Cal Poly club wins sprint event

By Jenni Mintz
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Human Powered Vehicle Club raced their bike to victory at the American Society of Mechanical Engineers West Coast Challenge at UC Davis last weekend.

On Saturday, Cal Poly placed first in the quarter-mile sprint challenge. Mechanical engineering junior Ron Layman had the fastest time of 38.9 mph, and environmental engineering senior Leslie Kopf finished first in the women's category at 31 mph.

"We got up to Davis Friday night, and we were all really worried because it was raining," Kopf said. "But Saturday morning it was beautiful, so we were pretty excited. The bike was really stable and well-designed this year." This is Kopf's third year competing in the race, and she said the Cal Poly team performed better than it had in previous years.

Cal Poly took third place overall in a field of about 20 other schools. Colorado State University finished first.

On Sunday, Cal Poly competed and placed second in the road race. This relay consisted of driving the car for 44 laps — about 44 miles — around a 1-•

Burnt Toast was Cal Poly's human powered vehicle that was designed, built and raced during the 2001-02 school year.

"We are very happy with third place," said club adviser and engineering professor Andrew Davis.

Celebrated poet to come to PAC

By Caitlin O'Farrell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Poet Heather McHugh will read and discuss her work on campus next Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Christopher Cohen Performing Arts Center.

"This is a free opportunity for students to do something out of the norm and expose themselves to something they may never have thought they would never experience," said Adam Hall, WritersSpeak organizer and English professor.

McHugh has written more than 10 books, including several collections of poetry, translated poetry and literary essays. Her newest book entitled "Eyeshot" has yet to be released, according to a non-release from the English department.

One of McHugh's compilations, "Hinge and Sign; Poems 1968-1993," was a National Book Award Finalist, won the Boston Book Review's Bingham Poetry Prize and the Pollack-Harvard Review Prize. The poet will be reading on May 6.

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Campus network goes down

By CA Milk Farrall
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The outage affected anyone on campus using the Cal Poly Portal, the University Union site and student pay system.

"Any events that affect people through hardware and systems will be posted there," Borozad said.

— Mustang Daily staff writer

Ryan McAdams
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The team placed sixth in design presentation and their report, which was worth 40 percent of the competition. Unlike some of the other schools competing, Cal Poly does not offer a senior design class to focus on their vehicle, senior engineering major John Pocock said. All the time club members put into their vehicle was spent outside of class in April 2000.

“Next year, we’re hoping to get more seniors involved in designing and building so we can do more analysis,” Pocock said. “We’ve improved significantly in the design and report contest since last year, when we placed somewhere around 14th.”

Next year, Pocock said club members are planning to design more of a monocoque structure, which will make the shell more load bearing and able to absorb the stresses, impacts or other environmental problems. They are changing the design to make the vehicle lighter and stiffer.

The club had a budget of $7,000 to create the bike and to pay for transportation to travel to competitions.

“Last year was the first time we went with this type of design, with front-wheel drive and short-wheel base,” Pocock said. “This year we built the bike stiffer and out of aluminum instead of steel. We improved on the drive train by using modern components.”

The Cal Poly bike weighed 58 pounds, while most of the cars in the competition were about 55 to 80 pounds.

The sprint race ended with a bang when Lynam crashed the bike due to not enough stopping distance. “I wasn’t hurt at all, because of the composite shell,” Lynam said. “It keeps you really safe. We built the shell for its aerodynamic effect, but it also helps with a lot of crashes.”

The endurance race Sunday was thrilling for viewers, aerospace engineering junior Nathan Suzek said.

“We had three competitions that were very close this year,” Suzek said. “As far as I know, we haven’t had it this close before. We were all within 10 or 80 seconds of each other. Watching the bike go around the corners and just screaming by was very exciting.”

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“You can’t just campaign in one area,” Aaron said. “It really gets the word out to talk to students about the issues we are concerned about, and also have other things like posters and T-shirts.”

Ayers said campaign finance reform needs to be looked at more in the future.

If campaign spending is limited in the future, Ayers said she does not want it to be loosely regulated. “Many campuses have said their limits are not enforced,” Ayers said. “I see SPENDING 2, page 7

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Nichols also complained about
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General Janet Reno. Alexander heard
data later that Nichols, who was living
in Kansas at the time, was a suspect in
the bombiing. The April 19, 1995,
bombing came on the second anniver­
sary of the fiery end of the Branch
Davidian siege in Waco, Texas.

"Oh, my God, I was literally sur­
pried and shocked," she said.

Pentagon officials said Monday that
the April 14 letter was not a factor in
the upcoming release, which they said
was in the planning process for four
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group of Iraqis may take the reins, the U.S. civil administrator said
Monday. One of Saddam Hussein's
top biological weapons scientists —
known as "Mrs. Anthrax" — has
been captured, American officials said.

The northern city of Mosul took a
small step in forming a municipal gov­ernment, selecting a cross-section of
residents to run the city alongside the
American military until elections can
be held, U.S. military officials said.

The captured scientist, a 49-year-old
Huda Salih Mahdi Ammassi, was
taken into custody Sunday, a Defense
Department official said, speaking on
condition of anonymity.

Ammass, who earned her Ph.D. from the University of Missouri, was
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Goodbye Old Friend

Rocky's to replace Izzy's as Friday night warmup spot

▶ Owners decide to change restaurant's image; students lament loss of cheap beer deals

By Chris Welke
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Ah, Izzy Ortega's. So many fond memories: Drinking cheap beer with old friends, puking on the side of the road, getting falling-over drunk before they made it to Def Leppard or just watching people getting ripped off. The restaurant and bar was a memorable place for many in the over-21 crowd.

But next time you go, it'll be called "Rocky's" and look nothing like its cantina-themed predecessor. The restaurant and bar is closed for a full remodel re-opens today.

The change

The new restaurant will have a Route 66 theme, with lots of hubcaps, diamond plates and pictures of classic cars.

The eatery will change from a Mexican theme to a Route 66 motif. "Our goal and focus is to broaden our customer base," said Tony Breault, one of the owners. "We were strictly a Mexican restaurant before. We're going to do additions of seafood, pasta, steaks and continue a fair amount of Mexican fare."

The reason the owners said they chose a Route 66 theme is they think people will identify with the historic highway that winds from Santa Monica to Chicago. They plan to incorporate all the different food groups found along the route, including pork chops, ribs, steaks and salad.

The remodel is extensive; the only thing that hasn't been ripped out of the place is the bar itself. The walls, tables, kitchen and even the bathrooms are undergoing major changes to suit the new theme.

"The reason we closed during the remodel is because we are making so many changes inside," said general manager David Stoothoff. "To be able to do this right, Byron (Breault) and Tony wanted to make sure that we were not going to do it halfway. We're going to completely redo the restaurant so that it looks completely different. So there is no more Izzy's." OK, but what about Friday nights?

"We're not going to have the 75 cent special," said Byron Breault, another owner. "We are going to have a Friday night happy hour all the way through the evening until close." The owners said Fridays, and possibly Saturdays, will still have drink specials, but right now they have no idea what they will be. Beer as cheap as 75 cents will be infrequent and could be a thing of the past. Friday specials will alternate between margaritas, beers and well drinks.

Remembering Izzy's

Izzy's attracted 21-and-over Cal Poly and Cuesta College students on Friday nights for its 50-cent beer specials (that later became 75 cent beers). It was a great place to start the weekend.

"I don't know why they changed it," said architecture senior Robb Davidson. "It was like a keg party at a bar."

Business senior Brendan Considine questioned whether the change would be profitable.

"I think it will hurt their business," Considine said. "It will draw a different crowd. Friday was the only fun night there, because they had cheap beer. The cheap beer is what gets people in the door. What they need to do is offer more beer specials on more nights."

On the other hand, Agribusiness senior Dan CumIFS - lives within walking distance of Izzy's and was a frequent attendee on Friday nights. He remembered it fondly.

"I remember everyone walking around spilling beers all over the floor and each other," Curnhoys said. "It was packed - there'd always be underage girls trying to sneak in the back like all night so they could see their 27-year-old boyfriends. Also, drinking to the point where it wasn't possible to walk downtown so we'd have to call a cab. I'll miss Izzy's."

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Joy Sandoval could do was wait and Mustang Daily opened last fall, all owners Tino and Luis Obispo hasn't always had the best reputation. Enter Milagros.

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Attempts to open a Mexican restaurant in historically unpopular location——STEP #6:}

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Opinion

Anderson/Berdial: ASI your way

Cal Poly is fortunate to have this opportunity: Alison Anderson and Olga Berdial are running for Associated Students Inc. president and vice-president. They are the most qualified students to fill these important roles. The incredible campaigning and extremely close loss of last year's election are a fire in Alison, and she is truly ready to serve Cal Poly through ASI. Luckily, this time she has the support of Berdial and John is closely involved with many aspects of campus life and the community. It would be easy to state the boring and mundane about Alison and Olga. They have experience with ASI Executive Staff, ASI Board of Directors, their colleges, service organizations and community activism. There is a ton of hard work they put into the above organizations, but it sounds just like the other candidates on paper, right? So, instead of rehabilitating their platforms (which can be found at their website and from anyone wearing an orange, Kool-Aid T-shirt), our attempt is to get you pumped on the two most qualified people to lead ASI and our campus into the 2003-04 school year.

We always love a good grass-roots campaign, and that's exactly what this is. Have you seen all the posters of Alison and Olga plastered around campus? No? Well, you won't. There won't be any Kool-Aid T-shirts, our attempt is to get you involved. We've all heard by now that they are running on only $500, and while this isn't a reason for you to vote for them, it is a reason to get involved. It was amazing to see all the different posters that circulated because this campaign is almost completely word of mouth.

We are all for a good grass-roots campaign, so they won't just be concerned with what's best for ASI as a corporation, but what ASI can do with the rest of campus.

Our experience with both candidates began last year. We first met Olga when she helped our fraternity with some community service projects. It was amazing to see all the different programs she was involved in and the connections she made throughout campus. The assistance she gave our fraternity was phenomenal, and we can honestly say her presence at Student Community Services made our organization even better.

Without knowing it, Kaitlin has been prepping to be our president since she arrived at Cal Poly and is the best candidate you could ask for to be your next ASI president. Board and was selected to be on the ASI Executive Staff. He is also a good guy who cares about people. Every time I see Pedro he gives me a hug and always makes a point to ask me how things are going. This is a guy who works hard in school, is involved in student activities and likes nothing more than to hang out with his buddies on the weekends and relax; the epitome of a Cal Poly student.

Kaitlin has been my roommate since we arrived here four years ago and has never ceased to amaze me. She is an only child, born and raised in San Diego, and is the most driven and dedicated person I have ever met. Kaitlin has been involved in ASI for the past four years, is a member of Sigma Kappa sorority, was a WOW leader for two years, landed an internship with Ernst & Young, gets very good grades and still has time to hang out with "the girls" and her boyfriend, Sean. Kaitlin is a textbook definition of an over-achieving multi-tasker, but you wouldn't guess it by meeting her. Without knowing it, Kaitlin has been prepping to be our president since she arrived at Cal Poly and is the best candidate you could ask for to be your next ASI president.

We also had the privilege of working with Alison on the Board of Directors last year. Whenever we had a question about a bill, resolution, audit, etc. Alison was one of the first people we would seek for advice. She also gained our respect when she helped draft some of the most respected bills and resolutions last year.

Alison and Olga are involved all over campus, they won't just be concerned with what's best for ASI as a corporation, but what ASI can do with the rest of campus.

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Guest Commentary

Parnell/Paasch: Every student, every day

Each year about this time, Cal Poly students have the opportunity to choose our next Associated Students Inc. representatives. I believe, like many others, there is one clear choice for ASI president and vice president. The team of Luke Parnell and John Paasch clearly has our best interests in mind.

Weber defines leadership as "the ability to guide, direct or influence people." Luke and John embody this definition and true leadership is what they will provide as our next ASI leaders. I've had the opportunity to work with both of them as they serve as chair and vice chair of the ASI board of directors. Their determination and dedication of countless hours to serving students further demonstrates their willingness to work for every student, every day. I've heard them talk to student groups, and if you haven't had a chance to listen, you're truly missing out. Parnell and Paasch are talking about issues that concern us. They understand us and are tirelessly searching for parking on this over-crowded campus and want to do something about it. They realize that we need ourselves by voting for college based fees and will work with college committees to see that more classes are offered. Finally, they realize that college should be fun and want ASI to offer more programs that make our time at Cal Poly the ultimate college experience.

Luke and John are experienced leaders. Both have worked hard to involve themselves in activities that make life better for Cal Poly students and the San Luis Obispo community. They've been members of university wide clubs, fought in meetings for our interests and volunteered in our community. John is a member of Alpha Gamma Rho and works with his fraternity brothers to raise money for philanthropic events and community programs. Both have extensive leadership experience and will bring the vast number of ASI interests together and unite them in one clear direction.

You've seen their posters around campus, now all you need to do is cast your vote. On May 7, they are running unopposed for our ASI positions. Don't just sit there and not vote. It's your right, take advantage of it.

Tracy Watte is a liberal studies junior and member of the ASI Board of Directors representing the College of Liberal Arts.

Guest Commentary

Ayers/Vazquez: Breaking barriers

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By Michael Marquez

CAL POLY SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

F L U L L E R T O N — The No. 7 Cal State Fullerton Titans stand one win away from repeating as Big West champions after defeating Cal Poly, 6-1, at the Titan Softball Complex on Monday afternoon, to complete a sweep of the Big West series between the two teams. The loss drops Cal Poly to 20-37 (5-13 Big West) while Cal State Fullerton improved to 36-13 (17-1 Big West).

As with the first two games of the series, the Titans jumped ahead early. In the second inning, the Titans notched three runs, two of which were unearned due to errors by shortstop Chelsy Stouffer and left fielder Amyjo Nazarenus, to take a 3-0 lead.

Both teams were scoreless through the next three innings until the sixth, when Krista O'Hanian hit a solo home run to extend the Titan lead to 4-0. Cal Poly finally got on the board in the seventh. After Holly Ballard drew a walk and Shannon Brooks singled, Carrie Schubert hit an RBI-single to score pinch runner Stephanie Payan for the Mustangs' only run.

Nelscm took the loss and is now 5-8. Cal Poly women's tennis team will be competing at a high level despite the winds and choppy swimming conditions as they give it their all and competed at a high level despite the conditions, Thompson said. “Coming into Wildflower was a huge performance at nationals," Thompson said. “We had momentum and confidence going into the next major triathlon competition is the San Jose International Triathlon on June 22."

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