Retired colonel blasts military

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The Colonel stressed that this "Operation Linebacker II" attack which the army decided to move 300,000 men out of the gasholes and into the on-offer corps has sample of using minorities in military justice.

It is that the army has gone to 1 per cent black when they compose only 11 percent of the population, and that 23 per cent of all combat fatalities are black.

He asked how many in the audience have known a white upper or middle class family that had lost a son in the war, answering that in most any ghetto it is a fact unknown to families that have lost two or more.

La. Lt. Col. Anthony Herbert's talk in Chumash Auditorium will be broadcast by KPCC at 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

Herbert said that while the number of black combat soldiers has grown, the number of blacks in the officer corps has fallen to about three per cent.

"The only way a black gets promoted in the service if he is a 'good nigger'," he said. "Those who try to get promoted that way and screw it up have been traded, the blacks as the race, but the human which is we.

Herbert, who at 45 years of age maintains a military look, a trim white skin, a short beard, and a confident bearing, spoke many times of the worthiness of the race and the blacks got away," he said, "It was a good, just a better army."

He added that the only difference was that when his job became too distasteful, he had the guts to stand up and say something about it. He was referring to the crimes and atrocities he had seen and heard information about while on duty in Vietnam.

A lecture which I believe has never been written about is one where heavy steel wire is pushed through the ears and brains of an entire Vietnamese families refusing to answer interrogations on the one hand, said Herbert. "One instance in which this was done, the family was strung on the ramp of a helicopter which was then flown continually around the hamlet as an example."

Herbert asserted that such war crimes are being blamed on none other than the black soldiers. He said that just as the Jews were used as scapegoats in Germany, the blacks are being narrowed out for the blame.

"General William Westmoreland has picked the blacks as a scapegoat," he said. 

"General after general have one way or another pointed to blacks and minorities as the culprits."

The Military Code of Justice

He spoke of an outcry of public discontent with military justice which occurred after World War Two in 1948. From that outcry, came the establishment of The Military Code of Justice which declared that if the military aught the codes in any way, they would not be the people.

The above have been committed. You haven't done anything about them," said Herbert. "You read about it."

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Cambria outing planned for student-faculty rap

Scenic cabin sleeping will be one of the events scheduled this weekend at Camp Ocean Pines in Cambria. Thus far, 10 students and 10 faculty members will be taking the week and trek.

They plan to spend Saturday and Sunday holding interdisciplinary workshops on science and society, group cooking, scenic cabin sleeping, and parasailing in ocean walks. The departure time is 10 a.m. Saturday in front of the student cafeteria. Those persons wishing to attend the activities need only be present at departure time Saturday morning with $8 and a sleeping bag. For further information contact Dave Haeflin in Science E-10.

 editorial

Pay more, park less

Inflation is about to pounce on campus parking permits. Definition of inflation: a rising cost for a commodity which has the same value as before the price changed. But in this case the value is decreasing as the cost rises.

Every quarter students dole out $8 for a hunting license. The small print says that the green or red sticker entitles the bearer to join 5,199 others jockeying for a position in one of 3,866 student parking spaces. Despairing hunters settle for green, blue, and red zones, knowing that a $2 fine will be waiting when they return.

It's an old story, though the figures change each quarter. More and more care join the struggle to find fewer and fewer parking spaces.

And at their next meeting the trustees are planning to change one more figure in the numbers game: The 99 fee will jump to $10 per quarter.

That's a small increase when one considers that the fee has remained the same since its beginning several years ago. But, then, each year the $9 sticker has lost some of its ability to assure the student a short hike to his classes. It hardly seems fair to raise a fee without improving service.

If this university were in Los Angeles or some other ultra-urban area, it might receive its due share of parking fee revenue and find multi-level parking structures mushrooming to meet the parking demands. But this is San Luis Obispo and such facilities, even if offered, would seem out of place.

The increase in the parking fee is due to the construction of such multi-story carslots at other campuses, according to Robin Baggett. A new law returning half of all campus parking ticket fines to the university system will increase $1,000 dollars yearly to the parking revenue fund. But the trustees are asking for more money.

The trustees meet Jan. 28 and 29 in Los Angeles. They will vote to raise the parking fee to $10 unless they are stopped. Pres. Robert Kennedy has taken a stand against the increase. Baggett has joined other university student body presidents in protesting the increase. Tonight Student Affairs Council is likely to pass a resolution against the increase.

What can you do about it?

Write to Karl L. Wente, chairman of the trustees (5870 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, 90036), and tell him what you think of the proposed increase.

Send copies of the letter to Gov. Ronald Reagan and student lobbyist Joe Hay (5000 J St., Sacramento, 95819) to let them know how you feel.

Or drop by the Mustang Daily office (GA 226) and sign a copy of the Student Affairs Council resolution.

Kennedy has said there are few other actions that a parking fee raise that would unite the students, faculty and staff. It is time to show the trustees a united determination against paying more for something that is of dubious value at a $2 price.

Leary arrested in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (UPI)-Dr. Timothy Leary, former Harvard professor who escaped a California prison in 1970 while serving a sentence for narcotics possession, has been arrested in Afghanistan, the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs said Tuesday.

From simplicity blooms poetry

"I try to capture the richness and beauty of the little things all of us go through in everyday life." This is Dr. John Kerr's summation of his poetry which will be discussing Thursday at 11 30 clock in room 320 of the College Union. His lecture is the beginning of the Arts and Humanities series for the winter quarter.

An English professor here on campus, Kerr will discuss the poetry he has written between 1968 and the present, along with the concept of voice poetry. "I'm attempting to do away with conventional ornamentation and yet keep the intensity of a distinctly American voice."

Kerr has taught on campus since 1967. A graduate of the University of Michigan and his doctorate at the University of Texas, he has taught at Westminister College in Missouri, University of Missouri, University of Texas, and Louisiana State University.

Kerr's presentation is one of a series in the Arts and Humanities 75-76 which is sponsored by the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities.
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He said that a big step forward against military injustice was the recent Supreme Court ruling that it was unconstitutional to force military cadets to attend church. "The importance comes from the portion of the ruling that says it is unconstitutional to make a serviceman commit another unconstitutional act," he said. "If this is so, then it is unconstitutional to hold a serviceman up to military justice. The army knows this and they are going ape over it."

Herbert said that the army often admits that its practices are unconstitutional, but stresses that they are necessary for discipline. "The records show that military discipline is the worst it has ever been," he said. "You don't need discipline in a computer war. Everything is push-button."

He said that Pres. Nixon is trying to convince the nation that all the dissidents against the war are just "disturbed individuals." "Nixon got some enlisted man who runs a swiftboat up and down a river all day long to tell everyone he has never seen a war atrocity," said Herbert. "Nah, I never saw a goddamn swiftboat before. What the hell does that prove?"

But Herbert said that we have all seen the picture of the little girl covered with napalm, running terror-stricken down the road. He said we have all seen picture of South Vietnamese officers casually blowing the brains out of captured suspected Viet Cong. And he said we have all let it happen.

Looking back, Herbert said that if the army had been smart, they would have kept him working his last year in the service. "Instead they put me in a corner in some xerox shop with nothing to do," he said. "Do what the hell did I do? What site? I wrote a book about the military injustice and made copies of it with their own xerox machine. I could have never done it without Westmoreland!"

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Frosh cagers host Taft

The Colt basketball squad hosts Taft Monday through Thursday in non-league encounter in the Man's Gym. Tip-off is set for 7:15.

It will be the second meeting of the year between the two clubs, with Mark Humann's Colts victorious in the first at Taft, 96-86.

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