

Home team spirit:

Cal Poly's triathlon team takes first at Wildflower, 8

Keeper of the P:

Student maintains landmark, 5

**TODAY'S WEATHER**High: 64°
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No more room for transfers

By Kristy Charles

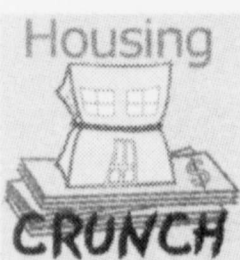
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A large room with a kitchenette, a bathroom, a maid that comes twice a week, pool privileges, and lots of parking: not a bad setup for a dorm room.

Sixty transfer students who came to Cal Poly at the beginning of the school year found themselves living in luxury — at the Days Inn, San Luis Obispo.

Because of an unusually large amount of incoming freshmen last year, Cal Poly's housing could no longer accommodate transfer students hoping to live on campus, said Preston Allen, director of Housing and Residential Life at Cal Poly. In order to deal with this housing issue, campus officials made an arrangement with the Days Inn.

Unfortunately, next year there will be no university-supported housing for transfer students at all. The Days Inn program will be canceled after this summer, and transfer students will not be allowed to apply for a room in the residence halls on cam-



pus, he said.

"It's been great living out here," said Dan Cronquist, a civil engineering transfer student who lives at the Days Inn. "A lot of people, given a chance, would live here again, but uncertainty (of whether they would get on-campus housing) forced people to look at alternative housing."

Transfers and returning students, or students who opt to live on campus a second year, were once housed in the North Mountain dorms, a complex designed specifically for these groups. Yet, out of the 301 spaces in the halls, only 40 rooms will be available for returning students next year, said June Serjeant, coordinator of Housing Administration at Cal Poly.

A majority of these rooms will be offered at triple occupancy, or three students in each room, creating 120 spaces for returning students. Transfer students will not be able to apply for housing at all, and the rest of the spaces will house incoming freshmen.

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'Spider-Man' inspired climbing

By Bridgette Vanherweg

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Ever felt like dangling from a two-story, faux-rock wall, with only colorful hand — and footholds and a thin nylon ropes to keep you from hitting the concrete below?

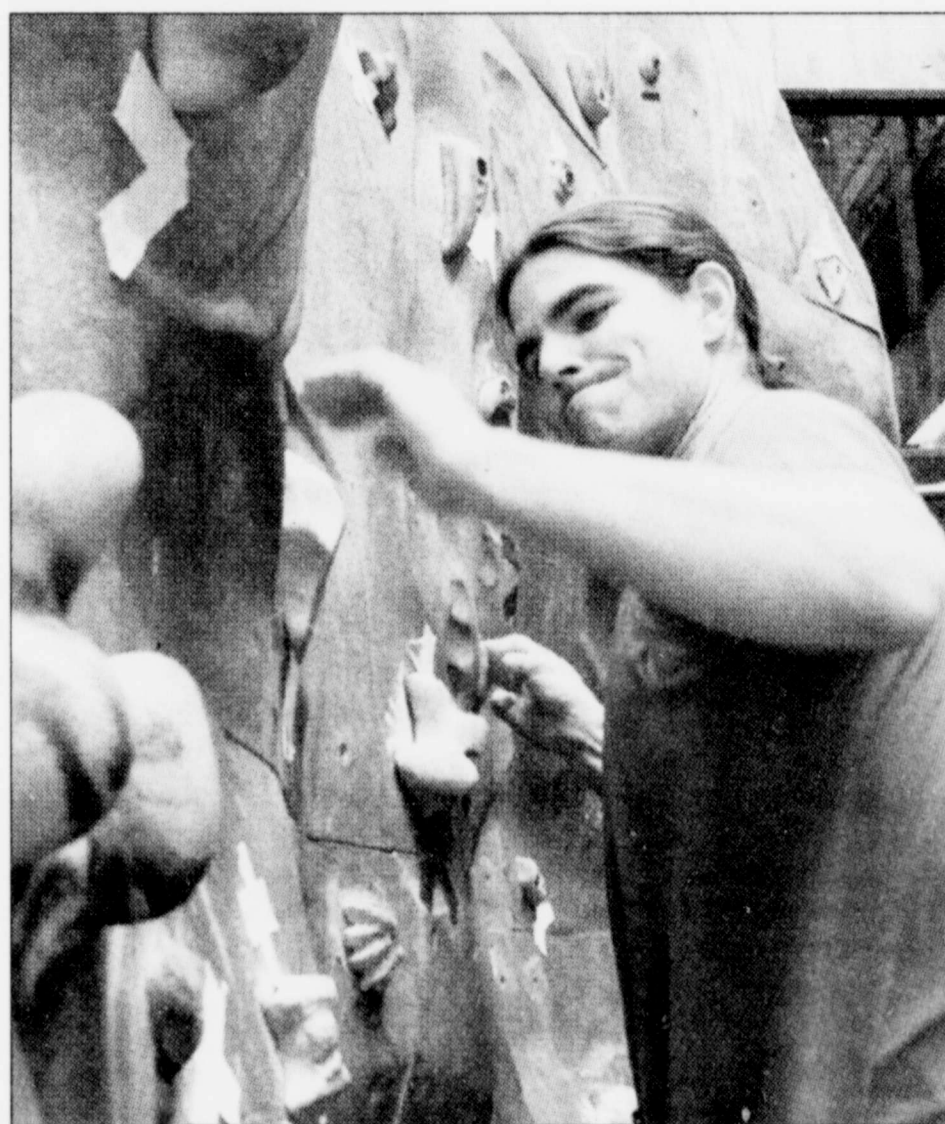
"Spider-Man" came out this weekend, and now students can fulfill childhood dreams of scaling vertical walls Spider-Man-style today through Thursday at Poly Escapes' Climb-a-thon.

The 60-hour event begins today at 10 a.m. and continues non-stop until Thursday. Free food from campus and local vendors, free climbing, competitions and games will be available to students and faculty at the Escape Route on the north side of the University Union.

Usually students are charged a \$5 orientation fee to climb, but throughout the climb-a-thon, climbing is free day and night.

"There are always people hanging out," said Poly Escapes cashier Ryan Stewart. "We're expecting at least several hundred people in and out over the (next) three

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ERIC HENDERSON/MUSTANG DAILY

Robert Henry, an architectural engineering junior, practices a new route on the climbing wall. A route is a series of climbing holds set up for specific preferences.

Donation allows student versatility

By Christen Wegner

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Every Monday at 5 p.m., graduate student Wendy Hill walks into her Education 480 class, sits down and places her Palm personal digital assistant (PDA) in the cradle. After three short beeps, her PDA is uploaded with the days reading assignment and work.

Hill is one of many aspiring teachers who are benefiting from the recent donation of 30 Palm handheld computers to Cal Poly's University Center for Teaching Education (UCTE).

"The PDAs have given me an interest in technology that didn't exist before, and an added interest in the class," Hill said.

Each PDA was donated by Palm Handheld Electronics for their use in the classroom, as well as the student's daily lives.

"The gift of the PDAs are a terrific opportunity to introduce students to the benefits of technology," said Carol Pendagrass, director of the UCTE. "(The PDAs) can also help the students in other areas of school."

The main purpose for the PDAs in Sheldon Smith's Education 480, Computer Based Curriculum, class is to learn the importance of technology in the classroom.

Since his class is for aspiring teachers, the PDAs help the students learn how to teach their future students about technology in an advanced world.

"When teachers step foot into a classroom, we want them to be as prepared as they can, and the PDAs will help ensure that," Smith said.

Each personal digital assistant (PDA) is as powerful as a cell phone, but as versatile as a computer, and will enable students to download their course content, turn in class assignments, or e-mail their teachers, family or other students.

The "pocket computer" can also store hundreds of phone numbers, addresses, and contains such things as a clock, calendar, and sketch pad.

"The students can use the word-processing and calendaring program in the class and then take that knowledge with them when they head into the public school system to teach," Smith said.

Smith began his business relationship with Palm after working with the company on other projects. After realizing how beneficial PDAs could be in the classroom, he asked Palm to donate enough PDAs for each student in the UCTE program.

"I had the benefit of working with Palm on other projects so they were



BRIAN KENT/MUSTANG DAILY

The University Center for Teaching Education received a donation of 30 personal digital assistants. The PDAs are valued at \$3,200.

more than willing to donate the PDA when I asked," Smith said.

Not only did Palm donate the PDAs, but other companies such as Knowledge Adventure, Riverdeep, Sunburst Software, Inspiration Software, Vision Technology in Education and Alphasmart Inc. donated various products such as portable keyboards and software.

The total donation is valued at approximately \$3,200, and it will be

used by the UCTE for years to come.

"Palm only donated 30 PDAs because they were nervous that we wouldn't use them to their full potential," Smith said. "However, once they see how utilized they are I hope they will donate more for other classes."

Each student was allowed to borrow the PDA for the quarter and will then be required to return it when the class is over.

Event recognizes value of teachers

Poly professors honored with pancake breakfast

By Sarah E. Thien

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Teachers used to seeing students behind desks will get a new perspective today when student volunteers will be cooking behind pancake grills instead.


The event is in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day — Cal Poly's way of saying thank you to faculty members.


Breakfast is open and free to faculty members this morning from 8 to 11 a.m. in the Dexter patio. Student volunteers will be cooking pancakes provided by Campus Dining and eggs donated by the Cal Poly Poultry Club. There will also be a drawing of gift certificates from local merchants such as Sycamore Mineral Springs, F. McLintock's and

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Weather WATCH


5-DAY FORECAST

 **WEDNESDAY**
High: 69° / Low: 45°

 **THURSDAY**
High: 70° / Low: 46°

 **FRIDAY**
High: 69° / Low: 46°

 **SATURDAY**
High: 68° / Low: 46°

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TODAY'S SUN

Rise: 6:06 a.m. / Set: 7:54 p.m.

TODAY'S MOON

Rise: 4:03 a.m. / Set: 3:41 p.m.

TODAY'S TIDE

AT PORT SAN LUIS

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High: 7:49 a.m. / 3.87 feet

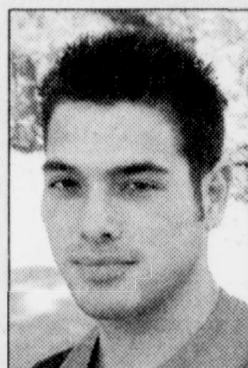
Low: 2:04 p.m. / 0.55 feet

High: 8:36 p.m. / 3.41 feet

What makes a teacher a good teacher?

► The ones that accept bribes, especially bedroom favors — they're my favorite.

Josh Molle
engineering senior



► A teacher that's energetic and passionate about what they're teaching, so it makes it more interesting for students.

Emi Uenaka
kinesiology freshman



► A good teacher is one that you can't think of as having something negative about them.

Meghan Reerslev
journalism freshman



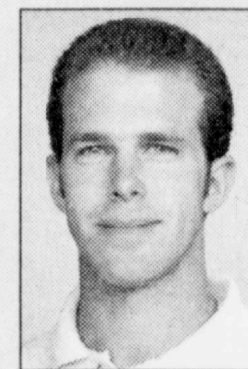
► Someone who doesn't think they're high and mighty. Someone who can relate to students on a peer level.

Nicole Angeloni
journalism freshman



► Current experience in the industry they're teaching.

Dean Schumacher
engineering grad student



► One that's willing to spend time with their students, including answering questions accurately and making sure the student knows what the teacher is talking about.

Lindsey Hatheway
animal science senior



Correction:

"Freshman precariously jump into housing market" in Monday's issue misspelled the name of a property supervisor with California-West. Her name is Ellie Malykont, not Emmie.

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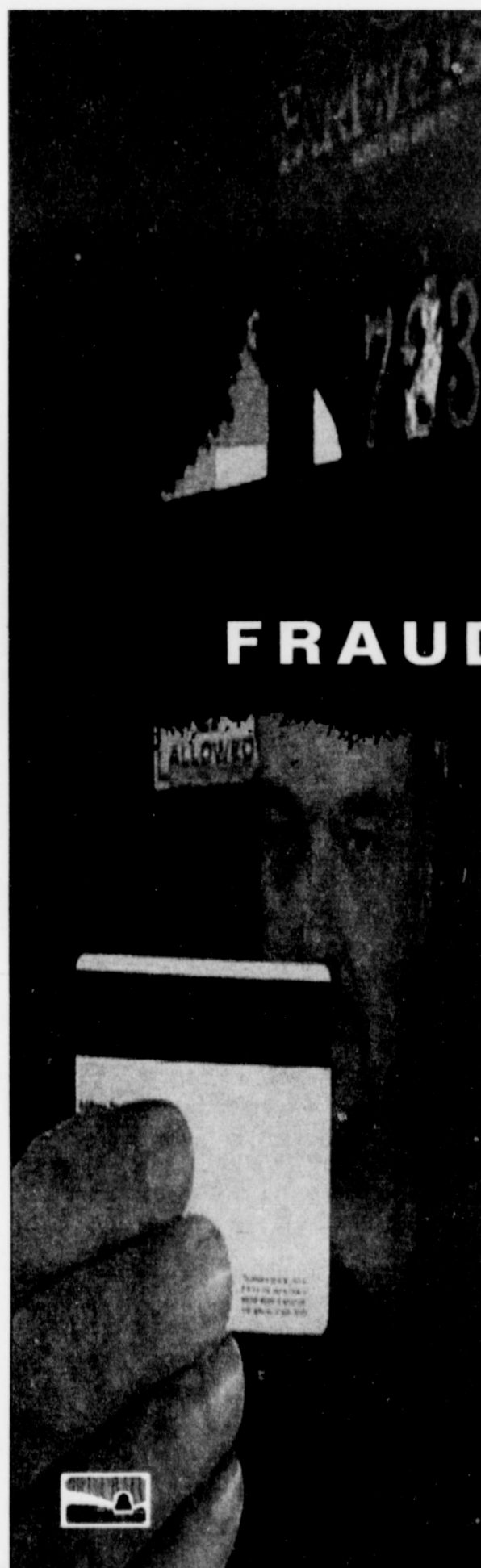
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National Briefs

Convicted congressman to seek re-election

WASHINGTON — Rep. James Traficant, D-Ohio, is planning on running for re-election, despite being convicted of bribery, racketeering and tax evasion charges last month. He is expected to file petitions to run for a 10th term this fall as an independent.

This action may trigger a call for Traficant's immediate expulsion from Congress and could have long-term implications for the Democratic effort to re-gain control of the House.

Despite the convictions, Traficant, 61, remains popular in his district, even though he was found guilty of "shaking down" constituents for favors and forcing staff members to contribute portions of their salaries. Traficant plans to appeal the conviction.

— USA TODAY

Three more nations added to 'Axis of Evil'

WASHINGTON — Three more nations Libya, Syria and Cuba, have been added to the "Axis of Evil," which are countries the United States has identified as pursuing weapons of mass destruction, including biological, nuclear and chemical weapons.

Previous countries identified as pursuing such weapons are Iraq, Iran and North Korea.

Undersecretary of State John

Bolton said, "States that pursue WMD (weapons of mass destruction) must stop. States that renounce terror and abandon WMD can become part of our effort. But those that do not can expect to become our targets."

He also said that the United States would take action against "proliferators, middlemen and weapons brokers by exposing them, sanctioning their behavior and working with other countries to prosecute them or otherwise bring a halt to their activities."

Bolton also said that Cuba's threat to U.S. security has been "underplayed" in the past.

— Reuters

International Briefs

Middle East

KABUL, Afghanistan — A severe outbreak of leishmaniasis has hit Kabul, Afghanistan, the World Health Organization said. The WHO made an international emergency appeal to doctors for funds to fight the disease. So far, no donors have stepped forward.

Leishmaniasis can leave its victims severely scarred and stigmatized for life. Although the disease is not life threatening, it has other devastating effects. If not treated quickly, the disease can spread across the body, leaving large, open sores on the face, hands and other areas that may have been bitten by the sandfly, the insect that spreads

the disease.

Treatment is a 28-day series of shots of one of two medicines — both of which are in short supply in the area.

Single women and girls who are effected by the disease rarely marry, and those who are married are usually shunned by their husbands, a WHO spokeswoman said. Boys and men with severe cases are often ostracized. At least 100,000 of Kabul's 1.8 million people have contracted the disease, but up to 400,000 could be infected.

The infection rate is expected to rise soon as the weather gets warmer and the sandflies begin to multiply.

— USA TODAY

Europe

PARIS — Jacques Chirac was re-elected Monday as president of France with a crushing majority. Chirac appointed Jean-Pierre Raffarin, a 53-year-old conservative former commerce minister, as interim prime minister, replacing Socialist Lionel Jospin, who resigned. Chirac won 82 percent of the vote, leaving conservative candidate Jean-Marie Le Pen, far behind.

Chirac has said that he and Le Pen were personal enemies as well as political enemies and that there will be no members of the National Front — Le Pen's party — in his government.

Jospin will lead the government until the parliamentary elections in

June. Jospin was knocked out of the primary presidential election in April.

Chirac said his main goals are to re-establish a sense of security in France, prevent crime, cut taxes, ensure economic growth, jobs and secure pensions.

— The New York Times

Central America

BOGOTA, Colombia — Battles between rebels and paramilitaries in an isolated village caused the deaths of 110 people, including 40 children and infants, while troops moved into the area, the Colombian government. At least 80 people have been reported as missing.

Officials of the United Nations said they warned Colombian officials that the incident would happen before the fighting began.

Authorities said that members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) fired homemade mortars that hit a church and killed dozens of people who were taking refuge there.

The village of Bojaya, which is reachable only by air or water, is in Choco, the poorest and most violent state in Colombia. Officials said that the rebels and paramilitaries are fighting for control of the area because it is strategic for drug trafficking routes. There is no telephone communication in the area, and only limited radio communication with the village, which is 235 miles northwest of Bogota.

The small hospital in the area was overwhelmed with victims. Eighteen seriously injured were airlifted to another hospital that is expected to be reach capacity soon.

— Associated Press

South East Asia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — A Cambodian provincial court freed two men who were accused of eating human body parts were freed Saturday because there was no law against cannibalism, a public prosecutor said.

The men are employees of a crematory and were arrested last week for eating fingers and toes of a body that they were cremating.

Citizens of the village the men worked in accused the men of often eating parts of their relatives after they had deceased and washing them down with wine. The villagers told military police that they were afraid the men would try to kill their children to eat if they ever ran out of bodies that were to be cremated.

Eating human body parts was a common practice in Cambodia during the 1975-79 Khmer Rouge rule, when an estimated 1.7 million people died from torture, disease, execution and widespread famine.

— Reuters

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TRANSFER

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In an effort to accommodate the shortage of on-campus housing for transfer and returning students, Cal Poly is in the process of constructing an 800-bed apartment complex, called Cerro Vista, near Poly Canyon, Allen said. Yet, the facility will not be finished until next winter at the earliest.

The housing office has been recommending that transfer and returning students look at open rooms in Stenner Glen or Mustang Village, Allen said. If they do not want to live there, then they will have to find other off-campus housing.

However, Stenner Glen's available housing for fall is expected to be full by this Friday. Mustang Village is expected to be full by the middle of May, said Mike Nowlin, a leasing manager at Mustang Village.

And as for the students living at the Days Inn, Allen is recommending they also start searching for off-campus housing.

"All the students (living in the

hotel) are aware of the new apartment complex," said Lisa Tuggle, coordinator of student development at Cal Poly. "But, because it's not opening in fall, they'll need housing for all year and will most likely already have signed leases and so they won't be able to move back on campus."

The Days Inn program was an emergency measure, Tuggle said. It was created at the last minute to accommodate transfers because the large influx of freshmen was unexpected. It was essentially the only university-supported housing for transfer students last year, but will be canceled this summer.

One reason for not offering this kind of housing again is cost, Allen said. Students are paying the same amount to live in the hotel rooms as they would for the dorms, and the university can no longer afford to subsidize the program.

Also, Cal Poly needed to commit to having students in the hotel for a specific time period next year in order to sign another contract with Days Inn. Because it is unsure when the Cerro Vista apartments will be finished, the university was unable to

make that commitment, Allen said.

"We would like for the Days Inn program to continue, but there is no need for it to continue," Allen said. "They can get the same thing off-campus, and there are spaces available (off campus)."

As soon as Cerro Vista is completed, the apartments will most likely be available to any Cal Poly students, with the exception of first-year students, Allen said. There is a possibility that transfers or students already living on campus will be able to apply first, but it has not been decided.

Even if all Cal Poly students are able to apply, there shouldn't be a problem finding a room in the new complex, Allen said. This is mainly because most students already living off-campus normally do not want to move back onto campus. Also, most returning students who apply for housing use the option as a back up plan. The majority do not actually return.

However, because Cerro Vista will house brand-new apartments, more students may opt to live on campus, he said.

"I would assume that more students would want to stay (on campus)

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Preston Allen

director of Housing and Residential Life

and be done with their housing searches in March and April," Allen said.

If there is another wave of freshmen requesting spaces in the residence halls, it is uncertain whether or not the new apartments will be used to accommodate them, even though the building was designed for older students, Allen said.

But, even with the new facility being built, some students are upset at the way Cal Poly has dealt with transfer students seeking housing.

"I'm a little disappointed they're not making any provisions for transfer students," Cronquist said. "We'd like the opportunity to live on campus like freshmen do."

Cronquist, who will be moving out of the Days Inn, had to find an

apartment for next year for himself and his brother, who will transfer from Bakersfield College. He said that it is hard for students who don't live in San Luis Obispo to find an apartment here, and that off-campus housing is significantly more expensive.

For students currently living on-campus, housing costs \$4,058, not including a meal plan, Allen said. This averages to about \$450 a month to share a dorm room. He added that while an apartment in Stenner Glen is slightly cheaper, a two-bedroom apartment in Mustang Village costs around \$395 a month to share one room. Other off-campus housing is typically even more expensive, Allen said.

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the Apple Farm for the teacher who is having an especially lucky day.

The breakfast was organized by the Associated Students Inc. student government projects and events team and is the first event of its kind at Cal Poly.

Jennifer Wiersma, a business freshman and ASI volunteer, was in charge of planning the event. She said that they hope to have 500 teachers come and eat during the three hours that breakfast will be served. To let the teachers know about the event, ASI sent out e-mails to faculty and visited Academic Senate.

"Most of the things we do are geared toward students, so this new and innovative for us," Wiersma said.

Greg Szalay, a business senior and the vice president of projects and events for ASI, said that teacher recognition is long overdue.

"I think faculty at Cal Poly have a pretty personal relationship with students, and we should have a real big celebration for them" he said. "And that's what we're doing."

Professor Del Dingus is a member of Academic Senate and said that teachers need recognition like this every once in a while.

"It's not often that teachers get a good compliment," he said, "I think I, like other teachers, can get by a whole week on a good compliment."

The first national Teacher Appreciation Day was recognized by Congress on March 7, 1980. The National PTA and the National Education Association have been kept the holiday alive ever since, celebrating it every year on Tuesday of the first week of May.



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5pm, Monday, May 13th.

The pleasure of the 'P':

Super-spirited student spends his days perfecting Poly landmark

By Steve Hill

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

If you were at this weekend's Wildflower Triathlon, there's no doubt that you saw him, probably riding his bike to lead some of the athletes, or shuttling people to and from the campsites in his black Suburban.

Even if you weren't there, it's highly likely that you've seen him around campus, waving the Cal Poly flag at a football or basketball game. Maybe he has even graced you with his presence in the form of Musty the Mustang.

Face it: he's everywhere.

Scott Barton is in his second year of getting Cal Poly students pumped up about campus events, whether they are sports or community service activities. Chalk up seven clubs or committees — including WOW, Alpha Phi Omega and University Christian Community — to his name, and Barton is somewhat of a jack of all trades.

But his real passion is sports. He swam and played waterpolo in high school and brought his energy with him to Running Thunder, Cal Poly's spirit organization.

"I've always been interested in sports and getting students fired up," Barton said.

As publicity coordinator for Running Thunder, the industrial technology sophomore is known to many as the "P-Keeper."

It all started last year, when he was involved with lighting the monument for football games. Now he is in charge of coordinating which groups are allowed to decorate the P. He's been up to the Poly landmark 53 times so far this year and keeps guard over the miles of bed sheets housed below Mustang Stadium that

"Getting the students involved is a great way to get a smile out of someone, and it also puts a smile on my face."

Scott Barton
Cal Poly's 'P-Keeper'

often decorate it.

With all of the energy Barton puts into school and campus pride, you might think that it would be hard to keep going. But he does all of this for unselfish reasons.

"Getting the students involved is a great way to get a smile out of someone, and it also puts a smile on my face," he said.

And his effect has been felt: Ask around for people who have seen the guy that waves the flag at the games, and they know who you're talking about.

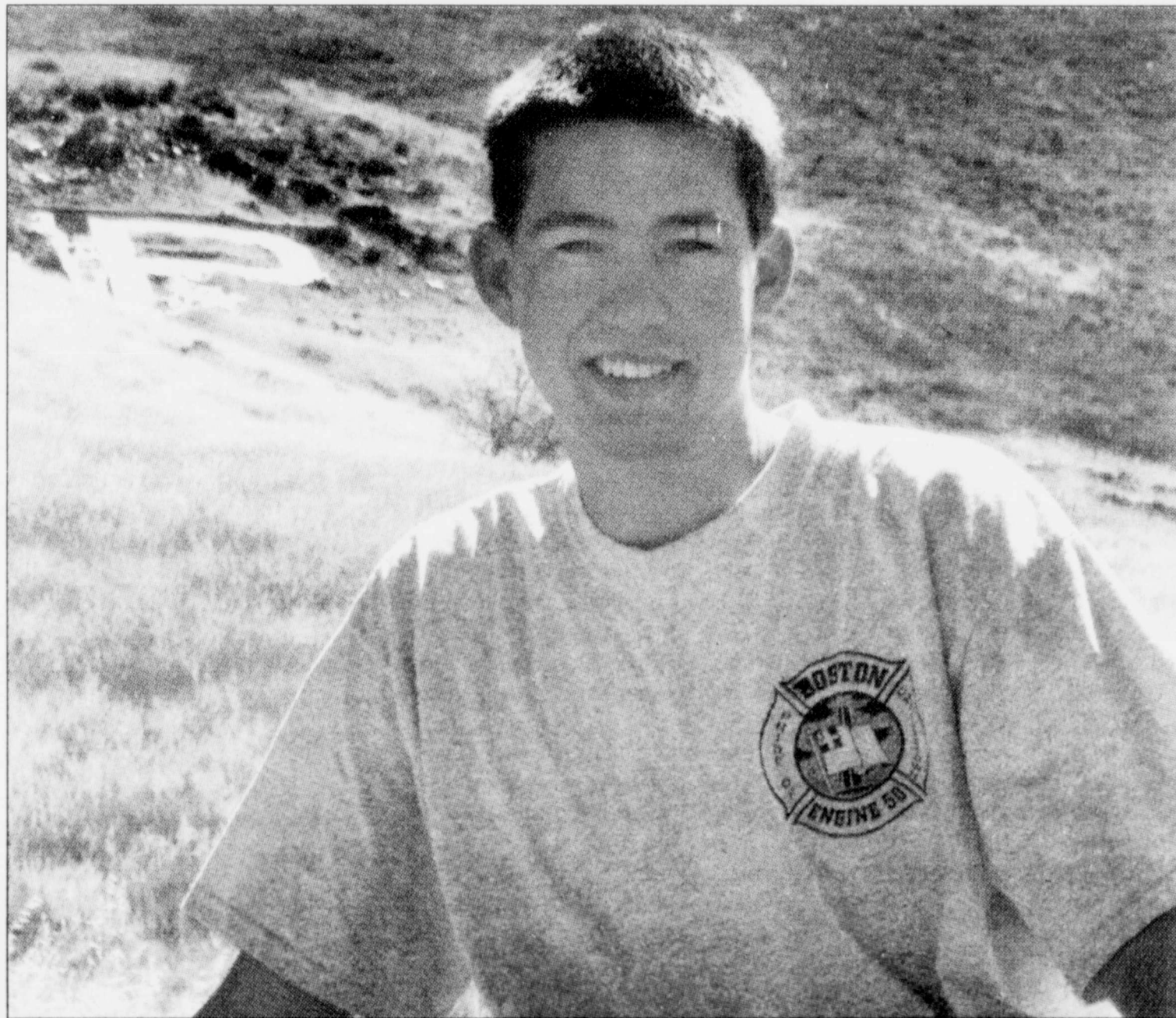
"I completely love and appreciate his energy and enthusiasm, and his positive attitude," said Andrene Kaiwi-Lenting, assistant director for orientation programs who has encountered Barton in his endeavors as a WOW leader.

But what is it that drives this superhuman energy? Special powers gained from a freak accident? An overactive adrenal gland? Red Bull?

"Thank-yous are a big part (of keeping me going), especially at sporting events," Barton said.

Cal Poly pride is what he's all about, even when attendance at games is low or the teams are not playing their best. He's a die-hard fan and would like to see even more people hop on the Mustang bandwagon.

"I wish to see more people at



AARON LAMBERT/MUSTANG DAILY

Scott Barton is publicity coordinator for the Cal Poly spirit club Running Thunder. Under this title, he is known to many students as the 'P-Keeper,' a position which allows him to coordinate groups that will decorate the P as well as clean it up. He has hiked up to the landmark more than 50 times this year alone.

sporting events, especially with the new stadium coming," Barton said. "There's always room for improvement. In the last couple of years (attendance and enthusiasm have) gone up, and I hope to see it go up (even more)."

Maybe the real question is, can Barton keep up his energy? With a full load of classes, Barton ends up

being quite the night owl.

"Sometimes I struggle all the way through, but I get it done," he said. "I study at odd hours."

All of his hard work pays off, as his spirit proves to infect and ignite the fans.

"Seeing him on the field and at sporting events, his energy is crazy," Kaiwi-Lenting said. "I love seeing

that there are still people that love what they do and do it well."

And even if the fans aren't going to show up or he has too much on his plate, Barton will be there, dressed in green and gold. That is, if he isn't busy up at the P.

"I'm not there to push, but I'm there to make (the fans) have a good time," he said.

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In this new rage of paid prescription advertising, we never hear that the drug may affect women differently than men or that, due to differences in metabolism, women need lower dosages of prescriptions than men do.

Everyone has used common drugs such as antihistamines and decongestants, yet these are the types of drugs that could have different effects.

I have never considered the thought that a prescription, given to me by a trusted family doctor who has been there through chicken pox, strep throat, mononucleosis, and every-

thing in between, would ever give me something that could be potentially fatal.

The truth is, according to a study by the General Accounting Office, many pharmacists and physicians are unaware of the different effects medicine can have on men and women.

The April issue of Glamour magazine featured an article on this subject. It said, "eight out of 10 drugs pulled from the market were more harmful to women than to men."

This information is not new to many researchers, such as the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Women's Health, which researches such things, but the results are not reaching a majority of the public.

The problem, which was brought to the forefront by a study in The Journal of Gender Specific Medicines, is due to lack of attention and proper research by the FDA, the organization that regulates drug safety and labeling.

It isn't lack of research from the organization that is hurting so many women. They are getting hurt because information found in studies of women is not getting through to the public when it should be.

These officials have to realize that men and women have differences beyond anatomy and

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physiology requiring separate studying of foods and medication. Women are not the same as men; we have monthly cycles and different hormones that could affect the way a drug will affect us at different times during the month.

The Glamour article suggested that when having a reaction to medication, "ask your doctor to call the manufacturer immediately to find out if similar cases exist." However, if a severe reaction occurs or the cause of the reaction is not known, then there is nothing to call the doctor about.

For example, the antihistamine Seldane can cause irregular heartbeats and some other drugs could cause strokes, not the kind of reaction you can just run over to the phone with and casually talk to the doctor about.

Instead, women need to ask more questions about the medication when the doctor prescribes it and ask the pharmacist about potential side effects when picking it up. By doing this, women can find out what tests have shown about the drug and what complaints other

women have had about it. At that point, if the woman decides to take the medication and a reaction occurs, a call to the doctor could easily identify the problem.

This is all that can be done from the public at this point. The real concern lies in getting the FDA to require sex-different information on labels and in commercials. They need to take money designated for women's health and put it to this good use. Taking such precautions will help us all.

Besides, hearing that women might need a smaller dose of the medication in the last squeezed seconds of a commercial is more beneficial than hearing that it could cause "depression, decreased sexual arousal or lack of sleep," all of which will be heard from the doctor, pharmacist and seen on the prescription label. The FDA needs to see the importance of reinforcing more widespread concerns.

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Letters to the editor

Word 'faith' was misused

Editor,

Wow! Mr. Michael Kelly, it's an honor to be able to hear from someone who has actually seen God, as well as a dead corpse come back to life.

In his recent letter ("We all have faith, just in different places," May 1), Mr. Kelly stated, "I am person who has been rigorously trained to reason for most of his life. A skeptic to the core, I'm a 'believe it when I see it' kind of guy." Then Mr. Kelly said that the Bible was the ultimate source for truth. Since Mr. Kelly subscribes to the Christian belief and claims to be a "believe it when I see it" kind of guy, we can only conclude that he has actually seen a resurrection, something being created from nothing, the parting of a sea, and most importantly, God. Either that or Mr. Kelly is lying about the type of person he is.

Aside from Mr. Kelly claiming to see God, he also made the claim that decisions would not be possible without faith. In addition to generalizing, Mr. Kelly has misused the word "faith." Many people misuse the word "faith," and what they mean to say is "confidence based upon past experience." Faith is believing in something without any evidence. I shall steal an example from Dr. Gordon Stein's "What is an Atheist?" When we come to a red stoplight, we stop and wait for it to turn green. We don't have faith that it will turn green but instead we have confidence based upon past experience with red lights. We know that more than 99 times out of 100, a red light will eventually turn green. If we have never seen a red light before, we wouldn't know what to do when we first came upon one. If we stopped and waited for it to turn green without ever having seen a red light before, then we would be acting on faith.

Lastly, Mr. Kelly tried to make the analogy that parents are to children as God is to humans. Unless you're like Mr. Kelly, you can't

▼ *"Instead of looking toward an imaginary being ... for guidance and for decision-making, why not look to our friends and family and to history?"*

use your five senses to detect God, unlike a child who can use her or his senses to detect her or his parents. How is one going to communicate with a supernatural being that we can't see, hear, feel, taste or smell? Since there are no logical/rational proofs of God, the only way to accept the idea of God is through faith, claims the Theist. Does this mean that we have to have faith in our communication with God? That doesn't seem like a very good idea. Instead of looking toward an imaginary being (that has a small and unlikely chance of existing) for guidance and for decision-making, why not look to our friends and family and to history. We all make mistakes, but we can learn from our mistakes and those of others.

Steven Batson is an industrial engineering freshman.

Bible can be used for lessons

Editor,

In a previous letter ("Faith and reason are stronger than just faith," April 26) I stated that I believe the Bible provides truthful insight into important issues like ethics and faith in objective truth. This issue appears to have sparked some debate regarding Christian truth. If the Bible is direct communication from God, who is infallible, then the Bible must logically be infallible, affirming entire truthfulness of the scripture. That being said, there is strong evidence that raises considerable doubt in the complete truthfulness of the Bible, specifically

the New Testament.

None of the alleged Gospel writers actually wrote the gospels. The Gospels were derived from communities of early Christians who preserved the story of Jesus through oral tradition. Eventually, some of Jesus' sayings were collected and written in Greek - Jesus and his disciples spoke Aramaic - on a document called "Q" or quelle (meaning "source" in German) dating back to around 50 C.E. Meanwhile, the oral traditions still circulated among the communities, and in the period around the destruction of the Jerusalem (70 C.E.) an anonymous Christian wrote some of the sayings down in the style of a historical narrative, the result being the Gospel of Mark. Later, the Gospels of Luke and Matthew were derived from Mark and "Q," which explain why these three synoptic gospels are extremely similar. The Greek version of John dates back to the beginning of the second century, nearly 70 years after Jesus' death, making it highly unlikely that that the Apostle John was the actual author.

The reason that the authorship was attributed with famous biblical characters like "John" and "Mark" was to establish authority in what they wrote - a common practice during the ancient Palestinian era. The canonical gospels were just four out of many gospels written, including the Gospel of Thomas, Phillip, Mary, etc., that weren't removed by the Catholic Church in the late second century.

Whether or not one chooses to accept the evidence presented (icarson@calpoly.edu for sources), the controversy surrounding the validity of the NT should be enough to doubt its complete accuracy. The canonical gospels we know of today were not written by anyone who witnessed Jesus personally. However, that doesn't mean we can't learn from the teachings of Jesus as a great exerciser of love and compassion.

Ian Carlson is an electrical engineering sophomore.

This is stupid!

Editor,

I understand freedom of speech, but after two weeks of this junk about skateboarding, I think enough is enough. The opinion page is a place where we, Cal Poly students, can whine about our silly objections. The problem lately is that the skateboarding issue is taking up too much space on the opinion page. Quit it! You have turned professor Jay Devore's whining about skateboards on campus into daily non-sense. I'm sure there are a lot more people here in Poly who want to whine. Give them a chance! Poly is not all about skateboards!

Gary Yuen is a computer science junior.

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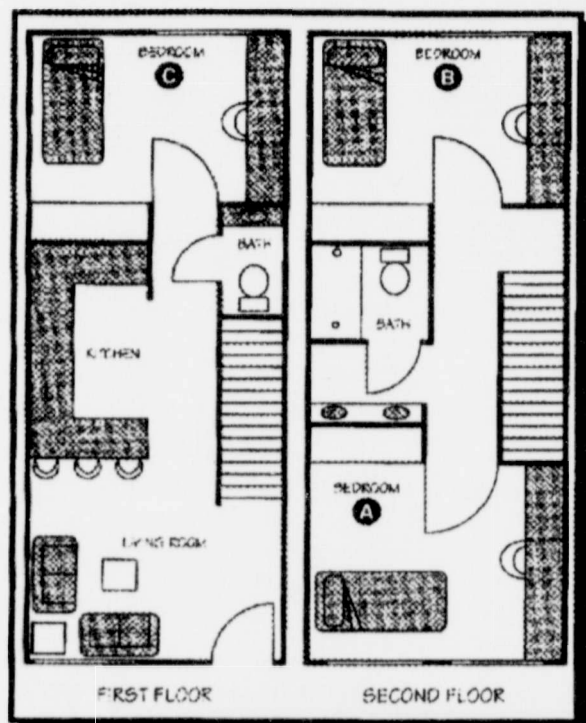
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Delays running out for wireless firms to meet mandates

By Jube Shiver Jr.
 LOS ANGELES TIMES

(WIRE) WASHINGTON — After years of delay, federal regulators are digging in their heels and pushing initiatives that will require the wireless industry to spend billions of dollars to expand capacity and offer new services.

The government mandates — which include a controversial airwave sale and a \$1 billion telephone number conservation plan — are likely to boost monthly bills and disrupt service for the nation's 135 million cellular subscribers. They also are likely to increase the red ink in a hotly competitive wireless industry in which six national carriers are waging price wars amid slowing consumer demand.

Nevertheless, the check writing will start next month when the Federal Communications Commission, over the objections of big wireless carriers, plans to begin auctioning \$2.6 billion of wireless airwaves. The sale has been delayed five times.

Carriers desperately need the spectrum. But they say the auction should be postponed until the airwaves' cur-

rent users — several dozen TV stations — relocate at their own expense. Many station owners — such as Paxson Communications Corp. of West Palm Beach, Fla. — are demanding hundreds of millions of dollars in compensation from wireless providers to finance their move.

Another big bill may come due by July 24. That is when the FCC must determine whether it will grant the industry an exemption from a 1996 FCC rule that requires wireless phone companies to conserve the allocation of new phone numbers, in part by allowing existing customers to keep their numbers if they switch carriers.

FCC officials are divided over whether to slightly extend the deadline to implement the technology, which is estimated to cost \$900 million. But the industry is unlikely to receive a significant delay, since the FCC already has extended the so-called number portability deadline for nearly three years.

"The industry has known for years that that requirement is there," FCC Commissioner Michael J. Copps said. "I think it is doable and it's time to get it done."

CLIMB

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days. If you're at all interested in climbing or learning to climb, everyone here is willing to help out anyone who hasn't climbed before."

Today's events include free food throughout the day, a slide show on Baffin Big Wall at 8 p.m., climbing throughout the night and a lead climbing competition at 5:30 p.m. Lead climbing entails placing protection anchors every few feet as the climber ascends the wall or rock. The event will kick off Wednesday with a Basic Aid Clinic at 5:30 p.m. and a Boulder Competition at 7 p.m. The event ties up Thursday with a free speed competition at 11 a.m. and an Aid Race at noon. Raffles and free food will be available at various times through Thursday.

"The event is staffed entirely by volunteers," said Daren Conner, Associated Students Inc. program coordinator. "We're doing this because it's fun and it's raising money for the Access Fund."

The Access Fund is a nonprofit organization dedicated to keeping climbing areas open and conserving the climbing environment nationally and locally, he said. Membership information on the Access Fund will

be available for anyone interested in joining.

Climbing equipment will be raffled several times during the event. Prizes given away on Thursday include a new rope, cordelettes, which fasten climbers to the rock, chalk bags, a harness, a climbing helmet, posters, videos and DVDs about various climbing expeditions and climbing destinations. Raffle tickets cost \$1 each, and all proceeds will be donated to the Access Fund.

The Lead Competition today and the Boulder Competition on Wednesday are the only priced events, costing \$3 each. The funds will be contributed to the Access Fund as well.

Students started climb-a-thon in 1990, the year the original climbing wall was built.

"It was all based on the simple concept that students wanted to climb all night long," Conner said.

The event's proceeds have been donated to the Access Fund since 1993, when access to natural climbing sites became an issue, he said.

Students and professional climbers designed the current climbing wall, built in 2001 by Entreprises Incorporated. The 450-square-foot wall faces the UU first floor entrance and is staffed entirely by trained volunteers.

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Mustangs finish year with Wildflower win

By Carly Haselhuhn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The bobbing green swim caps created a staggered design on the launch to the lake, as college teams yelled out their cheers. The announcer belted out at the start of the race: "The largest in numbers, the largest in enthusiasm. We couldn't do it without them — Cal Poly!"

Arms flew wildly as racers positioned themselves closer to the water, waiting to dive in. The team moved together in strategy, setting up a perimeter of strong swimmers to make way for the top racer. This blocking would prevent other competitors from slowing the team down and give each person a good place in the water.

Cal Poly men and women triathletes took first in the team competition at the Wildflower Triathlon last weekend at Lake San Antonio. They competed in the collegiate Olympic Distance Course, comprised of a 1.5k swim, 40k bike and 10k run.

With 110 students making up the Cal Poly team and about 70 racing at Wildflower, the competition had a tough time facing the Mustang horde. The team's success at the event came on the heels of triathlon nationals on April 20, which were moved to Tennessee for 2002.

In Tennessee, individual and team efforts came out strong with the 20 Cal Poly athletes who attended the event, despite multiple setbacks. The course proved to be hectic and the heat and humidity was hard to handle.

"People were dropping like crazy," explained Nick Thompson. A business administration freshman, Wildflower was Thompson's third triathlon since racing in Tennessee.

"People were being carried off the course all day," added Dewey Lucero, the triathlon team vice president and a mechanical engineering senior.

Cal Poly coach Rick Ellison said that enduring factors such as heat are what make triathlons unique and difficult.

"The heat is the main thing we can't replicate (in practice)," he said, noting that triathletes have to balance three sports as well as deal with the elements.

The team came in 10th at Tennessee, and Lucero claimed 10th overall as the team's leading male athlete, with Jill Tarver coming in eighth.

Though athletes strive for their personal best, teamwork plays into every competition, including Wildflower.

"It was motivating to see the guys on the way back from the turn-around (in the swim course)," said Tarver, a nutritional science junior who finished first among Cal Poly women at Wildflower.

Brandon Drew, triathlon president and an industrial technology senior, agreed that teamwork is key to succeeding in any race.

"When you're on the course, everyone's rooting for everyone else," he said. "It's a community and team effort."

Everyone went full force on the Olympic course, despite any overuse injuries or recovering sicknesses.

"The hill in the back is killer," said Lucero who finished fourth overall. "You're climbing the whole way (on the bike trail)."

With a year-round training schedule, Cal Poly is a team of truly dedicated triathletes.

There are nine practices a week, including sprints, long swim, bike and run days. These are also coupled with "double days" and "turbo workouts," which are more focused and intense.

"Training is time-consuming — a whole lifestyle," Thompson said. "It never really ends."

But in practice, Lucero added, it's quality versus quantity, and obviously that paid off in the end.



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Cal Poly triathlete Dewey Lucero cruises to a fourth-place finish in the Wildflower Olympic Course, helping the team secure a win.

Next year's team looks promising, as individual energy is unquenched coming into next season.

"There are a lot of new people, and they're all into it," Tarver said. "I think we're going to have a really good team."

Wildflower presented a tough

course with a competitive field, but personal and team goals seemed to be met with success.

"My goal for the team as well as each individual is to achieve and perform as best as they can," Ellison said. "Without a doubt, it was a very successful day."

Cal Poly takes series from nationally ranked Long Beach

By Christen Wegner
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With the playoffs looming just around the corner for the Cal Poly men's baseball team (11-7 Big West, 26-24 overall), the Mustangs knew this home stretch against

By the numbers

► The Mustangs are 26-24-1, with a record of 11-7 in the Big West

► Kevin Correia won his 10th game of the season, improving to 10-3 on the year

Long Beach State (9-5 Big West, 27-16 overall) was critical for their playoff hopes. The team didn't disappoint, winning two out of three against the 49ers. During Friday's game, the Mustangs rallied back to beat Long Beach State, 5-4. Saturday's game, however, showed the Mustangs why the 49ers are ranked 26th in the country. Center fielder Jeremy Reed drove in four runs and extended his hitting streak to 14 games as Long Beach beat Cal Poly, 9-6.

"(In Saturday's game), I don't think we capitalized on our scoring opportunities," said senior designated hitter Bryan Gant. "We left a lot of people on base."

However, during Sunday's game, the spectators who arrived late to Baggett Stadium missed an exciting first inning.

The Long Beach State 49ers came out strong, scoring the first run of the game after junior third baseman Aaron Escobedo overthrew first base, allowing the 49ers' Kevin Randel to score.

However, Cal Poly also came out strong, scoring four runs in the first inning alone. Freshman center fielder Josh Wyrick led off the inning with a triple down the first base line. Shortly after, Gant hit a single to left, scoring Wyrick. Following a wild pitch that advanced the runners, sophomore catcher Kyle Wilson hit a two-run double putting the Mustangs up 3-1.

One batter later, sophomore second baseman Adam Leavitt hit an RBI single, making the score 4-1.

In the second inning, Long Beach's Brad Davis hit his second homerun of

the season, putting them within two. Cal Poly also scored in the second inning off of junior shortstop Scott Anderson's RBI double.

Sophomore left fielder Bill Saul also added to the Cal Poly lead in the third inning, hitting his first homerun of the season. "I was pretty excited because I didn't think (the ball) was going to go out," Saul said. "I think the wind got a hold of it."

The two-run homerun put Cal Poly up 7-2. "When (Saul) hit the ball there was a definite momentum swing and put us in the driver's seat," said head coach Ritch Price.

After a leadoff double in the fifth inning by Wilson, Cal Poly scored

again after Saul hit an RBI single up the middle of the field. The final score was 8-2.

"We had great pitching and great defense," Saul said. "Everything just came together and clicked."

Senior pitcher Kevin Correia had one of his best games all season, allowing only five hits, two runs and striking out three batters.

"It was great that Correia could go out there and dominate one of the best teams in the country," Price said.

The rest of the season is extremely critical to Mustangs' season. Their next match-up is against Nebraska University and then the team comes home to face conference rivals UC Riverside and UC Santa Barbara.

"The series against Nebraska is huge because it can bump us up in rankings," Gant said.

If the team wins the next few series, they have a good chance at making the playoffs.

"We want to stay in the hunt for the title, so any win we can get from (Nebraska) would help us out a lot," Saul said.

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BRIEFS

Despite fast start, no Kazu mania in sight

By Mike DiGiovanna
LOS ANGELES TIMES

(WIRE) LOS ANGELES — Six Kazuhisa Ishii starts have produced six victories but not much of a buzz in Dodger Stadium. There was talk of Ishii-mania from the time the Los Angeles Dodgers signed the Japanese left-hander on Feb. 8, but the first five weeks of the season have produced more Ishii than mania.

Unlike Fernando-mania, when Fernando Valenzuela fueled a fan fervor with his 8-0 start in 1981, and Nomo-mania, when fans unfurled large Japanese banners and snapped up Nomo merchandise as quick as it hit the shelves during Hideo Nomo's phenomenal rookie season in 1995, Ishii has not created much of a stir.

He has made only two starts in Dodger Stadium, including Saturday night's 3-2 victory over the Chicago Cubs, and neither was a sellout. There hasn't been an excessive demand for Ishii merchandise, and he hasn't sparked the kind of passion among fans that Valenzuela and Nomo did.

"But look at the other two guys who did that," first baseman Eric Karros said. "One was a 20-year-old from Mexico in an area with a huge Latin community, with that windup where he looked up to the sky, and it just took off. Nomo was the first (Japanese player) to come to the U.S., so there was interest all over."

Karros pointed out the difference is a matter of newsworthiness.

"There really isn't any novelty (to what Ishii is doing). The guy has had a great start. He's been a big part of the first month of the season, but you can't compare him to Fernando and Nomo."