Films search for causes of breast cancer

Documentary aims to stress importance of environmental factors to causes of breast cancer

By Kat Corey

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is quickly coming to an end and the Cal Poly Women's Program wants to send it off with a bang.

Along with San Luis Obispo Cancer Action Now (SLOCAN) and Student Life and Leadership, the Women's Program will be showing "Rachel's Daughters," a documentary that searches for the causes of breast cancer. The screening will be held in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohen Center at 5:30 p.m. today and attendees are encouraged to stay for refreshments and discussion after.

Genny Monteen, a breast cancer survivor and director of SLOCAN, said "Rachel's Daughters," is a moving film that actually inspired the start of their newly established program.

"When I saw this movie, it gave me hope," she said. "There was a lot of good information that hadn't been discussed before."

"Rachel's Daughters," directed by Allie Light and Irving Saraf, is a detective story and detailed analysis of the science and politics of breast cancer. It began in response to a tragedy. The 19-year-old daughter of Light and Saraf had been diagnosed with breast cancer.

As parents, they wanted to know why, and as filmmakers, they set out to investigate.

The documentary follows a group of women — all breast cancer activists whom are fighting or have survived the disease — who are on a personal mission to unravel the causes of breast cancer. Seeing themselves as spiritual heirs of author Rachel Carson, whose 1962 book "Silent Spring" warned of the dangers of DDT exposure, they focus on issues including chemical contamination, radiation and electromagnetic exposure in order to find breast cancer's causes, according to the Women Make Movies Web site. Addressing environmental racism, inequalities in research funding and disparities in cancer rates for women of color, they track the effects of social biases on cancer incidence and health care delivery.

It is a great opportunity for students, faculty and staff to see "Rachel's Daughters," said Susanne Kelley, coordinator of Women's Programs. She said they brought it to campus to unearth the causes of breast cancer.

"Rachael's Daughters," said Susanne Kelley, a breast cancer survivor.

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Crushing the competition

Industrial technology freshmen Blake Bolton, foreground, and Adam Heitzman pose with their can-crushing mechanism that will make the can no taller than a quarter of an inch in one motion. Their model uses a bike chain and a sprocket.

Leaders gather to forge future Afghan government

By Rone Tempest

(WIRE) PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Hoping to patch up bitter differences born of two decades of war, several hundred Afghan leaders representing exiled political groups, monarchs 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 Afghan people.

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

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

But Gulani, a royalist who supports the return of Afghanistan's exiled 87-year-old monarch, Mohammad Zaher 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 the creation of an alternative government from attending the meeting.

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

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Myriad of issues face Forest Service

By Stephen Curran

Forest Service strives to balance recreation, preservation in developing forest management plan

The most prominent themes, Good said, 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.

Therein 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 attitudes 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 programs 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.

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Section of CSU Sacramento hall reopens after anthrax scare

BY GREG KANE
THE DAILY Hornet

(U-WIRE) SACRAMENTO — More than a week after the discovery of a suspicious substance resulted in the evacuation of the building, Santa Clara Hall reopened its doors Thursday.

The building was shut down Oct. 10 after a worker in the building discovered an envelope containing a white, powdery substance. A $5 bill and a note with the message "Sleep well," according to Sacramento police officer Dennis Bederman.

Initial tests conducted by the Sacramento County Health Department showed that the substance was not anthrax — the potentially deadly bacteria receiving international attention after being mailed to prominent figures and businesses around the world.

The common method of delivery for the anthrax has been a white powder included in mailed letters.

Subsequent test results released Thursday showed that the substance was not a biotoxin-containing material, said Frank Whittatch of the Sacramento State Public Affairs Office.

"They're sure it's not a biotoxin," Whittatch said. "We know it's not anthrax, and it's not a plague."

It is not known what the substance is, but Whittatch said it could have been a prank, or just left accidentally, but there's no way to tell at this point.

"It's hard to say," Hamrick said. "It's too early to tell."

"We're on an extra level of awareness right now," he said.

Said Senior Kristen Spillers, "They're sure it's not a biotoxin. We know it's not anthrax, and it's not a plague."

The evacuation of the building, Santa Clara Hall, was quickly reversed, and response teams from Sacramento Fire Department and Sacramento Police Department closed the area soon after.

The contractor who was exposed to the substance was stripped down and scrubbed as a precautionary measure, said Captain David Whitt, public information officer for the fire department.

Most of Santa Clara Hall was reopened the following morning, but the section where the powder and note were found remained closed until the test results came through.

Whitt said there is no way of knowing when the investigation will be completed.

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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, before any 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.

But the official said 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.

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Anthrax confirmed as cause of death for postal worker.

WASHINGTON — It was deter-
mined Tuesday that Joseph Canseen, 47, and Thomas Morris Jr., 55, postal employees that worked at a facility 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 aerial attacks.

The Justice Department released copies of the anthrax-laced letters that were sent to media locations. The letters were all postmarked on Sept. 11, and are nearly identical. The text 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-
eling during a mission to recover the U.S. search and rescue helicopter that crashed over the weekend, another U.S. helicopter received ground fire from a Pakistani aircraft.

The helicopter stopped refueling and returned fire. It returned to an airbase that is currently being used by U.S. forces. The crew and the air-
craft were not harmed.

Other U.S. helicopters have also received fire while in Pakistan.

The Taliban have said that they may be responsible for 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 try-
ing to land.

— Reuters

Terrorist cell related to attacks found in Germany.

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 accom-
plices. 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 and attended school in Hamburg, Germany since 1999.

— 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 the border. Daniel Valenzuela, 6, and his sister Erika, 13, 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 family 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.

Three Palestinians were killed late Tuesday by Israeli forces. At least one Israeli and 16 Palestinians have died in the conflict that started last week after the assassination, which was in retaliation for the death of the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in August.

More than 600 Palestinians and 17 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-

tel in the capital of Java Tuesday. The boat was carrying 421 people.

— Associated Press

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 main-
tain peace. Israeli authorities have said that they had no intent of controlling the areas for an extended amount of time.

— Reuters

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ASI 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.

The holiday season is just around the corner, and so is the frantic search for the perfect gift. Thankfully, the perfect gourmet or exotic gift can be found here at Cal Poly. Cal Poly's campus.

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nutrition science professor

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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, linguica 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.

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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.

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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. Place the burger patties in the pan. For medium rare burgers, cook the patties for two to three minutes. Place the burger patties in the pan. For medium rare burgers, cook the patties for two to three minutes. Place the burger patties in the pan.

Yield: 3 servings

Free Food

Teach-In, sponsored by CFA & CSEA

Hot Dog Drink Chips

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.
Bin Laden should become one of ‘living dead’

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

In 2001, Afghanistan is known as the land of violence, where many women are killed. These women are often killed for the slightest reason, and are often killed for defending their rights. This leaves the unemployed women to support their families.

Yet who have been denied the most crucial choices in their lives, they are also banned from wearing make up or nail polish, cutting their hair, wearing colorful or stylish clothes, shoes and socks and shoes, walking olduky and laughing in Russia. All except for those who run homes must paint black to prevent passing-by seeing women in the street.

Society has a huge role in being free, according to Amnesty International. Rape, women-burning, mass abduction, forced marriage and prostitution are all signs of society’s trouble with women in Afghanistan. The same government officers who promote a prostitute can later have her stoned to death in a sports arena with thousands of onlookers.

According to an Associated Press story from Jan. 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. Along with the depressed, women face threats to their health care and medicine, and medical facilities are all-outdated and highly unsanitary.

It is not true to say the Taliban controls Afghanistan. The United Nations countries believe that bin Laden’s women’s rights are “unabated severe.” The Taliban foreign minister refuted this claim by saying that the UN reported was not true. I am not the one man who is speaking solely for the Taliban.

The Taliban regime needs to be taken from power. Afghanistan needs a new life, not a new life for women. Women need their rights returned. Yes, these claims are easier said than done. The UN, the United Nations, and any future world that needs to focus on reforming Afghanistan after the War on Terrorism ends. The women of this country cannot be abandoned. They need to have a life beyond the veil. In the meantime, however, let’s bin Laden and let him live his life of the “living dead.”

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Letters to the editor

Amnesty International is a respectable organization

To, respond to Chris Gallion’s “Government is trying to be transparent” (Oct. 24), I would just like to defend Amnesty International. Despite what they call it, AI’s “brainwashing” is based on an important, yet not well-known fact. Generally speaking, practically every other country in the world is also cited in one way or another. Some of these include the Soviet Union, China, and Vietnam. The organization is known as the International Human Rights Act and proclaimed by the General Assembly (Resolution 217 A (III) of 1966). All supporters are no, supportive organizations, organizations that are indeed supportive of other organizations are also supportive of their organization. They find themselves to be insufficiently informed of the fact, he would have noticed that.

Furthermore, the propaganda that Amnesty International is “anti-American” is laughable at best. Quoting Mr. Gallion: “I say propaganda because it is the spreading of his ideas, his “information” and his morals for the purpose of establishing institutions, causes or people.” All diplomats all the world, (including the US) are supporting this propaganda, and this includes the United States. It’s not that there is a lack of support for the cause.

Many of these include all the member countries, the use of the death penalty and police brutality. However, if the “anti-American” comment results from AI’s work in Afghanistan, then there is a problem.

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News

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Good news. The forest management plan to the zoning plan in many cities and urban areas; it involves deciding what is appropriate for these wilderness areas in a way similar to devising a city's general plan. In 1988, when the last forest management plan was created, recreation was an issue important to many area residents. And, while recreation remains vitally important, there has also been a shift toward recreation that does not endanger the environment.

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to Cal Poly because it is a different event on what we normally do. The big screen, but she said her friend told her to wait and see what is on the big screen.

"Those that have seen it say that it is very powerful," she said. "I can't wait to watch it."

Kelley said that many breast cancer awareness programs promote the idea that "the best prevention is early detection," but the focus of this film, as well as SLOCAN's, is prevention rather than treating the disease.

SLOCAN is a newly formed organization that chose October for its campaign to broaden cancer awareness beyond the Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Monteen said San Luis Obispo has agreed to declare October "Stop Cancer Where It Starts Month."

Monteen said that a major cause of cancer starts with the environment, and is not hereditary. She said that since World War II some 250,000 new chemicals have been introduced to the environment and that precautionary actions need to be taken with these chemicals.

"A little more precaution and we'll have less cancer," Monteen said.

Wednesday, October 24, 2001

However, because lifespans of forests and wilderness areas are often hundreds of years, it is important to take precautionary measures against harming the environment, Harris said.

"It's hard to fix once you've dam­aged it," he said.

Aside from Los Padres, the Forest Service is revising the management plans for Angeles, Cleveland and San Bernardino National Forests in Southern California.

The official planning process began last month, with the publica­tion of a Notice of Intent in the Federal Register. The completed plan will be available December 2003.

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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.

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