Holiday celebrated serving the public

By Jessica Tomoda
Daily Staff Writer

Many Americans will be taking the day off Jan. 15 in remembrance of Martin Luther King Jr. However, members of the service group AmeriCorps will be hard at work.

On Monday, 31 members will be participating in four community service projects throughout San Luis Obispo County.

AmeriCorps is a national program started by President Clinton in 1994. The center in San Luis Obispo, however, didn't open until September of 1995.

Its members work with agencies that deal with high-risk youth. These are kids involved with juvenile services, foster agencies, homeless shelters and alcohol and drug abuse centers.

AmeriCorps members commit themselves to one year of service, either full or part time. They then earn money to pay for college tuition or to pay back student loans.

"The whole idea behind AmeriCorps is putting back into the community and helping the community help themselves," said AmeriCorps member and psychology junior Jenny Adams.

"I think that service to the community is a lot of what Martin Luther King Jr. was saying and what he stood for," Adams added. "So, I think it's appropriate that we're involved in the celebration of his day."

Program Director Dale Magee said AmeriCorps members have been planning with agencies and businesses in the communities to come together on this day.

Members will be preparing and serving meals to about 125 needy people in Grover Beach.

In Oceano, they will team up with local police to spruce up storefronts and paint over graffiti.

Other AmeriCorps members will be in Paso Robles and Oak Park, painting curbs and picking up trash.

The week following Martin Luther King Day, between Jan. 15 and 19, the first annual AmeriCorps service project will be held.

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The first meeting for Open House is Jan. 18 in Building 3, room 213 at 11 a.m. This meeting is mandatory for all club representatives. For more information, call 756-7756.

A workshop providing bereavement support is being offered Jan. 20 by the Hospice of San Luis Obispo Inc. For more information, call 544-2266.

Financial Aid Sunday, a workshop to provide information about applying for financial aid, is taking place Jan. 27 at Cuesta College. Another workshop is being offered at Cal Poly Jan. 17 at Chumash Auditorium at 7 p.m. For more information, call 756-5091.

**Agenda Items:**

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**COUNCIL: Residents say to ‘save Perfumo Creek’**

On page 1, members of the council also oppose the project, make it known.

This would let developers know the risks involved in further financing the project.

Residents, environmentalists and developers have concerns and hope the council will also consider.

Residents wearing “Save Perfumo Creek” buttons told the council they want the open space to remain in pristine condition.

The council is waiting to vote on the proposals, pending the completion of an environmental impact report on the project.

ASI: No decision on possible fee for modern use

From page 1, support before he takes the plan to Long Beach,” Gonzales said.

Questions of other fees were also raised, this time about a possible access fee for university-provided Internet services. However, there has been no decision made on charging for use of the Cal Poly modem pool, Gonzales said, and for campus computer systems used for Internet connectivity.

The board also passed a proposal revising the ASI elections schedule. The candidate filing period is now Feb. 5-29, three weeks earlier than the current period, which begins Feb. 5-29.

The intent of moving the filing period, according to the draft of the proposal, is to encourage and allow more students to run for an ASI office by having the filing period during a time that is not so hectic for students. Other reasons cited included a lack of advertising availability due to the university’s shifting down through finals week and the break.

The packets of candidate campaign rules were placed on the agenda for the next meeting, on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

**CIRCUS: Pickles focus on talents of performers**

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The San Francisco-based circus, which was founded in 1974 by the Pickle Family Jugglers, has never relied on animals to entertain and amaze their audiences. However, it does rely on the dancing, acting and choreography talents of Tandy Beal, who saved the circus from bankruptcy in 1993. It has traveled nationwide as well as throughout the world.

One 10-year-old audience member by the name of David Cook, said, is not so hectic for students. Other reasons cited included a lack of advertising availability due to the university’s shifting down through finals week and the break.

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**LETTERS**

Don't insult us sports fans, ma'am

Editor,

Pardon me Jennifer, but where did that come from? Your piece in Wednesday's paper was certainly from the heart, and on the points that women should and can be sports journalists were correct. But perhaps next time you might say where that chip on your shoulder came from.

Q. Supposed it was Robin Roberts or Linda Cohn who had originated the saying "He could go... all the way?"

A. I would either A) smile as I watched the replay, or B) frown as I watched the play. It would depend if I liked or disliked that particular team. But not C) your assumed answer of I would say it is stupid.

Q. Have you ever noticed how many female sports journalists there are?

A. Why, yes, I have. As you pointed out, not many. I don't think I need to insult your intelligence with further examples of how you insulted mine, and very likely many other sports enthusiasts.

While I could point out why Robin Roberts is one of my favorite ESPN journalists, I would rather point out that you failed to do something important in your raving. Tell us why there are so few women in sporting journalism. Now personally, I cannot say if it is because the existing journalism community keeps them out, or if it is because men will not watch them, or maybe the shocking possibility that not many women attempt to enter the field. I just do not know. And after reading your article, I still do not know. All I DO know is that you incorrectly assumed my answers to your questions, as well as my attitude towards women in sports.

Gary Ducharme

Graphic communications senior

No anarchistic utopia

Editor,

I have been loosely following Kurt Horner's rant and diatribes for the past few months and have come to the conclusion he is nut, as evidenced in his most recent column, "Everything must go!" Jan. 10.

Anyone who has followed Kurt's work last quarter is probably somewhat familiar with his political views: anti-gay and anti-government, to name two (or is it pro-straight and pro-freeedom?). Despite his attempt to cloak his views in humor, it still reeks of anarchy, intolerance and greed. Without government as a check on human nature, consistent with human nature, it seems that we would plummet into a Hobbesian state of nature, where life is "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short."

Kurt's anarchistic utopia requires that our nature be essentially altruistic. I cannot accept that. I neither accept a state without beneficial organizations such as the FDA, nor can I envision a state without natural treasures. An economy unfettered by "repressive" regulation would trample over the little people like you and me in the quest for success and power.

One thing is apparent: Kurt's grasp of the Constitution is tenuous at best, downright mistaken at worst. A strict "Hobbesian" view of the Constitution seems out of place in today's world.

Ken Reed
Political science junior

**COMMENTARY**

Santa didn't come to Mexicali this year

by Pedro Arroyo

I arrived in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, my hometown, on a very special day, although I was totally unaware of it. I arrived on Jan. 6. 1996, El Dia de los Reyes Magos (The Day of the Three Kings), one of Mexico's most important cultural holidays. Mexico celebrates the arrival of the three kings because of the wonderful gifts of gold, myrrh and frankincense they are said to have brought Jesus soon after his birth. But this day is also important to young children because the arrival of El Dia de los Reyes Magos means the arrival of special gifts for all kids, regardless of social and economic standing. This is the way I always remember it.

When we were kids still living in Mexico and my mother was poor during Christmas, we knew that Los Reyes Magos (my mother) would bring us a gift. As far as I can remember, The Three Kings always came on Jan. 6. But for Mexican children, 1995 was different. The currency devaluation, the economic difficulties and the political corruption and uncertainties have affected every aspect of Mexican life, including El Dia de los Reyes Magos. For Mexicans, this is no be a difficult day. There are many problems that need to be addressed and dealt with. But Jan. 6, 1996 will be remembered most vividly because it will be one of the first times that many Mexican children went without gifts for El Dia de los Reyes Magos. Many of the children I spoke with on this day told me they didn't even have a chance to eat the traditional Rosca de reyes, a special sweet bread that is eaten during this day.

The bakeries that make this sweet treat have also been severely affected by La Crisis (the economic crises). Some of the bakeries that I visited today in search of the perfect roses for my family saw a decrease in the sale of this delicious bread. It makes sense. Most Mexicans lost much of their buying power in the last currency devaluation, and many can barely afford to eat, much less buy rosca for this day.

As I drove around Mexicali early this morning, I saw how many young kids began El Dia de los Reyes Magos. Kids as young as seven or eight welcomed this day with selling newspapers, bubblegum, washing windows and bussing tables. I saw them on the streets of my city this morning, and I felt a great sadness for those children and for my country. How can this happen to continue, I asked myself. Sometimes I can't believe this is the same city that gave me birth and brought me so much happiness when I was a child. But the times are so different than they were some 15 years ago.

When I asked a young boy who was trying to wash my windows at a stop sign what he got for El Dia de los Reyes Magos, he told me, "Nada, it's poor. Reyes es tabado porros este año," (Nothing, because The Three Kings were poor this year). This child defined what has happened in Mexico over the last 10 years. Mexico's economic and social policies have done very little to help the poor and children. Mexico is rapidly becoming a country of extreme social and economic contrasts. The poor keep getting drastically poorer and the rich richer. In all cases this situation affects the weakest and most vulnerable. In this case, it is children.

We have seen it in the State of Chiapas, Mexico's most southern state and also the home of the Zapatista army struggling to gain basic rights for this neglected population. In Chiapas the literacy rate is extremely low and the living conditions are poor. While Chiapas produces over 40 percent of the hydroelectric power for the country, less than 20 percent of the homes have electricity. While the state of Chiapas contributes greatly to the Mexican economy, Chiapas gets little in return. Malnutrition among children is extremely high. The problems here are drastic.

We have recently seen what happened in Tijuana, Baja California and throughout many cities in the north of the Mexican Republic where more than 57 children have died because of the recent cold wave that Mexico faced in the last two weeks. Children dying from the cold is unimaginable, but it happens in Mexico.

What will the future bring for these children who make up half of Mexico's booming population? With the economic conditions that Mexico will face in the near future, the future is uncertain. But I hope that it is a positive one.

As I sat around waiting to have a bite to eat that night of Jan. 6, at a local open door restaurant, wishing a good night to El Dia de los Reyes Magos, I saw a young boy selling bubblegum across the street. He was barely dressed, without shoes and shivering from Mexico's cold and restless wind. It was 12:05 a.m.

Pedro Arroyo is a political science senior who has a show called "Aztalan, Babylon, Rhythm & Blues" on KCPR Monday nights from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Third snowstorm blankets its way across the Midwest

By Marie Davis

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Endeavour launched; chases after Japanese science satellite

Associated Press

coldest launch weather since the Endeavour lifted off with six

By Morda Dum

"Just do this ourselves," Adams

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Muslim leader Imam Abdul Malik Ali enthralled an audience as he delivered a powerful speech Wednesday about the legacy of Malcolm X. Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

By Cori Ferretti

When his voice rose or his fist pounded the podium, students, faculty and others knew Imam Abdul Malik Ali of the Oakland Masjid Al-Islam was making a point that was to be heard.

The Muslim Student Association (MSA) on campus welcomed back Ali for the second time to further educate students about the legacy of Malcolm X.

Ali's main concern seemed to be on why the last phase of Malcolm X's life went unheard.

Today, the media presents Malcolm X as a black Muslim leader, who is associated with the Nation of Islam and Louis Farrakhan, Ali said. He believes that because of the media, people get a distorted view of Malcolm X.

Ali believes that people think that at the end of Malcolm X's life, he was into the Nation of Islam. This is wrong, Ali said.

"The most significant part of his life, towards the end of his life, (is) rarely even talked about," Ali said.

As for when Malcolm X was in the Nation of Islam, the belief was that God was materialistic and not a spirit. Ali explained it as Malcolm X and the Nation of Islam believing that God was a black man and the devil was a white man.

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"The most significant part of his life, towards the end of his life, is the Islamic movement," Ali said.

Only out of the Nation of Islam for 11 months before being assassinated, Malcolm X went to Mecca for pilgrimage where he saw people and God in a completely different light. Ali said that he "saw the power of one God, to bring all people together."

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"He clearly and effectively articulated the important aspects of Malcolm X, stressing the later years when Malcolm X embraced the true Islam — Al-Islam," said computer science junior S. Pouzi Husaini.

"Although many other points were made over the two-hour time period, Ali stressed the importance of being educated and recognizing the many changes Malcolm X made in the last 11 months of his life."

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BASKETBALL: Cal Poly had 34 turnovers from page 8

The Mustangs forced Cal Poly into 34 turnovers, had 22 steals and won the game, 64-51.

Cherina Carillo led scoring for Cal Poly with only eight points and Sherri Lee grabbed six rebounds.

A few days later Cal Poly met up with the Arizona Wildcats and the scoreboard wasn't much different with the Mustangs losing, 75-39.

"We're a very small college playing a big school," Cal Baptist Coach Dave King said. "If you try to play some people that are better than you, you'll get beat.''

Boomer remains optimistic, but cautious, about the upcoming game.

"I think Cal Baptist is going to come in and play a very good game,'" Boomer said. "This is a game we should win.'"

Munday's game is going to be fourth round night at Mott Gym. Interested groups will be admitted without charge if they fax a list of members to Karen Boomer at 756-2650.

The Mustangs fought aggressively and crushed Boise State's hopes for success.

WRESTLING: Cal Poly's dual meet record is 2-2 from page 8

Levitt held a two-point lead all three rounds but put the match out of reach for McCool with 14 seconds left in the match.

"Well, no wonder the pass was wobbly... Someone got a hand on it.''

The Mustangs came back in the next match with a pin by junior Scott Adams with eight seconds remaining in the match.

Boise State picked up the last win of the dual at heavy weights with a win by number two in the PAC-10 Shown Stipc.

Freshmen Eric Rodriguez fought back hard for three rounds but couldn't compete against Stipich's size and experience.

Most players and coaches said the win would boost their moral for the tough season that lies ahead.

Brigham Young University travels to Mott Gym to take on an enthusiastic Mustangs team Saturday night.
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SPORTS

MUSTANGS ROUNDUP BROCNOS

By Matt Berger
DAILY Staff Writer

The Mustang wrestlers rounded up the Boise State Broncos and branded them with a big “L” after a 22-16 win Wednesday night in Mott Gym.

“I want to see some guys get tossed,” said freshman Erich Von Buch, who joined 417 other fans to watch Cal Poly beat Boise State at their first home dual.

The wrestlers came through with the request, racking up 10 take downs in the first two matches and giving some lucky fan a T-Shirt.

But a free T-shirt wasn’t the only thing that got the fans energized.

Junior Tyson Rondeau opened up the competition with ease, dominating the first three rounds. Late in the third round, Rondeau powered Boise State’s Luke Leifer to his back, pinning him with 17 seconds left in the match.

“We all were pretty down coming back from Oklahoma,” Rondeau said, “but we motivated each other in the practice room.”

That motivation paid off for the team and gave them a 12-6 win in the 126-pound weight class by Cal Poly freshman Mark Perryman.

The Mustangs had their first upset at the 134-pound weight class when sophomore Sean McDowell lost to Boise State’s David Layot.

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 Mustangs lose three on road

By Teresa Gabardi
DAILY Staff Writer

This past week of play hasn’t been too kind to the Mustangs women’s basketball team.

With high hopes of blowing out University of San Diego Toreros last Thursday Jan. 5, Cal Poly (1-14) was outscored 35-28 in the first half, clinching the game for the Toreros.

Led by guard Christina Carillo’s 16-point game high, Cal Poly scored 25 points over San Diego’s 16-point game high. Cal Poly still lost, 59-53.

“We played a good game against (University of) San Diego,” Coach Karen Booker said. “One thing that’s been good about our team is that we are staying optimistic.”

Against the San Diego State Aztecs last Saturday, the Mustangs shot 21 percent from the floor in the first half and trailed 35-8 at the break.

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COMING JANUARY 17

The Sporting Journal will appear in Mustang Daily every Wednesday as an insert to the newspaper.

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