Historic event honors Marine Corps birthday

SLO County recognizes 30,000 Marines at Vet’s Hall tonight

By Britt Fekete
Mustang Daily

For the thousands of local veterans and the millions of men and women nationwide who have served in the United States military, Wednesday will be their day. For veterans from World War I to Vietnam to Desert Storm, a special day is set aside for recognition, respect and honor.

The 10,000 marines in San Luis Obispo County will be honored Tuesday night at the San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial Hall, in observance of Veterans’ Day and to celebrate the 223rd birthday of the Marine Corps.

Wayne Montgomery, a Marine, Vietnam veteran and Cal Poly reference librarian, said the purpose of the Marine Corps Birthday Ball and celebration of the holiday is to pay respect to all veterans, not just those who went to war. He said that once people volunteer to serve they have the potential of giving up their lives for our country.

“Veterans Day is to honor all the people who serve in the military whether it is during a war or not,” Montgomery said. “It is to give thanks to those people who volunteer to do something for the rest of society.”

Montgomery and four other members of the 1998 USMC Birthday Committee have been working on the celebration for months.

“Our goal for this year was making it bigger,” said committee member Tim Haley, “We got together and went for it.”

Planners estimate more than 200 people will come to the celebration. In past years, the turnout has only been twenty to thirty attendees.

Haley said the event will be historic, with many generations of marines together wearing their medals, ribbons and, if possible, their uniforms.

Montgomery said every Marine who went to Vietnam received a yellow ribbon for service, regardless of how each one was involved.

“The fact that you were there is the important thing,” he said.

The event is from 7 to 11 p.m., includes dinner, a ceremonial playing of the Marine Corps Hymn, posting of the colors (a formal salute to the flag), and a display of military memorabilia.

The evening will end with dancing. A traditional cake-cutting ceremony will also take place where the youngest and oldest marine in attendance will use a sword to cut the cake. This year’s guest of honor will be Brig. Gen. David V. Shuter.

Montgomery said special recognition see VETERANS, page 2

Web walk-up system simplifies job searches

By Steve Noone
Mustang Daily

The World Wide Web may be a Cal Poly student’s most valuable tool for finding a job.

From the Career Services website, students get information on jobs offered by the almost 100 employers attending the Nov. 23 Fall Job Fair, schedule interviews with employers visiting campus, view listings of summer jobs and internships, link to nation-wide job searches web sites, and register their resume on an online database through a system called Web Walk-Up.

"Web Walk-Up is a program where students post their resume and do interview sign-ups for careers and co-ops," said Joan Ganous, Career Services office manager for student employment.

Ganous says the Web Walk-Up system makes it easy to pair students up with jobs that match their qualifications.

"Say a business calls us and asks for information on senior computer science majors," she said. "We search through the resumes on the system and then print out the ones that match.

Career Services then mails or faxes the resumes out, and the employers contact the students. Ganous said potential employers call her office first when looking to hire students and as

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native of Honduras and secretary of the Honduras Relief Committee, a Bay Area organization.

"This did not only devastate the people of Honduras, but people like me, and others, that call this country home," she said. Pined is in charge of gathering supplies donated from the Central Coast.

According to Pined, almost 50% of the country is underwater. Survivors are without food, water, and other basic living necessaries.

"We're basically trying to gather things that are needed after the clean-up," Pined said. "These donations will be used in the long process of rebuilding devastated communities."

Among the supplies being collected are medical and health supplies, clothing, construction materials, shelter equipment and non-perishable food and water. Donations can be brought to 711 Chorro St.

Other groups have joined to help the distressed country, including Student Community Services, the International Student Club and the Newman Catholic Fellowship.

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tion will be given to those who fought in World War II.

The motto, "Once a Marine, always a Marine," instills a strong sense of brotherhood into those who have served and those who have experienced the realities of war.

While serving in Vietnam, Montgomery was part of a 30-day mission that became one of his worst nightmares, but reinforced his faith in the Marine Corps and the sense of brotherhood he was taught.

During an attack on an ally troop nearby, Montgomery's unit was trying to find the same radio frequency as the troops being attacked, who were unaware Montgomery's unit was trying to contact them. Montgomery said when he found the same frequency, he heard the soldiers being killed.

"There was screaming, yelling and crying and then nothing," he said. "It was one of the most horrific things I was involved in. We couldn't tell them that we were going over there to help."

Montgomery said he learned in Vietnam that there is no rhyme or reason to death — that only a few feet away one soldier could be wounded or killed and another soldier would not be touched.

"The most heroic people sometimes lived, sometimes died," he said. Montgomery enlisted with the Marine Corps in 1965, at a time when it wasn't cool or popular to be in the military, he said.

"For young people it was fashionable to be anti-military," he said. "Basically I was part of the apathetic group and had not formed my political opinion."

Montgomery said he joined because other family members were Marines, and because he didn't believe in himself.

"I had no idea what I wanted to do with my life. I had fallen in with a group that was using drugs, and my life was going nowhere," he said. "Then I saw the sign, "Uncle Sam Wants You.""

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Mechanical engineering sophomore Ivan Molina is helping to coordinate these groups. He is very concerned about the situation because he used to live in Honduras and his family currently lives there.

According to Molina, these groups have set the goal of raising $19,200. Every member of the Cal Poly community donates a dollar, their goal could be met.

"Sometimes (students) are cheap, but we're just asking for $1 from everybody, just a little bit from everybody could help save a lot of lives."

The groups plan to set up contribution boxes all over campus, and possibly in some local businesses.

Monetary contributions can also be made at the Community Service and Learning Center, Room 217 in the University Union, or sent to San Luis, Community Service Coordinator, Student Life, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407.

Checks should be made out to Friends of Student Community Service.

The money will be donated to the Red Cross, Molina said. These groups are also setting up a collection center in front of the Fire Center for students who wish to donate relief supplies. According to Pined, there is an estimated $7 million need to get the country running. There has been about $3 million donated already.

"Although organizations in and out of Honduras, along with family and friends, are doing their part to respond to this serious emergency, much more is needed" as survivors struggle to rebuild their country, Pined said.

"They live not very far away from here and they're suffering a lot," Molina said. "The situation is real."

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U. South Florida students organize Mitch relief effort

TAMPA, Fla. (UPI) — Honduran officials lowered the estimated death toll Thursday from more than 15,000 people killed by Hurricane Mitch to 4,070 deaths.

But that has not slowed the efforts of relief workers on campus, who are teaming up to bring aid to the devastated residents of Honduras.

"At all of the Homecoming events there will be opportunities to donate food and clothing," said "I have never personally had to experience the death of people who are very close to me, so looking at kids in the mud and just torn at me."

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- Edwin Narain

former Florida State University student body president

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"I put it on there, and it was election day, and all that was covered was the election and I said, 'Wait a minute,' there are 8,000 people dead in the world and no one is really paying attention," Narain said.

That's when Narain said he started contacting Student Government and Homecoming organizers to see if they could help.

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But Narain isn't the only person leading the charge to help Hondurans.

Both the Caribbean Cultural Exchange and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers are accepting donations for transport to needy victims.

"We are doing it through Safe Team, just using the office and the employees to pick the goods up," she said. "If students don't want to bring their things over themselves, they can just call and we will have a team pick it up."
Take a break from the race

I recently discovered the meaning of life. This is a rather scary thing when you are 20, but I believe I have found it. Life is the simple pleasures. We live in a society where more money just leads to needing more money. So, what's my point?

Life is not made up of what we feel we must do. Life is made up of all the experiences that enrich our being: the simple pleasures. We live in a society where the simplest pleasures are said to be working hard and reaching your goals. These things are fine and worthwhile, but, taken alone, they do not make us or make us happy. The moments that make life worth living cannot be evaluated for their purpose or achievement value. They are simply the moments where we enjoy ourselves. A stimulating conversation with a friend over a cup of espresso, a moonlit walk on the beach alone with your thoughts and the beauty of the night, stolen kisses on top of a Ferris wheel — these are the moments that, when relished, make life a precious, priceless jewel.

So go to school, do your homework, and work for the almighty dollar, but don't forget all these things put together cannot give your life as much meaning as you enjoy the little things in life. All the OAPs, their impressive resumes and the guarantee of success and happiness when they graduate. Their lives consist of going to school, working, studying, sleeping and then a repetition of those activities. They think they are living their lives to the fullest extent possible. For these people, life passes by unsavored, and the happiness they work so hard to attain states them in the face, unrecognized.

Even at such a young age, so many of us are already caught in the never-ending rat race. We work so hard that we may never truly live unencumbered. Reality is, that day will never come. Responsibilities only compound and earning more money just leads to needing more money. So, what's my point?

The majority of Americans are ignorant about the rest of the world, including Australia. Americans are ethnocentric. They are taught to believe that they are living in the best, most powerful country in the world. What a joke! Australia is not just a so-called convict country any more.

Along with America's ignorance is the stereotypical views of Australia. For those of you who have been to Australia, you know that it is not one big beach, and kangaroos don't hop up and down the city streets. Sure we have some great surf and there are kangaroos that live in the bush, but there's more to Australia than that. Another huge stereotype is Fosters beer. I'm amazed at how many Cal Poly students assume that Australians drink that stuff. I'm sorry to disappoint you, but it's not one of the most popular beers in Oz. It is marketed in other countries, like the United States, and monopolized. The Foster beer you buy here doesn't even taste like the Foster you buy in Australia anyway — because they make it in Canada.

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The extreme to that stereotype is the belief that the majority of Americans are obese because of the thousands of fast-food places at your disposal. Americans also have a reputation of being arrogant and snobby. The Jerry Springer Show screened in Australia certainly enforces this.

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If we can overcome our differences and overcome our cynicism, we will set ourselves free to pursue our destiny.

Steve Noone is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Vice President Gore's idea is just one project where the cost outweighs the benefits. He wants to send a satellite into space with the purpose of bearing back pictures of the earth for everyone to be able to watch on TV. While having one more channel to watch might be nice, the cost to taxpayers is estimated at $50 million.

Gore said the sight of the earth "will have an inspirational value that's hard to describe." Other have criticized this, including John Pike, spokesperson for the Federation of American Scientists. He Gore's satellite idea is "about as interesting as watching the grass grow."

Another project that shows NASA is not a wise use of our tax dollars is the space station. Originally started as an ambitious $36 billion-dollar project that would create a self-sufficient environment in space, it has dwindled to another Mir-like station that will house only eight and will need constant and costly resupply missions via shuttle. The station involves countries such as Russia, Japan and part of Europe in the former of the European Space Agency. Squabbling and delays threaten to drive up costs even more.

NASA has no public benefit to offer, but they are hobbled by a lack of leadership and a weakness for new technology. They are still using essentially a huge bomb to propel people and equipment into space. How that bomb explodes is how we determine the success or failure of a mission. Until NASA can propose a cheaper, more efficient way to do these things, this money could be better invested in education and social security – two things the American people need now.

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The Mustangs finished the season 9-6-1 overall and placed second in the Big West Conference. University of the Pacific captured first in the conference and earned the automatic bid into the playoffs.

Pacific joins nine other teams from the Western region in the selection. Santa Clara, UC Berkeley, UCLA, Stanford, Brigham Young University, Portland State, San Diego State, Washington State and USC all received bids in the Western region. San Diego State was the only team selected that the Mustangs defeated this season.

"The West had the strongest region this year which is a justification for more teams," Crozier said.

North Carolina earned the No. 1 seed in the tournament. The postseason field expanded by 12 teams this year to 48, which gave the Mustangs a better opportunity for postseason play after being over looked the past four out of five years. "Hopefully we'll learn from this," Crozier said.

Tyson expected to announce comeback fight next week

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Mike Tyson is expected to make his return to the boxing ring next week.

A news conference has been tentatively set in New York for Tyson to announce he will fight on Jan. 16 at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas.

The opponent still hasn't been signed, but South Africa's Francois Botha remains the front-runner. If Tyson's handlers can't come to terms with Botha in the next few days, they will turn to either Vaughn Bean or Denmark's Brian Nielsen.

"It will probably be Botha, but that's not certain yet," Tyson adviser Shelly Finkel said Monday.

Finkel said he expects to hold a news conference next Tuesday in New York to formally announce the latest comeback for the former heavyweight champion.

Tyson, who won his boxing license back last month from Nevada boxing authorities, will make millions once again in what will be his first fight in 20 months. He had his license taken away for being Evander Holyfield's co-conspirator in his last bout.

Tyson needs the money, despite having made more than $100 million in the ring since getting out of prison in 1995. He is in financial trouble and the IRS has a $15 million lien on his property for failing to pay taxes.

Just how much Tyson will make for his first fight back since biting Holyfield in 1990 is still a matter of speculation, but it is expected to easily exceed the amount he owes the IRS. Tyson's official purse for his prior comeback in August 1995 against Peter McNeeley was $25 million, although he later ended up with only half of that.

The Jan. 16 fight will be shown on Showtime pay-per-view, and executive producer Jon Lucin expects it to do extremely well.

"He has lost his last two fights, yet he probably commands more focus and attention than any fighter in history," Lucin said.

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Eleven players are gone from last year's team, including five of the top six scorers. This year's roster has eight freshmen and only five returning players.

"It's a dramatically different team we're seeing on the court — it's very exciting. I think they're going to be very good," Mimnagh said.

Shelby Frazier, a psychology junior, is a returning guard. She acknowledged there are challenges with so many new players, but said the returners know how to shape and lead the team.

"Our whole attitude is different from last year," Frazier said. "We're positive and excited to get after it and get some wins."

Mimnagh said the incoming freshman are strong rebounders, an area last year's team was weak in. She also sees improved passing and team play in practices.

Mimnagh said several of the new players have the potential to secure the conference Freshman of the Year award.

Kristy Baker is one of those freshmen, but she has more than the average high school experience. Baker is a psychology freshman, but the 21-year-old has played in the Australian club system for four years. Mimnagh first saw her play in Australia in 1994. After taking a year-long break from basketball and school in Europe, Baker came to Cal Poly at Mimnagh's urging.

Baker, a point guard and an excellent three-point shooter, has taken a leadership role on the team because of her experience, according to her coach. Baker said fun participation is important to a team's success.

"We're really excited about the year and we want as much support as we can get," she said. She added that although such a young team will probably take three or four years to reach its peak, the players and coaches are working hard this season to triple last year's number of wins.

Business senior Kristy Griffin is returning to the team after a year's absence. Griffin, a guard, said morale is very high among team members this year and they are growing together.

"I think the greatest thing I could ask for is to keep team morale high and to go into every game with a competitive spirit," Griffin said. "I think we have a lot of potential and we're going to step up and surprise a lot of people."

Mimnagh said all of the team's preseason games are winnable. She would especially like to beat Montana, which would likely bring the Mustangs national exposure.

Big West Conference games will begin with the game at Boise State on Jan. 8. Mimnagh said UC Santa Barbara is "the team for anybody to beat — both in the league and the country."

The top-ranked team is definitely a challenge, but the Mustangs are planning to give the Gauchos a good game.
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was a battle," Garten said. "Both teams played their hearts out to set up for post-season."

With the loss, the Mustangs fell to 1-6-2 overall. Cal Poly drops to fourth place in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation at 5-3. UCLA improves to 15-2 overall and moves into first place tie with Washington State in the MPSF at 6-1. The Mustangs will play two must-win games to finish out the season. Cal Poly travels to Santa Barbara Nov. 13 for the final MPSF match of the season. The Mustangs will finish the regular season Nov. 15 against Mustang Stadium against Cal State Northridge.

"If we beat Santa Barbara on Friday it comes down to almost a playoff character game on Sunday against Northridge. The big prize at the end is still there," Garten said. The prize at the end is still there,"

Five percent of these teams are already determined based on standings according to Garten. "But in the other 15 percent is a nice reality to deal with," Garten said. "If we beat Santa Barbara we have a 75 percent chance of being picked to go to the NCAA playoffs. If we lose Friday we are done," Garten said.

The Mustangs have been playing through a season while the team is riddled with injuries. Haynes played on Sunday on a recovering ankle.

"The guys off the bench came through," Garten said. "The freshmen are really stepping up in place of injured players."

On Friday, the Mustangs defeated Sacramento State 2-1. Freshman Derek Moore stepped into the goalkeeper position for Jorge who was out after losing a tooth and in on a clearing attempt right in front of the box.

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— Wolfgang Garten men's soccer head coach
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**Mustangs fall to UCLA, face must-win games**

By Kimberly Kaney

Mustang Daily

Two mistakes was all it took for defending national champions UCLA to seal a victory over Cal Poly, 2-0.

"If we had avoided costly mishaps it would have been a real cliffhanger in the end," said head coach Wolfgang Gartner.

Brin Tom Puhl blasted a close-up shot from the left side of the box past a charging goalkeeper, Brenton Junge, to give UCLA a 1-0 lead just seven minutes into the game.

UCLA didn't relax on the pressure. Pete Vaglaras added to the Bruins score thirty minutes later as he lifted a shot over Junge's head and just under the crossbar from the top of the box.

In the second half, the Mustangs were on the attack keeping the ball on the Bruins half for most of remaining minutes. UCLA outshot Cal Poly 14-7, six of the Cal Poly shots came at the end when a shot by Vince Harding flew just wide of the left side of the goal.

**Matt King**

NCAA passes on Poly women

The Cal Poly women's soccer team will have to keep working. The NCAA passed over the Mustangs in its selection of the top 48 teams in the country for the playoff season.

"We were on the bubble and had a chance with the expanded field. It's disappointing, but we still needed to win some games," said Head Coach Alex Creeter, after the announcement was made Sunday evening.

**Joe Nolan**

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**Women's basketball prepares for new season, new players**

By Mike Munson

Mustang Daily

After last season's 6-20 record, women's basketball players have reason to be wary when making predictions for this season. Instead though, players are expressing confidence and excitement about a fresh start for the team.

Head Coach Faith Minnaha wasn't chosen to lead the team in Morris after a year as interim coach. She said last year's team was actually better than the numbers show.

"Our record was not a good indication of how much we improved last year," Minnaha said, but this season is looking to be much better, especially with so many young players.

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**Down and Out:** The Mustangs suffered a tough loss Sunday to No. 1 ranked UCLA, 2-0. The Mustangs have two league games remaining in the MPSF.

Dawn Kalmar/Mustang Daily

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**SPORTS TRIVIA**

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER**

The San Diego Chargers have the top-rated defense in the NFL.

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