COMMENTARY

Giving credit where micro-credit is due

I might not be strewn with hundreds of TV screens and newspaper headlines every day like the pictures of Kim Jong-il at the UN and Clinton in banking mode right now poverty is a bigger threat to the health and stability of this world than the "Axis of Evil." Every day 30,000 people die because they are too poor to afford food or medicine. Half the world's population, three billion people, live on less than $2 per day and 800 million live on less than $1 a day. Clearly, poverty is one of greatest global challenges humanity has faced, which is why I was overjoyed to hear that Muhammad Yunus and his inspirational Grameen banking model were internationally recognized.

Muhammad Yunus, the so-called "Banker to the Poor," was awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for his pioneering of micro-credit, which has helped millions escape the clutches of poverty. Yunus' revolutionary lending system originated modestly enough with his Grameen bank. In the 1970s and 1980s, Bangladesh has been experiencing frequent, often deadly floods. The World Bank estimated there were more than 7 million microfinance institutions, serving 16 million poor people in both the developed and the industrialized world, and these auspicious numbers are only expected to keep rising. Considering the times we live in, I am overjoyed that the Nobel Committee decided to change that. Muhammad Yunus. More often than not the Nobel Peace Prize is given to people who excel in the area of conflict resolution, and you can't blame the committee members considering the media's daily reminders of the threats posed by terrorism and rogue regimes. Nevertheless, this time the committee decided to look beyond the battlefield and recognize people that there are many other peace-related issues existing that deserve equal attention, like the global poverty problem. More importantly the committee also reminded us that solutions like micro-credit and people like Muhammad Yunus do exist.

Patrick Molnar is a business manager and Mustang Daily political columnist.
Use what you learned in kindergarten

The funny thing about reading assignments is that professors know students don’t read all the material. Then why assign 40 to 50 pages of reading a night?

The No. 1 tip is not to read in bed because that one second you become weak and rest your eyes, there is no going back. Ask yourself, why did the professor assign the reading? Sometimes it may seem like busy work, but there’s a purpose. What are you supposed to get out of it? OK, the next step creates some work, but it helps to jot down notes and comments about the section because you know the next day you can’t remember what you read. Another great tip is to skim sections of the text, because once you know what the point of the reading is, and then it’s easy to bypass all the fluff and get to the facts.

In other words, I hate to admit it, but maybe the victory drill book offers the best advice, to keep at it on a routine basis and it becomes as easy as cat, bat, nap and map.

Nicole Small is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Campus bikers experienced and capable

Wednesday’s staff commentary about the “danger” of walking around campus due to bikes is bogus.

First of all, the primary bike-riding contingent on campus are well-experienced mountain and road bikers, the wheelmen and triathletes (and those of us who ride for fun) typically have years of experience riding.

Your self-admitted paranoia is an insult to our skill as riders. Next, I do not appreciate the comment that “all you bikers... are unaware... or ignoring (the rules)” as if we were criminals.

The “walk zones” are truly criminal. Inner Perimeter Road is a regulation-size street, and if you can’t leave one little space open for bikers, then you are not even walking at all. If you ignore the rules and go around the close lot (still practically a mile away from our classroom), and having boards of pedestrians flood the crosswalk in front of me, acting as though I am invisible — then I have to watch the spot go to someone else.

So the point is, this pedestrian-biker, biker-driver, driver-biker or whatever other war that is going on is null. Everyone has been a driver, biker, pedestrian, skater, passenger, etc., and everyone has been wronged at some point or another. People will break the rules and that’s life. Deal with it and just try to keep out of their way. So, bikers try not to piss off the drivers, pedestrians stay out of the damn bike lanes, and drivers, just try not to run anybody over.

Megan Mallonée
Biological sciences junior

Whatever your mode of transportation, be respectful

I bike from the corner of Laurel and Johnson to campus everyday, so I guess people would label me as a “biker.” I’m not one of those mean bikers that everyone has been writing about though. I really do try to stay in the “friendly” zones (the bike lanes and the right side of the road according to Ms. Tiffin), stop at stop signs, and generally just keep out of the way of all the zooming cars as much as possible.

Bikers are constantly looking out for cars, but the cars are not always looking out for us.

Know this from experience when I almost hit last year and avoided the collision only by slamming on my brakes and flying over the handle bars of my bike. My bike was broken and the course was gone. So, yes, bad things happen to bikers, too.

However once I lock my bike up, I instantly become a pedestrian and I agree, both drivers and bikers alike can speed way too fast through this campus. Aside from biking and just walking, I have also experienced the agony of being behind the wheel, yanking that last parking spot in the close lot (still practically a mile away from my class room), and having boards of pedestrians flood the crosswalk in front of me, acting as though I am invisible — then I have to watch the spot go to someone else.

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Earth, fire, wind, water, The Green Spot.

When all your powers combine ... visit the weekly sustainability column online at www.mustangdaily.net
The Mustangs return a plethora of talented guards from last year's 10-19 squad.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men's basketball team opened its 2006-07 season with a non-conference Saturday. Head coach Kevin Bromley returns 11 letterwinners, two transfers and a redshirt freshman from last season's squad and welcomes one true freshman.

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Scoreless tie for Mustang women's soccer team

The Cal Poly women's soccer team (7-5-3, 1-0-3) remained unbeaten in the Big West Conference after a scoreless draw Sunday at Titan Stadium.

The Mustangs have gone into double overtimes in five of their last six matches and now have a double overtime record of 1-1-3. Cal Poly's defense was tested early as the Titans registered five shots on goal in the first half. Junior goalkeeper Ali Franel notched four saves, while the defense came through with a shutout when a shot by junior Stacey Thompson was cleared just before it went over the goal line.

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In front of its largest home crowd since 1989, Cal Poly handed rival UC Santa Barbara a 3-0 loss Saturday night.

Tristan Aird  
MUSTANG DAILY

Before the start of the volleyball season, Cal Poly sophomore middle blocker Jaclyn Houston set a goal for the team to go undefeated in the Big West Conference. That was kept possible Saturday night, when the 20th-ranked Mustangs swept visiting rival UC Santa Barbara by scores of 30-17, 30-22, 30-27. The 2,468 fans in Mott Gym marked the largest home crowd in school history since 1989.

“They’re a big rival,” Houston said. “We knew it would be a big crowd.”

Ranked No. 20 in the American Volleyball Coaches Association/Collegiate Sports TV poll, Cal Poly (14-4, 6-0) at times overwhelmed four-time defending Big West champion UCSB (13-8, 3-3).

“We dominated in every aspect,” said Cal Poly junior setter Chelsea Hayes, who had 37 assists and five digs. “I think at the beginning (of the season) we were underestimated a lot and we took advantage of teams. Now we have the capability of shutting teams down.”

That the Mustangs did, winning their seventh straight match overall and third straight by a score of 3-0. Cal Poly is off to its best Big West start ever and best conference start overall since 1985, when the Mustangs were members of the now-defunct Pacific Coast Athletic Association.

“This was a huge win because we had the chance to over-train with the looming Gauchos rivalry or rest them a bit, train properly, and we did that,” Cal Poly head coach Jon Stevenson said. “We came out and played with enough fire. Our blocking was excellent.”

Indeed, Cal Poly had 15.5 blocks compared to just 4.5 for UCSB. Much of that was because of the towering presence of the 6-foot, 3-inch Houston, who in the first game alone had five kills and hit .714. She finished with six kills and hit a match-high .462.

“She’s getting better and better,” Stevenson said of Houston. “She’s got so much potential.”

Sophomore outside hitter Kylie Atherstone and Alicja Waller led the Mustangs with 13 and 10 kills, respectively, and had 11 digs apiece. Cal Poly freshman outside hitter Ashleigh Bertoni had eight kills, senior outside hitter Candace Milton added six kills and junior libero Kristin Jackson had a team-high 12 digs.

The Mustangs overcame a 4-2 deficit in the first game and a 12-8 deficit in the third game. Waller had five kills and five digs in the second game, in which Cal Poly led 17-9 before UCSB got as close as 22-20.

“They didn’t come in with anything,” Hayes said. “They were down 2-0 against a lot of teams and came back. We’re just really mentally tough.”

Chemistry is noticeable on the court for Cal Poly despite a roster with just two seniors. The Mustangs have wins this season over No. 10 Texas and No. 11 Hawaii.

“It starts with our passing,” Hayes said. “Our passing’s been really solid.”

Through 17 matches, Atherstone led the Big West in kills per game (4.26). “(Atherstone) is right there with any spiker in the country,” Stevenson said. “She’s attacking the ball as well as anyone I’ve seen. She hit a few lasers (Saturday).”

Waller is “right behind Atherstone in Big West leaders in kills at 4.04 per game. The numbers signify a staggering turnaround from the point at which Cal Poly was 5-24 overall and 3-15 in conference in 2004.

The Mustangs were 19-6 and third at 10-4 in conference last year, but were left out of the NCAA Tournament. The Big West sent six teams to the tourney in 2003 and 2004, but just two in 2005.

Stevenson said his goals before the season were to go undefeated at home, win the Big West and reach the round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament. All three are still possibilities.

“Although he called it a ‘tall order,’” Stevenson said running the table in the Big West would become especially possible if the Mustangs can win matches at

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Two first-half goals enough for Gauchos

Cal Poly outshot rival UC Santa Barbara 15-8, but still lost the Big West Conference game Saturday night.

Nicole Small  
MUSTANG DAILY

A crowd of 1,123 fans packed the Sports Complex on Saturday night to watch a display of fancy footwork and card distribution.

But despite the Cal Poly men’s soccer team outshooting visiting Big West Conference rival UC Santa Barbara 15-8, the Gauchos still handed the Mustangs a 2-0 loss. Cal Poly fell to 6-3-3 overall and 2-3-1 in the Big West while UCSB improved to 8-6-3 and 4-2-0.

The first goal was scored in the 11th minute by UCSB’s Eric Avila.

Tyler Rosenblad assisted on both goals.

Branagan-Franco said he felt more pressure playing one of Cal Poly’s rivals, but that’s what makes a conference.

UCSB ended its three-game losing streak.

“This is a big win for us and will get us back on track,” UCSB forward Tino Nunez said.

The Mustangs dominated the field after the two goals were made, with 10 shots on goal to UCSB’s three.

There were many close shots on goal in the second half, including a crowd-stopper attempt by K.J. Lenerhan from the left side, but UCSB goalkeeper Kyle Raynith made an amazing save when he tipped the ball over the crossbar.

Because of the pressure, the two teams combined for five yellow cards, one red card and had 13 fouls.

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Poly men’s runners finish eighth at Pre-National

Phillip Reid’s 33rd-place finish on the 8K course led the Mustangs.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men’s cross country team had a strong showing Saturday at the NCAA Pre-National race with an eighth-place finish at an event hosted by Indiana State in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Mustangs placed above five teams ranked ahead of them in the national polls.

Cal Poly entered the race ranked 30th in the nation and was led by junior Phillip Reid’s 33rd-place finish on the 8K course. Reid paced the Mustangs with a time of 24:11, 11 seconds.

Redshirt freshman Evan Anderson was the second Mustang to cross the finish line with an overall placing of 42nd. He finished with a time of 24:17.

Sophomore Troy Swier placed 80th with a time of 24:31 while senior Luke Iman finished with a time of 24:37 in 60th.

Senior Brian Baker rounded out the scoring runners for Cal Poly with a 90th-place finish and a time of 24:48.

Also competing for the Mustangs was senior Jameson Mora (103rd) with a time of 24:52 while freshman Leif Anderson (143rd) finished with a time of 25:10.

Josh McDougall from Liberty won the race with a time of 23:14 while Iona’s team won, placing five runners in the top 50. Iona entered the race ranked fifth in the nation. Stanford, ranked third, was second.

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Mustang wrestling team starts ranked 17th

Cal Poly finished 23rd in the nation last season.

Wrestling International Newsmagazine released its annual preseason collegiate wrestling poll Oct. 11, with the Mustangs ranked No. 17 in the nation.

Cal Poly, which finished 23rd last season, also had three individual rankings — 125-pounder Chad Mendes (sixth), 133-pounder Darrell Vasquez (fourth) and 141-pounder Dave Roberts (10th).

During the 2006-07 season, the Mustangs will host preseason No. 3 Oklahoma and Oklahoma State, which is the preseason No. 2 and four-time defending national champion.