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DIVERSITY

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"We at the MCC are involved in hundreds of programs," Hernandez said. Martinez said he believes the increase in campus diversity can be attributed to Cal Poly's high school outreach program.

"For eight years I was involved with admissions and outreach," Martinez said. "I actually visited high schools all over the state."

"We chose schools that had high academic achievement and met with students that came from schools that would most likely have a target population for students to apply and be accepted," Martinez added.

These schools were in large California cities that had significantly higher percentages of minority students than the San Luis Obispo area, and the program itself was successful, Martinez said.

"That's why in the last three years we've increased the applicant pool and we've increased the diversity of the student population," he added.

In 1990, the student population percentages were 69.6 percent white, 26.6 percent minority, and 3.8 percent unreported.

In 1995, the student population was 58.8 percent white, 34 percent minority, and 7.2 percent unreported.

The breakdown of percentages of ethnic students shows that only certain minority groups have made gains, though.

Asians have jumped from 10.8 percent of the student body in 1990 to 13.5 percent in 1995. Cal Poly's Mexican population has increased from 7.8 percent to 10.2 percent in that same time period.

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WORLD

GISENYI, Rwanda - Out of food and out of touch, up to 700,000 Rwandan refugees still face death in eastern Zaire, aid agencies said Monday. The agencies urged Western powers to stick to their plans to send soldiers quickly to central Africa.

Ragged columns of refugees returning home, many exhausted, hungry and with bleeding feet, stretched 35 miles into Rwanda. But those still trapped in eastern Zaire were in even greater danger, aid workers said.

An estimated 500,000 Hutu refugees have walked home to Rwanda since Friday - many barefoot on the rough, volcanic soil - after escaping from Hutu militants who once dominated the world's largest refugee camp.

No decision on a military mission to help them is likely before Thursday.

"People are dying because they're out of touch, with no food or water," said Peter Kessler, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "We need the kind of protection that could be provided by an interna-

Aid workers say an interna­tional humanitarian force must now focus on the refugees in Zaire's hills and forests south and west of Lake Kivu, some 60 to 120 miles south of here.

"I was holding her hand yes­terday, and then suddenly she disappeared," said Marceline Myiramzbrimba as she found her 8-year-old daughter Vestine at one U.N. tent. "I am .so happy she is with me."

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1996

UCLA grad assistants begin 5-day walkout

By Tony Smith

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Graduate teaching assistants at University of California, Los Angeles, went on strike Monday for collective bargaining rights.

The five-day walkout, called by the Student Association of Graduate Employees, was intend­ed to be a "rolling" strike. If the UCLA walkout brings no immedi­ate results, assistants at UC San Diego planned to leave their class­rooms on Tuesday, followed by col­leagues at UC Berkeley on Wednesday, organizers said.

"We hope that we can win recognition without any more dis­ruption to education than is nec­essary," said John Medearis, a UCLA graduate student on the association's executive board. "That's why we've made it very clear that we are escalating over time to give the university the opportunity to respond."

Organizers and the school had no immediate figure on how many assistants walked out.

The school is appealing a September ruling by an adminis­trative law judge in San Francisco that graduate assistants have the right to unionize, as they have de­clared in the traditional sense," Young wrote. "Thus, stu­dents in these apprenticeship positions are not an appropriate group for collective bargaining."

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The Student Association of Graduate Employees, an affiliate of the United Auto Workers, claims 4,000 members at UCLA.

Organizers said they expected dating back to the early 1970s. But labor officials charged recog­nition of a union at the University of Kansas last year, and cam­paigns are under way in several states.

"We believe that unionization would seriously harm the flexibil­ity, collegiality and harmony the university strives to foster between our students and their academic mentors," Chancellor Charles E. Young said in a letter to deans and department heads.

Young also released a letter to UCLA students on Monday that laid out the university's position on graduate teaching assistants.

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Shel Silverstein wrote a poem called “Whatifs” several years ago which describes those nasty little pests called Whatifs that crawl into our ears at night. They “prance and party,” driving us crazy wondering, “What if this?” and “What if that?”

I can remember reading the poem when I was younger. I would checkle to myself that I thought the poem was catchy and cute. But I would usually drop off to sleep quickly every night, worrying only about what stuffed animal to sleep with or what to have for breakfast the next morning. I never really understood what a Whatif was until I got older.

I think a Whatif or two must have crawled into my ear last night. Otherwise, I wouldn’t be wasting my time wondering things like: “What if I don’t get the job I want? What if I forget everything I’m supposed to do tomorrow? What if my hard drive crashes on first?” “What if Cal Poly has a secret plan to destroy all my records just before I graduate and make me start all over again?”

It happens to the best of us. We’re doing perfectly fine, enjoying life, and suddenly, Whatifs sabotage it all, making us wonder and worry and wish we had just one more hour in a day.

I guess Whatifs can be good, too. They motivate me to try my best to make things go my way. They make me stay up late and do my homework. And they get me out of bed every morning with their obnoxious little reminders of everything I need to get done.

But Whatifs can also drive me bonkers. They make me stress about things. They make me drink too much coffee. And they keep me awake at night with all their partying and prancing.

Asking the question “What if?” makes no logical sense; after all, there are certain things that we have no control over. The rational part of me tries to remember this most of the time. I try to just cross bridge when I come to them, because it does me no good to worry about what might happen if things don’t go as planned. But those nasty Whatifs can make me quite irrational. As Silverstein wrote, “Everything seems swell and then the nighttime Whatifs strike again.”

It’s time to unite against the Whatifs. I’ve had enough. I would like to take this opportunity to invite Whatif victims to join the new Whatifs Anonymous support group. We like to chat, eat some munchies, punch weepies—all kinds of fun stuff. Meet at the airport tonight at 8 and we can hop the next flight to Hawaii. Your treat.

Karen Spaeder is an English senior and was really only up late last night worrying about how to color coordinate her lipstick with her sweater today.

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A lover of opinions and free speech to be the next opinion editor at Mustang Daily for winter and spring quarters. You will be responsible for generating and choosing commentaries, letters, editorials and columns to be run on the Opinion page.

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What’s The Question?

“Ponder the meaning of life.”
Brett Gimlin
Psychology senior

“Draw pictures of fruit and write down lyrics to songs.”
Sarah Russell
Mathematics sophomore

“Mine Sweeper on my HP.”
Pat Wibbeler
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“I organize and make lists.”
Katy Ducale
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Business junior

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Interviews by Rachel Brady
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Letters to the Editor

The annoyed unite

I agree entirely with your article, "Could you please stop that?" I, too, tend to suffer from the noisy habits of others! It is at the point now where I've virtually given up on paying full attention in lecture, and cannot remain in a computer lab for too long, because of others' noisiness!

Ever, I aim to concentrate my studies within my major so that I can succeed in the future. It is already hard enough to get averaging their GPAs. Having credit/no-credit lightens the load just a bit.

I can understand that in the past and even today students have abused this policy. I do feel that a general education is beneficial to a student's knowledge; how-ever, I am to concentrate my studies within my major so that I can succeed in the future. It is already hard enough to get through this system in four years, and having credit/no-credit lightens the load just a bit.

Stephanie Caprino
Biological sciences freshman

Pick up some pom-poms

This is in response to Franco Castaldini's sports commentary Nov. 14 about "Being a fanatic, not a fan."

I personally invite Franco Castaldini to Cal Poly's Men's Basketball game vs. Simon Fraser Friday, Nov. 22. But please don't just show up to watch, paint yourself green and gold, wear a wig, stomp on the bleachers and bring your obnoxious attitude. Even better yet, why not participate in the fun and excitement of the game with Cal Poly's SPIRIT ORGANIZATION, RUNNING THUNDER???

If we are here to learn and study, why should the university take away a useful learning tool? This is an area of concern that has not been addressed yet for the whole student body to think about. Therefore, because of these reasons and the fact that both members of the relationship are adults and know what they are doing it should be left as the way it has been in the past.

Bruce D. Wefler

We want our credit/no credit!

I would like to respond to the article by Jaime Borasi, "Administration Taking Initial Steps To Create On-Campus Housing." I disagree with the small group of administrators that plan to request an increase in campus housing. If more housing is built, our campus will be over-impacted. And today, registering for required classes is almost impossible. This year alone, Cal Poly overbooked campus housing and had to reject incoming students, referring them to off-campus housing. These new students who deserve to live in the dorms are missing out on their first-year experience and the many opportuni-ties that come along with it.

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Marlene Immordino

All we need is love

I don't agree with the "Resolution on Amorous Relationships" proposed by the Status of Women Committee for several reasons. In the first place, this policy which intending to do good will only make a bigger issue out of instructor-student relationships. This resolution if passed has the potential to harm all instructor-student relationships by causing instructors to be wary of helping students. Instructors in their free time might fear the possible punishment for misunderstood signals given off by either them or the students and the actions that might be taken against them. Also, if a instructor and student want to have a relationship together they will, regardless of any rules they might be breaking.

Then, nothing yet has been said about what would happen in the situation of relationships started before being in the same class. Is a student not to take the needed class then? Does the student drop a class that just says staff on it when they register and later find out the instructor is their boyfriend or girlfriend? What about the possibility of the last class that is still open is being taught by the involved instructor?

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basis of the third option, which
includes continuing with the mili­
tary task of providing a stable
environment in Bosnia while pro­
viding some support to the civil­
ian reconstruction and reconcilia­
tion mission.

On Monday, the United States
proposed a few suggestions for the
new force, including extending the
mission to 18 months instead of
just one year and reviewing the
situation every six months to see
if the force could be cut.

The Council meets again
Wednesday after ambassadors have considered the American
proposals.

The current 30-nation, NATO­
led peace force numbered about
58,000 troops at its peak, includ­ing
15,000 Americans. It now stands at about 47,500 and includes about 4,500 newly
arrived Americans, mostly from the 1st Infantry Division, who are


**Zaire**

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**military force.**

Military officials from nations
offering to join the 10,000- to
12,000-strong multinational force are meeting Thursday
in Stuttgart, Germany, to decide the
fate of the mission.

Canada, which will command the
operation, and the United
States, which has offered up to 4,000 troops, agree that it is still
needed, but officials in Rwanda
think otherwise.

The U.S. commander in the
region, Maj. Gen. Edwin Smith,
met with Zairian officials Monday and later told reporters that no
specific course of action had been determined.

The Hutu refugees still in
Zaire fled camps around the
cities of Bukavu and Uvira in October amid fighting between Zairian
government troops and rebels supported by the Tutsi-led Rwandan
army.

The refugees have been cut off
from the outside world since the
rebels drove out the Zairian army
and closed border crossings from Bukavu into Rwanda and from
Uvira into neighboring Burundi.

Relief workers don’t even know where to find most of the
refugees.
HERO: 'My father said that any decent human being would have done the same thing,' Sugihara said during the speech.

When he and his family returned to Japan in 1947 after being imprisoned for more than 40 years, according to "Visa's Hero: The Story of Chiune Sugihara," the diplomat's wife and family in Lithuania brought them for risking their lives and overcome evils such as the Holocaust.

In 1985, he was honored at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, but at 85, he was too weak to attend, according to an article in The New York Times.

Although Sugihara died near Tokyo in 1986, his courage has only recently been recognized in Japan because of efforts from his family and wife. A slide show featuring old photographs of Chiune Sugihara and his family in Lithuania brought deeper significance and insight to the man and his heroic acts.

Slide presentations of two other diplomats, Aristides de Sousa Mendes of Portugal and Raoul Wallenberg of Sweden, were also shown to commemorate them for risking their lives and careers to help the Jews during World War II.

The three diplomats, in relation to Jewish history, were called 'the righteous among nations,' or non-Jews who helped save Jews during the Holocaust, according to Eric Saul, who narrated the slide show.

"Sugihara, we will never forget you," Saul said.

Holocaust survivors Marianne Tolchin and Marion Wolff told personal accounts of their struggles to endure the war and persecution of Jews and thanked the late Sugihara for his courageous humanitarian efforts.
**SPORTS**

Schneider signs four recruits

By Melissa M. Geisler
Daily News Staff Writer

Before the Cal Poly men's basketball season has officially started, Head Coach Jeff Schneider can already sit back and breathe a sigh of relief. He has already finished recruiting for next season.

**Men's Basketball**

Schneider, who took advantage of the NCAA's one-week early signing period which began last week, has successfully recruited four high school seniors to replace this season's seniors. "I feel that this is the best recruiting session I have been involved with in 14 years," Schneider said. Last Thursday, Schneider confirmed that all four of the recruits had signed ceremonies, and he is expected to announce them on the Mustangs' four recruit news for next season.

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**Men and women runners finish season ninth**

The Cal Poly men's and women's cross country teams placed ninth at the Division I Regional I finals hosted by Fresno State this past weekend. The team garnered 52 points and earned a berth to the NCAA meet. The highest finisher for the women was Maryanne Shaw, who finished 32nd out of 135 runners. She ran the 10K in 35th place with a time of 32:50. The 6-8 Bjorklund was a two-time All-Conference and All-Area forward at Brainerd High School in Baxter, Minn. An All-State junior last year, he was also named to the 1994 BCI All-American and All-Conference teams.

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**On the Side...**

est and using the image of Native Americans is wrong, then and only then, will sports teams finally rename their Indian mascots. But until their own fans ask that their mascots be changed, owners will continue to sit on their wallets and nothing will get changed.

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**By GREG MANFOLD**

Stop the Chop

I imagine 50,000 people swinging their arms back and forth in unison, while at the same time singing a wrong song. No, not the movie "Braveheart," it's an Atlanta Braves baseball game.

In an effort to rally their Braves, the fans at Fulton-County Stadium will all do the "Tomahawk Chop." In unison, 50,000 fans chop down the com-

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On the Day...