Adjusting to a new home
Asian-American poet's work focuses on her heritage, adapting to new environments
By Londe Stevens
Daily Staff Writer

Asian-American author Shirley Geok-Lin Lim gave readers at Cal Poly a glimpse into the disorientation sometimes experienced by immigrants adjusting to new homelands during a Thursday afternoon presentation.


Lim, a professor of English and women's studies at UC Santa Barbara, signed copies of the two new books at El Corral bookstore prior to her presentation.

Through readings of selected poems, Geok-Lin Lim shared her poetry and memories at a presentation Thursday.

Easter in Northern Ireland
Passover celebrated with campus seder
By Byun Becher
Daily Staff Writer

Being away at college didn't stop Cal Poly Jewish students from celebrating Passover.

"Passover is what gave us our identity," said Dana Stern, president of Hillel, Cal Poly's Jewish club. "It's our most important holiday."

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**AGENDA**

**TOP OF THE WEEK EVENTS**

**MONDAY**

The discussion group Yafambi will host a presentation by history professor John Oriji titled “The American and African dimensions of the slave trade.” Oriji will lead a discussion afterward. The talk will be held in the Multicultural Center, upstairs in the U.U., from 6 to 8 p.m. Oriji has made an essay concerning slave trade available for reading beforehand. Pick one up at the Multicultural Center.

Calling all aspiring authors! SLO Nightwriters, a writer’s group, will meet tonight to feature a panel on marketing your writing endeavors. Nightwriters will share strategies on the important aspects of selling your writing efforts to agents, editors and publishers. The meeting is at 7 p.m. in the community room of the SLO Library, 995 Palm St.

**TUESDAY**

Poly Escapes, formerly known as ASI Outings, is meeting at 7 p.m. in U.U. room 220. Everyone’s invited to the slide show, and there will be free cookies. This group plans camping, hiking and rafting trips, and all are welcome to join.

The Madonna Street Painting Festival will transform Mission Plaza with colorful, large-scale drawings, using chalk on pavement, by local artists and children. Deadline for registration is today, so if you’d like to purchase a square to promote your business, volunteer as an artist or sponsor a street painter of any age, call 528-6492.

Got the blues? A free workshop on “Coping With Depression” could help you. It takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 150-B South 6th St. in Grover Beach, just south of Grand Avenue. Call 489-1005 to reserve a space.

**THURSDAY**

Go to Farmers’ Market tonight! Stop by the Mentor Alliance’s booth to pick up information on how you can become a mentor and make a difference in a kid’s life. For more information, call the office at 549-3770.

Frank L. Huband, executive director of the American Society for Engineering Education, will give the keynote address at the College of Engineering’s annual awards banquet tonight. The event will also honor students, faculty and staff. Cal Poly students may buy tickets to the banquet for $10. Call 756-6400.

**SATURDAY**

The MS Walk, held across the nation to raise money for fighting multiple sclerosis, takes place in SLO today. This year, more than 350 walkers and volunteers are expected to support this local event. It starts at Santa Rosa Park. To participate, call 682-8783 or 1-800-222-5465.

The Community Flower Show takes place today on campus, in Bldg. 11, next to the Campus Store. As always, there will be stunning, fragrant flowers including roses, orchids and bearded irises. A free shuttle will take you up the hill to the petting zoo, farmers’ market and plant sale. Admission, parking and flower entries are free. For more info, call 544-2096.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Life guards are needed for the Wildflower Triathlons Festival May 1 through 3. If you are interested in volunteering and having tons of fun in the sun, contact Jaime at 541-2435 or Allison at 543-9370. In-service training sessions are this Thursday, April 16, from 7 to 8 p.m. at Crandall Pool.

Montaña De Oro State Park will present the second Celebration of Wildflowers Saturday and Sunday. Saturday’s festivities last from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday’s begin at 1 p.m. at the Holloway Garden, just south of the visitor center. There will be hiking, games for kids and educational lectures. For more info, call 772-2694.

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**Pop Quiz #2**

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a) Aggies
b) Engineers
c) Teachers
d) All of the Above

Correct Answer: d

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also helps level the playing field for students who want to become officers. "If we didn't get the stipend, we'd have to get part-time jobs," Entrti said. "It's hard to find other jobs because we're putting in so much time in the office." The ASI officers are paid with student ASI and University Union fees, Entrti said, and the stipends can be changed. A resolution to increase or decrease the stipends must be introduced in the ASI Personnel Committee, and the Board of Directors makes the decision. Entrti said any officers who would be affected by a change in the stipends must abstain from such a vote.

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Despite students' initial interest, Stern said involvement in the club's activities is waning. "I think a lot of people only do it because their parents want them to," Stern said. "So when they get to Cal Poly and they are on their own, they lose interest pretty rapidly." Stern said there were about 30 people in Hillel this year, but "pretty rapidly," Stern said, "30 people in Hillel this year, but only a core of about 10 people stay involved on a consistent basis." The only qualification for all the glory: two quarters of Journalism 352.

We actually work many more hours than we are paid for...We're making less than minimum wage.

-Cindy Entrti
ASI president

"It's still important to celebrate," Stern said. "It's a different experience to have a meaningful celebration with your friends, instead of your family. It's a new perspective." Carrie Berns, a political science senior, attended the seder on Friday. "I've been in this club for a long time," Berns said. "We make sure we do something every year." Berns just returned from a six-month visit to Israel, and she noticed differences between the Passover celebrations in Israel and the United States. "It's different because there everybody is doing it," Berns said. "Over there, nobody is in school right now. Here, I have to make sure all my homework is done because I'll be with my family the whole weekend." Still, Berns said Passover is a special celebration for many Jewish people. "It's a chance to spend time with family," she said. "It's a holiday you spend in your house, not in the synagogue."

Mustang Daily needs an 1998-99 editor in chief!

Get your cover letter, resume and proposal for 1998-99 Mustang Daily editor in chief to Josie Miller by April 27 at 11 a.m. No later, no exceptions.
By Erik Gregory
A few weeks ago we had a midterm congressional election in which Lois Capps faced Tom Bordonaro. On election day I cast my vote for Lois Capps. As I was walking out of the voting building I realized something significant had occurred because (1) I am a Republican, (2) I voted for Lois Capps and (3) I have not voted for a Democratic candidate in a presidential, congressional or gubernatorial election in the past six years.

As you might recall, Lois Capps won the contest handily. If Lois Capps can beat the Republican opponent with such ease in a "conservative" congressional district then, believe me, our party is in all kinds of trouble. Capps' victory tells us that our party is too far removed from the mainstream and we need to make sure change happens ASAP if the party is to survive.

I propose that we change the party to a few controversial and highly visible political issues to capture our disaffected voters. As one of the disaffected Republicans I think we know what needs to be changed before I would vote for a Republican candidate. We need to discuss the following issues we need to change our stance on:

Abortion
Our party must come to terms with the fact that abortion is here to stay. Abortion has been mentioned in law for years to secure a woman's right to choose and that right will not be given up with out a virtual civil war. Perhaps debate can continue on whether late-term or "partial birth" abortions are legal, but we must realize this is a permanent trimester the choice of whether a woman will carry her pregnancy to term is hers alone.

Homosexual Marriages
Yes, recognizing gay marriages will cost the government some money, but it seems to me that gay people work and pay taxes just as "straight" do. Are they not entitled to the same marital benefits solely on the basis of their participation in the economy?

Some Republican lawmakers claim the Bible condemns homosexuality and use that as an excuse to deny government recognition of gay marriages. Well, the United States is not a theocracy, and thank God it isn't. We have to tell our leaders to give it up and fully recognize the legitimacy of gay marriages.

Race
While it is true that the Constitution explicitly states that citizens can own and bear firearms, it is also true that the founding fathers could not possi bly have foreseen the epidemic of crime in modern America which is fueled, in large part, by the availability of guns. We need strong gun control measures to prevent kids from killing kids. Whether the NRA is giving us, it couldn't possibly be enough.

Affirmative Action
I believe that affirmative action (as long as the program seeks to promote people on the basis of their race and gender) is divisive and belittles the legitimate achievements of women and minorities. Many critics of affirmative action have also argued, and I agree, that affirmative action benefits those who come from elitist backgrounds and does little to help the people whom the program was designed to help. Even so, the problem is that instead of basing affirmative action on race and gender why not base it upon economic necessity? Affirmative action should benefit the economically down franchised, not the elite of any group. Applying affirmative action to this manner would ben efit all races equally and would help stifle criticism of a program. Minorities and women entering the medical profession will no longer be stigmatized as being affirmative action and "over-educated" Americans (most of whom are white) would benefit from a program designed to promote the advancement of those who suffer from poverty.

Education
Although California's population has swelled by a factor of three in the past 30 years, the number of universities has remained about what it was in the 1960s. Our party is responsible for the discrepancy. Spending on education has not kept pace with population growth. We have to remedy that. Providing more for education would not only prepare our students for the highly competitive work environment but it may also help arrest the nagging crime problem. We have to get teachers to reach these kids before the criminal element does.

Poverty
Our party has received harsh criticism for neglecting the poor and much of the criticism is deserved. Since most Republicans own the solid middle-class or upper class background, it is difficult to appreciate the plight of the poverty-strick en. It is almost a given that we don't have the adequate access to education, health care, etc. Is it reasonable to expect a poor kid to com pete with a rich kid who has attended pri vate schools their entire life? Since poorer kids did not choose to be born into poverty they can't be held accountable for their misfortune. We have to help level the playing field. For us to win this election we must give the poor a fighting chance. If it requires more government programs and money, so be it. We must raise the money from our wealthy constituency. Our party has been protecting the sheltered economic elite and I believe the elite should be made to give something back to the country which gave so much to them.

The failure of our party to take decisive action on these issues is not the fault of our voters. The fault is ours. We must reassure them to adopt more humane policies. We must tell them to change their ways before we go down in defeat.

I still find much worth in the Republican Party, but the negative aspects of Republican policies currently outweigh the positive. Changing our policies on the war in Iraq, the war on drugs and health care will force the United States to adopt a more progressive stance on the issues we care about. This will in turn benefit the economically disenfranchised and perhaps give you a better idea of how our military services benefit the economically disenfranchised and perhaps help prevent kids from killing kids.

Erik Gregory is an English graduate student.
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the man, she immediately perceives
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whistling outside her home. When
she ventures outside and encounters
the man, she immediately perceives
as threatening. Before she can
decide what to do, he runs away
without harming her.
Lim said she woke in the middle
of the night and wrote this poem.
She said it is pure fantasy.
"Writing would be pretty boring
we only wrote from our actual
experiences," she said.

At the end of her presentation,
Lim answered questions from the
audience of about 50 students and
faculty. When asked how she makes
a home, she said: "There is home of
nostalgia. There is a birth home, and
a place where you are going to be
buried. Often they are not the
same. For me this is a worry —
like a worry bead. It manifests itself
in my writing a lot."

Lim addressed an inquiry into
the emotions in her writing.
"You tap into your emotions to
make writing what it should be. We
go to our emotions and put it into
the writing," she said.

English senior Sean Perez was
one of several students from a lan-
guage and gender class who attend-
ed Lim's reading. He was particu-
larly interested in her views on
adjusting to new environments.
"I asked her about her home-
land. I am from Southern
California, and sometimes it is hard
for me to relate there after I have
been here for a period of time. I
found her stories personal and
interesting," Perez said.

In conversation after her talk,
Lim relaxed "the lesson of the pome-
grante" to explain what she sees as
a marked contrast between Asian
and Western cultures. Her child-
hood home had a pomegranate tree
in the yard. When the fruit ripened,
she and her eight brothers would
share the hundreds of seeds it con­
tained.

"The lessons of the seeds is that
we all have to share," Lim said. "It is
the sense of growing up in a way
where you are one of a large family,
but you have to care for each other
even if you do not necessarily have
to like each other. It is not whether
you love someone — it is what you
are obliged to do. In the West it is
about taking care of yourself.

In the East it makes it difficult for the individual
to have any value, where here the individual has
value, but there is not community. They are two different
ways of thinking about how to live in the world.
— Shirley Geok-lin Lim, poet
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run.

The Mustangs got two more runs in the game from their eighth and ninth hitters. Junior third baseman Craig Ritter hit his sec-

ond home in the season and sophomore center-

fielder Andrew Watt smacked his fourth of the year in the fourth innings.

Saturday, Cal Poly got a strong pitching performance from fresh-

man left-hander Stan Acres who went eight innings allowing three

runs on four hits with four walks. The win improved Acres to 3-2 on

the season.

The Mustangs jumped on the board first when Sheldon hit a sac-

rifice fly to score Trepor in the second inning but the Hornets

answered right back in the third with a sacrifice fly of their own to

tie the game 1-1.

The Mustangs went on a 5-0 run in the fifth inning when Bailey sin-
gled in Hageman making it 2-1.

The win improved to 6-7 in Big West play and 17-14 overall.

In game one, the Matadors

picked up a 3-1 win in game one.

Chelo Lopez went 2-for-2 in the game and Augusta Belford belted her fourth homerun of the season off Cal Poly's Desarie Knipfer.

In game two, the Matadors

escaped with a 4-3.

The Mustangs jumped out to a

1-0 lead as Kelly Duncan led off the

second inning with a double and

Anna Bauer followed her with a sin-
gle to right to score Duncan. A home

run by Kelly Sack and an RBI by

Kelly Smith tied the game up 3-3.

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**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**Wednesday's Answer:** Will Clark hit his first home run off of pitcher Nolan Ryan at his first major league at bat. 

**Today's Question:** What baseball player holds the record for career home runs in professional baseball? 

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*Doubleheader against New Mexico State University cancelled due to rain.*

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**Univ. of the Pacific**

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**Men's Tennis**

*Match against Fresno State was cancelled this weekend.

**SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY**

*Baseball vs. University of Nevada at San Luis Obispo Stadium at 10 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

*Softball vs. University of the Pacific at Cal Poly softball field at 12 p.m.

**BRIEFS**

**Softball sponsors rooter bus to Fresno**

Daily Staff Report

Cal Poly will sponsor a rooter bus for Mustang fans to travel to Fresno on April 26. Fans can cheer on the Cal Poly softball team as the Mustangs take on the Fresno State softball team, one of the top-ranked teams in the nation.

A round trip ride costs $25 and includes a ticket for the Silverado Stages' deluxe coach, tickets to the game, plus complimentary beverages and lunch. For more information students can call 756-1529.

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*Doubleheader against New Mexico State University cancelled due to rain.*

**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**Univ. of the Pacific**

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**Men's Tennis**

*Match against Fresno State was cancelled this weekend.

**SCHEDULE**

**MONDAY**

*Baseball vs. University of Nevada at San Luis Obispo Stadium at 10 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

*Softball vs. University of the Pacific at Cal Poly softball field at 12 p.m.

**BRIEFS**

**Softball sponsors rooter bus to Fresno**

Daily Staff Report

Cal Poly will sponsor a rooter bus for Mustang fans to travel to Fresno on April 26. Fans can cheer on the Cal Poly softball team as the Mustangs take on the Fresno State softball team, one of the top-ranked teams in the nation.

A round trip ride costs $25 and includes a ticket for the Silverado Stages' deluxe coach, tickets to the game, plus complimentary beverages and lunch. For more information students can call 756-1529.

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The Cal Poly baseball team (14-29, 5-10) won its second consecutive Big West series this weekend but saw its five-game winning streak come to a halt Sunday when they dropped the game to Sacramento State (17-24, 8-10), 10-8.

The Mustangs had a 6-5 lead in the eighth inning but allowed the tying run to score when a wild pitch from starting pitcher, Mike Zirelli, had to retrieve the ball near the backstop. By the time Zirelli threw home, Jackson had slid under the tag.

The next batter, third baseman Brandon Marshall, then belted his fifth hit of the day over the leftfield wall for a two-run homer. It was his third and fourth RBI of the afternoon, and it made the Hornet lead, 8-6.

But the Hornets weren't finished. They got two more singles off Zirelli who was then replaced by sophomore Justin Linquist. He hit Jackson and brought up catcher Mike Dominisse who delivered a double scoring two Hornet runners.

The Mustangs threatened in the bottom of the ninth when Jason Barringer drew a leadoff walk. After Chris Brandlin popped to first, first baseman Steve Wood stroked a double into the leftfield corner.

With runners on second and third, leftfielder Tanner Trooper collected his fourth hit of the day to score Barringer. Senior Matt Bailey stepped up next representing the tying run. But he would never score because his groundball to short produced the eighth and last Mustang out.

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Women's tennis rallies to post win over Pacific

Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly women's tennis team clinched a victory over the University of the Pacific after dominating the doubles play.

Tied 3-3 following singles play, the Mustangs No. 1 and No. 2 doubles rallied to beat Pacific at the Cal Poly tennis courts on Friday afternoon.

With the win, the Mustangs improve to 7-7 on the season.

Pacific picked up the No. 1 singles as Bente Grina needed three sets to defeat Cal Poly's Hanna Brunmet, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2. Cal Poly picked up wins with the No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4 spot.

Cal Poly's No. 2 seed Karen Apra fought hard to rebound from a 6-4 loss to Dina Dajani in the first set. Apra won a 10-6 tiebreaker in the second set to pull even and would earn the third set, 6-3, and the game.

"It was a brilliant come-from-behind win for Karen at No. 2," Cal Poly coach Pete Gunther stated in a release. "She gave us a little lift heading into the doubles."

In the doubles action, Brunmet and Danielle Brandlin paired to win at No. 1 while Apra and Karly Kolb earned the decisive point with a 8-4 decision over Marcela Sanchez and Diana D'Audrey.

"We clinched the doubles match with aggressive and dominating tennis at the No. 1 and No. 2 spots," added Gunther in the release. "This was really a big win for the Mustangs. It should catapult them up in the Big West rankings."