Dec. 22 may feature two commencements

Proposal includes faculty speakers

By Sharon Sherman

The traditional commencement ceremony at Cal Poly is undergoing change.

Proposed alterations in the existing process include two graduation ceremonies each December and June, faculty and staff featured as keynote speakers, a shorter ceremony and more tickets for each graduate.

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker has already accepted a recommendation from the Commencement Committee to have two graduation ceremonies each fall and spring, rather than one. The first-time activity, once scheduled to be instituted December 1989, Robert Bostrom, chairman of the Commencement Committee, said, "When I was named chairman of the committee, I had some goals of looking hard at what we were doing and seeing what the problems were and how we might rectify them."

Bostrom said one of the major problems he perceived was that graduates received only five tickets each for the ceremony.

"We have only so big a facility to accommodate so many graduates and planning for future crowds and logistical problems, the only way I could see for us to be able to accommodate students would be split the ceremony and perhaps be able to accommodate 10 tickets per graduate."

In order to have equal numbers of graduates and candidates at each ceremony, the schools of Agriculture, Engineering and Science and Mathematics will be grouped together for one ceremony, while the schools of Architecture and Environmental Design, Business, Liberal Arts, and Professional Studies and Education will be combined.

Bostrom said the proposal calls for the first ceremony to run from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and the second to run from 10:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Poly eyes summer option for fall applicant surplus

By Kathryn Bruscello

As enrollment growth continues to be an issue at Cal Poly, the administration has made a proposal to the Chancellor's Office to divert students who are not accepted for fall quarter to apply for summer quarter.

"It's basically a resources issue," said Frank Lebbes, associate vice president for academic resources. He said there are a number of factors to consider the increase of summer quarter enrollment, such as funds, facilities and sensitivity to demographic changes in relation to enrollment.

Cal Poly is among only four CSU campuses that have summer quarter funded by the state, said Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker. Pomona, Hayward and Los Angeles are the other three.

He said that Cal Poly is funded at a certain faculty level, and to increase the enrollment in summer would cost more than the state presently allocates to Cal Poly.

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A little TLC planned for strays

Don Vanacker, Public Safety officer

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Poly linebacker drafted by Atlanta Falcons

By Terry Lightfoot

After watching the National Football League draft proceed through several rounds Sunday at the Omni in Atlanta, Chris Dunn decided he needed a change of pace.

Monday morning, still hopeful about his chances of being drafted, Dunn opted to watch his favorite movie, Apocalypse Now, to pass the time. According to Waterhouse's Dictionary, apocalypse symbolizes the triumph of good over evil.

"Every since I was a little kid, it (football) had always been a priority," Dunn said.

Well, Mr. Dunn is no longer a kid. At 10:30 a.m. Dunn received the triumphant call he had been waiting for. Chris Thomas Dunn, the Cal Poly football team's most valuable player, and unanimous Football Conference All-American linebacker, was drafted by the Atlanta Falcons in the ninth round, the 229th overall.

Being drafted was a realization of a childhood dream for Dunn.

"Chris consistently ran under 4.6 seconds in the 40-yard dash, and was superior in the agility drills," Dunn's fastest time at Atlanta was 4.52.

Oddy enough, Dunn first caught the eye of Canadian football's Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The Blue Bombers were the winners of the Grey Cup, the equivalent of the NFL's Super Bowl. Despite giving Dunn a close look, Winnipeg decided to hold pat with their winning hand.

But the interest of several NFL teams was piqued, including the Kansas City Chiefs, Pittsburgh Steelers, Green Bay Packers and, of course, the Atlanta Falcons.

Dun said that Atlanta compared Dunn to first-round pick Derrick Thomas from Alabama. Thomas was an Division I All-American, and a winner of the Dick Butkus Award.

Dunn will report to the Falcons' mini-camp on May 3. Dunn said that Dunn will have every opportunity to make the Falcons.
Make it your business

In an ASI election with few charismatic candidates and no heart-stopping issues, it is any wonder only 12.5 percent of Cal Poly's student population voted last week? Student apathy began long before the polls opened.

One senator bill, one presidential candidate and two vice-presidential candidates left little choice for an already indifferent student body.

The only senator bill asked voters to decide whether ASI should follow a corporate structure, making our presidential CEO and our senate a board of directors. Were there no other issues important enough to broach?

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Letters to the Editor

Slashed hours irk library user

Editor — I feel ripped off. I'm paying more than $300 a quarter to go to a university, and I can't even find a place to study after 11 p.m. When I first came to Poly nearly four years ago, the reserve room in the library was open 24 hours. If I had to pull an all-nighter or just spend a few extra hours finishing some homework, there was a place to go after the main library closed.

Now the reserve room is only open until 11 p.m. I've tried finding open classrooms or studying at home, but either the janitors or my roommates are there to keep me from getting much done.

I realize the library is broke (a good joke in itself considering this is a state university) so here's my plan: If a $2 or $3 charge is added to each quarter's registration fee, then roughly $30,000 to $45,000 could accumulate, perhaps enough to keep the reserve room open later. Hey, with the money we save from not having to study at Farm Boy Restaurant, it practically pays for itself.

Matthew Narbut

Library photo is misleading

Editor — Kennedy Library appears in the recent article by Christine J. Posacan ("Kennedy's budget cuts new book orders, 200 periodicals," April 14). The article clearly and accurately discussed major problems related to the library's acquisitions budget and the difficulty of accommodating the many periodical and book requests. The photograph accompanying the article captioned "Irony of no money to buy books," however, may lead to a misleading by some. The shelves shown in the photograph are intentionally kept vacant for the purposes of sorting and reshelving. Overall library shelving is 80-plus percent full. The library also manually keeps its student assistants quite busy with as many as 15,000 items to be reshelved on a daily basis at peak periods.

David B. Walch, dean

Library Services

Reporter's Notebook

Reflecting on life in twindom

“ ‘A double pleasure is waiting for you, doo-doo, doo-doo.’ I have heard them all, believe me. I, like one out of every 83.4 babies born, have a twin, an identical twin at that. And to create even more confusion, both we attend Cal Poly and have the same major (different concentrations) and, it gets worse, we live together. For those of you not privileged enough to have had a roomie in the womb, I’d like to clear up some misconceptions of twindom.

First of all I have never made the mistake of thinking that I was my sister’s twin. Secondly, my sister and I do not have sixth sense communicating abilities. We do not have conversations telepathically, nor do we share our own pig-Latin language. Thirdly, we have never switched dimes (if I think he’s a jerk, she will probably think he’s a hero, too) or classes. Finally, I have never looked at my sister instead of a mirror. I could go on but it gets boring doesn’t it?

No, I am not exaggerating. I have been confronted with all these inquiries more than once. Don’t get me wrong, I am not complaining. In fact I got a kick out of most of the time. I have had my share of rather awkward moments. For instance, in high school my sister’s prom date kept asking me what kind of corsage I wanted. And there are those confused stares I get on campus from people I have never seen before because they think I am my sister. Consequently, I incoherently ignore the person, or return a dumb stare loaded with an equal amount of confusion, leaving my sister with a bit of explaining to do. I, in turn, will have friends approach me who say, “What was your problem the other day? You acted like you didn’t even know me.”

Of course there are benefits. In sixth grade a lot of girls tried out to be the ugly stepsisters in the winter Cinderella musical, and yours truly and you-know-who else got the parts.

Many people have offered sage advice to prevent further mix-ups. These tips include: (1) different haircuts or hair colors and wearing signs that spell our names in large block letters. It has become a national trend.

Is this what we want to teach our children? Rumors of elitism echoed through the halls because the majority of candidates were affiliated with fraternities. For many years our senate has been inflated with greeks. But we can’t talk about the many heart-stopping issues, is it any wonder only 12.5 percent of Cal Poly's student population voted last week? Please follow the Editorial link to read the entire article.
Socialized medicine: don’t miss the point

By Richard M. Miller

I suppose you might be expecting some economic justification and intellectual analysis of the needs for socialized medicine in this country. Maybe you’re hoping that I will defend against the accusations of inefficiency, corruptions and inhumanity that have been brought against it — so you can write tidy little letters to the editor pointing out flaws in my argument. Well, I’m afraid you’re going to be disappointed, because that’s not the point at all. The nuts and bolts of health care systems are important, of course, but their importance is secondary. The real issue here is the inherent value of human life — everything else.

If you don’t believe in this, stop reading. If, on the other hand, you do feel this way, perhaps you’ll agree with me that using the economics of a free market is a ridiculously inappropriate way to deal with health care.

The “freedom” of this market means for some only the freedom to starve or die on the streets. The rigors of economics see the world in terms of costs and benefits, of buying low and selling high. It is a completely materialist system, based on a premise which ignores real human needs such as life and health. They say you get what you pay for, but they won’t pay for (or the nearest emergency room doesn’t accept your insurance plan) you’re left to twist in the wind.

Without money to purchase, in economic terms, no “demand” exists. Under this face value interpretation, money means absence of needs. This is what it leaves the powerless to pay for, those with no access to the nearest emergency room because of inabilities (or the expense of medical care) being exchanged for one more human. The United States is still the proud possessor of the most powerful economy on earth. It’s had enough that people must suffer, but even more so when the means to alleviate it openly vanish. No — you cannot live a healthy life ... isn’t that what is implied in the American Declaration of Independence? Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are cheap under our current economic system. The time is gone if indeed it ever existed when one could depend on the generosity of family and friends to help us through the difficult times. The structure of twentieth century capitalism, with its loose personal/familial connections and high mobility has worked to give greater and greater personal independence but at the price of vanished traditional support networks. The vagaries and uncertainties of modern life have the results that support be given by our whole society to its less fortunate members. There is really no great distance that separates “us” from “them” ... we are really all “us.” This is no time to talk about compassion, the essence of civilization. If our government, allegedly composed of all of us, does not provide protection from injustice equally for all of us, then it is a farce.

In the face of even one human dying because their Medicare ran out, because insurance wouldn’t pay or wasn’t affordable, because the emergency room was understaffed, guaranteed access to medical care must be our highest priority. That’s right, even higher than that shiny new missile system.

All that I ask for is social justice ... people must get the care that they need for socialized medicine in this country. This objective must be idealized. Perhaps the perfect system cannot be achieved, with all the stars we cannot do other than to labor in the gutter. There will be problems initially with implementing a system of social justice in medical care, but with patience and cooperation, these flaws that are real can be reduced. The other hand, no one can be brought back from the grave, the time to lay blame for our failure and conscience — not for the pocket-book.

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The mechanical rabbit in a greyhound car was not all that needed for setting the pace. Many others would soon be in line with him, but one was probably not on his side. Only one sitting vice president, Dan Quayle, had never been elected president. That was Martin Van Buren in 1836, a Democrat, who won by more than a landslide. The once-powerful Bush family has long since pounced as at that point they couldn’t even decide on a candidate.

GEORGE BUSH WILL NOT be that shifty. Nobody is going to default in 1988. The stakes are too high, and preachers will not make the cut. The starting line, this time, is going to look like the frenzied and indefatigable Silsila Marathon. There will be many candidates, but most of them are just8 running for the long-distance snore at work.

He left office for that position, he said. Reagan was not only wrong and dumb, but now his advantage was his experience and the rest of the world was treating him like a tough old body. They knew he’d be gone in two years.

Carter leaned heavily on this last point. It was nothing personal, he said, and not even partisan politics. But somehow he had to say it: The president of the United States no longer has credibility anywhere in the civilized world except Santa Barbara.

All world leaders understand this. The most powerful man in the world is going up for grabs, and George Bush is the only one standing in line for it. He is the heir apparent and has no choice but to run.

People called him a fool and a dolt, and have no choice but to run.

While House by misunderstanding, he did not get to the Big House, he definitely wanted the safe distance from Washington, and as he talked he could almost imagine that he could hear the long-distance snore at work.

Not even Pat Robertson has declared, despite Carter’s observation that he is “drawing huge crowds” every time he appears in Jimmy’s smiling thinv gifted smile when he said this. Pat has been sulking along doing anything in 1988, and neither is George Bush. These are fast and strong, and from the polls, voters are swiftly discriminated.

I don’t know if Carter was shocked, but he was going to be in the quick space of two months, and George Bush will be gone by June.

He will be gone by June, according to oil analysts, when the price of gas is up by 15 cents a gallon over May, and people are full of hale.

That will not be a good time for any frontrunner to be publicly identified as The Man Who Killed Cheap gas in America — but Bush is going to be stuck with it.

The electorate will tolerate almost anything except a sudden unexplained jump of 15 cents a gallon at the rate, in a market glut on the oil market.

Surely the market is politically acceptable in a year when Americans are suddenly afraid to travel anywhere in the world except in their own country. Between the menace of terrorism and the promise of cheap gas on the highways, a lot of people figured it was better to drive to Vancouver, or even St. Louis, instead of flying off to someplace like Cairo or Greece and risk getting blown sideways out of a TWA jet at 30,000 feet above the Sea of Sardinia.

But not at a bad deal at the price. There were rumors that it might fall below 50 cents a gallon by mid-summer, if the Arabs kept flooding the market.

It was at that point that George Bush bit the bullet, on behalf of his neighbors in Houston. It was not what he wanted, but it was a thing he had to do, for political reasons ... he took a night flight to Cairo and signed the public statement of King Fahd of Saudi Arabia to go along with an emergency price-fixing scam that would stop the slide and stabilize the price of oil, and the market.

It had fallen to $9.70 a barrel on April 1, and at that point the joke was over. Texas was going bankrupt, and his people were on the line. They had not sent him to Washington all this time for nothing.

...every time he opened his mouth.
Soviet Georgian says uprising is 'nothing new'

By Kimberly Patraw

The United Soviet Socialist Republic has been shaken recently by overt nationalism in the non-Russian republics. The Baltic States — Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia — and their liberation movements promoted Soviet military response. The Ukraine region is pushing for the right to revive its language and culture, including lifting a ban on the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Armenians and Muslims continue to disagree over the fate of Nagorno-Karabakh, a mainly Armenian area inside Muslim Azerbaijan. For two Cal Poly students, the most recent uprising in the Georgian Soviet Socialist Republic strikes close to home.

Alise and Van Reznik emigrated to the United States from the Georgian Republic in 1979. Most of their relatives still reside in the republic, which lies east of the Black Sea.

Georgians in the republic took to the streets in early April, only a week after a similar protest in Estonia. The demonstrations were driven by the non-Russian republics. The Georgians were demanding Soviet military response. The United Soviet Socialist Republic is the current name of Georgia, which used to be a republic in the Soviet Union.

Van said they have dealt with the nonlinear Soviet military response twice. The first time was in 1978, when he was sent home from school because the republic had not been closed to tourism. However, Van said everything is getting back to normal now. Martial law has ended and the tanks have left.

Van said he believes that the uprising is nothing new. He recalled that when he was in high school in Georgia in 1978, he was sent home from school because students were marching in the streets. They were fighting to keep the Georgian language in the schools, rather than having it replaced by Russian. Van said that Georgia is like a country within a country and that Georgians have always disliked Russians. He is not sure why, except that Georgians are locally patriotic, free-spirited and old fashioned; they do not like being told what to do.

Georgians are descendents of the ancient inhabitants of the Caucasian isthmus and comprise 65 percent of the republic's population. They are not historically related to the Russians, who constitute only 12 percent, and have their own language, constitution, flag, and anthem.

Van pointed out that the U.S.S.R. is freer now than it was when he lived there. Perestroika and glasnost, which have become household words in the United States, have changed the southern republic.

"I don't see how they could be any freer," said Van. "Inhabittants are allowed to travel more and freedom of religion is increasing. The majority of Georgians are Christians and in the past, they were not allowed to practice their religion. The younger people seem happy with the changes, but the older generation is still skeptical. Van said they have dealt with secrecy in the years before Gorbachev, and now they are slow to trust the new changes. For example, his aunt will answer questions such as, "Are there tanks?," but she will not volunteer the information.

Van is optimistic about the changes, saying that if the same conditions had existed when he was living there, his family may not have emigrated.

"If the changes continue it's going to be a wonderful country to live in," he said. His mother visited Georgia last year and liked the changes, said Van, but he believes his parents are still skeptical of Gorbachev — although they would like to believe him. Van's mother, a photographer, says that the perestroika and glasnost will continue.

Van said of the changes, "People have a taste of them; they like them, ... It will be harder to go back.

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team, especially with the characterics that he has shown at Cal Poly. Dunn's intelligence, dedication and motivation will be his greatest assets, Dutton said. Dunn's raw talent may have the Falcons thinking they found a diamond-in-the-rough, Dutton said. If it turns out that way, Chris may be a Dunn deal in Atlanta.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The nation's largest court system is "approaching gridlock," and only major reforms will stop trials from reaching the marathon length of the McMartin Pre-School molestation trial, District Attorney Ira Reiner said Monday.

Without major changes, Reiner said, the system will be so overloaded that police will have to stop arresting criminals and prosecutors will be forced to make plea bargains on drastically reduced charges.

"That," he said, "is not acceptable."

Reiner was asked to comment on the McMartin case's duration during his monthly meeting with reporters. He said he supports efforts by Superior Court Judge William Pounders to limit evidence in an effort to speed up the two-year-old proceedings.

The case against Raymond Buckey, 30, and his mother, Peggy McMartin Buckey, 62, involving 66 molestation charges, is not expected to end until 1990.

"We also ought to examine the preliminary hearing dragged on for 18 months and ended with dismissal of charges against five defendants," he said. "The preliminary hearing gives a judge a preview of evidence against a defendant to determine if the person should stand trial. In California, it has all but replaced the grand jury hearing and indictment."

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Most preliminary hearings are concluded in days. But in the McMartin case, the preliminary hearing dragged on for 18 months and ended with dismissal of charges against five defendants.

"We should also examine whether judges should be given vastly greater authority in controlling scheduling and the pace of litigation," Reiner said.

Currently, judges are guided by the statute of limitations for bringing a case to trial, he said, and have little leeway to speed up the process.

In addition, Reiner suggested that judges take over from attorneys the "voir dire" or questioning of prospective jurors during jury selection. In most federal trials, he noted, judges conduct the inquiry, not attorneys.

"We also ought to examine whether judges have the authority to control the overall quality and quantity of evidence presented in criminal cases," he added.

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President is pleased with first 100 days

CHICAGO (AP) - President Bush on Monday said he is "pleased with the progress we've made" in 100 days in office and said he will soon make key arms control and foreign policy decisions that will chart a course for the future.

"In three short months we've made a good start coming to grips with issues demanding urgent attention and decisive action," he told newspaper publishers attending the Associated Press annual luncheon.

Of these include savings and loan legislation, ethics proposals, the war on drugs and agreements with Congress on the federal budget and Contra aid.

He said defense and foreign policy reviews, environmental legislation and a program to deal with homelessness "are all on the near horizon."

Bush spoke at the luncheon a short while after Vice President Dan Quayle told those in attendance that the biggest surprise of his first 100 days in office is the enjoyment he receives from foreign travel.

Quayle, setting out on a trip to Australia and Asia, also said he had an opportunity to work closely with the president every day "to see how he formulates his policies."

The Bush-Quayle team took office on Jan. 20 and marks 100 days on Saturday.

Before reciting his own report card, Bush pledged to "follow every intelligence lead in the effort to win freedom for Terry Anderson. The AP's chief Middle East correspondent has been held hostage since disappearing in Beirut more than four years ago. The president said he was not able to provide any good news on Anderson's prospects for freedom, but said, "We will go the extra mile and do whatever we can."

Chicago was a brief stop and a long day for both Quayle and the president. Bush started in Norfolk, Va., where he attended a ceremony marking the deaths of 47 sailors killed in a gun turret explosion aboard the USS Iowa last week. From Chicago he was flying to Bismarck, N.D., and then on to California.

"We made a good start in these first three months and there's more to come," Bush said.

On his list of accomplishments, he touted the agreement with Congress to provide non-lethal aid to the Contra rebels as well as the broad-brush budget agreement that he said would reduce the deficit while leaving his no-tax pledge intact.

He urged the House to follow the Senate's lead in enacting his legislation to bail out the savings and loan industry and recommended stronger ethics legislation.

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PHOENIX (AP) — Activist Cesar Chavez led about 350 supporters on a police-escorted march through Phoenix Sunday to publicize his opposition to agricultural pesticide use and to highlight other issues.

The United Farm Workers of America leader also called unconstitutional the Arizona law prohibiting the boycott of stores that sell boycotted produce.

Chavez's attack on pesticide use focused on Captan, a fungicide used on California grapes.

There is "a terrible cloud of deadly pesticides that hangs over all of us, the farm workers and the consumers," Chavez, 61, said a cheering audience at a rally in the Immaculate Heart Catholic Church auditorium. "The whole atmosphere is permeated with pesticides. It's in the water, the food and in the public parks."

"Pretty soon, the growers will have to deal with the use of pesticides and ban all that are causing cancer and birth defects," Chavez said.

Other issues include increasing Hispanic voter registration, creating an FM radio station on the west side to provide news and information to farm workers, and establishing of a community center to assist farm workers, rally spokeswoman Guadalupe Sosa said. She said a licensing request to operate the radio station is pending.

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"They'll provide the instructional space, the field and so on," Gerard said. "But when it comes to seating and lighting and other similar things in the normally associated with competition, that comes from some source other than state funding."

"So in my judgment, there's very little chance of ever getting state funding to replace the seats." Estimates for replacing the bleachers range from $200,830 to $314,820 depending on the number of seats and whether or not the grandstands would be constructed from metal or wood. Gerard said he doubts permanent bleachers will ever be built since the potential for raising enough funds is limited. "I don't know where the money would come from."

Robert Bostrom, chair of the commencement committee, agreed that the problem is money, but disagrees with the eventual resolution. "I don't know what the plans are for the west side of the stadium," he said, "but I expect someday there will be permanent seating there."

"It's my vision that as we move forward and in the next three, four or five years we will see as big a crowd at both commencement events as we have in the past."

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In the end the stadium was able to accommodate about 16,000 people.

"This is the last year we'll have a single commencement exercise," said Gerard. "We'll have two, and that will decrease substantially the demand for spectator seating."

Gerard said the alternatives for replacing the bleachers are being considered now. "Quite frankly, we don't know what we're going to do on a permanent basis."

Other than for the commencement ceremony each June, Gerard said, the stadium is used for large crowds only during the football season.

"Last year we could have gotten away without having the seating on the west side," Gerard said.

One possibility for getting the money to build permanent bleachers would be for the athletics department to raise it.

Gerard said, "My feeling is that there's not sufficient money, or potential for money, out of a surcharge on football tickets, for example, to pay for the seats."
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NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Thousands of grieving friends and relatives of the fallen 47 crewmen from the battleship USS Iowa gathered quietly Monday and heard President Bush praise their loved ones as "brothers in eternity."

"We join today in mourning for the 47 who perished, and in honor, for the 11 who survived," the president told a packed memorial service at Norfolk Naval Air Station. "They all were, in the words of a poet, 'the men behind the guns.'

"They came from Hidalgo, Texas; Cleveland, Ohio; Tampa, Florida; Costa Mesa, California. They came to the Navy as youngsters, served the Navy as comrades, served the Navy as brothers in eternity, the finest Navy tradition, by serving proudly on a great battleship, the USS Iowa."

The president, a World War II Navy pilot, said he was proud to commission the Iowa in 1984 and said it had earned 11 battle stars in two wars.

But with the still-unexplained fire and explosion last Wednesday in the battleship's No. 2 gun turret, he said, "Fate has written a sorrowful chapter in the history of this great ship."

Victims' relatives and hundreds of sailors and officers in dress blues were among the 6,000 people crowded into a hangar for the service. Bouquets of red roses were placed in front of the podium; behind were an American flag and the battleship's banners. Outside, another 2,000 people listened to the service on loudspeakers.

The service came a day after the World War II-era battleship eased into its home port, its gun barrels scorched and its 1,500 crewmen at the rails in white uniforms and black armbands in memory of their dead shipmates.

Capt. Fred P. Moosally, commander of the Iowa, told the crowd of mourners that he remembered the men of turret two.

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BEIJING (AP) — Students at most Beijing colleges barricaded a class boycott Monday to protest government's denunciation of democratic reforms, and they tried through speeches and songs to enlist workers in the cause.

Authorities took no open steps to interfere, but sources said more than 10,000 workers from outside universities moved into Beijing over the weekend in preparation for an eventual crackdown.

The sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the workers used the past to quasi civil unrest. Some students said they feared imminent arrest.

The exact number of participants in the boycott was not known, but at least 20 schools with total enrollment of more than 50,000 said virtually all their students were striking.

"Now is the time for all students in Beijing and nationwide to unite to fight for democracy," said a student speaker at Beijing Normal University. Several posters attacked nepotism, listing the names of relatives of top leaders who have been given government jobs. One referred to Deng's son, head of the Chinese Welfare Fund for the disabled, as "Prince" Deng Pufang.

At Beijing University, known as a training ground for China's technocrats, a student announce carried over loudspeakers said officials opposed the boycott. "That is not our place," it said. "We are doing something right in Beijing," said a student leader at Beijing Normal University. Several posters attacked nepotism, listing the names of relatives of top leaders who have been given government jobs. One referred to Deng's son, head of the Chinese Welfare Fund for the disabled, as "Prince" Deng Pufang.

"If they are not seeking to overthrow the government, then the authorities will not interfere," one source said. "If they are trying to overturn the government, then their lot is hard." The crowd roared with laughter.

Most students said they planned to join the movement by May 4, the 70th anniversary of China's first mass protest. This campaign also fought for democracy while galvanizing the students' opposition to Japanese encroachment on Chinese soil.

There were no reports of new student activities in other cities Monday. Foreign sources reported new student activity in Osaka in Japan.

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King Fahd shrugged it off; but he let George get out of the country before he denounced him as a dumb brute... and by the time Bush got back to the White House he was looking at a personal tragedy. Texas was saved, but he was not. At 15 cents a gallon, he was doomed to a fate like the Ancient Mariner. The albatross was on him, and he will be better off out of the race. Others will come and go before he dies in a fog like George Romney. We will march on a road of bones, he said, and he disappeared.