Students bike to D.C. for environment

By Val Arredondo Daily Staff Writer

There are a variety of ways for people to travel across the country. One could travel by bus, plane, car or train. But how twenty-four years ago, mechanical engineering professor Ron Mullisen flew this A-6 fighter plane for the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War; now the plane is at the Paso Robles Airport. / Photo courtesy of Ron Mullisen

Mullisen recalls the feeling of flying an attack airplane / Daily photo by Eido Palma

Professor, fighter plane meet again

By Rebecca Nordquist Daily Staff Writer

An old, retired member of the Marine Air Weather Attack Squadron 242 sits at the Paso Robles Airport. It's an A-6 fighter plane, but it isn't your ordinary plane. In 1972-73, it fought in the Vietnam War and 24 years later, it found its way back to one of its original homes.

By Dan Perry Associated Press

TEL AVIV, Israel — In a scene growing horribly familiar, a suicide bomber turned a day of light-hearted Jewish celebration into a nightmare of blood and smoke, killing at least 13 more people in an accelerating terror campaign that struck Monday in the heart of Tel Aviv.

The victims included children in costume and makeup for the holiday of Purim. At least 109 people were wounded in the attack, which left a jumble of shattered bodies and wrecked cars and paralyzed the peace effort.

A mounting toll of dead and wounded, the repeated scenes of carnage and the heart-wrenching despair of victims' families fueled a deep upwelling of anger among Israelis. It was the fourth such attack in the country in nine days.

A furious, wildly militant mood swept over Tel Aviv, a city known for its generally moderate populace that supports peacemaking with Palestinians and Arabs.

The death toll might have been much higher if the bomber, who was on foot when he carried out the attack, had managed to enter a crowded shopping center, authorities said. Israel radio said at least 13 people were killed.

As the government met in emergency session at the heavily-guarded Defense Ministry complex a mile from the bombing site, crowds outside lit bonfires and shouted "We want war!" and "We want revenge!"

Demonstrators shouted "Death to Arabs!" and one man held a sign calling for a "final solution" against them — paraphrasing the Nazi term for the World War II slaughter of millions of Jews.

Some Cabinet ministers even called for strikes in autonomous Palestinian land — a move that would violate the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, appear close to achieving its goal and forcing a change in Israel's policy. Until now, Israeli reaction to attacks had been primarily defensive and calculated to preserve the peace process.

In a call to Israel Radio, the Muslim militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for Monday's bombing. Hamas has also claimed the previous three bombings, which killed 44 victims and three Palestinian suicide bombers.

Faced with the possible collapse of his three-year peace gamble, Arafat said he was ready to cooperate fully with Israel's new government, saying he was going after Palestinian militants.

But he added that if Arafat really wanted to act against the Palestinians, he must be willing to act against Hamas and not just against small groups.

"I hope that we will not reward these terrorists," Arafat told Israeli television Monday. "We will act against them.

Before exploding the bomb, he had tried to enter the shopping center but appeared to draw the suspicions of policemen stationed outside the buildings. He then turned away.

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"I ever done," Whitaker said. "It will also benefit other people - it's not just a personal feat.

In order to participate in the trip, which is organized by a non-profit called Bike-Aid, each individual must raise a minimum of $2,000 in sponsor money and pay a $125 registration fee, according to Bike-Aid representative Pugh.

The registration fees go to Bike-Aid and the money raised by sponsors goes toward ODN. ODN, in turn, donates money to environmental groups who need financial assistance for projects to get their group started.

This will be the 13th Bike-Aid and has organized the cross-country cycling trip, and so far it's been a success for everyone involved, Pugh said.

"It's an amazing way to spend your summer and a very in- clusive way to see the country," she said. "Almost everyone that I've spoken to who has participated has told me it's really changed their lives."

During the trip, participants bike about 70 miles a day, six days a week. In addition, cyclists are forced to find environmental groups across the country and meet with other groups to inform them of what they have learned.

Although the trip is challenging, it is also very empowering, Pugh said.

"You learn a sense of your own power, and how much of a de- fference an individual can make," he said. "There is a tremendous amount of con-...
Maraviglia explained why this is true. "It is illegal for us to check someone's ethnicity," explained Maraviglia. "And for some, additional ethnicity points may help them get selected." But he described Cal Poly's admission eligibility as follows: The top 60 percent of applicants are chosen based solely on objective scores, but from there it is random. The remaining 40 percent are based on the objective score plus other factors, such as veteran status, transfers from junior colleges, domicile residence in San Luis Obispo county, gender and ethnicity.

"Our statistics show that 99 percent of the applicants have reliable, self-reported applications," said Maraviglia. However, dishonesty is still prevalent. "It's still a problem," said Stacie Grange, crop science junior and member of the Cherokee Nation.

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BOMBINGS: Bomber detonated the device strapped to his body in a crowd of about 20 people near cash machines in Tel Aviv

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toward a crowd of about 20 people around a row of cash machines and detonated the explosive device strapped to his body.

"I suddenly heard an absolutely tremendous explosion, and then a cloud of smoke filled the whole intersection," said a woman in her 30s, who saw the explosion. "I saw bodies everywhere, pieces of bodies." Eli Shurany, 39, said he saw a woman and a young girl, about 10 years old, who were killed instantly. "There was one girl with the bottom of her leg blown off, her bone sticking out," Shurany said. An empty baby carriage stood where the bomb had gone off. A mother pulled her sobbing daughter away, tears streaming the Purim makeup on her face.

Istanbul Hospital said it treated four children wounded by the bomb. One young girl was injured by flying glass while shopping with her mother and two sisters. All three girls were in costume.

"All her back was full of glass fragments. She was bleeding. She has a hole in her back. It was horrifying," their mother told Israel radio.

Many Purim celebrations had been canceled anyway, due to Sunday's bus bombing in Jerusalem. The holiday celebrates the deliverance of the Jews of ancient Persia from a plot to slaughter them.

Monday's bombing came four months to the day after Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination by a Jewish right-wing extremist, which plunged Israel into gloom but also infused the peace process with unprecedented public support.

That has been turned on its head by the four bombings.

FORUM: The numbers of Native Americans on campus may be inflated at Cal Poly and other colleges

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Studies reported that Cal Poly's American Indian enrollment for the same year was 1.5 percent, or 216 students. A tenured faculty member who refused to be identified, believes this number is inflated.

The Problem

Stacey Anderson and the other members of AIBES want to know: Where are the other 216 American Indian students? But there is no easy answer to this question.

"Look, I'm not trying to deny anyone their ethnic heritage," said Tony Dominguez. "But students are able to take advantage by checking the (American Indian) box, and then they don't give anything back when they get here."

This makes Gene Goodwin a little angry. In his attempt to recruit American Indian students, many told him that they had no plans to join the Native American club. "I'm not sure how much they really know about Native Americans," he said.

Erica Jameson said that students who marked the Indian box should give back what they've taken.

"Selfishness is not a trait my nation condones," she said. For Thaddeus Chilcoat, engineering science senior and member of the Chilcotaw nation of Oklahoma, it's a pride issue. "I'm proud, and I want to be involved," he said. "People can check off who they are, but they should help their community."

Chilcoat expressed concern that if people use (the box) for their personal gain, then it's not morally sound. Robert Hoover, professor of social sciences, said a self-reported machine and detonated the explosive device strapped to his body.

"It is abused, people could be cheated, and it's fraud," said Jeffrey Wero.

Not Black & White

"You can't go on what a student looks like," said Ursula Bishop, program director of minority access to health careers. "It's what's in their heart and in their head."

Bishop also granted an interview for this story but would not go on record with all of her comments.

"I see a number of students who are close to their ethnic group and culture," she said choosing her words carefully.

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Misspellings, misquotings... misunderstandings

by Jennifer Cornelius

So, why are you reading the Mustang Daily? All it is a few students throwing together some articles with some radical headlines and misinterpreted information, right?

And since the paper isn't very good, the students and staff must not put a lot of effort into it, right? I mean really, those story ideas aren't very interesting, or written very well and they don't cover enough of the rights sports, right?

Wrong. But I'm sure many of you agree with those sentiments, which really isn't fair to the staff of the Mustang Daily.

When I came to Cal Poly that short year and a half ago, I had no intentions of writing for the Mustang Daily. Whenever I read the newspaper, I said, "Jeez, I could write better than that — they must let anybody write for this thing."

Nobody but current and past staff members really understand what goes into the Mustang Daily. Sure you skim it, comment on what we did wrong then toss it under your desk for the next poor sap to pick up. Does anyone read the articles?

And yes, they do let anyone with the right prerequisites write for the paper, but "anyone" is a relative statement.

Nobody but current and past staff members really understand what goes into one edition of the Mustang Daily. Sure, you skim it and comment on what we did wrong, then toss it under your desk for the next poor sap to pick up. Does anyone actually read the articles?

I admit, last year I, too, ragged on the Mustang Daily, but now I can say I perceive things a lot differently. Sometimes you must accept the repercussions of some- body else's actions.

Before I started writing for the paper, I didn't realize the amount of work that goes into writing one story. First, you have to get the story assignment. Then you have to begin contacting people, which sounds a lot easier than it is. I'm sure you've tried to get a simple question answered on this campus and end up getting the runaround from everyone you talk to. It happens to the reporters too. It's not an easy task. The meaning of phone tag has suddenly become very close to me.

Once you actually contact the person, you have to interview him. Sometimes the interviewee asking ME why the paper does this, or that. Sometimes, I don't know why the Mustang Daily does this or that. Anytime a staff member does something wrong or controversial, it reflects back on the entire staff, including every writer who decided to take the class and put their name on a story. I guess that's life though.

Sometimes you must accept the repercussions of somebody else's actions.

However, must we always harbor on the negative? I suppose that's how society is. I guess the media hurts itself, too, considering much of their reporting is done on the negative aspects of life.

I'm not saying the Mustang Daily is worthy of your praise every day, but it does deserve a little credit. There are no excuses for wrong information in a story, or misspelled names or misleading headlines. In fact, that is what gives a paper its credibility and power. And yes, the Daily may need to work on all those aspects, but you could help by mixing in a little positive feedback with the negative.

And don't you dare say there isn't anything positive about this paper, because if you don't see the talent, the effort, and the dedication the staff and writers put into the Mustang Daily, you need to get your eyes checked.

Jennifer Cornelius is a Daily Staff Writer.
FROM THE HIP:
What famous person do you most fantasize about?

Interviews by Jeff Deadi

Doily photos by Juan Martinez

“Stephen Hawking because he has overcome his physical disabilities to become a world famous physicist.”
Steve McManus
Electrical engineering senior

“Hugh Heffner because he is so old and has all those fine chicks around him, along with all that money.”
Kevin Male
Physical education freshman

“What famous person do you most fantasize about?”

“Wesley Snipes because of the way he carries himself off screen is so wonderful.”
Edith Hernandez
Political science senior

“Robert DeNiro because he is a brilliant artist.”
Danielle DiRaimondo
Business freshman

“Woda because he is a Jedi master who knows the ways of the Force.”
Wilmor Tretosso
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BIKE-AID: Students worried about mental fatigue

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she said.
Whitaker said she is excited about the trip and is eager to meet the challenge.
"It's a crazy adventure that seems impossible, yet it is possi­ble," Whitaker said.
Gregory agreed.
"It's such a big adventure, I don't really know what to ex­pect," Gregory said. "I'm just going to take it day by day."
The two students expect to start their journey on June 17, after a three-day orientation with Bike-Aid, and expect to reach their destination — Washington D.C. — in approx­imately 10 weeks.
Of the five routes offered, the two students chose to take the route leaving from Seattle. Wash. The routes leaving from Seattle, San Francisco and Portland, Ore., the three longest routes are estimated at 3,600 miles. Two shorter routes, which leave from Chapel Hill, N.C., and Montreal, Canada, are also estimated at 500 and 1,000 miles respectively.
The destination of each route is the same. Whitaker said she selected this route for specific reasons. "I've been up in (Washington) before and I love it," she said. "I'd also like to be with people who aren't from this area so I can meet new people."
In preparation for the trip, Whitaker, who said she normally cycle no more than the average person, is avoiding bus and automobile transportation.
"I'm taking my bike wherever I can go," she said.
Whitaker said she thinks get­ting over the Sierra Mountains will be the most difficult part of the trip.
"Getting over the Sierras will be a challenge, but after this it will get easier," she said. "Every obstacle I overcome, the next will be that much easier."
"I'm worried about the physical and mental fatigue," she con­tinued. "But meeting the chal­lenges will make it worthwhile."
Gregory, an avid cyclist, shares Whitaker's concerns.
"I'm more worried about the mental challenges," Gregory said. "When you're on your bike with a group of people for 10 weeks or so you're going to run into some unexpected things."
Despite the challenges, Gregory is certain the trip will be rewarding.
"It's a big adventure. There's a lot more to life than work and school," she said. "It'll be reward­ing knowing that I rode my bike across the country and that the money I raised went to a good cause."
The students are accepting donations. Checks can be made out to Bike-Aid and sent to 232 Fremont Hall, San Luis Obispo, 93407.

PLANE: Ex-pilot tells of panicked misfire of flare

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cestration. You are very busy up there, and things move very quickly. You're up there to do the mission; attack and destroy the target."
Underneath the back of the gray fighter plane, Mullisen pointed out two small areas where the flares and chaff (cylinders full of pieces of aluminum) were kept. The flares were a decoy for heat-seeking missiles and the chaff decoyed radar-guided missiles.
Moving to the front of the airplane, Mullisen said he flew his first mission as a pilot alongside the lead plane as a wingman. During the flight, he noticed the radar screen indicat­ing that they had been tracked by radar.
"This meant that I had to fire one of the chaff to decoy the radar," Mullisen said.
"In haste, I fired the flare. The two buttons are very close to one another," he said, pointing to the throttle through the pilot's win­dow.
It wasn't until after the flight that Mullisen realized what he had been doing.
"That cost me I don't know how many beers at the O Club," Mullisen said with a smile.

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In the BLEACHERS
By Steve Moore

That makes me ill. Look at her, Angela. She's a rat.
Earl Weaver hopes for Baseball Hall of Fame induction

Tampa, Fla. (AP) - Earl Weaver guided his teams to nearly 1,500 victories, reached the World Series four times and posted winning records in all but one of his 17 seasons with the Baltimore Orioles.

Considering that only 11 managers have made it to the Baseball Hall of Fame, it's hard to say whether those impressive credentials will be enough to get him elected when the Veterans Committee meets today.