WITT week to raise respect

By Ashley Wolf
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In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., Student Community Service's Raise the Respect is hosting events to celebrate diversity and awareness this week.

Events for We're In This Together Week start Tuesday and will continue through Saturday for the MLK National Day of Service. This is the third consecutive year that the program has been running, and students are anticipating the upcoming week.

"Our main goal is to raise awareness about issues that really aren't brought to the forefront on a daily basis," said director for Raise the Respect and social science senior Chanthy An. "King's ultimate message was basically integrating different people of different backgrounds. People come in different packages but they are still human. We are all connected in some way."

WITT week will kick off with Awareness T-shirt day in the University Union, including statistics and quotations about diversity and respect, then wear them for the remainder of the week.

"Awareness T-shirt day was started from the 'IT' campaign that Student Community Services and the Multicultural Center put on in 2001," said director coordinator of Student Community Services and Business administration senior Amanda Chavez said. "The original idea was to integrate 'intolerance, injustice, inequality and invisibility' and now it is one of the key events of WITT week."

Raise the Respect is also pairing up with the Pride Alliance center to show movies about gay rights. The film "Brother Outsider" will be shown on Tuesday night and the film "The Difference Between Us" will be shown Thursday.

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by fellow students and co-directors of the Raise the Respect program. An said, “I believe that this workshop will give the most impact to students and faculty. Putting the workshop together made me more aware of the words that I use and I think people will learn a lot. Words are used everyday, but people don’t usually think about the possible consequences of the ones they use.”

On Friday, a speaker from the AIDS Support Network will be talking in Trinity Hall to wrap up WITT Week. Saturday will be The Community Center’s children’s cultural craft carnival at the Senior Center on Santa Rosa Street.

“Now more than ever we need this type of awareness,” An said. “Cal Poly is a very studious campus and students don’t necessarily think about world issues. Our main goal is to reach out to students to be aware of the outside world. I think it’s important for people to come out to at least one event during WITT Week.”

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from his home in Auburn, Wash. He has not been found yet.

“She’s on her way home now,” Smith said. “I talked to her last night and she’s physically fine.”

Barnes & Noble assistant store manager Roger About said he only found out after Barnett was reported missing:

“She didn’t show up to work and someone outside of work posted the missing person report,” About said.

Barnett’s return resolves one in a rash of disappearances in the county over the last two months. Atackers resident Elizabeth Marks, 23, disappeared Jan. 8, turned up safe the following Sunday. Eighteen-year-old Vernon Ermo, disappeared Dec. 28 while visiting family in Arroyo Grande

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Jan. 5
• A hit-and-run was reported to the University Police Department at 4:08 p.m. The student who made the call said that a gray truck parked next to her initially, and there was no damage at the time.

Jan. 6
• The UPD responded to a vandalism report at 4:07 p.m. A vehicle was keyed in the H-16 parking lot, but no suspects were found.

• A parking lot sign from the G-1 lot was stolen. The sign is estimated at $153 in value and remains missing.

Jan. 7
• An 18-speed men’s bicycle was stolen from the bike racks next to the Recreation Center. The bike is a Diamond Back, white in color, and worth about $100.

Jan. 8
• At 1:40 p.m., a warrant was served and an arrest was made on North Kerncrest Road. No information was available on whether the person was a Cal Poly student.

Jan. 10
• UPD made an arrest at 3:37 a.m. of a driver suspected of operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

Jan. 11
• UPD responded to a violation in the Sierra Madre towers at 2:13 a.m. The offenders were cited for the infraction.

Compiled by Mustang Daily staff writer Brian Koser
A ATLANTA — Looking for election-year support from black vot­
ers in the South, President Bush was greeted at Martin Luther King's grave here Thursday by noisy demonstrators who chanted "Oh, huisus, Bushus" after he received a warmer reception at a shabby church in New Orleans.

As Bush placed a wreath on King's crypt, a low chorus of boos could be heard from across the street where 700 protesters beat drums and waved signs bearing slogans such as "War is not the answer" and "It's not a photo-op, George."

WASHINGTON — Consumer and health groups asked Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman on Thursday to immediately increase test­
ing of cattle for mad cow disease and establish a mandatory animal identification system for tracking cows and beef cattle.

In a meeting with Veneman, the consumer groups said testing for mad cow disease should include animals as young as 20 months. USDA has said it other energy products will eventually help pay for thinning programs that use the wrong drugs because they are a tenth the cost of better medicines.

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Associated Press

LONDON — The World Health Organization and other aid agen­cies are undermining the battle against malaria by funding cheaper and less-effective drugs, contributing to tens of thou­sands of deaths of children in Africa, researchers asserted.

Scientists, writing in The Lancet medical journal, accused WHO and the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria of promoting programs that use the wrong drugs because they are a tenth the cost of better medicines.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraqi leaders and U.S. authorities hope next week's meeting with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan will help resolve the impasse over a Shiite Muslim leader's objections to key parts of an American-backed political plan for Iraq.

At stake is the July 1 deadline for the United States to transfer power to a provisional Iraqi government and the international legitimacy that U.S. troop withdrawal would confer on the political plan — something Iraqi leaders need to counter skepticism at home.

SINGAPORE — Singapore has the highest execution rate in the world relative to its population, outpacing China, Saudi Arabia and Sierra Leone, Amnesty International said in a report released Thursday.

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Associated Press

AMBS, Iowa — An Iowa State University student whose found in possession of Child pornography last October received a sus­pended sentence and a fine of $8,000 Thursday. Nicholas Burch, freshman in mechanical engineering, pleaded guilty to one count of sexual exploita­tion of a minor, an aggravated misdemeanor.

In December, Burch was originally charged with three counts of sexual exploitation of a minor.

Burch could have received up to two years imprisonment and a $5,000 fine, but received probation in exchange for the reduced charges.

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**College Roundup**

KINGSTON, R.I. — As college seniors face the dark void of post-college life, thousands of dollars in student loans hang heavily over their heads. To help alleviate the burden, the University of Rhode Island Alumni Association has joined Student Trust Inc. in an effort to help students pay off their weighty federal loans.

Michele Nata, URI's alumni association executive director, said the loan consolidation program will enable students federal loans allowing them to make one payment per month while at the same time reducing their payment by 50 percent.

Those interested in enrolling in the program can log on to www.studenttrust.com by June 1, 2004 to fix the amount through the Federal government.

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**World Roundup**

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**National Roundup**

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Ways to keep resolutions

By Ashlee Bodenhamer
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It's mid-January. By now, New Year's resolutions have dropped faster than prices in after-Christmas candy cane sales. Magazines with glossy, optimistic articles saluting resolutions are off the racks. Until next December, here is one final journalistic nod to those self-improvement vows. Here are the top five ways to keep resolutions.

"People think New Year's resolutions are more like wishes," civil engineering freshman Teri Hals said. "You don't actually do it because you just think it's just going to happen."

It sounds obvious, but one must realize that resolutions are not made possible by fairy godmothers but by commitments. Architecture freshman Linnea Clark has resolved to do better in school.

"I'm going to go to class every single day," Clark said. "Last night I studied until 4 a.m. I didn't go out, and I always go out on Thursday."

Clark, in giving up her Thursday evening, has grasped what many of us fail to understand — that resolutions require some degree of sacrifice.

For example, if you set out to lean the guitar, your fingertips are going to be calloused and sore, and plucking out scale after scale will at times be boring. Examine exactly what you are trying to achieve and break down scale to a manageable task.

If still determined to tackle your resolution, customize a specific plan of action. Microbiology junior Amber Van Hoosen has stopped making New Year's resolutions altogether because "the ones I've made were too general to be useful," she said.

Architecture senior Suzanne Hansen, who resolved to lose weight, has already shed two pounds. Hansen is on her way to resolution bliss because she took the lofty, impersonal "lose weight" and broke it down into definite actions. She is good to go to the grocery store with a list, peer health educator and nutrition senior Kellen Orbe said.

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For those whose resolutions lasted as long as Britney Spears' marriage, take heart. "You can fall off the bandwagon, but you can pick yourself right back up," Orbe said. Get vocal about your resolution plan and share it with someone. Call your mom or your best friend from high school. Write to Oprah. Let your significant other, your roommate, your boss or your brother know about your goal with proper planning these resolutions can become a reality.

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Court upholds agency's refusal right

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court ruled that federal information statutes couldn't force an agency to hand over documents containing trade secrets to a California company targeted in its investigation.

The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court decision Thursday allowing the U.S. Department of Agriculture to refuse certain requests made under the Freedom of Information Act by Lion Raisins, a Selma, Calif.-based company.

The USDA suspended Lion from eligibility for government contracts, and a federal criminal investigation was launched.

Lion requested copies of the inspection sheets USDA had taken during its search of the company's packing plant, as well as sheets USDA had used to inspect six of Lion's major competitors. Lion also requested two internal USDA file folders kept outside the USDA on how releasing each of the withheld documents would interfere with the government's ongoing criminal investigation.

Under the trade secrets exemption, USDA argued that sharing other companies' inspection sheets with Lion would harm competition in the industry. Under the law enforcement exemption, USDA argued that allowing Lion to see the internal records would interfere with the ongoing criminal investigation of the company.

Lion appealed the decision within the USDA and then filed an appeal after its appeal was denied. A U.S. District Court ruled in the USDA's favor, and the company appealed to the Ninth Circuit.

In upholding the court's decision, the Ninth Circuit ruled that USDA used the two trade secrets exemption to turn down Lion's request for copies of six Lion's inspection sheets but ordered the agency to hand over the copies it had and some of Lion's own inspection sheets.

The court reminded to the lower court the nature of the law enforcement exemption, explaining that the exemption is intended to give law enforcement agencies the support it needs to carry out their work.

"Because Lion requested specific documents and the USDA identified the exemptions under which it withheld each document, the USDA need only explain, publicly and in detail, how releasing each of the withheld documents would interfere with the government's ongoing criminal investigation," Judge Wallace Tashima wrote.
Beware of the sales vixens

As any guy of the saleswoman who helped him pick out his clothes was flirting with him, and he'll tell you she was all over him. To an untrained eye this must seem like a perfectly common event. Girl likes guy, Guy helps girl look better. Guy gets date. Everyone wins.

Sadly, for all the times I've been helped by a saleswoman, I've never had the infamous date or phone number. And because of the Holy Grail, it's a quest that seems to have eluded not only me but most of the male population.

Having thought about it, I seem other girls always have the luck, I decided to ask the only woman I know who's ever had the truth behind the vast contingency of saleswoman flirtation. Knowing she was a saleswoman and inevitably had flaunted her goods on some unsuspecting shopper at least once before, I asked her point blank, "Why do salesgirls always flirt with me while I'm buying clothes but never show any interest afterwards?"

Through her historical language I managed to translate a few words from her hyena gabbish and what she heard surprised me. She said, "You're an idiot... She's not flirting with you... She flies off the radar as soon as he's back to find out it was never me the woman wanted, but the commission from my new shirt."

When finally I went, looked through my clothes and found they were so horribly mismatched that Derek Zoolander wouldn't have dared censoring my name if he were to see them. I had been tracked by the most powerful of enemies — my kidlo and a bratmat named Headr. "Keep up with the trends of how-to-back-ends and retro-shorts is a daunting task, even for the quest of 'For the Straight Guy'. But I thought if I ever succeeded in wooing Headr or maybe the Olsen twins, I'd have to learn how to sell my best friend Headr, Benjamin and Lincoln, thought she was a vulture.

Not wanting anyone else to fall prey to the mistake of bad judgment I devised a sure-fire method for whom not to trust when shopping for new clothes.

1. The saleswoman: Behind that smile and "hiiii" lies a desire only to promise on any man dumb enough to wander through her store unprepared. If an encounter is impossible to avoid, it is best to stop and slowly back away, making no gesture for your wallet.

2. Your mom: She's a great woman, and she makes the best chicken-and-stars soup that's ever come out of a can. But to her you'll always be her little boy. Just remind yourself she thinks you're charming no matter what you do.

3. Your girlfriend: Unless you want to start wearing what she ex-boyfriend wore or want to be a boy-band knock-off and dump the girl and tell her you went drinking with the guys. Her being angry with you for one day is better than causing traffic accidents to save the dress.

4. Your best friend: It's an unwritten rule that if a guy likes a girl so does one of his friends. What better way to stack the odds in his favor than for him to say, "You look good in a camo-shirt and hot pink short skirts."" The only person you can trust in yourself. Even if everyone else thinks you're wrong it's still your choice. Everyone knows what they like and dislike but not everyone can share their opinions without feeling the need to ask permission. The cliché "Don't judge a book by its cover" is a perfect way of saying, "Don't ask for advice simply to ask." In my case the minor setback of a few hideous shirts and an ego-crushing realization that I'm not so popular is a small price to pay for learning how to trust myself and not rely on some- one else's opinion. The only advice I can give to those who haven't yet learnt to trust themselves is always to bring a wingman and offer him to the Jealous in aid four. If he makes it alive, remind him he looks good in the black shorts.

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Letter to the editor

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I am writing in response to John Holbus' column "Media holds a racist double standard." (Jan. 13). Holbus once again displays his ignorance for all to see. Holbus, as a political science major, asks what do you plan to do after college? I foresee a very bright career ahead of you if you always use flawed logic and half-truths in your arguments. You may want to rethink your career before it's too late.

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Rivalry heating up as Mustangs head into key conference game against UCSB

By Dan Watson

So which Mustang team are we going to see Saturday when those contemptible UC Santa Barbara Gauchos drop into a promisingly raucous sold out Mott Gym? This far in the Cal Poly basketball season, predictability hasn’t exactly been the hallmark. Sure, the Mustangs (6-6 overall, 1-3 in Big West Conference) have had their moments including routing USC, defeating Cal and earning their first conference win against Idaho last Thursday. But then there’s the breakdown on Long Beach State and the deep vory to Utah State last Saturday. And now the curtain opens up to a battle against Central Coast rival Santa Barbara.

“I don’t too much care for them,” said Mustang senior forward Varnie Dennis at a press conference Tuesday.

Dennis’ dislike for the Gauchos seems primarily rooted in his relationship, or lack thereof, with Santa Barbara’s starting senior guard, Branduinn Fullove. Dennis and Fullove aren’t going to have a picnic anytime soon.

“He’s a prick,” Dennis said bluntly.

Last year the two battled it out for the Big West Player of the Year, with Fullove winning the honor in a controversial decision.

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“It’s always something real personal between the Mustangs and Fulllove,” Bromley said. “A lot of times I take smart remarks from Fullove and push Dennis to get more rebounds, more of a chip on my shoulder. It’s one of those things you get up. We have more talent and more heart.”

Varnie Dennis Mustang forward

Bromley said. The Mustangs had dropped 11 straight to the Gauchos before taking two out of three wins last year. The second knocked Santa Barbara out of the Big West Tournament.

“I don’t have as much of a chip on my shoulder,” said Dennis, who’s seen the tables turn in his fourth year as a Mustang. “It’s one of those games you get up for. We have more talent and more heart.”

Last week, Dennis finished with 52 points total in two games. He has been a part of three players who have shouldered the load offensive­ly much of the season. After Dennis’ 19.7-point game (Shane Schilling’s 17.2 point/game and Kameron Gray’s 13.4 point/game), there is a significant drop off in scoring for the Mustangs who look to get more offense from other areas.

“I just don’t have much of a chip on my shoulder. It’s one of those things you get up for. We have more talent and more heart,” Dennis mentioned.

Dennis named Nick Enzweiler, Fernando Sampson, Mike Trichera and John Manley as important contributors to such a cause.

“Sampson was pretty down three weeks ago but never gave up,” said Bromley of the second-year guard who made the most of his first career starts. “I’ve always said opportunity is preparation.”

Bromley tried to prepare his team to address the problem of the lack of free throws last week and it seemed to work as the team shot 31 free throws in a runaway win against Idaho. Unfortunately, the problem flared up again against Utah State when the team mustered only two free throws total.

Bromley said he also hopes to have more of a rebounding effort from some of his Mustangs, especially Enzweiler.

“We just need to jump,” Bromley said. “Nick’s got to jump. We need good athletes that can get it.”

The Mustangs are 4-1 when they outrebound their opponents and 5-5 on the flip side. The team is also 1-2 when it has more free throws attempts than the opposition and 1-4 when it does not.

Bromley knows injuries have contributed to some rebounding woes.

He said Dennis’ knee remains a concern according to Bromley though he’s continued to play significant time including two 40­ minute efforts last week.

Schilling was expected to miss a game or two with a sprained ankle but instead made a shootaround decision to play against Idaho - he then dunked on one of the Idaho games early gonor.

Starting guard Eric Jackson hopes to return before the end of the season and Phil Johnson remains on the bench with an injury.

Injuries or not, Cal Poly doesn’t have time to complain.

“If we want to win conference, we gotta win this game,” Bromley said.

On the road: Women look for big win

By Leah Mori

BY LEAH MORI

Cal Poly women’s basketball fans won’t just be looking for its first road win of the season when it travels to Santa Barbara on Saturday.

The Mustangs will also be trying to get a win against their bitter rival and one of the country’s best.

The Mustangs (6-7, 2-2 Big West) will face the Big West­leading Gauchos (9-5, 3-1 Big West), who were picked in media polls to capture a ninth straight conference title.

The rivals will play at 7 p.m. in the Thunderdome.

The undersized Mustangs will have a height advantage against their opponent. Santa Barbara’s starting lineup features several women taller than six feet.

The Gauchos’ center, Lindsay Taylor, is 6 feet, 8 inches and averages 15 points per game. She is the conference Player of the Year and an honorable mention All­American. Kristen Mann, a 6-foot, 2-inch forward and an all­Big West honorable mention in 2003, regularly scores in double figures as well. Both women represent the United States in international competition.

Although the Mustangs can’t match the size of the Gauchos, they have other things to offer, like a strong defensive unit that is shown in their full­court defense.

Cal Poly’s 5-foot-2-inch freshman point guard, Sparkle Anderson, isn’t intimidated by the height difference.

“I don’t think too much about it,” Anderson said. “It’s a factor, but I look over that — I look to see my advantages against their disadvantages.”

Anderson is coming off a strong performance in her last game. She scored 21 points and had 3 steals in the team’s loss to Utah State. She is third in the Big West Conference in steals.

“Tiring on the road also has its challenges, especially for the Mustangs, who are 0-7 on the road this season.”

There’s a difference between playing at home and on the road,” said head coach Faith Mimnaugh. “A proper night’s rest is one of the keys, and sometimes officiating takes on the flavor of the home crowd, although they don’t intend for it to happen, you tend to get a couple more calls when you’re at home.”

The Mustangs definitely have their strong points in spite of the disadvantages they face.

“The team is very athletic,” Mimnaugh said. “We have a point guard position that is super­dupe quick. We have good quickness, which makes it tough for our opponents.”

In addition to their speed, the Mustangs have a tough full­court defense, a few strong 3­point shooters and a good offense.

Anderson looks to her first game against the Gauchos with anticipation.

“I’m a little excited,” Anderson said. “Santa Barbara is a nationally ranked team; it’ll be something new and different.”

The Gauchos have won the last four games against the Mustangs since being upset 76-70 in 2001 and leads the all­time series 36-12.