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Religious groups on campus provide respite for students
By Andrea Parker
Mustang Daily

More than a dozen religious organizations on campus offer fellowship and education for students of varying beliefs.
Club activities range from weekly Bible study meetings to fund raising to various philanthropies and community service. Many of these organizations are part of national or international student movements.

Firefighter documentary spotlights former prof
US Forest Service smokejumper to be featured on History Channel in April
By Julie O'Shea
Mustang Daily

A retired Cal Poly English professor spent two thrilling summers in the late 1940s parachuting out of planes and into forest fires. A television production company now plans to feature him in an upcoming documentary about forest fires.

A television producer recently interviewed Starr Jenkins about his experiences as a flying firefighter for a documentary about fire disasters. Jenkins received a call from the producer after the production company had discovered Jenkins had written a book on fires.

According to Towers Productions producer Roy Larson, "Firestorms" is part of an ongoing disaster series on the History Channel. The documentary, which will air April 8, focuses on the Oakwood Hill fire and the Mann Gulch fire, which Jenkins wrote about in his novel published in 1995.

"Smokejumpers '49 Returns in the Sky" is a collection of 21 stories about the smoke jum ped during the summer of 1949, compiled from Jenkins memories. Three of his chapters are dedicated to the Mann Gulch fire in northern Montana, which killed 13 smokejumpers. Jenkins didn’t jump that fire, but recalls the tragic story in grim clarity from the accounts of two survivors in his crew.

"The dangers of the job are plentiful," Jenkins said in the production. "Yet the attractions of the job are such that many jumpers get addicted to the adrenaline high, coming back year after year, wishing to remain forever among those elite fraternity, the 'brothers in the sky.'"

Jenkins was a smokejumper for the United States Forest Service during the summers of 1948 and 1949. The idea of parachuting firefighters near a forest fire, to quench the flames while they were still small, was a new concept in the 1940s.

Jenkins was briefly trained to put forest fires by the California Forest Service Program a year before he was stationed in Missoula, Mont., as a smokejumper. Jenkins said his experience as a
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Famous media personalities to address ethics in panel
By Lauren Nowenstien
Mustang Daily

Cal Poly students and the community will soon have the chance to question media professionals face-to-face about their news-gathering ethics.
At a free forum to be held Feb. 18 and Feb. 19, a panel of seasoned journalists will discuss the objectivity of today's media, the line between entertainment and news, and other related subjects. The panelists will also field questions from the audience.

Some of the speakers scheduled for the forum include Max Frankel, the former executive editor for the New York Times; Margaret Carlson, former White House reporter; and William Baker, president of WNET — New York's public television station.

"Never before in the history of journalism on the Central Coast have such distinguished journalists gathered together on one panel," said Herb Kamn, a special assistant to the vice president of university affairs and a retired journalism department instructor.

The panel will also include the executive editors of the San Francisco Examiner and the San Jose Mercury News, as well as David Broder, a Washington Post Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist.

(Broder) is probably the most respected journalist in America,” Kamn said.

Kamm added that the forum is particularly relevant because of the controversial nature of media coverage of the events surrounding President Clinton.

"We couldn't have picked a better time (for the forum),” Kamn said.

Kathryn Tschumper, a political science senior, said the forum covers a contemporary issue and would probably attract people who keep up with current events. However, she said not everyone would care about topics to be discussed.

"For someone who doesn't put attention to the news, the event wouldn't be interesting," Tschumper said.

Kamm said he hopes the forum will help the public understand how the media works and why media professionals do the things they do. He added that the public often has doubts about the reliability and credibility of the media.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to question the media about things that perplex and annoy them," Kamn said.

Darlene Slack, director of the campus communications office, said there
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Rec Center gets ready to rumble

By Chris Hoffman
Mustang Daily

Get ready to rumble. The Impact Wrestling Federation is preparing to invade the Cal Poly Rec Center on Feb. 27.

The grapplers are coming to campus courtesy of business fraternity Alpha Kappa Psi, which opened its Cal Poly chapter last September.

“We thought it’d be nice to bring some wrestling to the town,” Alpha Kappa Psi treasurer Eric Held said, “and it’s to get our name out in the community. It’s going to help us foster a little bit.”

Former World Wrestling Federation stars Donka the Clown and The Iron Sheik will be battling in half of the double main event.

Free gift for the first five students to arrive.

The other half will be a 13-man "wild rumble," where the goal is to throw all the other wrestlers out of the ring. The last man left inside wins.

Held said chapter president Hoss Hamidi, a business senior, came up with the idea of holding a professional-style wrestling event as a fund-raiser.

“Our president is part of the wrestling league,” Held explained. “I’m a very technical wrestler, I’m a brand-name wrestler,” Hamidi said. “Basically, high-impact stuff.”

Hamidi has been wrestling professionally for four years and has appeared on World Wrestling Federation television programs.

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smokejumper was rewarding—although some of the job’s attributes were frightening, like the first time he jumped out of a plane.

“When you first do it, everyone is scared,” Jenkins said. “But then it becomes kind of exciting... and almost like skydiving.”

Jenkins, who has written four books, started writing "Smokejumpers" soon after when late Life Magazine photographer Peter Stackpole was a guest at a Cal Poly art show, showing another Life Magazine photographer — Cal Poly former art and design professor Mark Kaufman.

Jenkins was an admiring audience member that day and credits Stackpole for giving him the idea to write the book.

“I gave him the idea of compiling a book of pictures, and he gave me the idea of making a written book with pictures,” Jenkins said. “I got him to do it, and he got me to do it. We inspired each other.”

The book is a tribute to Jenkins' younger brother Hugh, who had been a smokejumper with Jenkins during the summer of 1949. Hugh died in the Korean War two or three years after he made his last jump as a fire-fighter. His journal entries and letters home helped Jenkins write "Smokejumpers."

“The book is not dedicated to him,” Jenkins said. “Anyone who reads it, though, would get that his life is concentrated throughout the book.”

English professor Carl Brown, a colleague of Jenkins during his tenure, admired Jenkins’ ability to incorporate adventure with his love of literature, causing his writing to fall under the genre of adventure-nature writing.

“I’m excited about this documentary,” Brown said. “It’s a real tribute to Jenkins’ writing and his work at Cal Poly. For Steve, it’s well deserved.”

Jenkins was interviewed at his home in San Luis Obispo and was not paid.

“As documentary filmmakers, we, at our company, feel that paying for interviews is unethical,” Lein said.

“That’s a real high-proﬁle senior, they would have to pay me,” Jenkins said.

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Students away from home and to help
them not continue spiritual growth, she
said.

The Center offers "lots of programs
to enrich lives," Harper said. Some of
these activities include Wednesday
night Bible studies at the Center and
in the dorms or homes, Tuesday night
prayer groups and Thursday mass at
11 a.m. There are also various social
events, spring break camps, service
projects and retreats.

According to Sister Harper, close to
1,200 students are involved with the
Center throughout the year. Eight
staff members, including four stu-
dents, serve leadership roles. A
Newman Center exists on every state
university campus.

The UCC, right across the street
from the Center, also provides a place
for people to do homework, attend
scheduled Bible studies or worship
services, Slack said.

"Anyone is welcome," she said.

Bible study is at 7:15 p.m. Tuesdays
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ty, but we have the best lineup of pan-
nels," Slack said.

Findings from audience input at
the forums and issues discussed will be
compiled in a report by the
Committee of Concerned Students.

Slack said funds to cover forum
costs, such as those for transportation
and facility rental, will come from the
office of University Advancement.

The forum is Feb. 18 from 8 to 10
p.m. in Harmon Hall in the
Performing Arts Center. The second
day is Feb. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30
p.m. in the Pavilion, also in the PAC.

NEWS

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InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, an
international collegiate movement of
859 chapters across the United States
and others in England and Canada.

PCF is inter-denominational, affil-
ated with no one particular denomi-
nation. "We recognize that people
come from different backgrounds and
we partner together," Rosic said.

In addition to Bible studies, PCF
offers retreats, conferences, weekend
training for leading studies and Jesus
Investigation Groups for those who
want to learn more about what the
Bible says.

Two leadership teams and five staff
workers plan and serve the fellow-
ship, Rosic said. PCF is completely
student-led and student-funded.

Campus Crusade for Christ is simi-
lar to PCF; it is also part of an inter-
national organization with weekly
Bible studies in the dorms and both
off-campus and large group meetings
Tuesday nights.

Its mission statement is "to turn
lost students into Christ-centered
laborers," said Tim Romanos, a
member of Campus Crusade.
Take advantage of Cal Poly's amusement park

A couple of weeks ago, I was watching the graceful movements of the dancers of Orchesis on Friday, three things became clear to me: 1) The guy in front of me is very tall, 2) I am really uncoordinated, and 3) I have never been to a real amusement park. Many students think Cal Poly is a campus made of classrooms and labs — a place for learning. They do not realize that Cal Poly is an amusement park filled with hundreds of unique experiences just waiting to be explored. We have a theater and a Performing Arts Center that offer everything from opera to tap dancing. The Rec Center offers classes for nearly every sport imaginable. ASI outings can send you hiking or kayaking and across the way in the craft center you can learn to make your own candles or design your own paddle (they're not just for Greeks). These are the tip of the iceberg.

The aforementioned can be attempted with a minimal dedication to your pocketbook. Still, the sad fact is that the vast majority of students never take advantage of the sundry resources available to them.

Now, in my fourth year at Cal Poly, I am beginning to cut these out of my college experience. I am really uncoordinated; and 1 have a class that I really hate — a place for learning. They do not offer every course one might wish to take, but they do offer a lot of interesting classes for nearly every sport imaginable. ASI outings can send you hiking or kayaking and across the way in the craft center you can learn to make your own candles or design your own paddle (they're not just for Greeks). These are the tip of the iceberg.

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WALLETS ARE ALREADY EMPTY

I would guess that you do not have a wife and children to support, nor do you work full time in order to pay for the current cost of attending Cal Poly. For those students who do, an extra $135 per quarter is a lot of money. If these students chose to vote down the last Poly Plan fee increase, it was not because “they wanted to spend their money on bad ice rather than their education,” but because they felt they already had too much difficulty keeping ends met.

You also wondered why so many students don’t care about the upcoming decisions. Perhaps they felt that Associated Students Inc. supports the fee increase and President Baker will approve it anyway, so they don’t see any point in spending valuable study time expressing their opinions. I would guess that you don’t believe me, so I will tell you about an experience I had when I was on the Engineering Student Council. Back in 1996, the campus first heard word that a new sports complex would be built on the site of an agricultural land. Now students in the club I represented did not want this land taken away from their school, for they were afraid it would diminish the abilities to “learn by doing.” Well, the ASI Board of Directors planned to approve this complex anyway. At an ESC meeting, I asked one of the directors on the Board why they were pushing forward with this plan when it could hurt a good number of students. He told me, “Because society wants us to.” To this day, I regret not telling this director that he was voted into office to represent Cal Poly students — not society.

Jonathan Becker is an electrical engineering senior.

OPINION

Justice must be served

Editor:

Most of us are sick of the impeachment proceedings, but then, most of us are sick of studying too. Does that mean we should just stop? Unpleasant as it may be, it must be done.

Henry Hyde summed it up well: “There are issues of transcendent importance that you have to be willing to lose your office over. Strengthening, not emasculating, the concept of equal justice under the law is one of them.”

People say Republicans are against Clinton for their own political reasons and don’t care what is good for the public. If Republicans are willing to lose their own offices by voting against the president, then how does that serve their interests? Maybe they are voting for what is right, despite the danger to themselves, as Mr. Hyde said.

People have accused the Republicans of turning the impeachment into a partisan issue. Doesn’t it take both parties to make it a partisan issue? Just as easily as one can say, “Republicans are against the president just because he is a Democrat,” one can say, “Democrats are for the president just because he is a Democrat.” In fact, in the House vote, more Republicans voted not to impeach than Democrats voted to impeach.

Now who’s making it a partisan issue? People say the Republicans aren’t representing the public’s will, but their own agendas instead. The public has shown that it is sick of the impeachment. We have heard from the president that he is innocent. Sometimes people cannot be forgiven if they sincerely apologize, but they still must face the consequences of their actions. Just because we are tired of the impeachment does not mean that President Clinton is innocent. Sometimes people cannot be forgiven if they sincerely apologize, but they still must face the consequences of their actions. Just because we are tired of the impeachment does not mean that President Clinton is innocent. Sometimes people cannot be forgiven if they sincerely apologize, but they still must face the consequences of their actions.

Joe Demers is an architectural engineering freshman.

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Tyson's teetering career
now on brink of collapse

LAS VEGAS (AP) — It was five
days before Mike Tyson's return to
the ring against Francois Botha and the
former heavyweight champion sat on a
chair at the MGM Grand hotel and
talked about his troubled life outside
the ring. "I'm Mike, and Mike is going to
be Mike," Tyson said. "I'm not what peo-
ple perceived me to be, but it's easy to
perceive me."

The talk turned to the three year
sentence Tyson took stoically even as
his wife, Monica, wept quietly.

It was a sentence that may have
pushed an already teetering career to
the brink of collapse.

The man who once terrorized the
boxing world is beset by problems that
include Clinton, who butted the
President Clinton and Tyson's career record. President Clinton
"I'm proud of their efforts."

Brown said they're staying opti-

"No one is giving up," she said.
"We have more games coming up,
and we're going to come out hard."

The Mustangs' next two games are
against these same opponents. They
play Feb. 12 at Pacific and Feb. 14 at
Long Beach State.

ABLANTA (AP) — Twenty-five
years after Hank Aaron broke Babe
Ruth's career record, President Clinton
led a celebration of the Atlanta-
born, 45th birthday Friday and base-
ball named an award for Aaron.

Aaron was honored at a gala dinner
that included Clinton, who hugged the
graying slugger after arriving shortly
after 8 p.m.

The president stressed that the en-
thusiasm for breaking barriers," Clinton said in a
five-minute tribute to Aaron.

"All of us honor him (Aaron) tonight
not only for the power of his swing,
but for the power of his spirit, and
not only for breaking records but
for breaking barriers," Clinton said in a
two-minute tribute to Aaron.

The president then introduced
Aaron, who shook hands with Clinton
and waved to the sellout crowd of
1,403, which stood and cheered for
a full minute.

"That dream, but never did I dream
that the president of the United States
would be at my birthday celebration," 

said Aaron. "This evening is just beau-
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9 in the two games.

"Steve Wood is still struggling a little bit," Price said. "We need to get him playing up to his ability level, which he's going to do. He's going to make our lineup a whole lot better." According to teammates, Wood has mononucleosis, but he is planning to play through it for now.

Price was impressed with the pitching the Mustangs ran into Saturday.

Starter Mark Valocircena pitched eight innings and Hamilton closed out the ninth.

"Their best guy pitched against us today," Price said. "He's a quality guy. And Hamilton throws hard and made our lineup a whole lot better."

Brandon Beeson and Jeremiah Mayes led the Mustangs in rebounding with seven and six, respectively, but combined to make just two of 11 shots.

Price said. "I thought he was outstanding. I thought he was the difference in the ballgame. He's been a special pitcher for us all four years he's been here and he had a great performance."

The Mustangs play San Jose State at home in a three game series starting at 3 p.m. on Friday.

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By Trisha Thorn
Mustang Daily

Rain cut short a three-game series against the University of San Diego ending the opening weekend in a split.

The Mustangs started the weekend off well, winning 6-4 over the Toreros on Friday; but the Toreros came back to defeat the Mustangs 5-4 on Saturday. Sunday would have given Cal Poly the opportunity to rebound and take the series.

"I was looking forward to playing today," senior second baseman Matt Elam said. "It's important to get games in early. I felt we had a good opportunity to win with (Jeremy) Cunningham pitching.

Saturday, the Mustangs pulled ahead in the fifth inning with three consecutive run-scoring hits. Elam stroked a line drive down the first base line to score freshman Chris Ramirez. Tanner Troper followed with a double down the third baseline to score Elam. Troper then scored on a Mark Riddle single.

By the seventh, the Toreros added another 2 runs, tying it 4-4, when Kevin Roeser hit a double to score Joe Luna and Luna hit a double to score Jason Hamilton. In the eighth inning they pulled ahead when Chris Kahlo walked. Hamilton got to second on an error by Chris Hagman and Adam Lutaud brought Kahlo home on a base hit to bring the score to the final, 5-4.

The Mustangs missed a golden opportunity in the third inning when they stranded two men. Elam was left on third and Troper on second after Riddle got the last out.

Also in the third, the Toreros Greg San scored on a sacrifice fly. He doubled and advanced to third on a passed ball by Riddle. The Mustangs had three errors in the game, two by third baseman Hagman.

The worst thing that could happen to the Mustangs in the third inning was an injury to designated hitter Joe Smith. When he tried to score on an Elam bunt, he was thrown out at the plate and injured his hamstring.

Smith batted his shin and is on crutches, and according to Mike Ziehl, while Smith probably couldn't run right now, he should be ready to play in early next weekend.

"It's taking it day by day," Ziehl said. "He could possibly pitch right now if he had to and he is looking to pitch next weekend."

According to Price, Smith's injury is a big loss for the team.

"He's a huge person in our game plan," Price said.

Despite the Mustang loss, Price felt the team had a decent showing.

"That was a good college baseball game today," Price said. "We had an opportunity to win it and our bullpen kind of let us down a little bit. They didn't do a bad job, they did a good job in getting out of some jams. It was good to see Matt Elam get on track a little bit. Tanner Troper had a good day."

Elam went 5 for 5 on Friday but collected two hits and an RBI on Saturday. Troper was 4 for 2 on Friday and 3 for 5 with two RBIs on Saturday.

"On Friday we still won so it was OK," Elam said. "But yesterday I felt bad, like I could have done more. But it's early still. It's important not to take it game by game but just one at a time."

First baseman Steve Wood, who tied the Cal Poly record for home runs last year, had a tough weekend going 0 for 9.

Men's hoops lose two Big West games

Mustang Daily

All the momentum the men's basketball team has gathered recently, winning four of the last five, came to a sharp halt this weekend as the Mustangs lost two road games to Big West foes. The Mustangs (9-12, 4-6) lost to the University of Pacific, 76-62, Thursday night and to Long Beach State, 94-82, Saturday.

The 49ers shot 67 percent from the floor, including four of seven 3-pointers, in the first half to build a 50-31 halftime lead. The Mustangs outscored the 49ers in the second half but couldn't catch Long Beach State.

The Mustangs were led by sophomore Chris Bjorklund, who scored 20 points on eight of 16 shooting. The Mustangs also got 14 points from Ross Ketcham in just see MEN'S HOOPS, page 7

WILD PITCH: Catcher Mark Riddle tracks down a wild pitch on Saturday. Riddle was two for eight with three runs, tying it 4-4, when Kevin Roeser hit a double to score Joe Luna and Luna hit a double to score Jason Hamilton. In the eighth inning they pulled ahead when Chris Kahlo walked. Hamilton got to second on an error by Chris Hagman and Adam Lutaud brought Kahlo home on a base hit to bring the score to the final, 5-4.

Mustangs drop two home games

By Sara Henrikson
Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly women's basketball team lost both of its games this weekend, falling 87-61 to Long Beach State Sunday, and 76-58 to University of the Pacific. Friday.

This weekend continued the Mustangs' four game losing streak, and dropped their Big West record to 2-7. There are only six games left in league play, and the Mustangs need to finish in fourth to make it to the Big West tournament. They are currently fifth behind UC Irvine (4-4).

They might have to do it without starting guard Kristy Baker. Baker has sat out the past three games with a ligament strain, and her chances of playing for the rest of the season are up in the air.

"We're not sure (about Baker)," head coach Faith Minnagh said. "We're still hopeful — she has a chance."

As for this weekend's games, Minnagh said, "both teams were executing better than we were. They have more experience, and have been playing together for longer than we have."

Freshman Caroline Bowles led the Mustangs in scoring Sunday with 17 points, followed by freshman Stephanie Brown with eight. Bowles also had a game see BASKETBALL, page 6