March condemns '90s racism
Seventh annual event honors Martin Luther King Jr.

By Julie Pacheco
Staff Writer

"Facing the racial problems of the '90s with the fighting spirit of the '60s" was the theme for Thursday's Seventh Annual Martin Luther King Jr. March.

The march was sponsored by Cal Poly's African-American Student Union.

About 70 to 80 students and faculty held hands as they walked in silence from Duxter Lawn up North Perimeter Road towards the U.U. Plaza at about 10:30 a.m.

"There were not enough people in the march," said Ryan Collins, a mechanical engineering senior. "I participated because I think the rights of everyone were represented through Martin Luther King." Once the marchers reached the plaza, a presentation addressed the racial problems of the '90s given. Justin Smith, committee chair for the march, said the day's events were a "commemoration and continuation of the legacy of Martin Luther King."

The presentation began with a prayer and welcome by Donald Cheek, professor of social psychology and education. "We are praying for healing in this land," Cheek said to students in the plaza.

Beth Gordon, a business administration senior, sang the Black National Anthem which led to a speech by journalism sophomore Ardarius McDonald. McDonald's speech addressed the problems of racism. He pointed to the beating of Rodney King and the Louisiana gubernatorial campaign by ex-Klan member David Duke as examples of recent racism.

Students listening to the speech applauded when McDonald applied a racist comment.

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Students voice opposition to proposed fee increase

Poly may charge $545 per quarter starting next fall

By Glenn Policare
Staff Writer

Fee increase proposals became a very real possibility for Cal Poly students when the California State University trustees voted Tuesday to hike student fees 45 percent.

If the increase is ratified by the State Finance Committee, Cal Poly's fall registration fees would total $545. This figure is based on last year's fee plus the 45 percent increase and the IRA and ASI fee recommendations.

Student and faculty members reacting to the increase were mostly opposed to it.

Sean Armstrong, a biological science senior, pointed the finger at Gov. Pete Wilson.

"I feel Wilson is to blame for mismanagement of funds," Armstrong said. "I'd like to know where the money went from the cut and where the money's going from this increase."

Susan Harmon, a nutrition junior, also blames Wilson.

"He's attacking education, and that's not the right thing to do," Harmon said. "He's breaking our system down piece by piece." See ASI, page 8

ASI opens new year

Members confront director's editorial, RSF building loan, student fee hike

By Debbie Aberle
Staff Writer

ASI opened its first meeting of the winter quarter with the chastising of one of its members for printing an "inaccurate and misleading" editorial in the Poly Review.

Marcus Von Engel, who formerly worked for the computer support group of ASI, criticized Dennis Lang, director of the School of Business, for his editorial titled "ASI: Ship of Fools."

"I am very disappointed that this organization had to start this year off with a publication that Dennis Lang apparently took great pride in," Von Engel said.

"His recent column had blatant misinformation, not to mention misspellings and a total disregard for proper research," Von Engel said.

The article stated that Von Engel had lobbed ASI for the purchase of a NeXT computer for the Program Board, saying that it was better than any other computer.

The article also said that Von Engel happened to be NeXT's on-campus representative and had expressed a desire to work for NeXT after graduation. "Hopefully (the board) will take Mr. Von Engel's future recommendations with a grain of salt," the article said.

"I am not employed by NeXT, have not been since May 1991," the article said.

Not everyone was upset with the increase.

Roderick Chen, an architectural engineering junior, didn't seem to mind the increase.

"I'd rather pay more money than not get classes," Chen said. "But it's ridiculous to pay more and not get classes."

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A new Health Center program seeks to help tobacco chewers kick the habit.

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Poly's new outdoor basketball courts are about to open despite a small problem.

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Happy Holiday...

The staff of Mustang Daily had a dream... to wish everyone a pleasant

Martin Luther King Jr. Day!
El Salvador guerrillas approve peace treaty

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Guerrillas and government officials of El Salvador today signed a treaty here ending 12 years of civil war that claimed 75,000 lives.

The treaty officially ends the last major conflict in Central America, a war that became a symbol of an American determination to halt what Washington considered the spread of communism in the region.

The signing took place in a televised ceremony at the capital's historic Chapultepec Castle. It was presided over by U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who said it opened "a new era of opportunity" for El Salvador.

Japan apologizes for wartime brutalities

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Japan's prime minister apologized to South Koreans today for World War II abuses including the coercion of tens of thousands of young women into service as sex slaves for Japanese troops.

Kiichi Miyazawa said it was a "tragic period when Japanese actions inflicted suffering and sorrow."

South Koreans have raised new demands that Japan atone further for cruelties during its 1910-45 colonial rule of Korea, specifically the sex slavery.

Miyazawa's apology alone was unlikely to satisfy South Koreans, who are demanding compensation. Many feel past apologies have not satisfied South Koreans, who are demanding compensation. Many feel past apologies have not satisfied.

U.S., Japan cooperate on farm research work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Agriculture Department research scientists have signed an agreement with Japanese officials to develop cooperative research programs in farm-related areas.

Of special interest are the search for insects and plants that may produce natural pesticides. The Japanese have special expertise in developing such products, the department said.

"International cooperation like this can benefit both countries," R. Dean Plowman, administrator of the Agricultural Research Service, said in announcing the signing this morning.

"It is expected that both nations have strong agricultural programs that can benefit from better communications."

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Strong immune systems mean improved health

By Kristin Coyne
Special to the Daily

It is a common assumption that viruses, bacteria and other organisms cause illness. You might have blamed your friend, family member or the cold weather for "giving you" the flu or a cold over the holiday break. This view, however, places your health in the hands of fate. If you come into contact with a flu bug, you will get sick. Why, then, doesn't everyone who is exposed to the germ get sick?

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Cyclists on the road again in Poly Canyon

By Geoff Seratti
Staff Writer

Good things come to those who wait.

Poly Canyon will be open officially to bicyclists in the next two weeks. Bob Pattee of Plant Operations said the existing signs prohibiting bicycles in the canyon will be taken down in the next week.

He said nine new permanent signs will be put up throughout the canyon. The signs list new rules for bikers entering Poly Canyon.

The rules were reached as an agreement between the university and a special ASI committee that was formed to help bicyclists gain access to the canyon. The new signs will say:
- "Right to pass revocable at any time."
- "Stay on marked trails."
- "Leave gates as you found them."
- "Bikes prohibited in botanical gardens."

Poly Canyon was closed last spring to bicycles and originally slated to open last October, said Larry Rathbun, associate dean of the School of Agriculture.

"We have a lot of excuses why the signs haven't gone up. With budget cuts and the loss of staff it's easy to let certain things slide," Rathbun said. "The squeaky wheel gets the grease. That's the way life is."

Joe Risser, chairperson of the Parking and Traffic subcommittee that makes recommendations to the university about Poly Canyon, said, "People were real upset about closing the canyon. The issues seemed to be responsible use."

He said his subcommittee made the recommendation to close the canyon in the first place, based on a request from the School of Agriculture.

Rathbun said bicycles have been scarce in the area. Students have largely respected the rules posted on the signs.

"Those students should assume responsibility to yell to their buddy not to screw up and ruin it for everybody," Rathbun said. "People were real upset about Poly Canyon being closed last spring."

He said the canyon will be open for a trial period. "Once the signs go up between now and the first of May, we'll see how it's going to work," Rathbun said. "Students need to adhere to the rules posted on the signs."

Risser said bicyclists need to be responsible when the canyon opens.

"We're in a test period. Can this land be used responsibly? If yes, it will stay open. If no, it will stay closed," Risser said. "We're in a test period. Can this land be used responsibly? If yes, it will stay open. If no, it will stay closed."

Rathbun said his original concerns were for the soil and environment of the canyon. But he said "once the signs go up, people will be more responsible, and the canyon will stay open."
No one can explain how your first time is going to feel. It's something you have to experience by yourself. The problem is that there are lots of firsts for everyone.

Some firsts are mind-blowing and others you wish had never happened. I remember the first time I drove home and thought I'd finally be on my own. I hit someone square in the face just like that kid I hit the bully in "Three O'Clock High." I'd never felt such pain before in my life. From that day on, I was my younger brother's not my little brother.

Recently, I had a chance to experience another first. It was spontaneous and wild in every sense. If someone had told me something like that would happen I would have done it sooner.

Last week on my way home from school, I took my first bus ride here in town. I had no idea what I was in for. I boarded the Johnson/S. near the back door when this guy hit me square in the face. I had no idea what I was in for. I was about to get up when this guy hit me square in the face just like that kid I hit the bully in "Three O'Clock High." I'd never felt such pain before in my life. From that day on, I was my younger brother's not my little brother.

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NUTRITION

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attack invading disease cells. Drugs, alcohol and a poor diet weaken the immune system, leaving the body vulnerable for illnesses. Water is essential, not only in getting sick and running to the doctor or pharmacy for drugs. Drugs only leave a weak system treating as many fresh fruits, vegetables and water for our community.

2) Engage in a regular exercise program. By Bryan Bailey

Building a strong immune system, and preventing illness and disease is not a difficult task if you remember that they are a thing of the past, then chew on this.

MUSTANG DAILY

Health Center takes aim at tobacco

If you think smokeless tobacco is a thing of the past, then chew on this.

Students at Cal Poly are using products such as Copenhagen and Skalol in such great quantities that the Cal Poly Health Center chose to use funds earned from Proposition 99, taxation of tobacco products, to start the Snuff Out Tobacco Project and help users kick the habit.

Although no survey was done to determine exactly what percentage of the students at Cal Poly chew tobacco, Health Center officials believed there was a need for this program.

"A lot of students came to me with concerns about their health as a result of using smokeless tobacco, and there was not one user out there that could help them," said Liz Cocer, an employee of the Health Center for the past nine years.

Cocer is the project coordinator with Cal Poly students who volunteer their time in the project.

Bruce Farrell, a microbiology senior who has quit chewing tobacco, helps with this program and also gives speeches at local high schools, junior highs and 4-H clubs on the dangers of chewing tobacco.

"I started chewing when I was a sophomore in high school after I joined the baseball team," Farrell said. After four years of use he started to see the effects of chewing tobacco.

"My gums started to recede and about my blood pressure went up and I got four cavities," Farrell said. These are all common health effects of chewing, he said.

Farrell chewed one can every three days which he thinks is on the high side of smokeless tobacco use.

Steve Stanley, an agricultural business senior, has chewed tobacco for seven years. He said he has not seen the same health effects Farrell did.

"I buy about two cans a week," Stanley said. "It's already pretty bad to tell exactly how much I chew because all my roommates enjoy the occasional can of .

Bruce Farrell, microbiology senior

"I think guys start chewing because they feel it's a manly thing to do, like drinking a beer," Farrell said.

"The difference is that I chew a lot more addictive."

People who need assistance to quit or who would like information on smokeless tobacco can contact Cal Poly Snuff Out Tobacco Project at 756-5251. The number of meetings is on Feb. 5.

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By Tracy Adams

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Rec officials react to new courts behind Mott Gym

By Edwin Bill
Staff Writer

The finishing touches are being applied to the new outdoor basketball courts located between Mott Gym and the tennis courts.

Scheduled to open Monday, the $185,000, student-funded facility shines with gleaming new basketball courts, new nets, a high-tech lighting system... the best equipment money can buy.

Too bad the courts are slanted.

"Now, I've been told that your eye can play tricks on you," said Rick Johnson, director of Rec Sports, "but it would appear to me that there's some slope in the courts that I've never seen on another set of courts."

Johnson's observation is echoed by Dwayne Head, head of the physical education department.

"There are different kinds of slopes in different spots on the court," he said. "I have never seen that, in my experience, working with outdoor surfaces of any kind."

Whatever the courts really crooked? University Architect Peter Phillips said the architect for the project, ELS, of Berkeley, assured him the slope of the new courts is within tolerances acceptable for a recreational-use basketball court. ELS also designed the new courts.

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Walker resigns from 'burnout,' Poly begins look for replacement

By Mark Marden
Staff Writer

Ken Walker's unexpected decision to step down as athletic director was based on a desire to simply relax and "resurrect some energy," Marilyn McNeil, assistant athletic director, said Wednesday.

"He has worked very, very hard on this program," McNeil said. "It is not an easy position. It takes its toll. I know he wants to spend some time with his family and resurrect some energy."

Walker was not available for comments.

Stelle Stanhill, athletic department secretary, said, "He's burned out. His hair has gone from blond to gray in the last seven years."

Walker was hired as athletic director in 1985 after teaching philosophy for 12 years at Cal Poly.

He is expected to resume his position in that department after taking a year off.

Walker's resignation takes effect in August 1992.

Until then, he will continue to help Cal Poly upgrade from its current Division II level to Division I.

Meanwhile, Cal Poly has started its search for a new athletic director by making public a "position available" document.

McNeil said the personnel department will probably be sending the announcement out to other universities.

The qualifications portion of the announcement indicates Cal Poly will be looking for someone with experience as a director of athletics or an associate director of athletics at the NCAA Division I level.

"Right now we're busy trying to figure out what we're supposed to be busy at," McNeil said.

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Mustangs clash with No. 11 Highlanders

By Neil Pascale
Editorial Staff

The Cal Poly Mustangs, co-riders of the league's young underdogs last year, must show their share of injuries. Over the last weekend, Cal Poly runs up against UC Riverside this Saturday in Mott Gym.

No. 11 Highlanders

The Highlanders, last year's co-CCAA champions with Cal State Bakersfield, are off to another quick start. Riverside, ranked No. 11 in the NCAA Division II Top 20, is 2-0 in the CCAA and 13-1 overall.

The Mustangs host a pair of Cal State Dominguez Hills (9-6) last weekend.

The Mustangs and the Highlanders have had a heated rivalry in the last two years with each

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Johnson and Head, who will jointly supervise scheduling and usage of the courts, both said they noticed something wrong with the slopes very early on in the construction process.

"I thought every day when they graded the dirt," Johnson said. "I wasn't satisfied with the dirt surface, but I was told that once they put down the concrete and the base, that rolling (appearance) would go away substantially.

"As far as I'm concerned, it looks worse now. There is clearly a pitch and roll (in the surface of the courts)." Phillips acknowledged that Johnson and Head had told him of their concerns regarding the bumps and dips in the new courts.

"But they haven't come up with anything to show me it's a dangerous, horrible situation," he said. "The PE department reviewed the specs and the drawings, as did the Rec Sports

The new basketball courts open Monday.

CHERRY L. GURTLE/Mustang Daily

new basketball courts were not designed in a racetrack-like fashion. Even the tennis courts are sloped, Phillips said, but their surface is flat, so the slope is not noticed.

He said building the new basketball courts in the same way would have increased the cost of the project, "by a factor of 10." Phillips said the slopes, crowds, and valleys in the new courts are only especially noticeable because the site is surrounded by straight structures. You've got all kinds of lines that your eye relates to, and you're perceiving the slope a lot more acutely," he said. "A perceived slope and a real slope, how you feel it when you're playing on it, are two different things entirely.

Both Head and Johnson were concerned that the uneven court surface may cause safety problems.

"I don't want to have to worry about running up hill or downhill, and maybe it change in the middle of the court," Johnson said. "I wonder if it is going to be safe.

Johnson encourages users of the new courts to let Rec Sports (561-3666) know what they think.

For now, Head thinks there is not much he can do to improve the new courts.

"I think we're stuck with them," he said.

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Beason team sweeping the other in consecutive years. Last season, Riverside beat Poly twice.

"(Riverside) has been very tough to play with," said Beason. "But they have not been playing with a very fast pace in recent games.

"They're not what we're used to seeing from Riverside. But there must reasons for it. And, you can't argue with success."
MARCH

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most generally directed toward African-Americans to Duke's past.

The saying that "you can take a black man out of the ghetto but you can't take the ghetto out of the black man" also applies to Duke, McDonald said.

"You can take the white man out of the Klan but you can't take the Klan out of the white man," McDonald said. McDonald also gave students a solution to help in the fight against racism.

It's important for people to have knowledge of themselves and realize that peoples' souls are superior to physical appearance, McDonald said.

A musical selection by Gordon, architectural engineering senior Yolanda Turner and art senior Deborah Kirk ended the presentation.

Most participants in the ceremony felt the audience reception was positive and warm.

"I felt it was a great response," Cheek said. "This type of program creates an aura of respect and unity.

One member of the audience, however, disagreed with the use of the Black National Anthem during the presentation.

"Everything they're saying is right on, but they're tainting it with hypocrisy," said Myles McCormick, an economics junior.

"The use of the Black National Anthem is segregating in itself." Some students present felt the audience's reception was rude.

"I have a challenge for the people on this campus," said Mareell Hampton, a business administration senior. "People need to look, listen and learn about what's going on here. This was not only for us (blacks) but for all of you."

BACKGroud

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When we make contacts, a record will be kept here, with the person's name, the date and time, and what kind of offense it was.

"If (an investigator) comes in, that information is available to them if the individual has signed a release," he said.

In most cases there is nothing to report, Berrett said. In others, the violations are negligible, and prospective employers don't count them against a student's application. "Everybody makes mistakes in their life at one point or another," he said. "We're all human — I think that's taken into consideration when people do background checks.

However, not all the violations recorded at Public Safety are minor incidents. The nearly 2-inch-thick file on the case of the recent credit card scam is proof in the eyes of most companies that the background checks are a necessary effort.

"I don't think they were looking at the long-range effects of what they did," Berrett said of the students involved in the scam. "I think that they have definitely damaged their careers."

POLY CANYON

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is now satisfied that the erosion problem is under control.

"If bicycles are not going to be put back in the canyon, it's for a reason besides erosion," he said.

That reason involves gate access and what happens when gates are left open, allowing cattle to nettle, he said.

"From an agriculture point of view, a period of four to five months is critical that cattle can't mix. During that period we could just lock the gates."

After the canyon opens again, Barthum said, he wants students to help look after it. "The canyon ought to be shared. Students should find a way to help share and plan common sense. My ques­ tion is, how do we get a group of students to help monitor the canyon? It would sure help."

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I am working for another firm beginning Monday," Von Engel said.

Dave Outwater, director from the School of Science and Math, agreed with Von Engel.

Lang offered no support for allegations in this article at all," Outwater said.

In other business, Executive Director representative Rod Neubert said ASI will be dis­cussing an application for a $1.5 million loan for the new Recrea­tional Center.

"When the center is opened, it will only be partially furnished," Neubert said, "a lot of the major components, such as the bleachers, which cost about $350,000, and weight room equip­ment, costing $350,000, have not been paid for yet." But the Rec Center is ap­proximately five to eight months ahead of schedule, Neubert said. A vote on the loan will take place Jan. 23.

Academic Senate Represent­ative William Amponsah said although student fees are likely to be raised 40 percent this year, a lack of funding will force the senate to drop the number of students admitted to Cal Poly further than it already has, now to 14,000.