Right wing looks to left coast

Many students ignorant of Middle East conflict

By Matt Smart
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The conflict in the Middle East continues unabated as it has for the past 2,000 years.

According to news reports, Israeli authorities have prevented Palestinians from entering Israel since Oct. 6, when violence broke out in the most recent situation. Before the crisis began, 120,000 Arabs were working in Israel, and now they are feeling the financial crunch because they cannot go to work or export goods. One hundred and fifty people have been left dead after a little more than a month of this current conflict.

For many Cal Poly students, this crisis is a world away. They are just trying to focus on their upcoming assignments. Tyler Heck, an agricultural business senior, is one of those students.

"I know this will sound ignorant," Heck said. "The Middle East is on the other side of the world. I am just worried about my econ class final. I have 19 units."

Heck is not alone. Dianne Long, political science department head, understands when Heck and others are coming from.

"In a sense, we are in a quiet rural area," she said. "Many aren't very aware of the issues that go on in the world and don't see the connection, but we are a global economic community. Many people at Cal Poly will be working for companies that will be having global interests."

This conflict has more importance than just economics. There are cultural and religious differences at work. Jerusalem is the center of three major religions: Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

Long acknowledged this by adding some historical context. After World War II, there was a resettling of people from one part of the planet to another, she said. This continues today with people pushing other people out.

Currently Israel appears to have the advantage both economically and militarily. Prime Minister Ehud Barak made a deal yesterday to split the advantage both economically and militarily.

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Libertarian favors no income tax, Social Security, big government

By Adrienna Benjamin
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

Hoping to build on his 1996 campaign, Libertarian presidential candidate Harry Browne is still in pursuit of happiness through life, liberty and no income tax.

"I am running for president because I want you to be free," said Browne in an article for World Net Daily. "Free to live your life as you think it should be lived, not as Al Gore or George W. Bush thinks you should live it."

As an investment adviser and native of New York, Browne is making his second presidential bid this year representing the Libertarian party. As the author of 11 books that have sold more than two million copies combined, Browne's most recent publication is titled, "The Great Libertarian Offer," which explains his life philosophy in detail.

"I want freedom in my lifetime," Browne wrote in the book. "I want to be rid of the income tax. I want to be rid of Social Security so that I can keep every dollar I earn and spend it and save it."

Browne and the Libertarian party believe that being free and independent from government is a great way to live. The Libertarian party, which was founded in 1971 and has quickly grown to become the third largest political party in America, believes that the government's only role is to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

Bill Winter, the communications director of the Libertarian party in Washington D.C., believes that voting for the Libertarian party is the only way citizens will get what they really want.

"We favor smaller government," Winter said. "Unlike Al Gore and George Bush, who want a bigger and extensive government, Harry Browne is fighting for an efficient and more moral government."

Winter believes that the country was founded on limited government and limited virtue, which is why the Libertarian party favors small government. Winter also said that the Libertarian party stands on different issues compared to Bush and Gore.

"Not only do we favor small government, but we want to cut federal government out of all areas the Constitution does not provide for," Winter said.

Aside from cutting down the federal income tax, Winter said Browne is using existing tariffs on foreign goods to pay for remaining government functions.

Bush and Gore propose increasing the size and scope of government through programs such as education, health care and Social Security.
**POLY BRIEFS**

- **Foundation's future**
  - Foundation President, executive director of Foundation, will give a presentation titled, "The Future of the Cal Poly Foundation," at 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 in room 113 in the business building.

- **Death penalty protest**
  - Death penalty opponents will be marching through downtown San Luis Obispo Thursday afternoon. The Candle of Hope March is a 602 mile walk from San Diego to San Francisco. Local participants include the Progressive Student Alliance and Newman Catholic Center.

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Four weeks. Meanwhile, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has pledged that the Palestinian people will continue to fight. For the past seven years, the United States has been acting as the mediator between the two sides. For political science professor Carl Lutrin, this intervention is important and he sees the United States in a poor position due to its own political situation. "The saddest thing is that the Palestinians don't see us as honest brokers anymore," Lutrin said. "Whatever success we have seen has been largely due to Clinton. In 1988 it was a crime to talk to Palestinians. The problem for the U.S. is we have an election next week and we don't have a new president until January." Lutrin once took classes at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. In the closing statement of one class taught in English, the professor said, "There are a lot of problems and there will always be a lot of problems, but for millions of people this is a land of miracles and you can't rule out a miracle."

**ASIAN STUDENT DIRECTORY**

Each year the Associated Students, Inc., produces a Student Directory which is made available to all students, faculty and staff at Cal Poly.

The ASI Student Directory provides a listing for all students attending Cal Poly. This listing includes Name, Phone, E-mail Address, Major and Class Level for each student on campus. Anyone who does not wish to have their personal information included in the Directory should access Mustang Info:

www.mustanginfo.calpoly.edu, Student Directory Information Restrictions, to modify information access. Students may also visit the office of Academic Records, Admin 222, to complete this process.

Living Fit

Hangovers can be less severe with caution

By Adam Jarman
MUSTANG DAILY EDITOR IN CHIEF

Chris woke to the pulse of dry heaves in his throat. His whole body writhed with discomfort, each heart beat intensified the pounding in his head—a pouting sound than could be delivered by the most established heavyweight boxer. Soon after he awoke, the dry heaves were no longer heavy and Chris stumbled his way from his bed, that he had been nestled in not more than two hours before, to his bathroom. The pain of his condition made that 20-foot journey seem like a marathon without an end. Even after those two hours of slumber, (Tris was maratton without an end. Even after Chris Streeter, a graphic communication junior, “It was worse than waking up after a surgery. ‘Normal’ didn’t come until the next day, after a full night’s rest.”

A hangover — most noted for causing heartburn, headache and nausea — is prompted by two effects of alcohol. Ethanol, the alcohol in all alcoholic drinks, enters the blood stream and inhibits the homone that typically controls water use. When the hormone is affected, it causes abnormal urination, which expels more water than is being taken in. The resulting dehydration is one cause of a hangover.

The second cause is also due to the effects of ethyl alcohol. This time, however, it is changed to another chemical, aldehyde, which is poisonous to the body. The presence of this poison in the blood stream is responsible for most of the sickness associated with a hangover.

“But the only pure cure for a hangover is not to get one,” said Kim Keonigsberger, a member of the Thoughtful Lifestyle Choices peer health team at Cal Poly. “Even before the consumption of alcohol, pills did nothing for me ... I hurt so bad and it lasted all day long. Certain out of bed was not an option. I spent the day sleeping off and on.”

For many Cal Poly students, coping with the agony of a hangover is a dreaded part of the college experience.

For many students, drinking Groutine and All Sport is also a good idea. These contain sugar and soda that replace what is lost due to dehydration. Helping a hangover hang in keeping the right amount of nutrients in the blood. Penni explained that electrolytes help the hangover much faster than water alone, “Less,” she added, “stick with clear liquids until the nausea goes away.”

Pennis said that heavy caffeine drinks like coffee actually irritate the stomach, which makes it a diuretic, causing even further dehydration.

The only true cure for the biological effects of a hangover is Vitamin B1. The vitamin makes amino acids from the poisonous aldehyde and helps the body, positively and naturally react to the condition by creating protein. Good sources of B1 can be found in uncooked whole grains, beans, peas, pork and brewer’s yeast. Penni warns not to go too quickly to solid foods. “First you should try liquids and make sure they stay down... then try solid foods.”

Another way to lessen the intensity of a hangover is to drink high quality alcohol. Cheaper alcohol can actually contain great impurities that further poison the body. The greater methanol content in lower grades of alcohol causes worse headaches.

“It has a lot to do with your tolerance with alcohol,” Penns said. Emergency treatment, she said, should be sought whenever someone thinks it might be necessary due to lightheadedness or headache. “You should seek medical attention if you are dizzy and can’t make it up stairs,” she said.

Chris’ experience will live with him forever, but drinkers can avoid such a severe experience with a little caution.

Diabetes manageable with care

In efforts to raise awareness of one of America’s most serious and costly health crises, the U.S. Postal Service unveiled a Diabetes Awareness Commemorative stamp last March in San Diego. The event was held just before the start of American Diabetes Month. It was sponsored by the Children’s Diabetes Foundation.

Diabetes is a chronic disease that cannot be cured but can be controlled. Over 16 million people in the United States have diabetes. It is important that patients control the disease only in its course and continue to manage it carefully. This can mean changes in lifestyle, with emphasis in the areas of diet and nutrition.

Diabetes is related to certain conditions of the pancreas, that produce insulin. Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas that helps the body convert glucose, a sugar derived from starch foods, into heat and energy. Some people with diabetes have bodies that produce too little insulin or insulin cannot be released into the bloodstream properly. Some patients, insulin action is blocked so the body cannot efficiently make use of glucose.

The American Diabetes Association recommends individualization of meal plans for each person with diabetes. Diets can often be restrictive and, naturally, patients may not want to give up certain foods or change their eating habits.

It is important to notice that modifications in diet and including exercise into one’s lifestyle will make diabetes manageable. Since the mid-1990s, the U.S. Postal Service has issued stamps that highlight social issues. Recent stamps include Breast Cancer Research, Organ and Tissue Donation, Prostate Cancer, Hospice Care and Adoption. It is clear that more extensive research is needed before any current suggestions pertaining to health issues are confirmed or discredited. Yet, health care has come a long way in recent years. The release of the Diabetes Awareness stamp in the new year will contribute to increased public awareness while recognizing scientific advancements.

Today, it is possible to make the diet more flexible and comparable with different lifestyles, leading to improved health and life expectancy for persons with diabetes. Further information regarding diabetes is available from the American Diabetes Association and can be gathered online at http://www.diabetes.org.

Shelby Wilson is a nutritional science senior and a Peer Health Educator.
Wear "I voted" stickers with pride next week

Election Day is less than one week away. For a lot of us, elections are exciting things. As the days draw near, I get all giddy inside, like a child anticipating the approach of Christmas (actually I get all giddy when Christmas approaches too, but that’s not my point). The whole campaign process slowly builds itself throughout the months, with placards and commercials and telephone polls into a big climax on Election Day. If you are like me, you sit by the television eagerly watching the tally of all the votes to see if your guy won. Sadly though, most of us do not share this level of excitement in the election process. Some feel disillusioned by politics. Others feel overwhelmed by the responsibility of voting. Still, others are unacquainted with elections and government in general.

I have had conversations with some non-voters. One young woman said she did not feel comfortable voting because she was not informed enough and did not have the time to learn about the candidates or propositions. A young man spoke with me on a lot of opinions regarding politics and government. But doesn’t even know if he is registered to vote. Another bright young woman I spoke with doesn’t really care about politics. She spoke about the elections as if they were something happening in another part of the world, totally apart from anything she was experiencing.

Does it bother you that these people won’t be voting next Tuesday? Maybe it doesn’t. I once had a professor who said that if some American voter was informed enough to vote it was just for her. That would leave the country to be controlled by those who were concerned enough to participate.

To contrast that belief, a friend of mine told me that she thought a lot of people weren’t brought up in homes where participation in government was an example. She felt it was the duty of voters to convince non-voters of the necessity to vote.

Where do you fit into this? Are you a voter? Do you want others to vote? Oh, do you prefer having only those who care about politics involved in the process? Most often you can persuade a friend who does not vote to register for the next election. Are you a non-voter? Do you feel that voting is something you can or should care about once you have the time to really learn about policy? Do you even know who the candidates are? Perhaps you should review your old high school civics and government texts, and try to re-evaluate your importance in our political process.

Political involvement shouldn’t be monopolized by a few. You don’t have to listen to the board of supervisors on public radio every Tuesday, or get a warm fuzzy feeling every time you pass a candidate’s placard along the road. You just have to have a core belief about how you think the country should work and try to find candidates who agree with you.

Next Tuesday, I’ll be up bright and early. I’ll drive to my polling place in Atascadero, pick up my ballot and cast my vote. I’ll get a little sticker that says, “I voted” with a likeness of the flag on it. I’ll wear it all day with pride. I’ll pass others wearing the sticker, and we will all get each other in approval, as to say, “We did our part.”

If you won’t be wearing the sticker next Tuesday, you should strongly consider getting one when we have elections again. That sticker means a lot to me, and I’m sure if you get one, too, you’ll understand why.

Chris Weber is an architecture junior.

Hate speech is protected speech

There are few constitutional rights Americans treasure as much as the right to free speech. In many ways, it is what defines our country and its history. Our strong belief in free speech’s principles leads us to vehemently condemn countries that oppress it.

Because of our exceptionally strong feelings concerning freedom of speech, we have a hard time with those who use it in a vehicle of hate. We are torn between our desire to preserve the right to free speech and our notion that some forms of it are purely vile, potentially harmful and an undertaking of protection.

The Internet has added a new facet to the debate. The Internet is a vehicle for information, and it is completely unregulated, meaning that anyone has access to anything that exists in cyberspace. Naturally, there are those who will take advantage of such uncontrolled freedom and promote their cause aggressively. It is the nature of some of the causes being promoted that has drawn the ire and concern of many. The Web is currently populated with a number of “hate speech” sites, each of which promotes one race, sex or sexual orientation over others. Some, like kkkkkkkkkk.com, take a relatively milder approach, matter-of-factly presenting Biblical references and statistical evidence as to why their beliefs are correct. Others, like whitesnow.net, are more militant, seeking to inflame, incite or humiliate others.

Whitesnow.net is basically an example of over-the-top racism. It is a page full of links to extremely offensive racist cartoons and games (like the “Noose Lotus” cyber-hanging game), “actual” information about blacks (“Definition of a Negro”), “leaves how to be a certified nigger”), and information about such things as David Duke’s political campaigns and Klan rallies.

The site is completely defamatory and degrading. Any remarks and intelligence of individual will be shocked, appalled and probably a bit frightened by the hatred that resides on that site. Unfortunately, the very nature of human dignity is represented by those responsible for the content on the Web site.

The site is also the epitome of what’s great about free speech. The many slurs, jokes and insults must be ignored and the main principle behind it appreciated: it is a glorious and wonderful thing to be able to speak with complete freedom and without fear of consequence, no matter what the message is.

The idea behind the promotion of hate and separation by whitesnow.net is no different than that of the progressive movement by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. and others promoting racial tolerance. Both cases involve the idea of a mere few placed out in the open for a public that must ultimately decide for themselves. Most have the same right to choose the correct path. Those who don’t like the idea of a display of hate won’t be able to strip the influence of others. In any case, people must be able to form their own opinions from uncensored information.

Hate speech Web sites are not a threat in the way many people think they are. Sites like whitesnow.net pose no real danger in terms of their influence over visitors to their web pages. It is absurd to think that people who accidentally stumble across the site will somehow be brainwashed into adopting its hateful ideals. Most, those who arrive at the site will do so out of curiosity.

The real threat of hate speech Web sites is the fact that they indicate the existence of a large subsurface of stumped thinking individuals. We would like to believe that such racist and hateful ideas are possessed only by a few, when in fact the number is far greater. Still, the fact that these ideas do not control us is step one of the basic and important right of free speech. There are those who claim that such vile examples are a sign that our society is progressing into a downward spiral. The problem with hate speech on the Internet doesn’t indicate any more about our society than we knew already: there are bad, sick people out there who take joy in making life miserable for others.

Dispicable though they may be, we must resist the temptation to censure such people and instead fight back through the only means possible: free speech.

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Boy Scouts foster morality in youths

I don't want to create the same feeling of contention and disgust that Victoria Walsh has created in her article against the Boy Scouts ("Boy Scout board encourages acceptance," Oct. 27), but I must say that she is promoting pure ignorance and arrogance.

It is so ironic that the same agenda that thrives and lives on the premise of acceptance of all, aktivs, rejects and opposes those who believe contrary to what they say. Ms. Walsh said, "I'm too proud to accept every- one." Well Ms. Walsh, practice what you preach. The Boy Scouts have even against the Boy Scouts ("Boy Scout should encourage acceptance," Oct. 27).

As a 14-year-old kid, I went on many trips and camp-outs with my Boy Scout leaders. I was very vulnerable to their influence. It is more likely that a homosexual man may do something to morally harm young boys than a heterosexual man.

There is a tiny minority trying to force their way into and change a group that disagrees with their chosen lifestyle. Let's not promote the moral destruction of a group that tries to do good and teach young men likewise.

Well Ms. Walsh, I practice what you preach. The Boy Scouts have been a service-oriented and upstanding organization for almost one hundred years.

History told His Story, now tell "Her Story"

Celebrate Women's History Month and submit a poem, essay or pictorial in an inspirational tribute to one woman's life.

Participants will share their work at the Feb. 27 "Her-Story Reception," bringing together the mothers and mentors who often remain unrecognized as everyday leaders. Send your written proposal to the Women Center, University Union 217, by Friday, Nov. 17. For more information, contact Susanne Kelley at 756-2600 or skelley@calpoly.edu.

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They have survived this long by teaching young men to "physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight" (Scout Oath). They have stepped to the plate to instill and promote morals in youth, and Ms. Walsh wants to destroy that.

I know that she thinks that the word "moral" is subjective, but it's not. Being morally straight is living by a higher law that neither she nor herself can alter according to her personal whims. The Boy Scouts don't reject a "late" gay; it's just that homosexual tendencies are contrary to the beliefs and morals they have outlined.

I believe that one of the most important issues that needs to be approached is the inappropriateness of the possible situations that may arise. As a 13-year-old kid, I went on many trips and camp-outs with my Boy Scout leaders. I was very vulnerable to their influence. It is more likely that a homosexual man may do something to morally harm young boys than a heterosexual man.

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Jesse York is a landscape architecture sophomore.

Celtic holiday is misunderstood

From reading the commentary ("Halloween is an evil day straight from Satan," Oct. 30), I took Megan Shearn to be a qualified voice on the history of the Celtic religion and the Halloween celebration, or Hallows Eve as it is known in Ireland. The truth is that two hours of Internet research hardly qualifies one as an authoritative figure. In fact, Shearn's selective perception of the facts molds her commentary into a tactless account of history.

Even the title, the first word absorbed by the reader, is false. For one, the Celtic celebration of the festival of Samhain (pronounced "sow-en") is not an evil day straight from Satan, as the headline states. The Celtic religion pre-dates Christianity by hundreds of years until St. Patrick first came to Ireland. How could "diabolical worship ceremonies" be conducted without the knowledge of a devil, or, as for that matter?

Even more ignorant is her perception that the Irish were responsible for bringing this evil holiday to America. According to Jack Santino, noted Halloween author and cultural professor at Bowling Green University, Halloween is a family-oriented holiday marking the culmination of the summer harvest. In fact, the celebrations and preparations of Hallows Eve began in early days of October. Throughout the month, young children go door to door and perform rhymes in return for pennies, fruits, and nuts. Teenage boys gather piles of wood for bonfires, and a great Hallows Eve feast is prepared. On the night of Oct. 31 the meal is eaten, fireworks exploded, bonfires lit and children tell stories and look for prophetic signs in the games that are played.

Further, in all my research on the Celtic religion and Halloween, I have never come across any mention of spirits being "confined to animals," as Shearn puts it. I do know that those who have died within the year as, indeed, with the earth again on Halloween night. This is in accordance with the Celtic belief that on this night the realms between the physical and spiritual worlds are close. Families who have lost a member over the course of the year leave candles in the windows to guide their loved ones home, where food and drink are left for them by the warmth of fire. This is done to appease the suffering of the spirits who have spent a year in a place much like the Catholic purgatory.

The only factual account Shearn gives is the sacrifice of animals. However, these sacrifices are held by the end of the summer harvest. In thanks for a bountiful harvest and to ward off death and illness during the long winter, the Celts gave homage to their ancestors. According to an article in a different than the accounts given in the Old Testament, where lambs are sacrificed, or the human sacrifices of the Aztec religion, or even the celebration of Columbus Day, which marks the discovery of the New World and the slaughter of thousands of natives in the name of the Christian Lord.

For one, relate with the spirituality of Halloween, more so than any other holiday. I am not a Satanist nor a witch, but I do relish this devil night. Furthermore, I wish to correct the falsities in Ms. Shearn's self-righteous article, not to mention the hocopretor. In her commentary ("Animal rights play big in如今," Oct. 19), Shearn states, "Animals are not humans. They do not possess the same brain capacity or intelligence of humans." She writes this in defense of the rodeo and its treatment of animals. To me she makes the perfect politician, flip-flopping on an issue to meet her beliefs.

Steven Schneider is a Cal Poly graduate.

Our school has spirit

I am concerned with the lack of acknowledgment of our school in giving the spirit organizations on campus credit for their contributions. I want to address this issue ("Spirit organizations need support," Oct. 30), Brian Milne raised the issue of school spirit. While I agree that the school does a lack of support for the athletes, I think that all too often the spirit organizations go unnoticed.

Many people do not know that students formed a spirit council this year. It consists of the major spirit organizations on campus: Running Thunder, Mustang Band, and Cheer and Dance Teams. The members of the spirit council are at most of the sporting events.

As a member of the Mustang Band, I have not missed a football or volleyball game this year. I have seen the lack of attendance. Nevertheless, I do know that the fans that do show up to the games are dedicated. Perhaps credit should be given to the "clowns" that are always at the games. What good does it do to come to the games if you are not going to get riled up and cheer for the team? The players play harder as the crowd gets louder.

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Katie Day is a materials engineering sophomore.

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TAIWAN, Taiwan (AP) — A Singapore Airlines jumbo jet speeding down a runway in darkness and rain slammed into an object before takeoff for Los Angeles and burst into flames Tuesday, killing 68 people as thick black smoke spewed flames and filled the air, witnesses said.

Besides the Americans and Taiwanese, airline spokesman James Brod in Los Angeles said there were 16 Singaporeans on board, eleven Indians, eight Malaysians, five Indonesians, four Mexicans, four British, two each from Thailand, New Zealand and Vietnam and one each from Australia, Canada, Cambodia, Germany, Japan, Philippines, Ireland and the Cunlary Islands.

Villanara and two other survivors said they felt the plane slam into something on the runway while trying to take off at Táipéi Chang-Kia-Shek International Airport. Airline officials said the pilot, Capt. C.K. Fong, also reported hitting an object but no one offered an explanation of what it might have been. A China Airways official denied initial reports that the jumbo jet had hit one of its planes on the ground.

"The left wing seemed to hit something and then it was just a big roller coaster ride," said survivor Steven Courtney of Britain, oxygen tubes in his nose as he was whisked away to an operating room at a nearby hospital. "Flames were everywhere."

The aborted takeoff occurred at 11:18 p.m. Minutes later, ambulances and rescue vehicles crowded the wet tarmac, lights flashing.

The scene was frantic at Changi hospital near the airport, where emergency room workers gently lifted injured people from ambulances. Some appeared to be burned. They laid on stretchers with their arms stretched stiffly in front of their torsos.

Tonya Joy, 37, of New Zealand, was being pushed toward the operating room. She felt like we bumped into something, she said. "I jumped out of the top and landed on the ground, so the doctors think there is something wrong with my spine. The weather was just awful. Flames came so fast on both sides of the plane."

In Taipei, civil aviation official Chang and Singapore Airlines spokesman Mark Tsai declined to comment on whether the plane hit something or left the ground before it caught fire. They both said that they would not comment on the blue as officials tried to determine the conditions and cause of the accident.

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imagines herself in the game, being prepared and playing well.
At the end of last year’s season, Lien was faced with the trauma of
Having surgery on her shoulder. The
injury had been occurring over a
to five-year period. When her
shoulder was examined, a small tear
in her rotator cuff and stretched lig­
aments were discovered, injuries
that were easily repaired through
surgery. Lien said she was worried at
first that her shoulder wasn’t heal­
ing as fast as it could. Even now dur­
ing this season, she still feels she is
behind in the game and is always
looking to regain her strength.
”I’m constantly trying to improve
my game,” she said.
Schlick also sees Lien as a team
member who is always looking to
better her game.

“She is someone who is very con­
scion of the people around her,” he
said. “(She) not only wants to get
better herself, but wants to help
everybody else on the team as well.”
Lien is definitely a team player,
said.

Being only a sophomore, Lien
looks up to some of the older players
on the team, like senior outside hitters
Melanie Hathaway and Cindy
Eders.

”Melanie has a very strong pres­
ence on the court and she will get
the job done,” Schlick said. “She
knows where to put the ball. She
digs very well. She sees the scene.”

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Men's soccer hosts top-ranked San Jose State

By Mike Gilmore

The top-ranked men's soccer team in the nation rolls into San Luis Obispo on Wednesday night to face the Mustangs.

The San Jose State Spartans come into the game undefeated with a 16-0-1 overall record. This is the third straight week the Spartans have been ranked number one in the NSCAA coaches' poll.

Cal Poly will attempt to play the role of the spoiler against San Jose State. The Mustangs are 4-10-1 overall with a 2-3 record in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation play. They have lost three straight games and five of their last six.

With only two league games left, Cal Poly can finish no higher than third in the league. "We've had bad seasons where the ball was bouncing our way and this year we've had none of that," said head coach Wolfgang von Gerttner. "It's been a very competitive season."

A victory over San Jose State would be one of the biggest upsets in Mustang history. Cal Poly scored a huge upset over the Spartans last season winning last season's match 3-1. "I believe in my guys," Gerttner said. "I'm not shaking in my boots, so to speak. We are quite capable of beating San Jose State."

Last Friday, the Mustangs lost a 2-1 heartbreaker in the final minute to Cal State Northridge. Close games have been a common occurrence for the Mustangs. Nine games this season have been decided by one goal. Cal Poly has been on the losing end of six of those games.

"This year has been a combination of poor finishing and bad luck," Gerttner said. "We haven't capitalized on the opportunities that have presented themselves."

Please submit sports trivia answer to: sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu.

Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

Worthy’s World

By Jennifer Hansen

When most people think of athletes, the first word that comes to their mind isn’t humble, nor are athletes thought to be people who realize they have a lot to learn in their sport.

Worthy Lien breaks both of these stereotypes with her realization that her volleyball teammates have many things to teach her and the skills she has aren’t something other people need to admire.

At 6 feet 2 inches, Lien is an up-and-coming force to be reckoned with on the volleyball team.

She isn’t in her sophomore year, primarily playing the front row as the middle blocker, but has also delved into the back row during the second half of this season.

"All of her skills continue to expand and develop," said head coach Steve Schlick. "She has been a starter for us during her freshman and sophomore seasons, and she does some great stuff for us on and off the court."

Schlick attributes Lien’s front-row play to agility and being able to block at a high point. Lien has fast feet and is very mobile, contributing to her skills in front of the net. Schlick said.

Lien came to Cal Poly from La Habra, Calif., after playing volleyball at Sonora High School and on club teams. Although Lien played basketball and ran track, volleyball took over her life because club teams played all year. Volleyball simply became her passion.

"I love volleyball," Lien said. "I don’t know how to explain it really. I’ve been doing it for so long and it’s a part of my life now. I can’t imagine me not doing it."

Before Lien came to Cal Poly, she visited the campus and checked out the volleyball team. She noticed a positive atmosphere surrounding the team, as well as with the coaches and the players. Ultimately, this helped Lien decide that Cal Poly was the right place to be.

Lien is majoring in child development and plans on working with disabled children. In addition to volleyball, she is involved with Athletic Ambassadors, an organization that helps other teams and sports with their games and events.

The team practices everyday except Sunday and plays on Fridays and Saturdays, as well as the occasional Wednesday or Thursday. Volleyball is time consuming, Lien said, but it is the reason why she is here.

Lien is the youngest of seven children. Being away from her family has helped her develop a strong relationship with her teammates. In fact, she considers them like a second family.

"Our team is great," Lien said. "We’re always there for each other, we hang out, we’re friends on and off the court. There are no enemies on the team at all and they’re some of my best friends."

Having a camaraderie with her teammates also helps in difficult situations such as a loss on the court.

"I love our team so much," she said. "We pull together very well. When we lose, we handle that together. We realize that it’s a team effort and not one person messed up."

Middle hitter Worthy Lien leads the team in blocks with 104 and averages 1.6 per game. She is also hitting .237 on the season.

Yesterday’s Answer:

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Today’s Question:

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- Men’s soccer vs. San Jose State
  • at Mustang Stadium
  • at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY
- Women’s volleyball vs. Idaho
  • at Idaho
  • at 7 p.m.
- Women’s soccer vs. UCSB
  • at Mustang Stadium
  • at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY
- Football vs. Northern Iowa
  • at Mustang Stadium
  • at 1 p.m.

Sports Trivia

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