Campus reacts to U.S. attacks on Afghanistan

By Stephen Curran  
Washing Daily Staff Writer

Despite being thousands of miles away, the Cal Poly community is feeling the effects of the bombs dropped in Afghanistan in the past two days. Buildings are not burned down and armed soldiers do not roam the streets and corridors, but a palpable feeling of apprehension fills the air.

"I didn’t expect it to happen so quickly," said budget senator Gina Hurlbut, who heard about the bombings early Sunday morning.

The degree to which students have been monitoring the escalating situation has varied significantly, with many saying they make a daily effort to get all relevant updates.

Electrical engineering junior Nathan Brittingham said that most people he knows are well informed and that he tries to stay up-to-date on the situation.

"I think people on college campuses in general are very well informed," Brittingham said. "I do make sure to watch TV or read something everyday."
Students sound off on a possible war against Afghanistan

How do you think your life would be affected if America went to war?

▸ Only if I was drafted. Otherwise, no, it won't be affected.
   Arash Abolfazlian
   industrial technology freshman

▸ I don't think it would affect my everyday life. I'd be worried if there was a draft.
   Chris Arns
   English senior

▸ We haven't experienced something like this in our generation. It would have a big impact on literature, poetry, just as it did for our parents and grandparents.
   Crystal Brady
   English senior

▸ If there was a draft, I wouldn't flee the country. I'd go to war.
   Ivan Ruiz
   business marketing senior

▸ If there was a draft, I just don't want to be drafted.
   Bob Little
   aerospace engineering sophomore

▸ If there was a draft, my brother and boyfriend would have to go.
   Lynne Maloney
   environmental engineering senior
Man on plane rushes cockpit

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Asia-Pacific

JAKARTA — Indonesian security forces are making sure that the American embassy in Jakarta is safe. As radical Islamic groups threatened to stage protests at the embassy because of the U.S. military action in Afghanistan, the police protected the building with thick burried-wife barricades and sealed off the road. They also brought in 40 armored personnel carriers and troops from the army to supplement more than 300 armed policemen deployed in the area.

There have only been a small-scale demonstrations that passed off peacefully. The biggest involve 200 members of the hard-line Islamic Defender's Front, who gathered outside the embassy dressed in white gowns and carrying sticks.

The group called for a jihad (holy war) against the United States and vowed to continue their protest until all Americans had been expelled from Indonesia.

Latin America

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the other George Bush, who was president during the Gulf War.

"I think Bush is extremely happy to be at war," said Erik Wierscham, a history senior. "You can see the smile on his face. He's like his dad."

However, the attacks that destroyed the World Trade Center and damaged a portion of the Pentagon are without parallel, according to political science professor Carl Lutrin. He said that the nature of the attacks was different than that of the Pearl Harbor attack in 1941.

Even the cold war is not a valid comparison to the impending conflict, he said, because of the distinct boundaries that were drawn between the two superpowers.

"The advantage of the Cold War was that the enemy was quite specific," Lutrin said. "The Soviet Union made a good bogeyman."

And, in the case of the Japanese, the difference was that the attack was on a military installation committed by a foreign military, not an attack on a civilian complex committed by a cell of a terrorist organization.

"Even when the Japanese attacked, they didn't live among us," Lutrin said. "Now you have 19 people who happily committed suicide. They knew that they would be going to heaven with virgins on their side."

However, it is America's commitment to staying an open society that may have made the country vulnerable to attack.

Although security across the country has been tightened, it is still impossible to monitor everyone, Lutrin said.

At baseball games, concerts and parades, searches and interrogations have become the norm, but it is imper­

ad for the people of the United States to live their lives as before, he said.

"If we get scared by these things, then they win," Lutrin said, "but I think we have to make accommodations."
## CAL POLY FRATERNITY RUSH WEEK

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**Monday Night Football & Pizza @ Verde**
By Leslie Edwards

Hasslein died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Aug. 24 at the age of 83. Hasslein was born in Los Angeles on Aug. 31, 1917. He received his bachelor’s degree in architectural engineering from the University of Southern California. Hasslein began teaching at Cal Poly in 1950 as an assistant architecture professor. Just one year later, he was named head of the new architectural engineering department.

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Letters to the editor

Bombing of Afghanistan is being glamorized

Editor,

“America Fighting Back” is a new corporate media slogan proclaimed minutes after the U.S. government unleashed a barrage of death upon the famine-stricken country of Afghanistan. With this Hollywood title, the typical chain reaction of media cheerleading, government posturing and destruction of democracy has begun. America has “smacked back” and Osama bin Laden has claimed holy war. America has decided to fight terror with missiles and bombs, kill innocent people, and force millions more into refugee camps so they can die in the harsh upcoming winter conditions. America has decided to perpetuate a cycle of violence in an age of nuclear, chemical and biological weaponry. Nothing is stable and America is not a safer place.

But to say America has made such a decision is false. Just as the Taliban cannot claim to represent the people of Afghanistan, a U.S. president who lost the popular vote, who has consistently acted against the will of the majority on issues like free trade, the environment, and missile defense, cannot claim to represent America. This time the government and media have failed to manufacture total consent for its “smudge” of revenge. Somewhere, dissent is building. Two weeks ago, students from over 150 colleges across the nation demonstrated rallies to oppose the war, and last Thursday, students here at Cal Poly stood up to be counted. A new student movement is demanding the U.S. government stop this cycle of bloodshed, pursue justice through international law, and stop unopposed by all against the tide of patriarchal jingoism—the history of terrorism is U.S. foreign policy.

If we really want to stop the killing of civilians for political ends (terrorism), we must not just remember Sept. 11, we must also remember the United States’ nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the raping and looting of Vietnamese villages, and today’s genocidal sanctions on Iraq. If the goal really is to stop the innocent from dying, we must acknowledge that although 600,000 dead is horrible and unacceptable, the U.S. military is capable of much more. We must stop this war.

Bomber

Jesse McGowan is a political science junior. I uxi do not tiilly understand what most of you are saying. I see the war to be a very good way to get revenge for Sept. 11. I don’t agree with you at all on the need to eradicate terrorism. I believe that the United States should use military force if it helps America.

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U.S. officials have bigger fish to fry

Even as the United States prepares for war, the government continues its own internal saga. Former president Bill Clinton is being investigated for a permanent disbarment from arguing before the Supreme Court.

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Catholic Center, and includes two public appearances — Tuesday night’s at Cal Poly and another on Oct. 11 at Grace Bible Church in Avila Grande.

“We felt it was an area that hadn’t been discussed that much in this community,” said Kathy Smith of the Newman Catholic Center. “I know that our hope, and their hope, is not so much to relive the events of Columbine, but to look at what caused Columbine — what are the characteristics about our world that drive young people to do things of that sort.”

That is why Todd and Hoover are also making a special point to target high schools in the county, with scheduled visits to San Luis Obispo High School, Mission College Preparatory High School in San Luis Obispo, St. Joseph’s High School in Santa Maria and Paso Robles High School.

Hoover and Todd have been trying to make a difference from the moment terror struck their school. Each played important life-saving roles the day the tragic event occurred.

Hoover, who didn’t know what was happening at the time of the emergency, sensed something was wrong and pulled a fire alarm to get people outside school buildings.

Todd, however, found himself in the line of fire, and took shotgun wounds to the face, neck and back.

Despite his injuries, he helped three other students to safety, administered first aid and was able to give police a description of the two gunmen and their weapons as well as their location in the school. He was awarded the distinguished Honor Medal by the Boy Scouts of America for his brave actions.

In light of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Smith said she expects Hoover and Todd to relate their personal experiences of tragedy and loss with the sense of loss the country is currently undergoing. She feels that their stories of survival and bravery will be an inspiration to those who are still trying to deal with issues of depression, hatred, fear and confusion.

She hopes that by understanding how the two young men have risen above such a hateful act that resulted in a devastating loss of human life will provide hope to those who need it, she said.

“I think what they’re doing is really an outstanding service to people,” Smith said. “We should be honored that they are willing to come here.”

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they can do is to contribute by adding pressure, making life more difficult, raising the cost for the terrorists and those that are supporting the terrorists.

As Monday's attacks unfolded, cargo planes dropped thousands more food packages across the famine-stricken country. EC-130 "Commando Solo" aircraft — essentially flying radio stations operated by the 103rd Special Operations Wing, a unit of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard — were said to be filling the airwaves with the Afghan people encouraging them to support the opposition cause.

Meanwhile, aircraft attached to the 4th Psychological Operations Group at Fort Bragg, N.C., reportedly were preparing to scatter leaflets, and possibly even transmit radio signals, to encourage detections and inform civilians that the U.S. campaign was not aimed at them. But Pentagon officials said Monday night that they did think the air drops of leaflets or radio packages had begun.

The Voice of America, meanwhile, expanded its broadcasts in languages spoken across Afghanistan, Pakistan and Central Asia. Monday's military strikes were more limited than those that opened the Bush administration's war against terrorism on Sunday, when 40 aircraft participated and naval forces fired 50 cruise missiles.

But Pentagon officials said attacks could increase in intensity later in the week, depending on assessments of the damage from U.S. bombs.

One senior defense official Monday's strikes involved "looking at (Sunday's) targets and re-striking where appropriate — and looking for emerging targets. We see their vehicles moving, we see their people moving."

Another senior official said that Sunday's strikes had forced some Taliban troops to come out of the open. "We brought some of them up. Yes, some of them came running," the official said. "They're moving to different places."

Virtually all of the movement, the official added, involved Taliban forces and not members of bin Laden's al Qaida network, most of whom had disappeared from their known camps before or immediately after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and Washington.

But Rumsfeld and Myers made it clear that U.S. planes and ships were targeting both the Taliban and al Qaida. Myers said al Qaida's camps were bombed because they had "inherent great training capability." Asked why the U.S. was bombarding facilities that recruits have largely vanished since Sept. 11, Myers replied: "They are not totally empty."

Rumsfeld added that U.S. war planes had bombed some Taliban forces in northern Afghanistan that seemed to consist largely of soldiers from the al Qaida network. Both he and Myers again hinted, as they had Sunday, that the air and naval strikes were accompanied by invisible "covert operations."

While they did not elaborate, other officials have said that about 50 Special Forces troops specializing in liaison and reconnaissance are working with the rebels of Afghanistan's Northern Alliance.

"We're reaching out to a range of Afghan groups on the ground, in the north and in the south, as well as to the 10th Special Forces unit and dislocated elements within the Taliban who are opposed to the Taliban's policy of turning their nations into a haven for foreign terrorists," Rumsfeld said.

Until now, U.S. officials have said the special forces were operating in neighboring Tajikistan. "This is all new to us," one senior official said. "Going into a situation like this, it's not like you're looking at a state-to-state type thing — you're going against a terrorist organization and a regime that almost nobody recognizes in the world."