Leaders gather to forge future Afghan government

By Rone Tempest

(WIRE)FESHWAI, Pakistan — Hoping to patch up bitter differences born of two decades of war, several hundred Afghan leaders representing exiled political groups, minority chains and anti-Taliban forces have gathered in this frontier city to discuss the creation of an alternative government for Afghanistan.

The two-day Assembly for Peace and National Unity in Afghanistan, scheduled to begin Wednesday, is the first in a series of such gatherings here, inside Afghanistan and possibly in Turkey over the next few weeks aimed at producing a ruling council, or loya jirga, acceptable to the Afghans.

"This meeting will be a milestone for the future course of Afghanistan — a very noble event," said Pir Sayed Ahmad Gailani, the leader of a refugee group opposed to the extremist Islamic Taliban regime.

Gailani, who convened the Feshawar conference, said he hopes to produce a resolution by Thursday outlining the broad contours of an alternative government.

But Gailani, a royalist who supports the return of Afghanistan's exiled 87-year-old monarch, Mohammad Zahir Shah, to whom he is related, acknowledged that the success of the meeting has been complicated by the continued U.S. bombing in Afghanistan. In addition to solidifying support for the Taliban, the strikes have prevented those in Afghanistan who support a more moderate regime from attending the meeting.

"We don't know how many will be able to make it across the border," said Harris said.

The most prominent themes, said Harris, are improved access, endangered species protection and wilderness designations.

"I think we'll be paying more attention to ways we can protect threatened and endangered species while still providing recreation for the people of the Central Coast," Good said.

Therien lies the problem, according to John Harris, professor of natural resource management. While the plans are still in "public comment mode," there are important issues that need to be addressed.

One of the pre-eminent issues, Harris said, is differing attidues toward usage of the parks. As California becomes increasingly diverse, it makes it increasingly difficult to legislate the ways in which people use the parks.

"It's important that we don't love the place to death," he said.

The answer lies in education, because so many people have never been exposed to such environments, Harris said. However, finding the resources for such programs can often be difficult. It is this lack of education that causes a rift between many inner-city residents who have not had the necessary wilderness training when they choose to vacation in these areas.

Because of this lack of education, many parks and forests have implemented projects to help educate campers and hikers. In Yosemite, for example, campers see a video on dangers posed by bears before they are allowed to enter.

"They set it up so that before you can get in, you have to know things," Harris said.

As open spaces continue to decrease, there is also a renewed urgency to understand the creatures and ecosystems of the forest, Good said.

"We must identify what we want the forest to look like in 10 to 15 years," she said.
A senior Pakistani official estimated Tuesday that it will take "weeks if not months" to construct a viable alternative to the Taliban. This creates enormous problems for post-Taliban order if the Northern Alliance forces capture Kabul, the Afghan capital, and order the interim government structure can be forged. "Our hope is that the Afghan groups can find a common ground," the official said in a background briefing in Islamabad, the Pakistani capital. But the official admitted that it's unclear just how much power and support any of the predominantly ethnic Pashtun attendees at the meeting will have. Many are aging former mujahideen leaders who have spent years living as refugees in Pakistan or overseas. "They have considerable conflicts of ambition. They may have exaggerated their influence, and there is no way for us to assess how much influence they still have until they actually move into Afghanistan," the official said. He said the three measures of support are how many fighters they have, how much territory they control and how many weapons they possess. The official noted that the Taliban's sweeping 1996 victory in Afghanistan was built on hundreds of detailed agreements with local commanders, many of whom served leaders now in exile. U.S.-led efforts to spark an organized resistance to the Taliban in Afghanistan, particularly in the largely Pashtun south, have so far failed, the official said.
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National Briefs

Anthrax confirmed as cause of death for postal worker

WASHINGTON — It was deter­
minded Tuesday that Joseph Canseco, 47, and Thomas Morris Jr., 55, postal employees that worked at a fac­
ity that handles much of the mail bound for Washington, died of inhalation anthrax. Two other
workers from the same facility are in serious condition and are being treated for anthrax at a Virginia hos­
pital.

President Bush has suggested that the anthrax-laced letters are directly linked to the Sept. 11 serial attacks.
The Justice Department released copies of the anthrax-laced letters that were sent to media locations. The letters were postmarked on Sept. 11, and are nearly identical.
The test makes reference to the let­
ters having anthrax, and they all said "Death to America. Death to Israel. Allah is great."

Ninety percent of those who con­
tract inhalation anthrax die from the infection.

— Reuters

U.S. helicopters receive Pakistani fire

WASHINGTON — While refu­
ing during a mission to recover the heli­
copter that crashed. The Pentagon
claims that it was an accident caused by heavy dust that was kicked up by the rotor blades when the craft was
trying to land.

— Reuters

Terrorist cell related to attacks

WASHINGTON — Attorney General John Ashcroft said Tuesday that three of the hijackers and three of the accomplices that are being sought for participation in the Sept. 11 attacks were from a terrorist cell that has been operating out of Hamburg, Germany since 1999.

Germany has issued international arrest warrants for the fugitive accomplices. Twelve FBI agents have been sent to Germany to help with the investigations there.

The accomplices were roommates while attending school in Germany in the 1990s. They moved to Florida in February.

— Associated Press

Two children die during wait at border

EL PASO, Texas — A brother and sister died from carbon monox­
ide poisoning while their truck was stuck in lines at the U.S. — Mexico border. Daniel Valenzuela, 6, and his sister Erika, 15, were pronounced dead on Sunday. They were taking a nap in the bed of the truck during the wait when exhaust fumes leaked through holes caused by rust in the floor. A camper shell prevented the fumes from escaping. Both of the children's parents were in the truck's cabin.

The family was returning from Ciudad Juarez, a trip that usually takes 20 minutes. But back-ups due to increased security at the border caused the family to wait in traffic for an hour and a half to cross a bridge that crossed into east El Paso.

— Reuters

International Briefs

Europe

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — In a step to boost Northern Ireland's peace process, the Irish Republican Army has begun to disarm. Last week, the IRA had refused to disarm after British loyalists requested it during peace talks. The IRA views disarmament as a form of surrender.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair has said that it is now possible to reduce British troops, which was a key demand of the Republicans.

Arms, ammunition and explo­
sives have been disabled so that they are permanently un-useable. The IRA has Europe's largest under­
ground arsenal.

— Reuters

Middle East

JERUSALEM — President Bush maintains his position that Israel should pull out of the six Palestinian-controlled cities in the West Bank that it has occupied since an Israeli cabinet member was assassinated last week. Until now Israel has resisted the request, but it has said that they may withdraw if the Palestinian Authority is able to maintain peace. Israeli authorities have said that they had no intent of controlling the areas for an extend­
ed amount of time.

Three Pakistanis were killed late Tuesday by Israeli forces. At least one Israeli and 159 Palestinians have died in the conflict that started last week after the assassination, which was in reaction for the death of the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in August. More than 600 Palestinians and 177 Israelis have died in the Palestinian revolt against Israeli occupation that began in September 2000.

— Reuters

Asia-Pacific

JAVA — Forty-four survivors from a refugee boat that sank over the weekend reached safety at a hos­
el in the capital of Java Tuesday. Three people were on a boat that originally held 421 men, women and children. At least 350 died.

Indonesia has said that they will maintain peace. Israeli authorities have said that they had no intent of

The refugees were on a boat that was in rough waters between Java and Sumatra. The refugees were pri­
arily Iraqis, but there were also some Iranians, Afghans, Pakistanis and Algerians. The crew is believed to have been

— BBC News

Middle East

JACOBAHAD, Pakistan — Pakistani authorities said that 140 people were arrested during a demonstration near an airbase by Islamic militants Tuesday. The air­
base is being used to support U.S. personnel.

Protestors made no move to march on the base and were approached by baton-wielding police officers. At least five protest­
ers were injured.

Two smaller groups of demonstra­
tors, of 15 and 25 people, were arrested Tuesday shortly after the other demonstration was broken up when they began to march toward another airbase.

Police have erected sandbag bunkers and road blocksides inside Jacobabad. Most roads to the city have been blocked and patrolled for several days in order to prevent entry by large groups.

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan maintains that their aid to the United States is only logisti­
cal and that no attacks against Afghanistan will be launched from Pakistan.

— Associated Press

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utor Anne Guilford

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ASl 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.


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One of the greatest gourmet treats is the chocolate candy made by Cal Poly Chocolates. Handmade chocolates from a high quality Swiss chocolate are for sale either individually or by the box at several places on and off campus.

"Our chocolate has a higher quality taste and aroma because of the chocolate that we use," said Tom Neuhaus, nutritional science professor. "Our candy is made with a chocolate that blends African and South American beans."

Cal Poly Chocolates has been in business since April 2000, and has been trying different types of chocolate treats. The varieties are endless, such as the favorite treat of chocolate-covered graham crackers and nuts, to chocolate covered nuts, as well as fruit such as papayas and mangoes. A Cal Poly chocolate bar designed by students is also available for purchase in a gift box.

The chocolate business, run by three student employees, was started in order to generate income for the nutritional science department. Neuhaus wants to use the money to find a new concentration, culinary science.

Other gift ideas that are made and sold on campus are dairy products. Using milk produced by Cal Poly cows, the Cal Poly Creamery processes the cheese and ice cream that is sold at the Campus Market. Campus Dining also purchases some of the ice cream and cheese made on campus.

"Last year, the creamery processed about 66,000 pounds of cheese and made 660 gallons of ice cream," said Dr. Les Ferreira, interim department head of the dairy science department, and interim director of the Dairy Product Technology Research Center. The money from selling the dairy products is used to maintain the dairy and creamery on campus, since both facilities must be self-sufficient.

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"About 40 students work at the dairy and 15 to 20 students work in the creamery during the year," Ferreira said.

The meat science department also sells products made by students. Most of the meat products are sold at the meat lab; however, on occasion the Campus Market will sell jerky, lingua and frozen ground beef. A popular favorite for the holidays is the Thanksgiving ham. The fully cooked hams are cured, slow-cooked and smoked for better flavor and tenderness.

"Most meat sales are by word of mouth," said Bob Vance, an animal science professor. "For more information on buying meat, folks can call me at 756-2254."

Meat has been on sale at Cal Poly for the past 30 years. Students make the product in labs as part of instruction and faculty sells the product to recover costs associated with the lab.

If giving food isn’t the gift that is just right for the holidays, there are always plants. The plants, ranging from bedding and potted plants to cut flowers, are grown by horticulture students and sold at the University Union, in front of the agricultural science building, at the Poly Plant Shop and even at Farmers Market.
Recipe of the Week

Burger of the Gods

8 ounces chuck, trimmed, cut into 1 1/2 inch cubes
8 ounces sirloin, trimmed, cut into 1 1/2 inch cubes
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

In separate batches, pulse the chuck and the sirloin in a food processor 10 times. Combine the chuck, sirloin and kosher salt in a large bowl. Form the meat into 5-ounce patties.

Heat a cast iron skillet or griddle over medium-high heat for two to three minutes. Place the hamburger patties in the pan. For medium rare burgers, cook the patties for two to three minutes. For medium rare burgers, cook the patties for two to three minutes. For medium rare burgers, cook the patties for two to three minutes. Place the hamburger patties in the pan.

Yield: 3 servings

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11:15 am - 12:30 pm, Thursday, October 25. Dexter Lawn. 400 meals available. Meat and veggie dogs. Students, faculty, staff, and administrators welcome. Program will include music and speakers addressing the state of the University.

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FOOD & politics

By Meredith Rogers

Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI) launched Breast Cancer Awareness Month in 1987. ICI is the parent company of Zeneca Pharmaceuticals, which sells Tamoxifen. Tamoxifen is the world’s best-selling cancer therapy drug. ICI has been the sole financial sponsor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month since the event’s beginning, and the corporation has been allowed to approve or veto every poster, pamphlet and advertisement Breast Cancer Awareness Month uses. This corporation is an explicitly funded and controls every piece of information distributed during Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

It now becomes perfectly clear why no mention is made of diet in the prevention of breast cancer: real prevention of breast cancer would not be financially favorable for ICI. No wonder only 23 percent of American women are aware that there are any dietary steps they can take to lower their chances of developing breast cancer.

As stated above, fruits and vegetables are the best protection against breast cancer, and all cancer for that matter. A recently published study noted that women with the highest intake of vegetables had a 46 percent lower risk of breast cancer compared with women who had the lowest intake.

The foods with the highest anti-cancer activity include garlic, soybeans, cabbage, ginger, licorice and carrots. Also on the list of cancer-protection activity are cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts), tomatoes, brown rice and whole wheat. The reason is simple: plant foods contain phytochemicals and antioxidants; non-nutritive substances that are powerful health protectors. Every bite of a brightly-colored fruit or vegetable delivers a dose of these substances, which possess anti-tumor activity, quench free radicals, and block hormone actions that are associated with the development of cancer.

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Opinion

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Recently, I received an e-mail claiming an appointment for remote Osama bin Laden would be giving him a sex change and sending him back to Afghanistan to live as a woman under the Taliban regime. I think this is an insufficient punishment, considering the life of woman under Taliban rule.

The women of Afghanistan are often referred to, and refer themselves as, the “living dead.”

Next to their husbands, they must be shrouded in the head-to-foot covering called the burqa. Some of the women covering the eyes was the only way she can live beyond the veil. However, the small opening in the burqa provides partial visual access and is the culprit behind many pedestrian and car accidents.

After Russia pulled out of Afghanistan, the civil war continued and the Taliban took over the government. A group of uneducated, student-aged rebels, which the Taliban controls roughly 40 percent of Afghanistan. In recent years the group has curbed all women’s rights and nearly removed women from public view. One of the first steps of the Taliban was to stop allowing women to receive an education. Only four to five percent of primary school-aged children are educated in Afghanistan, and now, if all 14 facilities of Kabul University, no women attended. Women are completely denied any right to any education from kindergarten to graduate school.

Women were also removed from their professional positions as teachers, doctors and government officials. Before the Taliban took control, women made up 20 percent of the teachers in Kabul. 50 percent of all civil servants and students and 40 percent of doctors. Now, women face being prostituted and prostitution as a means of survival. With a fertility rate of 5.7 children per woman, families are large. Due to the high unemployment and strenuous living conditions, many women turn to sex work.

Enforcement of a bidly malnourished child (Reuters photo). It is obvious, you are too skimpish of anything that might take away from your pocketbook. There are demands for more support and human rights abuses worldwide on their site. Don’t base your opinions on magazines titled Forbes or Money – they are obviously biased to do one thing make money and capitalise! The Kabul does not have a leader among them embracing countries that systematically abuse women and homosexuals, two groups that cannot survive under the Taliban. A Center in Kabul.

Amnesty International is hardly “anti-American,” unless you’re ready to proclaim that it’s a woman’s right to choose abortion, according to Amnesty International. Women, rape, burning women, mass abduction, forced marriage and prostitution are all aspects of the way of life in the women of Afghanistan. The same government officials who imprison a prostitute can later have her stoned to death in a sports arena with thousands of onlookers. According to an Associated Press story from May 1, 2002, this actually occurred. Drug abuse continues to be a problem among the hopeless women of Afghanistan. The country is the No. 1 producer of opium, and many women use the drug to “treat” the depression they face on a daily basis.

Letters to the editor

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Amnesty International University is not a faction of Americans, it does not mean that it is the only fraternity that hazes its members. While I have no opinion about it, being a racist and being anti-American, we trust on women’s rights issues? The Family “I agree with you on amnesty being a lost cause, but I believe that Chris is simply expressing his viewpoints that there are some countries that do not recognize the right to choose abortion, according to Amnesty International’s mission to promote human rights.

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Will Students and Classes at Cal Poly be Affected by Failing CSU Contract Negotiations?

Your Cal Poly faculty and staff negotiations with the CSU Chancellor are failing over the issues of compensation and working conditions. Together, faculty and staff form the backbone of the university and maintain a quality learning environment. California Faculty Association (CFA) data show that 10 years ago 55% of the CSU budget went to student instruction and it has now dropped to 47%. Meantime, the workload has increased for faculty and staff. To maintain the quality of education, the CFA wants to reduce class sizes, stabilize student-to-faculty ratios and to extend protections for long-term lecturers who have no employment protection.

NEGOTIATION UPDATE:

► The Chancellor’s Office received an 8.5% legislative budget increase, but has offered the California State Employees Association (CSEA) a merit salary increase of less than 2%!
► The Chancellor also refused the CFA proposed increase in compensation of 5.7%.
► Both the CSEA and CFA feel this is unfair and need your support!

How Will this Affect Your Quality of Education?
If the Chancellor has his way, it will have a negative effect on Cal Poly:

• Recruitment and retention of quality faculty and staff is more difficult due to the heavy workload for faculty and low wages for staff. Other critical problems not faced at most other campuses in the CSU system include a health care crisis, unaffordable housing, and poor working conditions.
• Because of this, some existing employees may choose to relocate elsewhere.
• In turn, the quality of faculty and staff will plummet and this will cause the high quality of education at Cal Poly to deteriorate.

How Can Students Help?
“Teach CSU” gatherings will be held in October on CSU campuses.

Cal Poly will hold its “Teach CSU” Day on Thursday, October 25th from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm on Dexter Lawn.

Please join Cal Poly faculty and staff, community and labor leaders to share information about the issues facing us all in the CSU and learn how we can preserve the quality of education at Cal Poly as a precious resource for all. Your attendance at this “teach-in” will send an important message to the Chancellor and CSU Trustees!

How Can Cal Poly Employees Help?
Are you a union member? Are you sure?

CSEA “fee payers” for example, currently pay 95% dues as CSU employees but do not receive a long list of benefits that “full dues paying members” enjoy for only about $2.40 more per month.

To improve the CSEA bargaining power and your working conditions, we encourage you to increase our “power in numbers” by joining today. With a stronger bargaining position, we can negotiate a stop to the increasing trend of eliminating our CSEA union jobs by contracting them out.

You can find out more at: www.calcsea.org/csu

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California Faculty Association
CFA (756-2717)
www.polyunion.org

CSU Union
CSEA (756-6541)
www.polyunion.org

PSA (Progressive Student Alliance)
www.calpoly.edu/~proglub