Speaker attacks ‘us’ and ‘them’ mentality, myths of immigration

By Cosme Colomyer
Daily Cal Wire

The chairs were set up in a circle creating a casual atmosphere for the 16 people that attended this week’s Culture Talk. But the topic was far from casual.

Blank Poly’s Culture Talk is a weekly meeting that has examined such issues as ethnicity and gangs, ethnicity and AIDS, and cross-racial couples.

The focus of this week’s talk tackled Proposition 187, welfare, affirmative action issues and values.

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Opposition

Eric Blum writes about the Holocaust in the perspective of continuing genocide in the world today.

Forum

Thinking about going to graduate school after your bachelor’s degree?

Funniest

If school has you in the doldrums, then get your comic relief here.

Soil science student gets unanimous nod as employee of year

By Amy Conley
Daily Cal Wire

Craig Stubler was surprised he had won an award that he didn’t even know he had been nominated for, but those who know him were not.

Stubler, a soil science senior, was chosen as the Cal Poly Outstanding Student Employee of the Year for 1995-96.

He was nominated by the entire soil science department, with specific nominations by Lynn Moody, a soil science lecturer, and Ron Tagay, a soil science professor.

A selection committee voted unanimously for Stubler from the group of nominees, said Luann McDonald, chair of the committee.

Stubler was chosen for his year-and-a-half of work on the Morro Bay Watershed Study, a project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency that measures the effects of rain on the runoff that goes into Morro Bay.

Whenever it rains, Stubler goes out and turns on machines in various creeks.

The machines take samples for 12 hours, and he then collects the samples and brings them to the lab.

On several occasions, Craig has collected samples in a driving rainstorm at 5 a.m., repaired their equipment in the dim light of early dawn, and made it to an 8 a.m. class, where he is alert and absorbed,” wrote Tagay in his nomination letter.

That’s what they pay me to do,” said Stubler, his 8 a.m. class looking at all the attention. He said he has no problem with hard work.

“My mom raised her three boys, and she,” he said.

Stubler spends almost 10 hours each day in a lab working on his senior project with his partner Darryl Roberts, a soil science senior.

Roberts and Stubler are analyzing soil from a local winery to determine if soil nutrients affect the grapes.

Stubler is so busy, he could only find time to be interviewed while he worked in the lab.

He bustled around the lab with soil-stained sneakers, adjusting wrappers on buckets and filtering sediment out of samples while trying to keep his last un- starched shirt clean. He surprisingly left for a large, 6-foot man.

He talked candidly of his wife, Devon, whom he married four years ago in Yosemite Valley.

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Upcoming

Pal for a Day, which helps encourage youth to pursue an education, is taking place May 9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Students are needed to host a 12-15-year-old for the day and show them what Cal Poly life is like. For more information, call 756-4427 or 756-4401.

The Institute for the Healing of Racism presents "Internalized Oppression and Reclaiming our Cultural Heritage" May 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Annex at General Hospital San Luis Obispo. The workshop will offer opportunities for sharing experiences, feelings and points of view in a safe, open and loving environment, free of blame and victimization which so frequently surrounds conversations on the issue of racism and healing. There is a suggested donation to cover administration costs of $10.

For reservations or further information, contact Karen at 481-3971, Elaine at 489-9769 or Caryn at 481-3077.

WOW counselors in training are invited to attend a community service project May 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. to acquaint WOW counselors with community service opportunities and to introduce the fun and joy to your WOWies in the Fall. Counselors are asked to meet in the U.U. plaza at 8:30 a.m. and bring comfortable working clothes, sunscreen and water. There will be a free barbecue after the event.

The Cal Poly Ballroom Dance Club invites you to the corner of Santa Rosa and Mill Streets May 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for their fund-raising car wash. The cost is only $4 per vehicle and a free hot dog will be given to those individuals who purchased advanced tickets. To purchase tickets, call 783-2571.

"Take Back The Night" is taking place May 16. Doors open in Chumash Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. Keynote speaker Katrin Karcher will present her program "No Aes" at 7 p.m. and a campus protest will start at 8:45 p.m. There will also be a post-march rally. For more information, call 756-2600.
GRAD: Choosing to move on to graduate school could very well depend on your chosen career path

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The Student's Choice: Degree or No Degree

Choosing to pursue graduate school or a career often worries undergraduates mainly because they don't know what the future has to offer. But this decision is a pivotal step in the continual process of education.

"I think most undergraduate students don't really understand what graduate school is," Cal Poly Daily of Research and Graduate Studies Susan Opava said. Her advice to undergraduates considering further education vs. entering directly into the job market is to weigh all of the options.

"You learn a lot in the process of education," Opava said referring to programs like teaching. "Students in Cal Poly, is examining test data from her food pathogen research project / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

Microbiology/biological sciences graduate student Jake Cox, in her third year at Cal Poly, is examining test data from her food pathogen research project / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

Tips From the Decision Makers: Academics and Employers

Opava agreed with the importance of a graduate degree according to the current employment conditions.

"Especially in professional fields, the more education you have, the more you have a masters degree," she said. "You don't necessarily have to go on for a doctorate (but a masters) gives you much better career opportunities."

Employers who deal with the issue directly have mixed feelings about graduate degrees held by applicants. Shannon Peet is the human resource manager of JBL Scientific, a high-tech research company in San Luis Obispo. Peet said the level of degree of a job applicant depends on the position to be filled.

"For an entry level job a bachelors in fine," Peet said, "but for higher level jobs with research involved more training is necessary."

The training she mentioned includes the lab research that graduate students may complete for their degree. The experience is necessary because it is required for a position that involves more theoretical knowledge which can be learned in the classroom.

There are other ways to acquire a higher position in the work place which is equally important according to Peet.

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"This idea is born of the fact that in every field," she said. "People find that they have to keep continually adding on to their education, or they regret it in the not too distant future," she said. "Right now (masters degrees) are more valuable than they ever have been, there is definitely renewed emphasis on education at the masters level.

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Niko-Nyree Jarrett
Business senior

The worst thing was the guy who walked around with 'Vote McShane' painted on his bald head.

Amy Bernard
Liberal studies freshman

In my four years here this was the best publicity I've seen, but it seemed like people didn't care again.

S. York Leung
Industrial technology senior

The worst thing was there was so much random crap everywhere, like flyers — I was inundated.

Rachel Soffe
Industrial engineering senior

The worst thing was that it seemed McShane was doing too much just to be president, not because of the issues. It was obnoxious.

Lisa DeFazio
Microbiology/biochemistry senior

I am writing in response to Jason Joyce's letter, "Never Again (as long as you're Jewish)." Jason Joyce is right in that the term "Never Again" suggests that the world has not seen grim attempts at genocide since World War Two. The world has!

Hidden behind the glory of the Gulf War, Iraqi planes tested chemical weapons on Kurdish villages. Five thousand villages were destroyed with mass graves for 50,000 to 100,000 Kurds. Their crime: being Kurdish. And the world closed its eyes and said, "Never Again."

While we followed O.J.'s Bronco and watched Melrose, the Belgians had pulled out of Rwanda. The Hutu/Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) murdered 2 million Tutsis. The Tutsis, called "invader," ("the cockroaches that must be crushed"), were slaughtered for being Tutsi, and the world did nothing but say, "Never Again."

At the same time in another corner of the globe, with the collapse of Communism, Serbia and Croatia sliced up Bosnia in an ethnic purge. More than 200,000 Muslims were killed, 750,000 disappeared and 50,000 to 60,000 Bosnian Muslim women were raped, by as many as 50 Serbian soldiers at a time. We Americans even watched this crime on TV from the comfort of our living rooms. And the United States, NATO, and the United Nations turned their heads and said, "Never Again." And the list goes on... 1.5 million Armenians, 1.5 million Cambodians. All of these atrocities must equally be remembered and studied.

By organizing the Holocaust remembrance, I hoped to link the past to our lives today. My goal was to educate. Mr. Joyce asked where the Jewish community has been over the past five years. I ask: Have you heard of the Simon Wiesenthal Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles in which thousands of people become educated every day? Have you been to see any Holocaust survivors who have dedicated their lives to teaching about the Holocaust and its lessons? Have you read any books by Jewish authors dedicated to educating the world of the plague of racism? Were you aware that the Simon Wiesenthal Center (an international Jewish organization), took out a full page ad in the New York Times on July 20, 1995 addressed to President Bill Clinton, reading in part, "The Simon Wiesenthal Center and its 380,000 constituent families request that the United States publicly name those individuals responsible for the policy of ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity taking place in Bosnia. Stopping ethnic cleansing and ethnic cleansing is a domestic policy and international priority. Mr. President, the time for action is now!"

were you aware that many Jewish groups including B'nai B'rith, The Anti-Defamation League and National Hillel were actively involved in protesting and educating on the situation in Bosnia? Did you attend the Holocaust Memorial and see for yourself what our message was? Are you as a human being not as responsible as I to speak out against crimes against humanity or must your specific group be a victim before you take action? Is it only the responsibility of the victims and the descendants of victims to make the truth be known? Instead of seeing our signs saying "Never Forget" and feeling "disgusted," why weren't you inspired to put up your own posters to further educate the community regarding other atrocities? Why is it that you chose to attack our efforts for education instead of using your energy to speak out about events you feel are important? It is much easier to sit back and complian. I ask you, cog buy you. Learn the lesson of history. Don't just see it. Don't merely say, "Never Again," let us act. Learn it. Reflect upon it. Act upon it! Our history books contain the words of George Santayana. "Those who cannot remember history are condemned to repeat it." But repeat it we did and repeat it we shall continue to do. For it is as Aldous Huxley teaches: "That men do not learn very much from history is the most important of all lessons that history has to teach." This is the message that we attempted to convey through the memorial. Let us not merely say, "Never Again," but let us act upon it.

Jonathan Blum is the SLO Holocaust Memorial Chairman and an environmental engineering sophomore.
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Working is something Stubler knows how to do, he said. Stubler, 30, worked for the Santa Barbara Parks Department for 6 1/2 years as a gardener. But choosing to attend Cal Poly was a difficult decision.

“I decided to go to school to prove to myself I could do it,” Stubler said.

And he’s done it. He’s maintaining a 3.5 GPA, he’s finishing up his senior project this quarter and he will graduate in the fall.

After he graduates, Stubler would like to work with trees, possibly in urban forestry. He’ll be interning this summer in Santa Barbara helping a local business expand their tree-care services by analyzing the soil.

Nature is very important to him, he said.

Though Stubler and his brothers are close, he said, his family missed the award presentation last Thursday. Soil science faculty and students attended the casual, brief ceremony. Stubler said he was surprised and honored at how many people showed up.

“There was a feeling of admiration from the soil science students that showed up,” Roberts said.

Craig Stubler received the award, because as Taskey wrote: “His work ethic is ingrained and profound; his personal pride is strong and controlled, and his attitude toward other people and the earth is reverent and unswerving.”

Stubler has been entered in the state and regional Student Employee of the Year competition, which is sponsored by the Western Association of Student Employment Administrators, where he has a chance of winning a small amount of money for all his hard work.

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CULTURE TALK: “If we were to kick Latinos out (of California) our economy would go down the tubes,” Blank said.

“Are they things that are current and that I think I should know about,” Journalism junior Ardarius McDonald said.

Coordinator of Multicultural Programs and Services Everardo Martinez-Inzunza said they use U.U. 220 for the talks because it has a living-room feel to it which is an integral part of the meetings.

“The feeling is that the group dynamics that happen, tends to make people want to discuss more. The lecture feeling is more passive and we want to maintain an active meeting,” Martinez-Inzunza said.

“Students are often excited and surprised at some of the facts and figures that are presented,” said Martinez-Inzunza. “There is so much learning in Culture Talk they are surprised to be exposed to these things.”

Students interested in getting involved or presenting a topic at Culture Talk, should contact Tamera Aguinaldo at 544-1625.

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