Speaker: Columbus is no hero

By Julie Pacheco

Christopher Columbus is an American hero, right? Well, according to Boston University Professor Emeritus Howard Zinn, maybe not.

Zinn, a nationally-recognized historian and playwright, spoke about the myth of Columbus to a sold-out audience in Chumash Auditorium Wednesday night.

"This is the biggest turnout in years for an ASI event," said John Hampey, a Cal Poly English professor.

Working together with ASI, Hampey helped bring Zinn to Cal Poly.

"We were really surprised at the turnout here tonight," said Angela Sandeke, chair of ASI Speakers Forum. "We've been working to get Howard Zinn here for over a year."

Hampey worked with Zinn at Boston University in 1984 and was able to schedule his visit here at Cal Poly.

Zinn's book, "The People's History of the United States," provided the backdrop for his lecture which examined American history through the eyes of the colonized.

"We joined UCRR for a number of reasons, but first and foremost was to affiliate KCPR with such a prestigious organization," Kaplan said.

The first conference of the seminar will start at 10:30 a.m. and will be followed by continuous seminars throughout the day with a break for lunch. The conference will come to an end with a KCPR benefit concert starting at 9 p.m. at the Grange Hall, located at 2880 Broad St. in San Luis Obispo.

Tickets are $5. Schedules for the conference may be picked up at KCPR.
China's leaders won't decrease nuclear arms

BEIJING (AP) — China Thursday dismissed Russian President Boris Yeltsin's call for it to eliminate nuclear weapons, saying Beijing will join disarmament efforts only after the major powers have scaled down to its level.

"China possesses a very small number of nuclear weapons and they are entirely for defense purposes," Foreign Ministry spokesman Duan Jin told a weekly news briefing.

Duan said China welcomed pledges by the United States and Russia to reduce nuclear arms stockpiles and expressed hope that those plans would be carried out as soon as possible.

He repeated China's position that the United States and the former Soviet Union are obligated to lead global disarmament efforts because they built up the world's largest nuclear arsenals.

Experiment creates oxygen from moon dust

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese and American engineers have succeeded in a major experiment to extract oxygen from moon dust, a key for building a base for astronauts on the moon, Japanese officials said Thursday.

In the experiment, engineers observed how gravity levels one-sixth as strong as the Earth's would affect the production of oxygen, said Hideo Imamura of Shimizu Corp., a major Japanese construction firm.

Using data from the experiment, Shimizu and Carbotek Inc., a Houston-based engineering firm, plan to jointly design equipment for producing oxygen, Imamura said. Such equipment would be necessary to provide oxygen for astronauts at any future moon base.

Bush asks businesses to back recovery plan

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — President Bush urged business leaders Thursday to pressure Congress to adopt his economy recovery plan, promising "it will work."

"Every day individual Americans are working hard to put this economy back on its feet and it's time for Congress to do the same thing," Bush told the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce.

"Please tell them ... to set aside partisanship," he said. "We must work with each other to do what is right for the American people."
SLO media wrestles nationwide recession

By Bryan Bailey
Staff Writer

With San Luis Obispo's large number of media outlets, it's easy to assume the media are doing well economically.

However, the local media themselves are the first to admit that the nationwide economic situation is as bad for them, if not worse, than it is many businesses.

"The media has been hit hard by the recession because it was one of those (businesses) that had a large, extended budget in the '80s, and that budget doesn't exist anymore," said Camie Yngelmo, producer of KSBY-TV's "Action News."

"The '80s were a boom time for a lot of media — television included — and now there's a lot of trimming back that's going on," Yngelmo said.

Julia S. Aguilar, general manager of the Telegram-Tribune, agrees that sales are key in the media's current situation.

"The industry has been hard hit by the recession because of the reduction in advertising," Aguilar said.

"It's an uphill battle. It's not going to get any easier. You have to live within your means," Aguilar said.

"One of the things that has happened is that we have almost as many display ads or retail ads as we did a year ago, but people are running smaller ads. Those take more time to put together," she said, "yet they don't bring in the revenue (of larger ads)."

The end result, Aguilar said, is that "it gives you less room. The amount of news is determined by the amount of ads."

"You can look at the paper and see that the number of pages is smaller. If last year we had 24 pages one day, we might have 22 this year."

While affecting the amount of news, Aguilar said, "We would never leave out a breaking story or anything like that, but certainly some features might be left out."

A.J. Schuermann, business manager for Mustang Daily, said, "one option (is) to run a smaller newspaper. And, of course, as you are getting smaller ads that becomes easier to do, because there is more space available for stories."

Schuermann said Mustang Daily, even though it is a college newspaper, encounters many of the same problems as newspapers like the Telegram-Tribune because its revenue is entirely dependent on advertising.

"Overall, our income is down as opposed to last year, and last year it was down as opposed to the year before," he said.

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People have been telling me lately that I pace a lot. I guess I've always had nervous tics, but over the years I've learned to keep my knees, twiddling my thumbs or whatever. These same people tell me that it makes me look confused — like a man with no head. They say, take it easy, this is not against you, we're just sort of having a conversation about.

Actually, I think "trapped" would be a better description of the feeling that creeps up on me every once in a while. Maybe I'm even more like "confused" — like a rat in a maze. Certain avenues seem walled off from exploration. There are an awful lot of blind corners out there. I guess it feels a lot like I'm missing something, feeling as if something is lacking from my spectrum of experience. There's got to be more out there, this can't be it...

I don't think you what your major was. I asked what you were here to learn.

The shiny label "major" only connotes a concentration in a specific area of study. However, there is also implied in that label definition that there is a myriad of considerations that will affect your major being only part of a greater whole. If you jump to college to learn only one thing, wouldn't you be better off, even have a little money, going somewhere like ITT Tech rather than the more-expensive California Polytechnic?

Cal Poly is a devoted emphasis on well-rounded education. We don't want rote, the administration says, we want thinking, learning individuals. But how much of your major curriculum involves more than taking attempts at broadening your education, and how much of it is simply thirty-visited business new classes under the guise of "General Education?"

Will Whitworth, who has had a good grasp of the concept I'm trying to put across before, threw down his books, he says, cut school and go small the roses (I'm paraphrasing liberal- ly, of course). Henry Thoreau never had his book, packeted and headed for the woods, and is now considered one of the best of the greatest. From the word to his even if not the greatest.

Don't misconstrue my mean­ ing. It's not that we are calling for the expansion of general education at Cal Poly. That's been tar­ geted before, and with Wilson's college board education budget, it's not going to happen.

", What I am calling for is an honest evaluation on your part as to whether school (college specifically) is really an education at all. The world is a huge, living laboratory, especially now, with communism breath­ ing what appears to be its last deep on one end and democracy taking a terrible beating here on the other. It's a major class, or even what major, can compete with education the outside world offers?

Poly professor should return

We are writing in response to the Jan. 28 article, "Ethnic Clubs Protest Dissimilarity." We are writing on issues that are not properly addressed by the article, not an eth­ nic issue, but because of Dr. Aguiniga and the McDaniel Club (a few of the ethnic groups and affirmative action (according to the article) it has become one. In actuality, the main issues are his qualifications and competence.

The main argument against Dr. Aguiniga's reinstatement is "He doesn't have his Ph.D. (and he didn't qualify.) True, he does not have a Ph.D.; however, he does have a B.A. in Political Science from UCLA, a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School, and he was qualified enough to teach at Santa Clara Law School. But he is not qualified to teach general education political science at Cal Poly?

We were students of Dr. Aguiniga for Pos 210 and be­ cause of his qualified and competent, we jumped at the opportunity to take Pos 370. We were not alone, according to three quarters of student evaluation, he rated a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. We would have liked to con­ struct stipulates that he is to teach two doses of American Science through Spring 1992. Presently, he is not in the political science department, rather he is working for the Department of Liberal Arts.

We realize we don't know the specific of this situation but doesn't Dr. Aguiniga and his students deserve a valid ex­ planation for his sudden change of contract — his dis­ missal from the Political Department?

Claudia Cullo

Speech Communication

Karen Dalhusen

Political Science

Sports column

showed racism

How are we to see students, grouping seriously in Mon­ day's letter's to the editor with the issue of what constitutes racism while on the opposite page a column by Neil Palasnick gave a clear demonstration of the problem. By applying a racis­

my Lord Jesus Christ from the dead without having to worry about how many mirths I have the next day. I strongly believe you should consider the reason school gives a week off in Spring, and apply it in next year's schedule.

Selena Hale

Mathematics

Baseball thanks Cal Poly voters

"People will come. They'll come for reasons they can't even fathom. They'll turn the 引来 driving routes not knowing why sure they're doing it. They'll arrive at your door as children longing for the past. Of course we won't mind if you look around, you'll say. It's only 20 dollars per person! They'll pass the money without even thinking of it, for it is money they have and peace they like.

"And they will walk out to the bleachers, and sit in short sleeves on a perfect afternoon. They will find they have reserved seats somewhere along one of the baselines, where they sit when they were children and cheered their heroes. And they will watch the game, and it will be as if they were dipped in magic waters.

"The memories will be so thick they'll have to brush them away from their faces. People will come. The one con­ stant through all the years has been baseball. America has rolled by like an army of steamrollers. It has been erased like a blackboard, rebuilt and erased again, but baseball has marked the time.

"This field, this game, this is part of our past. It reminds us of all that was once good and that could be again. Oh people will come, people will most definitely come.

— Charles Mann

From the motion picture "Field of Dreams." Thank you to the majority of you who voted YES on the referendum! Your vote counted!

The Cal Poly Baseball Team

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Mustangs remount for chance in CCAA

Fundamentals preached to struggling Mustangs

By Neil Pascale
Editorial Staff

Nearly halfway through its season, the women's basketball team has decided the quickest way back to the winning column is the simplest way.

Cal Poly Head Coach Jill Orrock is preaching fundamentals to her Mustangs, who come off a disappointing weekend.

Poly (11-4 overall), which had won eight of its last 10 games, lost two home games to conference teams that were wireless in the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

The Mustangs, halfway through their six-game homestand, are still fighting for its last 10 games, lost two home games to conference teams that were winless in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. The Mustangs' strengths lie in a talented front court and tall front court, which includes 6-foot-10-inch center Russell Jarvis, 6-foot-5-inch Beau Redstone and 6-foot-9-inch Kendall McDaniel.

Redstone is averaging close to 14 points and 11 rebounds a game.

What's worse, Bakersfield also carries around the CCAA's top-rated defense. The Roadrunners have held league opponents to 36 percent shooting from the floor and 33 points per game.

"They play straight man-to-man defense," Beason said. "They pressure the heck out of us."

"It's hard to make them play faster," Eppright said. "We would have to try pressing or trapping them. But, we don't have that kind of quickness."

Cal Poly, the second leading offensive team in the CCAA, will try to get the Roadrunners out of their game by stepping up the pace.

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Despite faults, Poly should still serve up success

Mustangs start year with new head coach

By Mark Marden
Staff Writer

Even after losing two of his top men's players and three of the best women's, first-year Cal Poly tennis Head Coach Chris Eppright expects to be a force in this year's Division II competition.

The team is currently ranked third in the division.

"We're a pretty young team, only one senior," Eppright said. "But we should be right there at the top. On any day we can beat anybody."

Eppright said that as of now, a week before conference play begins, UC Davis may have the best men's and women's teams.

Eppright said his teams will probably be set next week and most likely will stay that way for the year.

"Unless something bad happens, we never lost a conference match and was selected three times to the All-West Coast Conference team."
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eyes of the victims.

Zinn said that he wanted to tell the truth and create an awareness of what Columbus and his supporters had done to the Native Americans. He read from Columbus' journey and created an awareness of the massacre of thousands of Native Americans and the idea of dehumanizing victims still around today, Zinn said.

"Looking at people as not quite human justifies atrocities," Zinn said. "So you can get a nation to go to war if you remove the enemy from the human point of view — from the point of view — from the Spaniards.

IF PEOPLE QUESTION ONE HERO, WE'VE BEEN LIED TO, "Zinn said. "People begin to say, 'Why are we doing this?'" Zinn said. "When people begin to suspect they've been lied to, they begin to inquire. That is when education begins."

Zinn suggested including the voices of all in education so that others can have a true understanding of what the facts are about Columbus and his supporters.

"We need to enlarge the marketplace of ideas," Zinn said. "The most important lying in history is not outright," said Zinn. "The great lying is in what people have a great love for others."

"If people question one hero and they've been lied to, they begin to think and feel good."

"It's an uphill battle. It's not going to get any easier," he said. "We have to live within your means.""Aguilera said that although the current outlook is dim, "I think that there is a place for newspapers, particularly the community newspapers."

"But I think (they are) going to have to be run smarter," she said. "We've always worked hard on the small amount of money that we get and we'll continue to work hard on the small amount of money we get in comparison to the big stations."
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