North speaks

Ollie North visits Cal Poly, delivers speech on opportunities for students

By Lauren Nowenstein

Lt. Col. Oliver North, a Reagan-era household name, and current radio talk show host, spoke Thursday to a crowd in Cal Poly's Little Theater that gave him two standing ovations. Facing between American flags and bouquets of red, white and blue balloons, North said he is a "chronic optimist" about opportunities open to the young people of America.

North began his speech by stating six four-letter words he firmly believes in: "work, kids, life, free, safe and guns." He spoke of having a vision for the future of America using six words: work, life, free, safe and guns.

Forests hold natural lessons

Professor studies fire management in Sequoia National Forest

By Mike Munson

Professor Ansgar Piirto teaches forestry and natural resources management at Cal Poly, but don't always expect to find him behind a desk. He is just as at home among a forest of trees as he is in front of a classroom.

Piirto returned to Cal Poly this quarter after a year-long sabatical in which he worked for the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service in the Sequoia National Forest. There he worked on a recently completed report entitled "An Ecological Foundation for Management of National Forest Giant Sequoia Ecosystems."

The report is part of a process called ecosystem management. Piirto's job was to garner and interpret knowledge of giant sequoias into a working plan for their preservation and management. Giant sequoias are found in approximately 75 groves, occupying 36,000 acres of forest, in a narrow 260-mile long belt in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. Individual giant sequoias are some of the largest and oldest living organisms in the world. Beginning in the 1860's and into this century, the trees were commercially logged in great numbers. Between 1926 and 1960 most of the trees were commercially logged in great numbers. Between 1926 and 1960 most of the trees were commercially logged in great numbers. Between 1926 and 1960 most of the trees were commercially logged in great numbers. Between 1926 and 1960 most of the trees were commercially logged in great numbers.

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Lungren campaigns in Southern California

SUN CITY (AP) — Republican gubernatorial candidate Dan Lungren courted voters in the state's fastest-growing region Saturday, calling Southern California's Inland Empire an area of "huge significance" to his campaign.

"We wanted to make sure that the Inland Empire was up at the top of the list," he said. "It is increasingly becoming conservative and Republican. We want to make sure we use this opportunity to get every single vote for our team."

Lungren's effort to tap into this swing district came little more than two weeks before Californians pick their next governor.

Democratic candidate Gray Davis led Lungren 48 percent to 42 percent in the latest poll, with 10 percent of voters undecided. The survey had a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

Lungren met with supporters at the newly opened Republican headquarters in Riverside County's Sun City.

He joined volunteers making phone calls to people to urge them to vote Republican on Nov. 3.

"Talk to your friends and make sure they don't forget to vote," he told one person in a phone call. "This is going to be a very close election."

The GOP nominee also lashed out at his Democratic opponent in a speech at the headquarters for refus­ ing to debate a fifth time. The two candidates debated Thursday in San Francisco, but have not scheduled a Los Angeles debate as originally planned.

"We had a handshake agreement," said Lungren, who appeared in a blue short-sleeve Lungren for Governor shirt. "If my opponent can't even keep this simple promise, how can he keep any of the promises he makes to the people of California."

Lungren issued an appeal to Davis to meet for a fifth debate on Davis terms: he offered not to use notes and to let Davis bring along President Clinton, who is visiting California this week.

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out human intervention today; many giant sequoias would be killed due to the intensity of the fire caused by the heavy buildup of brush and smaller trees.

Piirto said since the groves have been altered from their natural states, people must care­ fully manage the ecosystems in order to simulate a nat­ ural environment.

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"How do we maintain fire as a process so that we're creating natural conditions?" Piirto asked.

Piirto said measures such as thinning trees in order to reduce the risk of catastrophic fires are an impor­ tant step.

Some people find these actions hard to accept though. The public values the beauty of the groves and many do not see how allowing fires to burn and giant sequoias to be cut can be environmentally responsible actions.

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Piirto's report contains 21 mea­ sures addressing issues such as fire control and tree thinning. The mea­ sures not only discuss biological impacts, but also socio-economic concerns such as logging and envi­ ronmental concerns.

Piirto said the Forest Service must educate the public and promote understanding in order for ecosystem management to work. People often object to measures taken because they are concerned about individual trees instead of the health of an entire ecosystem.

Piirto's giant sequoia study is only one in a long line. After earning his Ph.D. he spent 10 years with the Forest Service before coming to Cal Poly.

After coming to Cal Poly Piirto continued to do special projects for the Forest Service and other agencies.

He said the outside work keeps him current. In addition to his sil­ viculture classes at Cal Poly, Piirto is also the Forest Projects Director at the school for­ est in Swanton, north of Santa Cruz. His students analyze and make recommendations to his forest management plan in a true natural classroom.

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problems or they may think they are not in need of these services. However, Ringe says that students at one time or another could benefit from talking with someone.

The American College Health Association says self help is the first step to take if you fear you or a loved one might be depressed. Some of the initial symptoms such as:

- Deep and prolonged hopelessness
- Talk of death
- Giving away prized possessions

These are all signs of possibly needing professional help. [Brings hope] to make students more aware of these signs to prevent future tragedies says Mark to Ringe by offering more comprehensive on-line services and professional presentations. What friends and family do to help some­one who is depressed? The ACHA says that being supportive, honest, showing that you care, and knowing when to back off and give them the space of helping someone facing depression. They also say, "You can't fix your friend's life or change his or her mood.

Although you may be tempted, don't try to give advice or take charge. Just listen.

The tournament raised just under $2,000 and involved more than 130 faculty, staff and students. Polly Harrigan, a main organizer of the tournament, said the turnout would not have been possible without the help from the Greek organizations on campus.

Pam Ringe said her son would have said, "I gotta get a team."
**Education is failing fast**

With California's K-12 education system at all-time low, one might become very concerned about the future of our great state. Educational programs at the elementary and high school level have ranked in the bottom five states in the nation; that's somewhere between Mississippi and Alabama.

It goes without saying, this is not an acceptable ranking for the Golden State; we are the home of the growing, most productive state in the nation. If we were our own country we would replace Canada on the list of the seven most productive economies in the world (commonly referred to as G-7 nations).

So, what can we do to rescue our public schools which seem to fall further and further behind no matter what kind of money we inject into them?

The answer I am about to give may seem simplistic, and your average, everyday, card-carrying liberal will tell you I am robbing poor kids to help the rich, but in my mind the answer is most basic and most in tune with our national philosophy. Here is my plan to inject competition into the K-12 education system of California and all across the land it works here.

How, you might ask, does one put competition into a public-nom system? After all, the things that are publically run, like the LMU, the mail, etc., usually don't compete with anything or anyone, hence their inefficiency and their employees' usual lack of zeal for their jobs. Why work to finish a task or please a customer when you know the customer can't go anywhere else, and finishing the task might mean you're out of a job?

The answer is offer school vouchers to parents who want to send their children to private schools. Instead of paying taxes for public schools, the parent who wants to send their child to a private school would receive a certain amount of money from the government. This will enable those who might not have enough money to attend private school to close the gap and receive the education and opportunities they are not currently able to receive in K-12 public schools.

One might say this would put all public schools out of business because they won't be able to compete. To the contrary, public institutions, like any other will be able to adjust and compete. Somehow, some way the California Teachers Association will figure out their problem, stop breeding complacency and feed incompetence with tenure and start running their schools like any other business.

As proof of this I offer the shining example of California's public university system. It is heralded as one of, if not the finest university systems in the United States. Yet it does not exist in a competition-free environment. Rather see, Cal Poly, compete with Stanford, LMU, Santa Maria, etc., the list goes on and on.

Despite this competition from those "rich kid private schools" (a class warrior like our president might say) we have seen to this top of the CSU and, arguably, the top of undergraduate education in California. And all of this being a public institution in competition with other private schools. If the CSU and UC (the second to the second level in the nation) can do it as public institutions, so can K-12 education.

Let competition, the basic economic principle of our land, do its magic. It has worked for Poly, Berkeley, UCLA etc., let it work for the next generation in K-12.

Aron J. DeFerrari is a political science sophomore.

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**Hip, hip, hooray for Cal Poly Homecoming**

**Editor:**

I love band! I would just like to let all of Cal Poly know that I love band.

I am a Chop (rumpet player) in the Cal Poly Mustang Band, and I really just can't get enough of band. Along with having band comes school spirit; it's all part of the package of being in a marching band.

We've got spirit, and we've got attitude. I went to donate blood last month, but they wouldn't take me. Naturally, I was curious, so I asked why the blood bank didn't want my blood. The attendant said that after seeing the initial tests, it seemed that I have green and gold coming through my veins instead of the red blood the average Poly student has. That's right, you heard me, I bleed green and gold!

This week is Homecoming, and I'm getting really excited! I've got to sit down, I'm so excited about everything that's going to be happening this week. All of the events to raise school spirit, what a worthy cause!

The Mustang Band is going to be especially busy with performances all over campus. On Thursday, we'll be at the AU Activity Hour, playing a whole bunch of awesome music, along with football coach Larry Welsh who is going to be there to help us get pumped up for the football game on Saturday.

Friday, we're going to get the Homecoming rally! Be sure to watch for us in the Mock Rock and the Laugh Olympics, and get to the stands and the bleachers are already full of ball-naked students whose' Kxlies are covered in green and gold paint. We want that stadium to reverberate with the screaming of 9000 people who are having the time of their lives. Come support our football team and our school in a great week of green and gold. One last time — I love band!

Jeff Napor is an aeronautical engineering junior.

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**If your favorite activity became an olympic sport, what would it be and what would you place?**

- **$alepting, I love to sleep and I would get first place. I'd get the gold. I'm a huge fan of sleep ing.**
  - Heather Ferreira 
  - philosophy sophomore

- **Gold. I'd get first, of course.**
  - Adam Jessup 
  - business freshman

- **It would have to be beer drinking, and I'd definitely be first.**
  - Chris Adamian 
  - computer engineering senior

- **Eating popcorn. I'd get maybe twenty-third place.**
  - Deborah Ting 
  - food science freshman

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Blaming everyone exonerates the real criminals

Editor:

In Craig Metcalf’s editorial titled, “We need to promote acceptance instead of persecution,” he has gone a long way toward exonerating the murderers in the Matthew Shepard case of criminalizing everyone else. Were these four people victims of a society that drove them to commit murder? After all, they were bombarded with discriminating rhymes every time they used a public restroom, and we all know that bathroom walls are powerful subversive tools designed to drive innocent people criminally insane.

This idea is obviously nonsense, as are most of the ideas put forth in Craig’s editorial. There are exactly four people guilty of this crime. Invoking guilt in anyone else is setting a dangerous precedent that invalidates the personal freedoms that Craig is trying to protect. Do we really want to monitor legislators so closely to ensure what they say on the senate floor? Free and open discussion is the cornerstone of our democratic process.

If Senator Lott thinks that homosexuality is a mental disorder, then let’s get that out in the open. We need to look into the issue, and see if we can prove it one way or the other. The senator was not incriminating himself in the murder of a young man in Wyoming; he was engaging in the democratic process. What else do you believe in, Senator? I may not agree, but I want to know.

Just as free speech is not a crime in the legal process, it is not a crime among the populace either. If people like Craig invoke guilt in those who disagree with him, how are we ever going to get anything accomplished? It is a weak strategy, and counterproductive in the face that guilt stifles debate instead of encouraging it. My neighbor will vote the way he believes on issues of homosexuality, and I will vote mine. This is democracy, and it is what makes us free.

If we are going to write laws that legalize gay marriage, then let the debate begin. It is wrong to criminalize those who believe gay marriage, or even homosexuality in general, is wrong. Let people express openly their beliefs, otherwise social change is impossible.

This topic fits nicely into the broader issue of hate crimes. Under current penal codes in most states (not Wyoming), there are more severe penalties for committing a crime if it is motivated by racial or sexual hatred. These laws go beyond prosecuting crime to impinging on personal freedom.

Criminals stand trial before their peers for illegal actions they have committed. Their beliefs that drove them to the crime have no place in the justice system beyond establishing motive. Hate crime laws are a tool of a few forcing their value system on the population as a whole. Regardless of what values we hold, it is undeniable that it is our intrinsic right as human beings to formulate those values on our own, and not have them dictated to us by government regulations.

This is a basic human right, afforded to even the worst criminals. It is criminal action, and not beliefs that deserve punishment.

Today, I am feeling discriminated against by people like Craig for what I believe. I feel guilty because I feel no guilt in the murder of Matthew Shepard. I feel guilty because I always vote conservatively on issues of personal freedom, and governmental intrusion in our lives. I feel guilty because I never wear my seat belt, and have indirectly influenced someone else not to, who has died in an accident because of that choice. I feel guilty for believing in freedom. But, most of all, I feel guilty because I enjoy reading those rhymes on the bathroom wall.

Matthew Clark is a graduate student.

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From that point on both teams traded points until they were tied, 13-13. After a block by Mustang outside hitter Melissa Pierce to make it 13-12, both teams then participated in the longest and most exciting rally of the match for game point. After three successive blocks by Mustang players which Roadrunner players were able to keep in play, the game ended with a harmless lob over the net by setter Jill Batts (18 assists) that managed to land inside a group of opposing players. The second game was almost a carbon copy of the first one. The Mustangs put the game away with an inexperienced team. Cal Poly is just a well rounded team that had too many weapons for us tonight." said Phillips who raced against some tough competition. Next, the team that opened up a gap between himself and the Cal Poly pack. Phillips said, "We are going for the conference title and simple. We should get it. It's going to be tough but we should do it.

**——Sean Phillips**

**cross country runner**

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"We are going for the conference title and simple. We should get it. It's going to be tough but we should do it."

By Jose Garcia

Mustang Daily

For the second consecutive year the men's cross country team won the Cal Poly Cross Country Invitational. The women also did well — placing third in the biggest meet held on the Central Coast.

Approximately 5,500 runners competed at the Fairbanks Memorial Cross Country Course on Saturday. There were divisions for high school, junior college and college runners.

Mustang Sean Phillips finished first in the five mile race in a time of 26:27. Seven Cal Poly runners finished in the top 15 in the men's University/Open division.

"I was really surprised to win," said Phillips who raced against some tough competition. Next, the team that opened up a gap between himself and the Cal Poly pack. Phillips said, "We are going for the conference title and simple. We should get it. It's going to be tough but we should do it."

In the women's University/Open three mile race Cal Poly freshman Allison Millholen took the top spot, 9th, for the team with an 18:38 mark. According to Phillips, at the two-mile mark Amslem took the lead and opened up a gap between himself and the Cal Poly pack. Phillips said, "We are going for the conference title and simple. We should get it. It's going to be tough but we should do it."

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YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

Dr. Joseph Boydstone holds the record with 11 holes-in-one in one year.

Congrats Doug Phillips!

TODAY'S QUESTION

What was the original name of the Los Angeles Dodgers?

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Mustangs disappointed with 2-2 tie

By Trisha Thorn
Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly men's soccer team added another tie to their record (6-4-2) Friday night when they played the University of Denver at Mustang Stadium.

The game ended in a 2-2 tie despite going into overtime, and left Denver 3-8-1.

Head coach Wolfgang Gartner hoped to beat Denver, a game he said could be crucial in the end. However, he said he was using this game as an experiment for the upcoming games against UC Berkeley, on Oct. 23, and Stanford, on Oct. 25.

With the loss of juniors David Yasso and Rafael Alim due to injuries, Gartner decided to activate freshmen Spencer Frankenberger and Eli McGarva.

Both Frankenberger and McGarva said they had fans and were just happy to be playing.

Along with Frankenberger and McGarva, Gartner also played 3 other freshmen. Gartner said he used the Denver game to give the younger players some game time and try them out before the next two games.

According to Gartner, the freshmen are important now and will have a good impact on the team.

"With the loss of Dave and Alim, the freshmen will serve us well," said Gartner.

Gartner couldn't have been more right. With Denver in the lead 1-0 at the half, Gartner started Frankenberger in the second half. Frankenberger scored the first of two goals 65 minutes into the game, off an assist by a teammate James Newton.

In the 87th minute Frankenberger scored again with another assist from Newton and senior Jacob Moody. Just when it looked like Cal Poly had the game wrapped up, Denver's Dayro Christian Chen scored their second goal with just two minutes left in regulation play.

There was a total of 44 shots on goal in the 120-minute game. Cal Poly finished with 24. Fifteen of those came in overtime, but the teams only scored a couple of goals in each period.

According to Frankenberger, the team did quite a few close opportunities to score. He also said there were a couple other goals that he should have made.

"If that last shot near the end had a little more power, it could've been game," said Frankenberger.

Denver also had quite a few missed opportunities in overtime, and Cal Poly goalie Brenton Junge finished the game with nine saves.

Frankenberger said that while the team didn't play as strongly as they could have in the first half, they picked up speed in the second half and almost had the game.

McGarva agreed that the Mustangs should have beat Denver.

"We can't lose home games against teams like this," said McGarva.

PUSHPING THROUGH: Junior midfielder Rob Helen dribbles down field while pushing defenders away.