

Crew re-creates 'Pre' memorial

Filming at Hayward Field will end on a somber note Saturday when crews re-create a memorial service held in 1975 for track star Steve Prefontaine.

Warner Bros. is again inviting the public to serve as a backdrop for the filming, part of the movie "Pre." Unlike jubilant track scenes filmed earlier at Hayward Field, Saturday's event will have a more contemplative tone.

The memorial service was held June 3, 1975, only four days after Prefontaine died in an automobile accident. He was 24.

"The scene we're doing is one that very much lends authenticity and gravity to the occasion," said Kenny Moore, co-writer of "Pre".

For those not eager to spend a summer Saturday at a memorial

service, albeit a staged one, the movie company has an extra enticement after filming — a barbecue for all the extras.

"It's a tribute and a celebration of this man, more than a funeral service," Tina Kerr of On Location Casting said. "We want people to enjoy themselves."

People who want to volunteer as extras should enter Hayward at gate 14 beginning at 1 p.m. Those arriving later also will be admitted to the field, Kerr said. The filming will continue until dusk.

The Warner Bros. production is one of two movies being filmed about Prefontaine, a charismatic runner who held all seven U.S. records between 2,000 and 10,000 meters. The other movie is being filmed by Disney in the Seattle area.