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 Dexter 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 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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The article stated that Von Engel had expressed a desire to work on-campus representative and a small problem.

"If I was an incoming freshman, I'd rather pay more money than not get classes," Chen said. "But it's ridiculous to pay more and not get classes."
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 a 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.

Kichi 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 that Japan atone for the sex slavery.

"Before anything else, Japan should consider Japan's indifference to history. It has been insufficient and are angry at what they consider Japan's indifference to history." Miyazawa said.

U.S., Japan cooperate on farm research work

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

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

"The agreement, made possible by the exchange of military bases, is part of a broader effort by the two nations to promote mutual economic development. The agreement is a "natural" move because both nations have strong agricultural programs that can benefit from better communications," said R. Dean Plowman, administrator of the Agricultural Research Service.

Court set up on cliff for unique murder trial

BIG SUR, Calif. (AP) — A make-believe court was set up Thursday on a majestic Big Sur cliff for a trial to prove what no one has done before, when a woman plunged toward the crashing waves below.

"Over the years we've seen some suspicious cases. A lot of bodies have gone over the cliffs, but proving murder in a court of law is an entirely different thing," Lt. Ken Hansen, a former warden of the Monterey County Sheriff's search and rescue team, said before the "outside" hearing."

"We end up treating every situation as possible foul play from the get go, but if you don't have a witness you usually don't have a case."

Water deliveries may decrease to save fish

SACRAMENTO (AP) — State and federal wildlife officials have warned the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation that water deliveries from the Sacramento River must be reduced to protect endangered salmon.

Bureau officials say no supply decisions have been made and they have not decided whether to contest the wildlife agencies' demands.

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Staff Writer

Good things come to those who wait.

Poly Canyon will be open officially to bicycles 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 cyclists on the road again in Poly Canyon.

The signs will say:

• "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.

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

The issue seemed to be responsive to yelling to their buddy not to screw up and ruin it for everybody. "The canyon is university land for which the School of Agriculture is assigned. We're happy to share." Rathbun said.

"Those students should assume responsibility to yell to their buddy not to screw up and ruin it for everybody. "Rathbun said.

"If yes, it will stay open. This is a laboratory. It's not just a bunch of free land to use. I don't think agriculture has any problem with people using the roads," he said.

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Rathbun said his original concerns were for the soil and environment of the canyon. But he his subcommittee made the recommendation to close the canyon in the first place, based on a request from the School of Agriculture.

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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 signs seemed to be responsive use."

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The official reopening of Poly Canyon comes as welcome news to bicyclists like Bob Guglielmelli, posing here at the road entrance beside a soon-to-be-replaced sign prohibiting riding in the canyon.
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 are what you wish had never happened. I remember the first time my little brother actually bit the mouth just like that kid who bit the bully in “Three O’Clock High.” I’d never felt such pain before in my life. From that day on, he was my younger brother, not my little brother.

Recently, I had a chance to experience another first. First, I was spontaneous and wild in every sense. If someone had told me something, I would have done it sooner. Last week on my way home from school, I took my first bus ride in town.

I had no idea what I was in for. I was older, so I could have taken the Junior Highway Bus with the intention that this route would get me to near my house. We had a good-sized crowd get on near the Graphic Art building. I sat next to the window near the back door when this guy Eric sat next to me. He asked if I had ever ridden with this driver before. When the bus left the curb, I couldn’t believe how fast we were all going.

Carefully waiting until almost everyone was seated and then slowed down on the acres of land. The few passengers seemed to glide towards the back like they were on ice. If it weren’t for the overhead hand grip, they would have ended up in my lap.

We hadn’t even made it to the stadium and people were already passed off. In response to some of the more disgruntled passengers, our first left turn was a little exaggerated. The people standing must have felt weightless as they all clinged to the steel bar above. This stunt quite their verbal assaults and we were on our way.

I think the driver’s name was John because that was the name scrawled on the waste basket near the driver’s seat. The smell could be justified by his two cats that I have been involved in my life. We had a good-sized crowd get on near the Graphic Art building. Recently, I had a chance to experience another first.

We hadn’t even made it to the car chase scene in “Bullitt” with Steve McQueen.

When the bus got near my house, I pulled down on the stop sign and started to infringe the driver even more because he planned on stopping there anyway.

We got off at this point. A few people had some choice words for the driver as they left the bus. I walked home savoring this gray. It was a first that I won’t have to register on my driver’s license.

In closing, I’m going to try the free downtown trolley.

Glenn Policar is a journalism senior. This is his first quarter reporting for Mustang Daily.
When the past isn't past

Background checks may be key in landing jobs after graduation

By Bryan Bailey

Most Cal Poly students re­

plied that their back­

ground checks were a way to

assure that they were safe for

their employers. Students who

were interviewed said they

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Health Center takes aim at tobacco

Snuff Out project aims to help chewers 'kick the habit'

By Tracey Adams

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 Skoal in such great quanti­
ties that the Cal Poly Health Center chose to use funds from Prevention 90, taxation of tobacco products, to start the Snuff Out Tobacco Project to help kick the habit.

Although no survey was done to determine exactly what per­
centage 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 single thing that could help them," said Liz Ofer, an orthodontist at the Health Center for the past nine years.

Ofer is the project coor­
dinators 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 chew­
ing 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.

"My gums started to recede and about my blood pressure went up and I got four cavities," Farrell said. These are all com­
mon 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 pretty cheap."

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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 $165,000, student-funded facility shines with gleaming new paint, new nets, a high-tech lighting system... the best equipment money can buy.

"Too bad the courts are sloped," he said. "I have never seen that, in my experience, working with outdoor sports, any kind."

"It would appear to me that there's some slope in the courts that I've never seen on another set of courts."

Rick Johnson, director of Rec Sports

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."

"We're trying to figure out what we're doing with the program in the next couple years so that we're ready," McNeil said. "We have to follow Division I rules as of this September, so we're making sure we are all up to speed."

McNeil said one priority for the athletic department is in the creation of a league comprised of California schools including Santa Barbara, Santa Clara, St. Mary's, Northridge, Sacramento State, Davis and possibly Long Beach.

At a recent NCAA convention, McNeil said those were "the kind of teams that were at the table."

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Mustangs wrestle on despite health problems

By Neil Pascale
Editorial Staff

Luck hasn't been exactly shining on Cal Poly wrestling Head Coach Dennis Cowell.

Halfway through the season, Cowell has acted more as a nurse than a wrestling coach.

Poly, 4-4 overall, has had more than its share of injuries. Over the last weekend, Cowell's lunchbox received more bad news.

Alfonzo Alvarez could be lost for two to four weeks after injuring his knee in the first period of a match against Boise State.

Then on Sunday against San Francisco State, Ramon Macias sprained his wrist and also could be lost for two to four weeks.

"It's been a strange season," Cowell said. "Every time we think we get back, a spoke gets knocked off the wheel."

The list of disabled Mustangs also includes Pat Morrissey, with an injured knee he suffered on Jan. 4 in Oklahoma.

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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 staff and the people and the ASI people, I reviewed the drawings and specs. A lot of people looked at them," he said. "If there was a problem, I would hope it would be raised during the review process, not at this time.

Head said that when he reviewed the plans, he did not think the elevation of the ground shown in the drawings would not translate into a bumpy court surface.

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

He was sightsing the new basketball courts in the same way Johnson and Head were when they graded the dirt," Phillips said. Phillips said the slopes, crowns, 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 uphill or downhill, and maybe it have it change in the middle of the court," Johnson said. "It would be dangerous."

Johnson encourages users of the new courts to let Rec Sports (TUE-1366) know what they think.

For now, Head thinks there is more to be done to improve the new courts.

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

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

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