Apartheid rooted in cultural differences

By Carolyn Duvall
Staff Writer

Apartheid in South Africa is not easily solved, but better understanding of the history of many different political and demographic groups is needed, a visiting lecturer from South Africa said Thursday evening in Chumash Auditorium.

The Rev. Andre Lombaard has given his life to promoting justice and reconciliation in his homeland of South Africa. Lombaard is of Dutch descent and belongs to what he calls the "white tribe of Africa." He started as a minister of a Black Dutch Reformed Church in Pretoria.

"In the United States, blacks and whites speak the same language and feel part of one nation," Lombaard said, adding that’s not the case in South Africa.

"I am an opponent of apartheid, but I don’t believe in an easy solution to a difficult problem," said Lombaard. "My plea for understanding is because this is a complicated situation. It’s not possible to cancel it within a day or two."

"Apartheid is not inspired by the thought of one person but by three cornerstones. It became a way of life for whites, but blacks saw it as an unacceptable untruth," he said.

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Accountable review

The newly proposed California Faculty Association contract, which requires that students evaluate faculty be more strictly accounted for, is a victory for instructors. If the contract is approved, evaluations will be filled out online, which would make it easier for instructors to track the class and other changes. Additional comments will be allowed on the form; however, any anonymous comments will be removed before they are reviewed.

Presently, anonymous evaluations can be placed in files, and sometimes affect personnel decisions. Some question the weight carried by student evaluations, but a 1986 case avoids the instructor’s care. The proposed contract will assure that such an incident will not be repeated. Instructors should grab the chance to protect their interests, which are often threatened by vindictive and unfair evaluations.

Quarters are merely a passing fancy

Every quarter it’s the same. At the start of classes, which begin with a four-week break and a semester break, our instructors hand out a foreboding piece of paper, the syllabus, reading assignments and exams, and everything else gets adjusted by mid-quarter. What’s wrong with this? It doesn’t impact the students, which is what matters. The semester system, however, imposes more realistic goals on the student. It allows students to be just that, and not test-taking machines. The quarter system has turned college into a test of endurance, and a college degree, but at what price? It’s the familiar “quality over quantity” debate. Schools such as Cal Poly are sacrificing fast for proper comprehension of the material and for the kind of studying that allows retention. Real knowledge gained from quarter classes is sketchy.

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Editor — A big round of applause to all the students and student leaders who turned out the past two weeks to support the Tipsy Taxi program at Student Senate meetings. Tipsy Taxi received $2,000 of the $2,500 requested for its budget, a very significant victory for the student taxi program. The club not only avoided the possibility of fighting drunk driving, but also could have told the students to dump it out during the test. They leave a test with a clear, empty head.

The quarter system is the survey course magnified to a grand scale. Virtually every course becomes an overview when put into practice. Most professors seem unable to cover their material as fully as they’d like. They start out knowing the limits of the system and design a course accordingly, but in practice, other problems develop. Cramming rigidly to a syllabus sacrifices stimulating discussion.

Quarters result in an overgeneralized education where memorization is substituted for knowledge. And students are getting the short end of the stick.

Police overreacted to keg theft incident

Editor — The amount of attention the police are receiving on the rinky-dink beer keg incident is ridiculous. Public Safety has nothing better to do than harass college students having fun. The cops who confiscated the keg used Gestapo tactics when they could have told the students to dump the beer. If Public Safety really cared about ensuring the safety of the public, the officers would get jobs in South Central Los Angeles.

JERRY DAMPF
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BOWLING

Student research yielded an estimate of 125 bowling alley users, while pro bowling estimates were as high as 170. However, said Conway, Rec Sports has estimated that 10,000 students could be serviced by the fitness center.

Conway added that there is a tremendous need for student office space that "goes way back." Gail Wilson, part-time instructor and bowling alley proponent, said that although it was believed that few students used the alley, three to five classes of up to 40 students each plus eight to 10 leagues used the alley, in addition to open bowling.

Wilson said the UWAB was given false information before it made the decision to close the alley. She said board members were told:

- A fee increase would be required to retain the bowling alley.
- The bowling alley would lose as much as $280,000 in a five-year period.
- No attendant would be required in the weight room.
- Bowling alley improvements would cost up to $150,000.

Tom Lebens, senator from the School of Engineering, has raised questions of whether money should be spent on a facility that might not be completed until the rec center is breaking ground.

He said the space could be used for things that are in high demand and low supply, such as rooms where meetings could be held and films could be shown.

Lebens said more office space is not a necessity, as more space will be available when Cal Poly Foundation offices vacate to move into the new Foundation building, which is still in the planning stage.

A group formed by Lebens of nine senators will be meeting next week to write a resolution asking for re-evaluation of space usage.

Arguments have arisen that the bowling alley is a $250,000 facility that should not be replaced by an interim fitness center. However, current book value has been estimated at $25,000, said Conway. While electronic equipment is considered state-of-the-art, the bowling facility contains mechanical equipment.

Estimates from the university's Business Office show bowling alley improvement costs to be about $13,000. Additionally, bowling alley proponents have voiced concern about the potential cost of a fire sprinkler system for the fitness center, estimated at $48,000. The system, said Conway, was said to be unnecessary by a state fire marshal who was contacted by a construction management senior in fall 1986.

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Mustangs end disappointing season with trio of losses

By Marty Neideffer
staff writer

The mood was of both relief and disappointment in the Cal Poly dugout following Saturday's double-header loss to the UC Riverside Highlanders.

Relief because a long, difficult season had finally ended, and disappointment for the way it ended. The Mustangs finished the 1987 baseball season by dropping their last three games to the Highlanders.

"It was a long, tough year," said Mustang catcher John Orton. "We didn't live up to our early-season potential, so it's pretty disappointing." Orton's comments summed up the feelings of his teammates.

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Tennis to defend NCAA crown

By Alicia M. Kaplan
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly men’s tennis team, defending national champion, will begin play today at the NCAA Division II National Championships at Cal State Northridge.

Four of the team’s players have also received bids to compete for the individual national title: Mike Giusto, No. 1 player; Rod Gabriya, No. 2; Dale Minney, No. 3; and Brendan Walsh, No. 5. Jim Ault, the No. 4 singles player, will be the first alternate.

Giusto, a junior engineering science major, said, “My goal is for the team to get to the semifinals, but I wouldn’t be surprised if we won.” Minney, a sophomore electronic engineering major, said he really enjoyed playing with this year’s team. “We played some strong matches, especially the last part of the season,” he also said he thinks they will do much better than expected because they are an underdog.

Concerning the singles competition, Bream said, “I think all of the guys are going to do well. Take a look at the top three and how they’re ranked. All three of them have beaten Division I teams.”

“I’m looking forward to the competition,” said Walsh, a sophomore history major. “I’m shooting for All-American my first year on the team.” Minney is hoping for similar recognition. “My goal is to make All-American in both singles and doubles, and I think I have a real strong shot at doing it.”

Bream said Giusto and Gabriya are definitely one of the best doubles teams in the tournament. “This year’s No. 1 team is a better team than last year’s. No. 1 team of Bob Zoller and Paul Landry. Now, the ball is in play. Last year’s strength was in their serve and return of serve.” He said Giusto and Gabriya are much better when volleying.

Giusto said he really enjoys playing doubles. “I am really looking forward to doubles competition.”

Women’s water polo gets ninth at national tourney

By Carol J. Vance
Staff Writer

The Mustang women’s water polo team finished the Collegiate Nationals this weekend at UC Irvine with two wins and four losses, placing it ninth in the nation.

The trip to nationals was the first for the Mustangs in four years of competition.

The team has come a long way. Two years ago it was difficult to get eight players to practice; now there are two teams with about 25 players, said coach Jeff Dalton.

The Mustangs gave Stanford a good fight in their first game. They were tied 3-3 at halftime but were outswam in the second half. Later that day, Cal Poly went on to beat the University of Oregon 7-6.

The Mustangs dropped their season’s team. “We played some strong teams—UC Berkeley, Cal State Long Beach and Slippery Rock State of Pennsylvania. They came back in their final game to beat the University of Oregon 8-5.”

Cal Poly’s national team consisted of Kandi Eckard, Genelle Cate, Joanne Dillard, Ann Miller, Jenny Weber, Cheryl Janzen, Laura Abele, Karen Wolfe, Lisa Holder, Lisa Cox and goalie Christy Willis.

Among the outstanding players during the tournament were Eckard, who averaged three goals per game, and Holder, who scored three goals in the final game against Oregon.

In addition, Abele, Janzen and Eckard received special recognition from the nationals committee for their performance throughout the tournament.

This season the team also competed in tournaments at Stanford, UC Santa Barbara and UC Berkeley.

At the West Coast Championshipships in Berkeley, Cal Poly took first place in its division. Goalie Sue Miller said the team has done very well this season, considering the minimal pool time the team is allowed.

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teams in the tournament.

Three of the eight teams going to na-
tionals are from Cal Poly's conference: Cal
Poly, Chapman College and Cal State
Bakersfield. The Mustangs split a pair of
matches with the No. 8-seeded team from
Cal State Bakersfield, lost both matches
to No. 1-ranked Chapman and beat the
sixth-ranked team from UC Davis.

BASEBALL

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Final score: UC Riverside 3, Cal Poly 2.

The Highlanders broke the backs of the
Mustangs in the fifth inning when they
abused three Poly pitchers for seven
runs too early, as Riverside beat up on
them 13-3.

Two of the three Cal Poly runs came on
solo home runs by third baseman Scott
Reaves and Rumsey. Both players are
seniors, thus finishing their Cal Poly
careers with home runs in their final at
bat.

So, as Mustang baseball raps it up for
1987 and looks ahead to 1988, first
baseman Tom Prukop puts up the
triple play, "It's been a long, tough season,
and things just didn't come together for
us." Oh, well, 'tis next year.

The second game of the double-header,
and also the final game of the year for Cal
Poly, Chapman College and Cal State
Bakersfield.

Rod Gabuya will play both singles and doubles at the national championships.

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Just wanted to say...
Childhood diversion turns to writing career

By Jon Bachman

You don't have to have experience to write a novel, the only black woman in the United States, said to write a novel one month after starting to read and write whenever there is an opportunity to do so.

"Read whatever you can get your hands on, and find out what you enjoy," Butler said. "Write every day, even in a journal. Submit your work for publication to the most appropriate place. That's the way to get started."

The 39-year-old author from Los Angeles has written six novels, and in both 1984 and 1985 she was the recipient of the Nebula award for best novelette for science fiction. In 1984 she also won the Hugo award for best short story. Her works depict blacks and women as powerful characters capable of shaping the course of social events in the future.

Butler said she became interested in being a writer when she was four years old. She said she would tell herself stories, and stories to keep from being bored. When she was 12, Butler saw the movie "Devil Girl from Mars," and felt the challenge to be a writer. "After seeing that movie, I knew I could write a better story than that."

There are only four black science fiction writers in the United States, Butler said, not to mention their own personal stories. She wanted to write about black women and blacks in science fiction. "The movies have helped in a way by showing blacks in them, but they drive away people who would normally read at the same time," she said.

Butler attended Cal State Los Angeles, but dropped out and entered a science fiction workshop at the age of 23. She said she received her best criticism and also sold her first two short stories there.

"I often went to my room crying, but the criticism was good for me," she said.

At 27, Butler was convinced she would never write a novel. "A teacher told me that if you can't write a novel within the first five years of trying you never will," she said. "It had been that long, and I had still only written short stories. I just started putting 20-page chapters together until I got my first novel written."

She wrote two other novels before she finally got one accepted by a publisher.

Butler said she enjoys writing science fiction because she likes the freedom it offers. "You can do anything you want to. Most people are limited. I'm comfortable and relaxed with science fiction."

On a trip to Maryland to do research for her book "Kindred," a story about a modern day black woman who is transformed back to the South during the days of slavery, Butler said she got a good feel for what it may have been like during that time.

"If it's what you want to do, you'll do it," she said. "People are always telling you what you should do. My parents told me I should be a nurse or a school teacher, but I knew writing was for me."

Butler's talk was sponsored by the Affirmative Action Faculty Education Equity Program and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

TENANT

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who is organizing the seminar. "It will let them know what to look for in leases, what kinds of questions to ask about cleaning deposits, and what their rights are in these areas. Basically, it'll give them more knowledge so they won't get into trouble."

The seminar will also address common landlord questions.

"We'll let the landlords know what they stand to lose if they discriminate against tenants, how to go about evicting unruly tenants, and what their rights are," said Cobin.

Speakers at the seminar will include Ted Herzberg, district administrator of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing, Michael Blank, attorney at law; and Susan Harkness, a local property manager.

The seminar will be held May 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at City Hall, 900 Palm Street, in hearing room 9. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.