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Black culture is unique quality of fraternity

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Iles and the fraternity's present president John Van Whervin both participated in the fraternity's controversial pledge traditions on campus, and both remember being stared at by students who did not understand what the marching and chanting were all about.

Iles and Van Whervin said to completely understand the fraternity and its practices, students would have to completely understand Black history.

"You can't just analyze 1980 and understand what Omega Psi Phi and black people are all about," he said. "You got to go back to Africa.

"African chanting traditions have led to the singing style bantering the fraternity brothers do during pledge period and in competitions with other black fraternities."

The chants are known for putting down others and boasting of the Omega's pride and excellence. Iles said that this type of taunting is indigenous in black cultures, and is known as "playing the clown.

The fraternity's adviser and Associate Dean of Students Carl Wallace said that playing the clowns is a "highly developed form of verbal bantering" in which blacks try to "use language more cleverly than their opponent."

Iles said that playing the clown is part of the black way of communicating—part of their way of life—and that although it is competitive, it is mainly a friendly way of expressing oneself.

"In the chants we do on campus, we overemphasize pride, because society is constantly telling us we are second-class citizens," Iles said. "We won't accept that."

The pledges walk in a line and draw allots to create a bond between the members, Iles said. They sometimes carry wooden lamps to symbolize the knowledge of the fraternity, and painted bricks not only to show the weight of past burdens but to remind them of the four main principles of the fraternity, which are painted on the brick's four long sides.

The four principles consist of manhood, which includes accepting adult responsibility; scholarship, which includes trying to excel in an education system; and the

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Brothers march and chant to different tune

Cal Poly’s School of Engineering and Technology has received a $5,000 grant from Halliburton Foundation Inc., an auxiliary of the Halliburton Services, an international oilfield services and cementing services and stimulation procedures firm. The Halliburton Foundation was organized by the company to provide funds to accredited colleges and universities where the company has operating units. The grants are restricted to use for professional development activities of the Cal Poly, incentive awards, and salary supplements, he said.

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Another practice of the fraternity brothers which is linked to African tradition, but not part of the pledge procedure is the brand some Omegas have on their arms.

Iles, who is one of the seven brothers on campus who have brands, said that the branding stems from traditions of African tribes who ceremoniously marked and painted their bodies.

The branding is in no way mandatory for Omegas, Iles said. But he added that it is a great honor for a person to be asked by another brother to apply the hot cost hanger to the person’s arm, which will later leave a permanent scar in the shape of an Omega.

Iles said he had the brand put on his arm because “it was the best way I know to express my love for the organization.”

Besides its pledge practices, the Omegas are also different from other campus fraternities in that they are more community and service-oriented, Iles said.

“Our whole foundation is to enhance the community,” he said. “We are less socially oriented. We don’t operate on the same premises as that of white fraternities.”

“The main premise of the fraternity is to enhance the social and intellectual aspects of college life for black men,” Iles said, but added that the fraternity also tries to create “a positive energy in society” and an “environment conducive to the progressive movement of black students at Cal Poly.”

Iles said that Cal Poly is a difficult environment for many blacks to live in because of its “anti-black” choices of entertainment and cultural events, which he said cater only to white tastes.

Van Whervin added, “We are just fulfilling a part of our culture. We are doing something that we enjoy.”

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No arrests were made at the homecoming dance held Saturday night in the University Union Plaza, but police received a horde of telephone calls from irate neighbors complaining about the noise.

The San Luis Obispo police said they received over 100 calls between 11 p.m. and 1:30 a.m. about the noise from the Kingbees and Plimsouls. The music could be heard clearly as far away as Mustang Village on Foothill Boulevard.

Cal Poly public safety got 34 calls, including one from University President Warren Baker. Baker's residence is the closest to the UU Plaza.

Cal Poly said approximately 20 people were chased off the roof of the dining hall, but otherwise there was no trouble.

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Many of the thoroughbreds in the project are born at Cal Poly. Six of this year's horses were born on campus, and three were donated. For next year's project, only one foal will be Cal Poly-born. The rest will have to be bought if no consignors are found, said Hunt.

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Reading taught in college?

by Linda Reiff

Learning to read went out after elementary school. Or so many students would think. They're wrong because Cal Poly has a class that teaches reading — in the form of Education 203.

According to Leslie Ramsden, an education lecturer, Ed 203 is a developmental reading course designed to promote reading and study skills, including time management, skimming and scanning, rapid reading and textbook comprehension.

"I teach specific techniques and procedures to enhance the existing skills students already have," said Ramsden. "Lots of students take Evelyn Wood speed reading courses, not knowing that a lot of the same procedures are offered in Ed 203."

According to Ramsden, the course has been taught on and off at Cal Poly for many years. She has been teaching the course for the past six years.

"It's really not a new thing," said Ramsden. "College reading courses go back to 1889, when the first rapid reading class was taught."

Ramsden emphasized that reading is a communication skill, similar to writing and speaking.

"Reading is a skill; you want to perfect it and learn proper techniques to become more effective and more efficient," she said.

Ramsden noted that Ed 203 is a very individualized course, and that every student may choose which specific areas he wishes to improve.

This winter, Ed 203, a 2 unit course, will be offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m.-10 a.m.

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by Mike Mathlson

It's going to be an excellent tournament. There are no two-ways about it. Usually, the reason for hosting a tournament is to bring in teams with reputations like the Cleveland Cavaliers so you can boost your win percentage. It's an ego thing, and it's done all the time.

But women's basketball head coach Marilyn McNeill doesn't believe in this theory. In the 7th Annual Cal Poly-Bowers Hal Basketball Classic that will begin Thursday afternoon at 1 in the Main Gym, McNeill has brought in seven quality teams--six Division I and two Division II clubs will be included in the three-day affair.

Opening round matches pit Santa Clara vs. Arizona State at 1 p.m., San Jose State vs. UC Santa Barbara at 3 p.m., University of the Pacific vs. San Francisco State at 6 p.m. and the Mustangs will take on the University of Hawaii in the nightcap at 8 p.m. Cal Poly will play its second round game Friday night at 8 regardless of a win or loss.

Predicted Finish
Arizona State

The class team of the tournament by far. The Sun Devils have a No. 15 preseason ranking in NCAA Division 1 by the November basketball issue of Sports Illustrated. Last year they were ranked as high as No. 9. Arizona State was 25-7 last season and made it to the second round of the NCAA playoffs.
who would shoot and score for the team this year, was happy to see the fresh faces throughout the first half we had 41 points and I didn't exactly know where all they came from.

Polly led by lone senior Candralynn and junior Shari Ross. Kathy Ferguson and Junior McConnell also landed the list of new recruits — Michelle Puente and Gid Gifford.

Santa Clara: The Lady Spartans were 16-15 last season, but should be vastly improved this year. The coach, Sharon Chatman, is a Pol man alumni, so winning the tournament would be sweet for her.

"Santa Clara is fast," McNeill said. "They did add more speed from last year and they were just as fast as the fastest team in the nation last year. But now they have their speed game in the way of control."

Pacific: The Tigers finished third in the tournament a year ago, but that was with a healthy center. The tournament last year, 6-3 center Jane Romberg, has been out with a knee injury for seven weeks with stretched ligaments in her right knee. The family which she hurt last year and flipped the season as a redshirt.

If she's healthy, so is Pacific. But she's not, and the Wildcats aren't an easy team. Without her, Pacific would be tough for them. She's the same knee ligaments in her right knee.

Hawaii: The team from across the Pacific Ocean could well beat the Mustangs in round one. Hawaii’s starting center is 6-3 Aurora Adams. They also have a new coach, Jerry Busbee. He was the assistant coach at Old Dominion last year.

"I expect a much different team now than what I expected last spring when they were invited," McNeill said. "We're not the same team." The coaching change is a big boost for them.

San Francisco State: The Gators were 13-1 in their conference and won it last year. They're a tough Division II club. Coach Emily Maslowsky is paced by 6-11 forward Tinsley Bain and 5-11 guard Lorri Sanchez. She is a three-year starter.

Cal Poly-SLO

The Mustangs have a tough first-round game with Hawaii. Polly is coming off a relatively easy 86-84 win over the Alumni yesterday. Everyone who played contributed well, and that was something McNeill was quite happy to see.

"I have nightmares with this team," said the fourth-year coach. "For three years Laura (Blashling, a 6-4 all-anything player) did 80 percent of the scoring and I kept wondering..."
Fast awareness

Every minute of every day 28 human beings die as a result of starvation.

On Thursday, an international fast intended as a symbolic recognition of the world food crisis will be conducted. The intent is to raise participants' consciences by fasting for one day, according to Rabbi Harry A. Manhoff of the San Luis Obispo Ministerial Association, the local supporting group.

The Association is asking everyone who will eat a Thanksgiving dinner to go without food on Thursday, one week before the traditionally food-filled holiday. The group is also soliciting the money saved or the food not consumed as a result of participating in the event, dubbed Fast For Hunger.

Money will be sent to an international relief organization known only by the letters OXFAM. OXFAM provides food, education and agricultural technology to countries in which starvation is common. Food donations will be given to the People’s Kitchen for the daily soup line at Mitchell Park.

Food and cash donations can be made through local ministers, priests and rabbis.

The Mustang Daily Editorial Board strongly supports the Fast For Hunger, and urges readers' participation. Even in our country's present economically-troubled times, few of us know the experience of not having enough to eat. It is important and valuable to realize that people of many countries are struggling for survival each day, while we suffer only from having to choose from a boundless array of nutritional, fresh food.

To go without food for one day certainly will not alleviate the problem of starvation. But fasting as part of an international effort will heighten awareness—and perhaps the world's leaders will hear our grumbling stomachs and strive for a political solution.

Letters

“Defense” defense

Editor:

I would like to clarify my letter entitled “Working for defense” to Ms. Stepansh and anyone else who may have misinterpreted it.

First of all, I was not addressing those people who are applying to non-defense-oriented aerospace firms. I think that my letter made that point quite clear.

Secondly, I did not intend to imply that all defense-related jobs come under the title “excessive.” There are in fact many programs which fall under the defense budget which are not only non-

excrescence, they are in fact not even defense. After reviewing my letter I found that this point was not made clear. Lastly I would like to stress that I strongly believe in defending the United States. However, when it comes to spending billions of dollars to bring an old battleship back into active service, I would call that waste. Specifically, my letter was intended to ask the student to consider what he is applying for. It is the idea of blindly applying to defense firms merely because that is where the money is to which I object.

Tom Culhane

Letters behind the fence

Editor:

It may be that the only lines longer than those for on-campus interviews are current unemployment lines. On Tuesday, November 9, a representative from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory was on campus conducting interviews. At LLNL, according to its ad in the Mustang Daily, “creative minds pursue a diversity of imaginative solutions.” Solutions to what, I wonder?

There are noteworthy insights into those “creative minds” in “Behind the Fence” an article about LLNL from the California Living section of the Sunday San Francisco Examiner & Chronicle, (9/19/82) and the reactions to it in “The Other Side” (California Living, 10/24/82).

Following are excerpts from “The Other Side”

Hugh DeWitt, Physicist doing research on matter at high temperatures and pressure, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory:

California Living has performed an important public service with its recent article “Behind the Fence”, (9/19/82). The reasons expressed by these lab people for the supposed necessity of continued nuclear weapons refinement should be known and understood by the American people; particularly California voters who will soon confront the Nuclear Freeze Initiative on the November ballot.

As a physicist on the Livermore Lab staff for 25 years, I have come to some very different conclusions. I feel that the nuclear weaponry development at the two design laboratories, Livermore and Los Alamos, promotes the present nuclear arms race and represents a major danger to the world.

Dr. Herbert York, the first director of the Livermore Lab in the 1950s, described the motivations of the participants in the arms race in his 1970 book, Race to Oblivion: “They derive either their incomes, their profits or their consultant fees from it. But much more important than money as a motivating force are the individuals' own psychic and spiritual needs, the majority of the key individual promoters of the arms race derive a very large part of their self-esteem from their participation in what they believe to be an essential — even a holy — cause.”

In serving their cause, the men at the top of the weapons labs have effectively opposed nuclear arms control agreements and particularly test ban treaties, which they consider to be a major threat to the continued existence of the nuclear design labs.

With this in mind, I can't help but wonder whether it is possible that the men and women “behind the fence” at LLNL are not, in fact, pursuing a diversity of imaginative solutions but instead creating a diversity of problems for which there are no solutions. I think so.

Anne McMahoh