Weekend of upsets:

Women's volleyball team crushes Utah and Idaho, 8

By Stephen Harvey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The wind rushes past an old white car as it makes its lonely journey down Highway 101. Eyes drooping as it nears 4 a.m., Donald Hong continues his trip to Long Beach with all his gear piled in the back seat. "It's kind of weird, like déjà vu all over again," Hong said. "It's affecting me twice. The solution is for me not to go back to school," he said jokingly.

Hong, an industrial technology graduate student at Cal Poly and an officer in the Army Reserves, was called up to active duty on Wednesday. This is the second time Hong was ordered to report for duty; the first was during his freshman year at Cal Poly, when he was called up from the ROTC to go to the Persian Gulf War in 1990.

Hong received the call at 11 a.m. Wednesday, telling him he had to be in Long Beach by 6 a.m. the next day. He spent all afternoon talking to friends and family. He also went to the Admissions Office to withdraw and working for the Connection tor Academic Success.

By Craig Gordon
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

WASHINGTON — Already under pressure to curtail the air campaign over Afghanistan, the United States is facing a crucial decision in coming weeks that will put its fragile partnerships in the Arab world to the test: whether to continue dropping bombs during the holy month of Ramadan.

The United States' most important Arab partners, including Pakistan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, have grown increasingly vocal in calling for a swift end to U.S. bombing. The issue is taking on greater urgency with the approach of Ramadan in mid-November, the most sacred period on the Islamic calendar.

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, for one, suggested last week that bombing during Ramadan would stoke anti-American sentiment that has been inflamed by the U.S. attacks. A backlash could threaten the stability of moderate Arab regimes, whose fall would likely clear the way for fundamentalism to advance. It might also feed the notion of a Christian attack against Islam, they say.

Still, the Pentagon has given little indication that it plans to suspend bombing during the holy period, which commemorates the time when the Koran first was revealed to the prophet Mohammed in Mecca about 1,400 years ago. During Ramadan, devout Muslims refrain from food, drink and other comforts during daylight hours.

By Whitney Kobrin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Imagine attending a university in a location where some of life's comforts are very difficult to find. While many Cal Poly students won't ever have it to go through uncomfortable situations, many minority students deal with these instances everyday.

Ledell Aaron, a black computer engineering junior, shares his experiences in San Luis Obispo.

Minority students make up only 28 percent of enrollment for fall and summer this year.

By Stephen Curran
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For many people, college can be both a bewildering and exciting change. Not only is it an unfamiliar environment, but it is also filled with endless opportunities to meet new people and try new things.

For others, however, this change is one filled not with new and interesting friends, but with isolation.

Business administration senior Shonan Tribett is one such student. Coming from a diverse community in Los Angeles, it was Cal Poly's academic reputation that initially drew her to San Luis Obispo. However, many students' attitudes made her feel unwelcome.

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As part of the army reserves, Hong is the First Lt. Executive Officer for his battalion. The battalion he leads is part of the engineering corps, which deals with land mines and demolition. Hong referred to a Time magazine article he had been using for his industrial technology course and explained that 30 percent of the world's land mines are in Afghanistan. They are left over from Afghanistan's conflicts with Russia and other countries. Hong said. It costs $1.3 to $2 a charge, and $300 to $500 to remove it. While Hong was getting ready to leave, he packed two tools he used for detecting mines. One was a 2-foot-long pole with a white plastic rod sticking out on the end. Hong explained that he sticks the rod into the ground and pokes around looking for mines. The second tool was a heavy-duty metal detector.

During the time that Hong has been involved with the military, he has worked in demolition as well as mine removal and deployment. In the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, he drove a bridge with both steel and policy cleanup and was granted with an "Army Achievement Medal." Hong started his undergraduate program at Cal Poly in 1994 and, according to a 1991 Mustang Daily article, he studied industrial engineering for one quarter before being called to active duty in the 45th battalion.

ROTC was also a part of Hong's college career, when he graduated from Cal Poly in 1997 he was commissioned as an assistant commander of the 40th infantry division of the California National Guard in San Diego.

"We had a specific plan, we had a specific goal," said Lee McFarland, site coordinator and industrial and manufacturing engineering (IME) lecturer. "The second goal would be to set up as an in-house training tool for Flextronics, and also it gives an overview of how an outcome manufacturer works."

During the summer, McFarland outlined and structured the information that eventually went onto the site using the technical expertise he learned while in the industry. The students were in charge of the design and layout of the Web site, which was also accomplished over the summer.

McFarland recruited two students, industrial engineering senior Kristen Cooper and computer engineering senior Matt Declaire, to assist in the production of the site. Gong was hired because of her experience in industrial engineering, while Declaire was chosen because of his expertise with Web site layout and design.

"I did research and helped write text — like the content of the Web site," Gong said. "We had a specific layout that we had created and were supposed to follow." The interactive education of Cal Poly is given to all its students, but only a few are able to take that education to a higher level and contribute to something that is internationally recognized.

Two Cal Poly students and two faculty members are among those who helped design an educational electronics manufacturing Web site called Flextech101.com, which was launched in August. The site explores the realm of electronics manufacturing design and prototyping issues and processes, and is primarily sponsored by Flextronics, a $12 billion global electronics manufacturer.

"Its purpose is to be used by individuals to familiarize them with electronics manufacturing as the primary goal," said Lee McFarland, site coordinator and industrial and manufacturing engineering (IME) lecturer. "The second goal would be to use it as an in-house training tool for Flextronics, and also it gives an overview of how an outcome manufacturer works."

For any engineer, any type of industry experience is beneficial, and designing the site provided that experience, Gong said.

"This project was just a way for me to build up on things that I had already learned and touched on in class, so I thought it was a helpful tool, and plus I got compensated for the work I was doing," she said.

McFarland said that the site is unlike any other out there in terms of content. The site is also unique because it was a joint university-industry, meaning that Cal Poly worked with an industrial partner to develop the Web site.

Gong felt a sense of pride to have contributed to the site.

"A lot of people will access and read it, and I'm just hoping to get the thoughts and ideas across and bring my engineering aspects and knowledge edge to the project," Gong said.

Cooper was thankful for Flextronics' contributions to Cal Poly.

"This Web site is a natural outgrowth of our interest in electronics manufacturing and our active program partnering with industry leaders," Cooper said. "Thanks to these industry leaders, especially Flextronics, Cal Poly now has one of the finest electronics manufacturing laboratories, including a state-of-the-art surface mount assembly facility, and a Web site to add to our curriculum.

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Quakes hit both coasts

WASHINGTON — Another postal worker has been diagnosed with inhalation anthrax.

Joe DiGenova, the assistant attorney general, said the worker worked at a post office in New York City. The worker is in critical condition, officials said.

New Jersey woman contracts inhalation anthrax

WASHINGTON — A New Jersey woman has been diagnosed with inhalation anthrax, the fourth case in the United States this week.

U.S. health authorities said the woman is in critical condition but is expected to survive. The woman, a 59-year-old woman, works at a post office in New Jersey and has not handled mail or mail-sorting equipment.

A Maryland company that makes anthrax test kits is running its plant at an accelerated pace to produce more test kits.

For the fourth week in a row, the anthrax-blighted state of New York has not reported a new case of inhalation anthrax.

And now, anthrax test kits are coming to hardware stores.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Friday that the city will begin selling anthrax test kits at hardware stores and drugstores.

The test kits, which cost $15, will allow people to test their homes for anthrax.

New Jersey inmate found dead in prison

A New Jersey inmate was found dead in his cell at a state prison, authorities said.

The inmate, a 35-year-old man, was found dead in his cell at the Passaic County Jail in Paterson, N.J., authorities said.

The inmate had been serving a 90-year sentence for armed robbery and conspiracy to commit murder.

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As with other Muslim holidays, the start of Ramadan depends on the first sighting of the lunar crescent and can vary by days in different parts of the world. It is expected to begin Nov. 17.

"There continue to be terrorist threats in this world, and the sooner we deal with this problem, the less likely it is that you're going to have additional terrorist attacks," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said last week when asked about Musharraf's call for a bombing halt.

Secretary of State Colin Powell has said he would like to see a break-through in the military campaign by mid-November, when Ramadan and the brutal Afghan winter start, but also said the United States is prepared to fight during the holy period if necessary.

That view was echoed by one defense official.

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such as the at-home kits that supposedly detect anthrax bacteria in the air, on mail or in water, work.

In Congress, where pork barrel spending thrives in tight budget years, spending for homeland defense at a time of war has meant spend-

ing for home, period.

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., pushed to include in the new budget $1 million to expand a program at Auburn University that would try to teach Labrador retrievers to sniff out biological threats.

Louisiana's two Democratic senators, John Breaux and Mary Landrieu, delivered a $42 million grant to Louisiana State University's Academy of Counter-Terrorism Education for training law enforce-

ment and emergency personnel in responding to chemical, biological and radiological attacks. And Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., is seeking $8.4 million to double funding for the University of South Florida's Center for Biological Defense.

Taxpayer watchdogs say they understand the need to spend more for homeland defense. But Tom Schatz, president of Citizen's Against Government Waste, asked: "Is Senator Shelby going to say, 'We're going to put money into the K-9 school, and I'm going to give up the Vulcan monument restoration?' "

Shelby has pushed for $2 million to restore the Vulcan statue in Birmingham, Ala.

"Everyone talks about the sacri-

fices that people need to make in this country to fight this war," said Eric Schlecht, director of congressional relations for the National Taxpayer Union. "There is plenty of pork and nonessential spending in the federal budget that could be trimmed back to help pay for these increases."

"We're not going to make a lot of money off of this," Shea said. "None of us are going to become dot.com millionaires. But what we're doing, I think is useful. Doing things to help prevent terrorism and illegal drugs is more heartening than build-

ing a new chip."

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students formed nearly 54 percent and about 8 percent of the applications came from students who marked "other" or "no response," according to the Cal Poly Web site. The number of minority students decreased when it came down to enrollment. Minority students made up about 5 percent of enrollment for fall and summer this year. White students made up more than 64 percent of enrollment, and about 7 percent of enrolled students fell into the "other" and "no response" categories, according to the same Web site.

Aaron said he is comfortable on campus, but he knows a lot of students who are not. "A lot of students are accustomed to the city atmosphere and the diversity that comes with it," Aaron said. "When they come to Cal Poly, they don't see as much of that."

Aaron was born in South Central Los Angeles, but he moved to Laguna Niguel in his early childhood. In Laguna Niguel, blacks were the distinct minority, so he grew up playing with children, not paying attention to their ethnicity. This helped him in his college transition, he said, because it allowed him to have the normal college transition without dealing with being a minority student.

Though the numbers of minority students enrolled at Cal Poly are significant, Aaron said Cal Poly is still not diverse.

"Diverse means people from many backgrounds come to one place and share parts of those backgrounds, adding to society in a way that allows you to see cultural differences," and it doesn't stand out anymore," Aaron said. "Cal Poly tries, but has not been successful yet, because different ethnic groups fall out of the same Web site."

The best thing that Cal Poly can do to enrich diversity on campus is to focus less on specific time frames to make ethnic diversity important, and focus more on creating small programs geared toward cultural awareness that are more often and more ongoing, Aaron said.

Avi Galili, an Israeli architecture sophomore, said that Cal Poly welcomes students because whichever works hard and wants to attend Cal Poly is welcome. Cal Poly is in a rural place, so many international students don't know about it, causing international students to be more difficult to find on campus, Galili said.

"Because food is so hard to find, I don't keep kosher very much anymore," he said. Though his eating habits have changed since he came to college, Galili makes an effort to stay in touch with his roots by speaking to friends in Hebrew and reading books in Hebrew that his mother sends him.

"I am improving my English, but I don't want to forget Hebrew because I don't speak it everyday," Galili said. Now, his Hebrew is slightly broken because he forgets words, and uses the English equivalent.

"If you are a minority at Cal Poly, it's hopeful that you come for the academics, because that's where Cal Poly shines," Aaron said. "It still has a lot of work to do on diversity."
Beginning with the assault on the World Trade Center and the official declaration of ‘war on terrorism’ in response, we have heard countless promises from our government that it is in the best interests of our country to support free speech. This is a contradiction. Free speech is defined as the refusal to impose one’s views on others, to facilitate and respect their right to difference. When the government urges Americans to ‘support the troops’, it is precisely this right being undermined.

Free speech is a right to communicate ideas and information. It is not about promoting or expressing only those views that we think are right. It is not about silencing those we disagree with or who challenge our authority. It is not about imposing our will on others.

In this day and age, where we are so accustomed to a world in which every message is filtered, censored, or manipulated, we must be more vigilant than ever about ensuring that the fundamentals of free speech are not compromised.

David Stein, The Miami Hurricane (U. Miami)
Letters to the editor

Engineering majors are prepared to learn by doing

Editor,

As a freshman engineering major, I can somewhat understand the point Lacie Gitsmaw was trying to make about Cal Poly's "teach by doing" philosophy. It is important to learn the basics and understand knowledge you will apply in your lab class. This is why Professor Mike Sullivan is so important. It is his job to make sure you understand how things work in real life.

The only difference is that sometimes professors make it seem like "they" are teaching their students, whereas in reality, students are teaching themselves. Professor Sullivan is a great instructor because he is able to make his classes fun and interesting while still teaching the material.

As a student, it is important to be active in class and ask questions when you do not understand something. It is also important to take notes and review them outside of class.

I believe that the "teach by doing" philosophy is a great way to learn, and Professor Sullivan is an excellent example of how it can be done effectively.

Yours truly,

[Student Name]
Cal Poly women take Big West; men place third

By Jenni Mintz
MUSTANG DAILY CONTRIBUTOR

The Cal Poly men's and women's cross country teams have triumphed once again, as both teams hosted the Big West Conference Championships for the first time Saturday at the Fairbanks Memorial Course across from Cuesta College.

The men won their event, with five runners finishing in the top 15. The men finished third out of the nine competing teams.

The men's course went around the back of Tower Hill, the steepest part of the course, and then took three loops around the switchback. As the runners entered the back of Tower Hill, Cal Poly senior Jason Bouey and sophomore Justin Nueroth led the entire field. Junior David Jackson caught up a few minutes later and moved into first.

However, by the last lap, two runners from Utah State and two from UC Santa Barbara, along with Jackson, were in the lead. Jackson came in fourth place, with a time of 26:04. Eric Gauss from UC Santa Barbara came in first place with a time of 25:56. The UC Santa Barbara men's team came in first place overall, followed by Utah State. Cal Poly came in third place, breaking their three-year record at the conference championships. Although disappointed, team members were still excited to have hosted the championship.

"It was great. You always feel more comfortable at your house. This is where we train," freshman Tom Phelps said. Phelps came in 27th place with a time of 27:17, eight tenths of a second behind senior Paolo Carrabba.

Cal Poly sophomore Dan Avila finished fourteenth with a time of 26:38. Bouey finished in eighteenth place in just under 27 minutes. Nueroth finished fourth-fifth.

Before the start of their race, the women felt good about their chances. "I think we're ready," senior Jessica Dahlberg said. "We've had a good season of training."

"I'm pretty excited because we have the home course advantage," Dahlberg said. "We definitely have the biggest race of the season." The women began their 5K race on the flat area below Hollister Peak and then ran on a path that was opposite from the men. The sledding Tower Hill was completed in its course instead of at the beginning. It didn't take long for Dahlberg to climb her way to second place, where she remained for the rest of the race, finished with a time of 17:56 to lead the victorious Mustangs.

Cal Poly sophomore Kathryn Schlegel finished fourth with a time of 18:30, and freshman Amber Simmons finished a second faster in 16th. Freshmen Rachel Lange and Katie Murphy placed 17th and 19th, respectively, for the Mustangs.

The UC Irvine women finished third overall, followed by UC Santa Barbara.

Katie Appenrodt, a senior at UC Santa Barbara, won the conference title with a time of 17:52, five seconds ahead of second place University of Hawaii at Manoa's Jessica Eshleman. Appenrodt won the conference title with a time of 17:52, five seconds ahead of second place University of Hawaii at Manoa's Jessica Eshleman. Appenrodt won the conference title with a time of 17:52, five seconds ahead of second place University of Hawaii at Manoa's Jessica Eshleman. Appenrodt won the conference title with a time of 17:52, five seconds ahead of second place University of Hawaii at Manoa's Jessica Eshleman.