Chicano culture celebrated with tradition, dance

By Martie Blackwell
Daily Staff Writer

The message at Sunday's Cinco de Mayo celebration at Laguna Lake Park was voiced by keynote speaker Warrior Woman. The message was that unity is important for the Chicano culture.

Unity

More than 100 people, from all backgrounds and cultures, united Sunday at the celebration, put on by Cal Poly's chapter of Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan (MEXA), to reflect the true significance of Cinco de Mayo in the Chicano culture.

"We want people to walk away with feelings about the experience, not walk away drunk," said MEXA member Arturo Rodriguez, who is also ASI vice president.

Rodriguez spoke of this country's tendency to bastardize Cinco de Mayo, which is more celebrated in the United States than in Mexico.

"The reason that the date is so celebrated in the United States is because it's important for the community to realize that we are all here for one another and that there is support," he said. "In Mexico the people are one, unlike in the United States where people go their own ways."

Sunday's celebration was an opportunity for the community to become educated about the Chicano culture.

The event began around 1 p.m. with a Mariachi band and ended with the breaking of piñatas at 6 p.m.

Keynote speaker Warrior Woman, who is from the Red Wind Nation in the Los Padres National Forest, spoke of the need to keep a positive perspective in today's society.

Just as Cinco de Mayo celebrates the tenacity of the Mexican people during their war against Napoleon's French army, such unity is still needed. Warrior Woman said the unity that won in Mexico's independence is still important today for support against issues like Proposition 209.

"Being here made me think back to my culture, why we're here and the whole meaning of our struggle," said biochemistry junior Horacio Camacho.

Participants in the
Holocaust
Remembrance
look and read
from a display of
photos and histor­
ical accounts of
world genocides.

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By Kristen Haida
Daily Staff Writer

"Many were never released. All this leaves an everlasting impression," Wolff said. "At 8-years-old I was apathetic, but a new reality began to dawn."

Wolff emphasized the Jews were not exterminated — they were murdered. So did Aida Hamulic, a political science senior and speaker on the Bosnian Holocaust.

Hamulic is a 25-year-old Muslim, born in the United States. Many of her relatives overseas were killed in the holocaust which began, for her family, on July 20, 1992.

Hamulic said that although the holocaust has ended, there are still concentration camps that are inside Serbia. More than 500 men, women and children are in these labor camps.

"I know for a fact that two of my cousins are over there," she said. "Most of them end up dead so, in a sense, the holocaust is still continuing."

According to Hamulic, the fighting began after the Iron Curtain fell. Bosnians didn't want communism anymore. They wanted to become democratic, independent states. Bosnians wanted to be free of any foreign rule.

"Continuing the Commitment," "Your Choice for ASI President." "He (KEG) stands for Cal Poly."

By now, everyone has seen these elegant written upon the ASI presidential candidates' stickers, fliers and sandwich boards across campus that are slowly outnumbering the orange fences and ditches.

It's just typical politician stuff.

But while the number of brochures and boards may appear endless, there is a determining factor, which regulates almost anything that is achieved in life.

Money.

Last year, as a write-in candidate, Steve McShane had a lot of publicizing to do.

With his parents matching the amount of money that he raised, McShane's campaign budget estimated $1,600 to $1,700.

This year though, he's cutting back by almost the same amount that candidate Cindy Entzi plans to spend.

McShane plans to spend $1,300 on his re-election campaign, while Entzi is estimating close to $600 on her own.

"I feel that it's important to get the information out to voters, so that they are able to make informed decisions," McShane said.

Stating that this year he's "running his campaign like a business," McShane is receiving the majority of his financing from friends, family and the community.

Entzi is also receiving support from her friends who are not only helping her put together the stickers, fliers and sandwich boards, but are also sporting "Cindy Entzi for President" T-shirts.

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Country crooner Mattea lifts spirits with voice

By Dean Salmer
Daily Staff Writer

Kathy Mattea's performance was more than a country music concert Sunday night; it was a religious experience.

"Walkin' Away a Winner," "555 Rocket," and "18 Wheels and a Dozen Roses." Her frighteningly realistic tear-jerkers about the hardships of life and family brought her crowd through emotional swings, keeping them captivated and ready for more. Songs like "Where've You Been," written by Don Henley about a couple who never leave each other's side until the day they are put into a retirement home and forced to live on separate floors, brought the crowd to the "wringing out" portion of the show she promised.

Her folk-style, Celtic-influenced music makes her one of the most well-rounded country-roots artists today.

Ensemble To Re-Elect Steve McShane for ASI President

The committee to re-elect Steve McShane to his second term in office met following the second annual ASI presidential candidate debate Monday morning as it held its first debate between the two candidates to determine who would be the next active ASI president.

The debate, co-hosted by Shannon Farnham, CPTV general manager and news director, and Mark Armstrong, Mustang Daily managing editor, was described by Farnham as "more like a controlled discussion and forum than an actual debate."

Candidate Jed Whiteley was absent from the debate due to prior class commitments. He also declined CPTV's request for an interview.

This left the debate between the two remaining candidates, Cindy Entzi and incumbent Steve McShane.

Following a profile of each candidate, Farnham led off the debate by asking each candidate what prompted them to run for office.

McShane said that he wanted to apply what he learned this year as president and build on it to make ASI more effective.

Entzi said that she has been involved in ASI for the past two years and has learned a lot, but feels that she wants to take a more active role in the way ASI is run.

McShane asked each candidate about ASI's strengths, its weaknesses and how each candidate would change them.

Entzi said ASI's strength is its communication with the university administration, which she said really listens to ASI's concerns.

"ASI, frankly, doesn't have as much pull with the community as it could," Entzi said.

"I think there could be more work with the ASI Board," Entzi said.

"I think they could be more work with the city council and neighborhood organizations. Make ASI get out there and get more active role in the way ASI is run," McShane disagreed.

"Last summer I dropped both my classes so that I could get to know each and every person not only in the community but also the folks in the administration," he said.

"That's certainly a strength."
A tribe of 1,200 triathlon volunteers crammed Lake San Antonio’s “Beach City” to swim, water ski, and party during Wildflower Triathlons Festival at Lake San Antonio, 20 miles north of Paso Robles.

Friday night the party began and the empty beer cans and potato chip bags started to pile up. After a day full of sun, Gatorade, water and water ski, triathletes, volunteers headed back to “Beach City” on Saturday and the crisp crackle of pop-top beer cans could be heard once again. The place looked the same as it did the week before.

“Drunk people are not going to throw things in the trash cans,” she said. “It’s going to get dirty.”

Sunday afternoon, Cal Poly volunteers packed their belongings and drove back to San Luis Obispo after a very good job of picking up trash by Sunday evening. Lenz said by the end of the weekend the Ski Club had collected nine large bags full of empty cans that will be recycled.

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Harper estimated that 95 percent of the post-event cleanup consists of gathering litter.

“We end up having to do a significant litter clean-up,” he said. “But there is no long-term significance. The crowds are the same (for Wildflower) as they are for the big holidays.”

“Actually, the place where the Cal Poly group stays benefits because they knock down a bunch of weeds in that area,” he said.

Thursday night, the only difference was in the trash areas, there was a bunch of trash stacked.”

Because of a limited amount of available camping space, student volunteer groups rushed to claim spots by staking tents and setting up camp as early as Thursday afternoon. Larry Lenz, the snow Ski Club volunteer representative for Wildflower, said that some members of the club arrived Thursday to reserve space for some of the club’s 85 volunteers and “the biggest party at Wildflower”.

Lenz said that the Ski Club tried to help decrease the number of empty beer cans with a can-return policy.

“If you wanted a beer from the Ski Club, you had to show us your wristband,” he said. “In order for you to get another beer, you had to bring back the empty can.”

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McShane can do it again, baby

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unday night, Mustang Daily's editorial staff had the chance to sit down and talk with the three, or two candidates for ASI president. Steve McShane and Cindy Entzi kindly accepted our invitation. Jed Whiteley decided not to show up.

Based on the interviews we conducted and past experience we've had with these students, we support the re-election of Steve McShane for ASI president.

Our decision is based on many points. The editorial staff brainstormed the criteria of what we, as students, would like to see in a leader, and McShane has many of those qualities.

When he addresses a club, the administration or any student on any given day, McShane brings with him a certain demeanor that you don't see in other average student. The quick smile, the gun-slinging finger point and the styled hair could be typical of your run-of-the-mill politician. But, as you watch him speak, you begin to see the answer to the question 'what's McShane all about?'

In his simplest form, he's a concerned student. In his most complex form, he's an ASI president trying to improve the corporation's track record while fighting for the issues Cal Poly students care about. A prime example this year has been the campus and Performing Arts Center alcohol issue.

McShane and his crew were quick to find the inconsistencies in the administration's policy and weren't afraid to call administration on it. Whether the campus is wet or dry is not the issue, McShane just wants the policy to be consistent across the board. His staff put in many hours trying to find a solution to the problem, which will come to a head this summer when he addresses the Alcohol Beverage Control Board (ABC). The ABC will then make its final decision on the sale of alcohol at the RAC.

Another example is with McShane's experiences on the Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee. When students began to see faults with the surveys and polls being administered on campus, McShane helped rally to see that the surveys' wording changed.

Finally, one of the best qualities about McShane is that he can learn from mistakes. He knows that the steering committee isn't in providing enough information about the "cons" sides of the Cal Poly Plan. Therefore, he's willing next year to sit back down with the committee and the plan carries on with focus and student input that may have been lacking this year.

Also, he realizes that not every student wants to know or even cares about what ASI is up to. Nevertheless, he initiated a newsletter called Mustang Messenger to inform the students who want to know about ASI and its doings. He is aware that there are high expenses involved with the newsletter and that it's not accessible for all students. Therefore, getting ASI's word out may take changes that he's willing to explore. We hope he carries out his plans.

Finally, we think that anyone who's willing to take the initiative to be such an active president for another year deserves the job. He is incredibly tough and demanding, and Steve commits the same amounts of high energy ambition every single day. He's been involved since his freshman year at Cal Poly and still has the drive to finish his Poly career as ASI's leader. We think he'll keep on until the day he graduates, if asked to do so by the students of Cal Poly. In fact, we would love to see the student president for, and isn't that what we all really want in a president?

Letters to the Editor

By Mary Hadley

This year's ASI election is going to be a tough one, but not for the right reasons. Usually elections are a lesser of two or (three, or four) evils. Usually it's a "yes," should I vote for Clinton because he's only a bit unethical or should I vote for Dole and let the Republicans have it at? But with this year's ASI elections, I face a different problem altogether. I love all the candidates.

Let's all sit down with Steve McShane. Before I met the guy, I thought he was a robot in a suit and tie.

His quotes in the Mustang Daily seemed too perfect, as did that little cowlick on the side of his head. He once said, and the Daily quoted, "Hard work is the yeast that raises the dough." Seriously.

But then I met him. The guy just oozes charisma, and he's increased ASI participation dramatically (and he'll gladly tell you all about it). His wide blue eyes and excited-little-boy demeanor leave no doubt in my mind that he loves Cal Poly, and he loves his job.

I'm definitely voting for McShane. But then there's Cindy Entzi. I want to vote for her really, really badly. For one thing, she's a woman. I want a woman running ASI, because I think it would benefit from the feminine perspective. Maybe Cindy would usher in a new era for ASI, a more sensitive one.

Or maybe not, now that I think about the tough stance she's taken on ASI accountability. Cindy means business.

She may believe in the exact same issues as McShane, but that's OK. Change is good. I like change. I'm voting for Entzi.

But wait. How can I ever easily brush aside the guy who said he is the epitome of the average student, and assumed me that he "par­ ties at least twice a week?" Jed Whiteley. Now there's a guy after my own heart. A vote for Jed Whiteley means a vote for an on-campus pub and the assurance that, even though he doesn't know much about the Cal Poly Plan, he's slowly learning. Jed really seems like some initiative. Plus, I think I'd like getting drunk during the hour in between my Public Relations class and that interview I have with President Baker.

I think I'll vote for Whitely.

This all just goes to show that being an informed, involved Cal Poly student is not as easy as it sometimes seems. I hope I can decide who to vote for in this coming week.

And since this campus lacks any decent watering holes, the only help I'll have in making my decision is a double latte from Julian's.

Mary Hadley is a journalism junior.
As far as weaknesses go, McShane said there's always room for improvement. Both candidates acknowledged that not every student may want to be directly involved with ASI, but stressed the importance of reaching out to students to keep them in touch with their government. McShane said he'd accomplish this goal by visiting student organizations and having office hours in the University Union, a method he claims helped increase student involvement in ASI this year. Entzi also said she'd hold office hours in the UU, as well as have her executive staff go out, meet students and get feedback. She'd also like to take out a monthly advertisement in the Mustang Daily informing students on what ASI is doing. One of Entzi's main issues in her campaign is the allocation of more funds to student clubs, an issue she addressed when asked how she would structure next year's ASI budget after having been very critical of this year's budget.

Entzi said that last spring quarter, when ASI recovered $80,000 of embezzlement funds, $17,000 went to the ASI's executive staff after ASI announced that the money would be available for clubs. Only about $1,000 went to two clubs which applied. There was no set process for distributing the money and other clubs were told that the funding had been cut off. "I really felt that more money should have gone to the student clubs and maybe not the $17,000 to exec staff," Entzi said. McShane defended the $17,000 that his staff received by saying that it is technically "just another club or organization." The money we have used has gone to events, activities and programs that will benefit the students," McShane said. Athletics was another issue brought up, this time by a student whose question was videotaped. "Athletes need to be represented and I think our sports program deserves attention by the students," McShane said. "I think ASI can play an active role in working with the athletics department developing programming, funding, possibly working on the field space issue," Entzi said. The last issue brought up was the Poly Plan. Entzi said that the plan failed because students opposed to the plan voted, whereas indifferent students and those favoring the plan didn't go out to the polls. McShane attributed the plan's failure to the lack of a discussion on the negative side of the plan, saying that next time there needs to be more of a balance between the two sides.

The debate can be seen at 7 p.m. tonight on KSLO, channel six.
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tax incentives for employers to help create jobs and hire AFDC individuals, Richards said. "This sounds to me like we are taking the welfare money from the poor and giving it to the rich," said Everardo Martinez-Inzurza, coordinator of multicultural programs.

Culture Talk is a weekly forum, sponsored by the Multicultural Center, that provides a place for varied dialogue on current cultural issues, Martinez-Inzurza said. "It's not just a lecturer," Martinez-Inzurza said. "We bring in people who have a perspective. Then, the audience provides different perspectives."

"Everyone educates each other in an interactive, friendly and respectful environment," he said. "Often, in classrooms that is not the case because the student won't oppose the teacher."

Although Thursday's group consisted only of Richards and 12 audience members, the discussion groups vary in size from week to week, according to Martinez-Inzurza and Student Coordinator Kelly Kammermeyer. "Some core people show up every week," Kammermeyer told the group Thursday. "Sometimes we invite classes or other interested groups."

The coordinators try to find co-sponsors, in the form of classes or other interested student organizations, to attend and to help put on the various discussions, Martinez-Inzurza said. "The welfare recipient) population is not a very well-organized one," Martinez-Inzurza said, commenting on Thursday's turnout. "But many times, that's what we target, to give forum to a particular cultural view."

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Although it would be hard to imagine an encore being better than the rest of the concert, Mattea found a way to do it. Reappearing on stage, the only instrument anyone touched was a tuning fork used to prepare the entire tuning. A mandolinist, a rain stick and superb backup vocals.

"Mattea's smooth, silky voice coated every inch of the walls' surface and so did the applause that erupted louder and louder with every song. Her gratitude was evident in every curtsy and bow, and finally with the kisses she threw to the crowd after her final song.

The religious experience was furthered by her songs, like "Singing Me Angels" about how "angels are around us all the time and we just don't see them," Mattea said.

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Even through a broken kick drum, a broken cordless microphone set and a guitar string that snapped mid-performance, Mattea never seemed phased. Her smile and energy glossed over anything that could have become a problem. She told the crowd about her day as if they were sitting in her living room, waiting for her to come home. She said she had run around the Cal Poly track and ate dinner on the loading dock.

"When your loading dock looks pretty, you know it's a nice town," she said.

Also performing were the Prairie Oyster. Their performance was, at times, almost as confusing as their name. Their chutter between songs, with vocals composing a mix of Billy Ray Cyrus, Elvis Presley and Chris Isaak, was hard to understand and pointless. However, once they stopped talking and started to play their performance was salvaged by their vocal harmony and stand-out fiddler's performance.

But Mattea was the queen of the PAC Sunday night. During her performance she explained how the band had been testing songs abroad and now they were "losing their virginity here in the states."

What she said next was almost a guarantee, a prophecy, for her to fulfill.

"We certainly hope by the end of the night it was as good for you as it was for us," Mattea said. And it was.

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cling barrels and portable bath­
rooms. The upsurge was due to what the sewer lines don’t get overloaded."

Because broken glass can be
dangerous, volunteers and their
guests were warned not to bring
glass containers into the park.
Volunteers entered the park, they
were required to stop at two differ­
ent checkpoints for searches. People

entering the area were asked to
open the hoods of their vehicles
and step on as volunteers picked
through ice chests and back­
packs.

Volunteer searchers said that
they found no contraband glass con­tain­
ers from one out of every three vehi­
cles searched.

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Garcia. Following the speech, the group

lunched on free tortillas, Mexican
steak sandwiches and sodas.

The highlight of the festival came
around 4:30 p.m. when the crowd
was entertained by a spiritual
indigenous dance.

The Galindo family from
Atealredo was joined by Citlalli,
which means "star" in Nahuatl, a

from group Santa Maria, for a 45­
minute presentation of a variety of
Astec dancing. Edith Atzacani Galindo and her

immediate family travel nationally
performing the cultural dance for
various audiences.

"We do them (the dances) the way
we’ve learned them," Galindo said.
"Out of respect for our elders, we
don’t change a thing." The performance, which com­

bined four or five dances, opened
and closed by asking permission from
The earth. The dance was
asked to honor the tradition by facing
the four separate directions, north,
south, east and west, of the earth.

Throughout the dances, burning
incense represented the sending of
the group’s words and thoughts to
the creator above.

At the heart of the dances, drums,
raffles and carvings, which are
bands of shells worn around the
ankles, kept the bare feet moving.

In the midst of the celebration,
toberness occurred. A moment,
which as Warrior Woman said, needs
to be continued throughout life.

MISTER BOFFO

by Joe Martin

Citizen Dog

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in the store window?

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in the store window?

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free so they begin to demonstrate peacefully.

Hamadic showed a video during her speech. The audience watched as the Libyan army started shooting amongst unarmed protesters. The fighting escalated from that point on.

"It started political and turned into past hatred, religious, racial, everything," she said. "At that point the fierce started ethnic cleansing. Anyone that wasn't Serbian, they began murdering."

Large portion of Hamadic's family has survived in the United States with the help of humanitarian relief organizations. Most of them are women and children. She said almost all the men have died.

"One night my parents and I started counting how much family we've lost," Hamadic said. "We got to 100 and my dad said, 'Let's stop counting.'"

One and a half million Bosnian Muslims died in the holocaust. An emotional Hamadic was unable to finish her speech but later said she hopes she touched one person, and that one person learns not to hate or be prejudiced.

"There is a lot more pain in my life now than happiness," she said, "but hopefully I can change that and educate people."

Speaking about the Armenian Holocaust was Houri Vartanian, a political science senior. She was born in Lebanon and came to the United States at age 3. She's Armenian but was born in Lebanon after her family had been deported.

"Most people don't even know what an Armenian is, let alone the Armenian genocide," she said. "Hitler remembered the Armenians and he figured if the Turks could get away with it than he could do much better."

The Armenian Holocaust symbolically started on April 24, 1915 and continued on and off for eight years. It began mainly when Turkey started losing its land during World War I. Turkey had to place their people somewhere so they figured they could get rid of the inferior people, the Armenians.

"It was power politics," Vartanian said. "The Turks said these 'inferior people' didn't deserve to live. Then it became religious."

Vartanian said it meant a lot for her to share her life. She said more than one million Armenians were murdered and that Turkey did a successful campaign in America and Germany denying the genocide.

"I would love people to know about it," she said. "It hurts me that, today, Turkey denies the genocide."

The remembrance event lasted an hour and a half and closed with a prayer. 

Students from Laguna Middle School participated by singing with the school band and performing scenes from the play "I Never Saw Another Butterfly."