Monster film: irreverent but very funny

by MARY ANNE LAPHUITE

"Young Frankenstein" isn't your run-of-the-mill horror movie any more. It is an incredibly irreverent but very funny film directed by Mel Brooks, a comic master.

Mary Shelley's 1810 novel was slightly distorted by Brooks and Gene Wilder. Frederick Frankenstein, portrayed by Wilder, is a noted American brain surgeon who teaches in a medical school.

After one of his lectures, Freddy is notified by an emissary from Transylvania to visit his great-grandfather, Beaufort Frankenstein. It was Freddy's grandfather Victor who disgraced the family by creating a monster.

Freddy travels to Transylvania where he meets his two assistants, Igor the hunchback and the well-wounded Inga (Teri Garr). After finding his grandfather's last step book on "How I Did It," which was set out by his grandfather's secretary, Frederika (Claire Leachman, the trio set out to create a monster. (Peter Boyle).

Well the monster is created and escapes from the castle. After recuperating, Freddy learns the monster needs to be loved and they're off to the Bucharest Academy of Science. They do a dizzying dance and song to "Puttin' on the Ritz," but trouble comes up and the monster is killed. The film ends with the monster escaping and defining the villagers.

The arrival of Freddy's fiancee (Madeline Kahn) leads to the real ending. The funniest scene by far is when the monster is killed. From my Aunt Edna's favorite Agatha Christie book on. Pula.

1 month to the peak climbing El Capitan

Dan Caldwell discusses his 27-day venture up the East face of El Capitan. Photo by Jo Vasco.

Imagine yourself clinging from a rope tied to a pin that has been pounded into a rock, several thousand feet above ground, for 27 days.

Dean Caldwell, one of the first two men to climb the east face of magnoliform El Capitan, tried to explain the sensation when he spoke about his exploits in Chumash Auditorium on Wednesday night.

Caldwell presented slides of photographs he took while making the famous climb. Film captured words that could not possibly portray: the awesome size of El Capitan, the nightmares of a four day storm, the realization on the sixth day that the 10-day food supply would have to be rationed, the disappointment the climbers as they faced photographers, tourists, and reporters crest of El Capitan.

The climb up El Capitan was the most memorable for Caldwell, however. In 1971, Caldwell and another climber found themselves 60 miles into the Andes mountains in Peru. While climbing a 20,000 foot peak with a 3,000 foot wall of ice, the part of the mountain the climbers were to cover now collapsed in an avalanche. This, combined with the sudden awareness that the route covered earlier had slid down the wall of ice, shook the climbers to the point they set and studied the mountain for two days.

Caldwell said he then felt what most climbers feel at one time or another: "How nice it would be to not be here!" He went on to explain that in mountain climbing "nothing matters except staying alive." This feeling carries into other areas of his life," said Caldwell.

I realize now that most of the problems in life are unimportant, as long as you are alive.

According to Caldwell, "You don't conquer a mountain, you don't beat it. You get an extreme feeling of insignificance up there and you begin to get an idea of power. When you realize that we don't have it, you feel the mountains must have been in good mood to let you climb it."

Caldwell has also experienced some amusing events during his climbing career. Once, traveling to Peru, he and a fellow climber tried to buy 100 candy bars for a 21-day expedition without being able to speak Spanish.

Housing task force discussed

San Luis Obispo's Steering Committee on Housing was authorised by the City Council on Monday, March 3.

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Council votes to back HEP

Unanimous decision forms ad hoc committee to explore continuation

by MARK LOOKER

After sometimes acrimonious debate, the Student Affairs Council Wednesday night decided to go on record as "endorsing the concept of the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) and its continuation on campus.

The resolution, introduced by Communication Arts and Humanities representative Mike Murdy and amended by fellow representative Bill Stavens, some of the problems resolution forming an ad hoc committee to look into the whole matter.

SAC voted unanimously to set up the ad hoc committee composed of representatives from each council, to look into the whole matter, explore possible alternatives and report back to SAC by the second week of the current quarter.

Both actions came after almost two hours of debate on courses of action SAC should take regarding its support of HEP.

SAC was asked to take action immediately, namely, to write a proxy representative from the city council, to write a letter to the Environmental Design, which called on SAC to express its opposition to the removal of HEP from campus.

The program is scheduled to be forced off campus July 1, under university plans to take over HEP's building, the Air Conditioning Auditorium, to provide for art faculty offices space.

The Dept. of Labor, which runs the program, plans to remove the university if HEP is taken off this campus it will be terminated, according to the university. Colleges have indicated a desire to pick up the program, according to Anthony Garcia, HEP director.

More discussion on the issue of housing continued on page 3.

Campus news

The American Field Service is holding a reunion for all AFS returnees this weekend. The event will be held on Saturday, March 6, at 8 p.m. at the Parmelee Memorial Hall on Bella Ave.

Entertainment and dessert will be provided. The Cost to the returnee will range from $2 to $5 and will cover all expenses.

The two top ASI officers have agreed to head a Housing Task Force that is expected to finish its personnel expansion by August. At this time the title of Housing Task Force will be applied to the enlarged body.

KCPW will be off the air Sunday until five o'clock. The maintenance department will be working in the Graphic Arts building and may temporarily have the electricity turned off. Programming will continue after five with KCPW's top fifty of the last decade set to be aired at 9.

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Is a book monster loose in the library?

Have you been to the Cal Poly library lately to find a magazine or a book for a project? If so, you probably know how impossible it is to find the one you need. For some reason, most of the resources that are on line and are supposed to be in the stacks aren't there. Is there a book and magazine that comes in at night and steals them?

But wait—if you stop and look around the library, many of the same books and magazines you are looking for are sitting on some obscure table or shelf, waiting to be put back by one of the numerous library workers who clutter up the place. The library has posted signs asking readers not to shove books or magazines taken from the stacks. O.K., so maybe some people couldn't reshelve them properly (the library library justification for the sign). But then, why does it take the library people to long to shove the resources?

Some of the reasons I heard include: the library wants to see how popular the books and magazines are and they want to create work to justify hiring all those library aides. In other words, they are creating work to give work to all the workers who work there. Makes a lot of sense, doesn't it? Remember that the next time you are going crazy looking for a missing magazine or a book they tell you must be in the stacks because no one has asked it out. Your frustration is paying the salary of some lucky library aide.

I sat in the library one day and saw some magazines sitting on the table. They had been there since early in the morning. By five that afternoon they were not sitting there. And, at the same time, I saw a number of library aids simply walk by and ignore the magazines.

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. John B. Allen, D-Ala., conceding defeat in his effort to prevent a change in the filibuster rule. Thursday indicated he will not appeal to the Senate to vote Friday to limit debate on a compromise Senate rule that would permit 60 senators to cut off debate.

The present Senate rules require a two-thirds majority, or a minimum of 67 senators, to sustain a filibuster. But even after debate is limited such senator gets one hour of unlimited debate and offer unlimited number of amendments.

Allen said he has 10 amendments “so far” and added “they’re easy to grant.”

Asked if the bitter light could end late Friday, Allen told reporters “I don’t think it will. We’re defeated.”

On Wednesday, the Senate ended up in the conservative-led filibuster which has tied up Senate business for two weeks.

CARDIFF, Wales (UPI) — Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger Thursday condemned 300 jeering Welsh youths who attacked in Tel Aviv, then ran into a military arm of the PLO, was considered a mildly obscene gesture here—at him and his aides simply walk by and Ignore the table. They had been there since early in the morning. By five that afternoon they were not sitting there. And, at the same time, I saw a number of library aids simply walk by and ignore the magazines.

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I’m paying for the use of the library and its facilities from my taxes and from the fees I pay here at Poly. And, I want to be able to use the resources that should be available to me whenever I want them. Not when the library has finished doing their research on how popular the magazines are or when they are done creating work to justify their budgets.

If this only happened a few times it wouldn’t be too bad. But, to judge from the complaints I have heard, it happens to many students. I really pray students trying to finish a term paper or their senior project, when they can’t find the necessary materials. Surely they might be able to go to the library in town, but why should they have to? We have the resources, but the only problem is keeping them where students can use them.

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Hurtado fell SAC's action really wasn't too strong. He said, "SAC on many Issues should take a strong stand. The members are very much concerned. Whether this is caused by the recent controversy with Mustang Daily over Title 9 I don’t know. But I think things will change. After the ad has committee comes back to SAC, SAC still will not back any strong action."

For the remainder of the semester, I feel the program will not be here, stated Hurtado. "The committee will come up with all kinds of rational but the final decision is a vote of the program.

Fred Heath, Prox representative from Architecture and Environmental design, also expressed his dissatisfaction with Mustang Daily over Title 9.

"I feel that SAC has the responsibility to make the decisions and tonight it failed to do so," Heath said.
SAC votes to back HEP

Thara argued that "HEP should be supported because it represents the student body in a whole and doesn't have the right to make instant decisions on the spot. It's not a matter of SAC being afraid to take a stand but we want all the information before we take a stand."

Murdy's motion was preceded by a debate as to whether SAC members questioned how firm a stand they should take on the matter. Resolutions were read from most of the school councils with the council of San Luis Obispo calling on SAC to oppose removal of the program from the campus if such action meant termination of the program.

Representative Heaton made a motion that "SAC is in support of all efforts initiated to maintain HEP in San Luis Obispo, and after all possible alternatives have been exhausted, that SAC is in opposition to the removal of HEP from this campus, if such action means termination of the program."

Heaton's proposal ran into stiff opposition from many SAC members who did not want SAC to take such a position until the ed board committee had looked into all possible alternatives.

Said Tim Raye, Engineering and Technology representative, "We all should do is endorse the concept of HEP and that is it. We can't support it in campus until we have the findings of the committee."

Greg Fowler, ASI Chief Justice representative, "We would be establishing a policy that would pre-empt the whole purpose of the committee." by adopting Heaton's motion. Heaton disagreed with that and said, "It is necessary for SAC to make a policy decision to show how they feel. Whether they're in support of the Administration's position or in favor of maintaining it on campus, it is necessary for SAC to give its opinion to HEP."

Heaton withdrew his motion in favor of Murdy's motion, which was then made: "SAC endorses the concept of HEP." That motion carried 16-8, 1. Heaton's motion was later amended by Mr. Reveson and passed.

Heaton vehemently protested SAC's action and claimed, "SAC is afraid to take a strong stand. This body should take a strong stand. It is an injustice to the HEP people not to give an indication as to how members of this body feel."

Karyn Welters, Science and Math representative, interjected that "SAC represents the student body as a whole and doesn't have the right to make instant decisions on the spot. It's not a matter of SAC being afraid to take a stand but we want all the information before we take a stand."

Heaton replied, "Is it necessary to have a directive from all the councils to make a policy decision. Can't SAC speak for all of the campus on this?"

Scott Piekut, ASI President, said Heaton that "If I made a vote and then went back to my council and they disagreed with my vote," that he wouldn't be doing his job fairly.

Replied Heaton, "Then the problem is in the system, in that SAC, because of limitations, can't make a firm, positive stand on any issue."

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Women nets host Scripps in crucial

Bea Murray's woman netters will have a chance to swing their nets on their own courts for the first time Saturday. The Mustangs, sporting a 5-1 record, are hoping to continue their outstanding play against Scripps College.

The match will begin at 9-30 a.m. on the upper courts by the Men's Gym.

The mustangs won their first two league matches, defeating Pepperdine College and Cal Poly Pomona and lost their third match against Cal State Bakersfield. So, this weekend's encounter against Scripps is an important one.

Coach Murray said, "I understand Scripps has a pretty fair College.

They have been preoccupied for the last few weeks but on the hardcourt as racquets on their own courts for Muatangs, sporting a 8-1 record, are hoping to continue their impressive 18-3-3 overall record and an 8-1 conference mark going into this weekends action.

The other three starters, setter Rock Glanzman, Tom McMahon, and Nat Kamins. Success of this year's team has been the strength of the bench. Preston uses Max Borelli and Bill Montes off the bench regularly and feels that being able to substitute confidently has strengthened his ball club.

The experience of the team and the home court advantage could be the difference between a pass or poor performance in this weekends action.

Must win time for volleyballers

The Mustang volleyball team has been preoccupied for the last two weeks preparing for two big tests this weekend.

Coach Ken Preston's squad hasn't been reviewing in text books but on the hardwood as they prepare to host Cal Poly Pomona Friday night and Cal State Fullerton Saturday in two crucial California Collegiate Volleyball Association matches.

Both matches are "musts" if the spikers hope to finish in the top two CVCA conference play and quality for the Far Western Volleyball Championships later this spring.

Autocross set for Sunday

With the coming of spring a young man's thoughts turn to racing.

So the Cal Poly Sports Car Club will hold the "Vernal Equinox" Autocross Sunday. Registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the baseball diamond parking lot.

Rugby match

The Cal Poly rugby team will host Loyola College Saturday on the Soccer Field. The A team will play at 1 p.m. and the B's at 3 p.m.