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Captain of U.S. Quadriplegic Rugby Team to Speak at Cal Poly on Feb. 2

SAN LUIS OBISPO Associated Students, Inc. Events presents a free screening of the award-winning documentary "Murderball." Immediately following the film Mark Zupan, the film's star and captain of the U.S. Quadriplegic Rugby Team, will speak on Thursday, Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium on the second floor of the University Union. The movie will be shown at 7:30 p.m. and Zupan will speak at 9 p.m.

"Murderball," winner of multiple awards at the 2005 Sundance Film Festival, features fierce rivalry, stopwatch suspense and larger-than-life personalities. The film is about tough, highly competitive quadriplegic rugby players. In their own version of the full-contact sport, the players battle each other in custom-made gladiator-like wheelchairs, pursuing gold medals and proving to themselves and everyone else that there is life after a disability.

"Murderball" is the story of a group of indomitable, world-class athletes unlike any other shown on screen," said Gina Knox, student supervisor of concerts. "Mark Zupan is an amazing athlete and individual and will change everyone's perspective on life."

Film maker Henry-Alex Rubin describes Zupan's story as "jaw dropping." As a teenager, Zupan was thrown from the back of his friend's pick-up truck during a drunken driving accident. Zupan survived the ordeal, but was left a quadriplegic. During the years following his accident, Zupan developed a will of steel and muscles to match and immersed himself in the sport of murderball. Zupan is one of the best players of Team USA, as well as its captain and official spokesperson.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and admission is free. Seats are limited and entry will be on a first come first served basis.

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