Sunset 6:23 p.m.

**The Cal Poly intercollegiate logging team has been around for 26 years. The event seen above is called double bucking, where two people stand on either side of a saw and cut through a log.**

**Students show forestry skills**

Christina Joslin  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

For the past 26 years, Cal Poly has had an intercollegiate logging team that competes within the western region of the United States. In 1979, Dr. Walter “Wally” Mark and Dr. Normans Pillsbury co-founded the forestry and natural resources program and the logging team. Dr. Mark is currently the department head for the dairy program and Pillsbury is a forestry professor. This year’s logging team currently has 37 members, eight of which are females.

“The forestry department and logging team aren’t against women being in the program,” said Kelly Sleeth, forestry and natural resources junior and secretary for the logging team. “The whole department is very open and doesn’t show any biases. I’ve been welcomed with open arms.”

The logging team is a one unit see Logging, page 2

**Muslim holy month underway**

Ji Jun  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

Muslims across the world began to observe the holy month of Ramadan, a time of fasting for followers of the Islamic faith. Friday was the start of the new month and Muslims will abstain from food and water, from sunrise to sunset, to focus harder on being righteous.

“Ramadan is spiritual growth,” said computer programming engineer senior Kamran Khan. “You pray more. You try to be good.”

As they waited for the sign of the crescent moon Thursday night, computer science senior Shoba Khan, electrical engineering junior Hashtir Bhati and Kamran sat in a booth at Farmers’ Market hoping to educate the public about Islam.

The Muslim Student Association, meets on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., in the engineering east building, room 140. They host the booth whenever they are able to secure a spot. A man walked up to the booth and said, “Do you believe that Jesus is the son of God?”

**Interview with L.A. band Ozomatli**

Group to play at the Rec Center Saturday  
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**FOREIGN PROFESSOR SERIES: Part 2 of 3**

**Love of worldly knowledge**

Journalism professor Nishan Havandjian left Lebanon to pursue a PhD right before a 20 year civil war broke out

Melissa L. Dorcak  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

Journalism professor Nishan Havandjian originally left Lebanon to get his doctorate degree with every intention of returning, but as war would have it, the United States became his home. The U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon offered Havandjian a full scholarship to pursue his PhD at the University of Austin, Texas in the mid-1970s.

Havandjian said he thought he was going to study in the United States for up to six years and then return home to his career as a journalist. But shortly after his studies began, a civil war erupted in Lebanon that lasted 20 years.

Havandjian said the civil war was very painful to him.

“In some ways it helps if you are a journalist because then you have the tools to go and find out information,” Havandjian said.

Since there was no Internet, Havandjian had to go through the information from newspapers. After working as a reporter in Lebanon, Havandjian decided to get his PhD and become a professor. “I enjoy sharing information, it was the next step,” he said.

At Cal Poly, Havandjian teaches mass media in society, international communications and basic news writing. He has been teaching here for almost 25 years and was head of the journalism department for 15 years.

“Things I have never thought I’d be interested to know.”

Havandjian’s worldly knowledge extends linguistically. He speaks French, Arabic, Armenian, Turkish and some Italian. He is currently teaching himself Spanish and plans to learn German.

Havandjian teaches journalism because, “it’s an exciting field, because it deals with day to day events and day to day problems.”

In February, Havandjian took a sabbatical back to Lebanon to teach at his alma mater, Haigazian University.

Nishan Havandjian composition.

“In some ways it was a tremendous experience, because [the students] had never had journalism classes before,” Havandjian said.

Half the students were Armenian and half were Arabs, but the classes were conducted in English.

“T hey call you Sir, and I remember the first day they offered to carry my books.”

Havandjian said that Lebanese students are much less organized than his American students.

“You may have to repeat the syllabus two or three times, and here (the syllabus) becomes like a contract almost.”

February was the first time in 30 years that Havandjian visited his hometown. He describes Lebanon as a small country, mostly mountainous, covered with cherry and apple trees.

His return home was emotional and disorienting, he said.

He met his wife, Jennie, in Lebanon and she followed him to the United States. In 1980, their son Naham, was born and they have lived here ever since.

Havandjian did not receive his U.S. citizenship until two years ago. He said that the United States feels like home and he is not sure why he waited so long to become a U.S. citizen.

“I guess you always cling to your background,” he said.
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Chist is in the center of Islamic thought?"

Baqi, who is also the MSA presi­
dent, was intent on making it clear
that Islam is a peaceful religion.

"You’re not supposed to go around
imperializing," he said. "Jihadi is
defensive. It means struggle. It’s not an
offensive thing."

Baqi is adamantly against the use
of violence to promote Islam and
believes that anyone who would use
violence is "using Islam to further
their own goals."

Ramadan, the ninth month of the
Islamic calendar, will be a time for
Muslims to come closer to God, or
Allah, through prayer and self-exami­
nation.

"We try not to curse as much," Baqi said.

Muslims also try hard to keep away
from temptations like lust, stealing,
and being hungry during the short
winter days will also give
them a better understand­
ing of what it is to be
homeless and starving.

"Islam says if you have
what you need, you want to start
a fund-raiser for the home­
less in the San Luis Obispo
area."

"We’ll go hungry so they can eat," Shoeb said.

Muslims believe that Muhammad,
a central figure, was given the scrip­
tures that would make up the Quran,
Islam’s holy book, during the month of
Ramadan.

Some mosques devote their time
during Ramadan to read the scrip­
tures in the Quran so that, by the end
of the month, the entire Quran has
been read.

After Ramadan, on the first day of
the tenth month, Muslims will
observe the first Eid, a major celebra­
tion.

The second Eid will be observed
after the Hajj, the Islamic pilgrimage
to Mecca.

Left to right, computer science senior Shoeb Khan,
computer programming engineering senior Kamran
Khan and electrical engineering junior Hashir Baqi.

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class, held Mondays at 8 p.m. in build­
ing 11, room 302. Participants are
mainly students from the College of
Agriculture and the College of
Engineering.

"We’re always looking to grow and
we would love to have more diverse
participants," said Nathan Stennes.

"We are trying to get through a
pole as quickly as possible," he said.

In each event, men compete
against the men, and the women com­
pete against the women, in order to
make everything fair.

In the category of chopping, there
are two different competitions. The
first is underhand chopping where
the lumberjack stands on top of a log and
chops at it from between his or her
legs.

The second is vertical chopping
where the competitor chops at a log
sideways.

The sawing category has about five
events.

Double bucking is where two men
or two women stand at either side of
a seven-foot saw and cut through a log.

Single bucking is the same thing,
with only one person instead of two.

The Jack and Jill event is the same
as double bucking but with one man
and one woman.

The team welcomes anyone who
wants to join. Shelton, only five foot
three inches tall and 115 pounds, still
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compete," Smith said. "You can sit in
with us on the field. We’re always
looking to grow and the logging team
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friends."

The water sports include two dif­
genent events. Burling where there are
two competitors on one log spinning
in a pond. The last one standing is the
winner. And the limberpole where a
tree stands out of a pond slantwise and
the lumberjack runs up it as far as he
can and tries to touch the top.

"It’s a pretty fun event," Smith said.

"And most the time someone gets
hurt."

The list of events continues, includ­
ing tree climbing, the caber toss,
and tree外科ology.

Even though the Cal Poly logging
team does not seem to be the biggest
spectacle on campus, they have been
on ESPN and the History Channel’s
"Modern Marvels."

"It’s great to see us being displayed
on television," Sleeth said. "We’re try­
ing as hard as we can to keep the tra­
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**STATE NEWS**

LOS ANGELES — California's economy gained 4,900 payroll jobs in September, the state's Employment Development Department said Monday.

A survey of employers indicated that more than 14.5 million people held payroll jobs last month. Farm workers and the self-employed were not included in the survey.

Nationally, the number of payroll jobs grew in September by 96,000. A separate survey of households suggested that a record number of people were employed last month in California.

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger broke with the state Republican Party on Monday and endorsed a $3 billion bond measure that would fund human embryonic stem cell research. Schwarzenegger endorsed a challenge to a Sept. 27 California law allowing overseas voters to fax their votes if they waive their right "to keep my ballot secret."

The justices were asked immediately to halt the privacy waiver requirement on grounds that it violated the state constitution, which says "voting shall be secret."

But the justices said they would not act immediately for fear of skewing election returns.

—Associated Press

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

LONDON — An Anglican commission criticized the U.S. Episcopal Church on Monday for consecrating a gay bishop and called for an apology.

The bishop of the Episcopal Church quickly expressed regret for the turmoil set off by the consecration of V. Gene Robinson as bishop of New Hampshire but did not apologize for the church's decision to confirm the appointment.

The commission, led by Irish Anglican leader Robin Eames, stopped far short of demands from conservatives to expel the U.S. church and made no recommendations about whether Robinson should be removed.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Car bombs struck Baghdad and Mosul, raising the two-day death toll from the weapons to 12 by Monday. The chief negotiator for the city of Fallujah dashed hopes for a quick resumption of peace talks.

In Mosul, a car bomb detonated Sunday morning on a bridge, killing five Iraqis and wounding 15 others, the U.S. military said Monday. The blast occurred when the suicide car-bomber collided with another car. A car bomber Monday hit a civilian convoy, killing one and wounding four.

PARIS — France's agriculture minister announced that the United States is lifting an eight-month ban on imports of some French pork and poultry products —including cold cuts and foie gras. Herve Gaynard said Sunday that the U.S. decision followed inspections by American health officials of four meat and poultry production sites in France over the last month, according to ministry spokeswoman Frederique Bayre.

—Associated Press

**IN OTHER NEWS**

LAWRENCE, Kan. — He's attacked other monsters and terrorized Japan for decades. Now Godzilla is confronting academics who want to wrestle with his legacy.

The University of Kansas plans to pay homage to the giant lizard later this month, organizing a three-day scholarly conference for the 50th anniversary of his first film.

It's not just about celebrating campy creature features. Planners want to provoke discussion of globalization, Japanese pop culture and Japanese-American relations after World War II.

"I would like people to take Godzilla more seriously," said Bill Tsutsui, a history professor at the University of Kansas and author of the book "Godzillas on My Mind," which discusses the history of the monster's movies.

The conference that begins Oct. 28 will offer speeches, panel discussions and free screenings of Godzilla films, including "Godzilla Against the Smog," released in Japan in 1954.

The notion of a serious Godzilla conference drew puzzled looks on campus.

"It's kind of odd," freshman Kathleen Schafer said. "I didn't think scholars would be interested.

But historians and anthropologists are coming from universities such as Duke, Harvard and Vanderbilt.

—Associated Press

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Kerry accuses Bush of 'arrogant boasting' on Iraq

Mary Dalympie

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. —

Democrat John Kerry said Monday that President Bush sent troops into war without necessary equipment and accused the commander in chief of "arrogant boasting that he's done everything right in Iraq."--

"Mr. President, your manage­ ment or mismanagement of this war, your diversion from al-Qaeda and from Osama bin Laden, your shift of the troops to Iraq when there was nothing to do with al-Qaeda, nothing to do with 9/11, has made America less safe, not more secure," Kerry said.

The Democrat's campaign also rolled out a TV ad showing Bush saying "I truly am not that concer­ ned about him"— a reference to Osama bin Laden. The ad seeks to make the case that "It's time for a new direction" on Iraq and the war on terror. Bush denied in the final debate that he had ever said he was n't worried about Osama.

As for U.S. forces, Kerry referred to a report in the Washington Post that the U.S. commander in Iraq, Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, had last winter that his unit's situ­ ation was so poor that it threatened the troops' ability to fight.

"It's the president's arrogant boasting that he's done everything right in Iraq and that he's made no mistakes, the truth is beginning to come out and it's beginning to catch up with him," Kerry said. "I will never be a commander in chief who just cavalierly, ideologi­ cally and arrogantly dismiss the advice of our best military com­ manders in the United States."

Kerry made his remarks the same day that the president planned a major terrorism speech and signed

the homeland security spending bill into law.

"John Kerry is a politician who is declining in the polls, who is grasp­ ing at issues, who voted against money for Iraq and Afghanistan," said Bush-Cheney spokesman Steve Schmidt. "John Kerry has demon­ strated his ability to say anything at anytime to anyone if it benefits him politically."

As he often does when talking about Iraq, Kerry highlighted state­ ments or mismanagement of the Bush administra­ tion or public speaking about Iraq, calling it a "lone example" and he has decided to "let the military look at the incident."

Three months before Iraq holds its first free election, Bush said the United States would have to live with whatever the outcome is. As for the people of Iraq choose in the election, Bush said, "I would be disappointed but democracy it democracy."

If that's what the people choose, that's what the people choose,

Bush said the United States will remain "on alert" about the possi­ bility of a terrorist strike on U.S. soil before the election, but said, "we have no specific threat infor­ mation on that. Otherwise, we would have let people know."

"The United States and other countries have been concerned about the possibility of an elections-related terrorist strike ever since the Madrid bombings," said the pres­ ident, who added that he had particip­ated in a National Security Council meeting earlier in the day to talk about threat information.

Last March, 191 people in Madrid were killed in terrorist bombings just three days before Spain's elections. The president also said he hoped that there would not be a repeat of the Electoral College mess four years ago that required a long recount and a decision by the Supreme Court before the winner of the race was decided. Laughing, he said, "I hope not," when asked about the possibility of another impasse.

With a little more than two weeks to the election, Bush was campaign­ ing in New Jersey, a reliably Democratic state that was last held when terrorism struck the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. The Bush campaign unveiled a new TV ad that sought to portray Kerry as weak on terrorism — "either we fight terrorists abroad or face them here" — and accuses the Democrat of opposing President Reagan "as he won the Cold War."

Nearly 700 New Jersey residents de­died when hijacked airplanes flew into the World Trade Center’s twin towers, and polls show national secu­ rity and terrorism are the top cam­ paign issues among voters in the state. Democratic Al Gore easily won New Jersey in 2000, but voters’ worry about another terrorist attack is a key reason why Bush and Kerry are locked in a tight race for the state’s 15 electoral votes.

"From a lot of places in New Jersey you could see the Towers," Karl Rove, Bush’s chief political adviser, told reporters at a weekend campaign rally in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"A lot of people in New Jersey, a lot of communities in New Jersey felt personally the sting of 9/11. I think that has made them more sensitive — as we get close to the end — about the question of who will make America safer."
**West Wing** actor says his GOP activism has cost him in Hollywood

Beth Fouhy

SAN FRANCISCO — Four years ago, actor Ron Silver was a partisan Democrat — a one-time presidential supporter who co-founded the Party of the Century Coalition, which encouraged left-leaning political activism among celebrities.

But his best known role may be as Bruno Gianelli, the brainy young actor who cut his teeth on brash character roles: Hollywood's love affair with youth and the "next big thing" may have affected Silver's career more than a shift in his political sensibilities.

When Silver decided to hit the campaign trail, he hit hard — using his convention speech in large part to lash out at Hollywood and the hypocrisy he sees in politics.

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Genre-fusing Ozomatli ready their return to Rec Center

Christina Jadin

Ozomatli, the musical embodiment of a melting pot, brings a mixture of Latin salsa, urban hip-hop, and percussion-heavy funk back to the stage at Cal Poly Rec Center on Saturday.

Sprinkled throughout the Los Angeles-based band's playlist is the Aztec god of fire, dance, and passion, with Salsa and dance along side the Afro-Latin and urban hip-hop. The band's mixture of Latin salsa, urban hip-hop, and percussion-heavy funk back to the stage at Cal Poly Rec Center on Saturday.

Ozomatli is a 10 piece musical extravaganza, said Ulises. Bella saxophone player and keyboardist. "We're music of the world, music of the people and music of the streets. We like to incorporate sounds that have deep roots like reggae and salsa." The band's length has been about 20 years and they have continued to tour the world,包括 in Cuba, Europe, and South America.

"Street Signs" is a mature take on the band's progression, said Ulises. Bella, Latin jazz and salsa pianist, was the president has started. "We were a dance band, people like to dance and that's what our shows are all about." The band's length has been about 20 years and they have continued to tour the world, including in Cuba, Europe, and South America.

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Los Angeles-based Ozomatli bring their unique blend of musical styles back to Cal Poly on Saturday after a two-year hiatus from playing in the area. The band had previously played the Week of Welcome concert in 2002. The group is touring in support of its latest release, "Street Signs."

Ozomatli, who played during the Week of Welcome two years ago, enjoyed performing for the college crowd. "Because the band is half Spanish and half English, we don't limit ourselves to any certain genre," Bella said. "Due to our ethically-balanced crew, we get a really good mix of people."

The band toured with such groups as The Dave Matthews Band, Santana, and Lenny Kravitz. "We enjoy playing with people who are heavy players in every different musical scene," Bella said.

Ozomatli was started nine years ago at the Peace and Justice Center. The members of the band were all randomly called together to play music in support of the workers who were fired because they fought and protested for their basic union rights. From there, the guys collectively formed Ozomatli.

"We love to play music and pro-rate we're genuinely happy when we're on stage," Pacheco said. "Ultimately I think we're a dance band. People like to dance and that's what our shows are all about."
Album you should own:

Ben Kweller — 'On My Way'

Erin Drummond

Ben Kweller, the singer who has been described as a cross between a Muppet and a Beach Boy, has not disappointed his fans with his second solo album, "On My Way."

The 23-year-old artist is already a veteran of the music industry, having been the frontman of the band Radish, and made an EP with fellow "Bens," Ben Folds and Ben Lee. After the success of 2002's "Sha-Sha," Kweller is back with a more powerful, less pop-like album that was recorded in a three short weeks with little rehearsal.

"On My Way," originally released in April, is Kweller's follow-up to the 2002 hit, "Sha-Sha." With quirky, emotional songs that range from calm piano ballads to upbeat, toe-tapping guitar sessions, Kweller offers a variety of tunes that nevertheless seem to weave a common thread. The album takes on matters of love, maturity and an almost positive look at loneliness through clever, catchy lyrics in tracks that sometimes sound like a combination of Bob Dylan, Weezer and The Beatles.

While the inspirations for the music is powerful, it takes a while to get used to Kweller's unconventional style. He sometimes sounds off-key, and his seemingly random surges can come as a surprise. But the album grows on the listener the more it is played, and soon each infectious track is easy to belt out along with Kweller. The songs can be blasted from car windows or played softly in a bedroom on a rainy day, demonstrating the album's versatility.

The guitar-driven first song, "I Need You Back," exhibits the angst of missing a dear friend in a peppy, rhythmic beat, singing, "Take me back when you think that it's good/ It feels worse than they said it would/ You're gone but not forever."

This is followed by an even more energetic track, "Hospital Bed," which may make Kweller fans reminiscent of his first album, as he incorporates playful melodies and a singing chorus. The album begins to mellow out a bit with the catchy "My Apartment," an insightful pleasant look into the streets of New York, followed by a Dylan-esque track entitled "On My Way." The acoustic guitar and folksy vocals weave a story of self-discovery in this bittersweet, simple piece.

"The Rules" shows Kweller's harsher side with its rocking, incesant beats. The other tough-around-the-edges track is "Ann Disaster," the tune most likely to get caught in the head of Kweller fans for days, with its repetitive rhythm and chorus.

By the end of the album, listeners may feel as if they've undergone a lot with Kweller. Behind peppy lyrics, the songs can be so emotional and raw that at times it seems the singer is spilling out his life story for his fans. The maturity and depth of the tracks reflect how far Kweller has come since his early beginnings in the music industry and make "On My Way" a fitting title for Kweller's quickly growing talent and fame.


Top 10

"Most Sexually-Charged Songs"

Sometimes the sometimes downplay. Here are the numbers to the sexiest tracks.

1. 2 Live Crew — "My Suspect"
2. Nine Inch Nails — "Gish"
3. Killa — "'My Neck, My Back"
4. Trina — "Da Baddest Bitch"
5. Madonna — "Erotica"
6. Janet Jackson — "Rope Burn"
7. Usher — "That's What It's Made For"
8. Lil' Kim — "How Many Licks"
9. Ludacris — "Splash Waterfalls"
10. 20 Fingers — "Lick It"

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Martha Stewart says everyone in prison is 'nice' ---

**April Vitello**
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ALDERSON, W.Va. — Residents of this small community are adjusting to having celebrity homemaker Martha Stewart as their neighbor. Martha Stewart is among the nation's oldest prison for women, on Oct. 8. She is expected to remain until March 6. During her first two weeks, Stewart is undergoing an indeterminate period to learn about the camp and its way of life for about 1,000 inmates.

In a message posted Friday on her Web site, she said she is adjusting well to the prison and described it as "like an old-fashioned college campus — without the freedom, of course."

"The camp is fine; it is pretty much what I anticipated," she wrote. "The best news — everyone is nice — both the officials and my fellow inmates. I have adjusted and am very busy."

"Your goodwill and best wishes will get me through this next chapter in my life," she added.

"With Martha here and the fall season, it is easy for people to say to themselves, 'Let's take a drive there,'" said Patti Grafon, owner of Wolf Creek Gallery.

Petrson defense begins shipping away at prosecution's case

**Kim Curtis**
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REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — Scott Peterson's attorneys launched their defense Monday, striking at a key prosecution theory that the husband killed his pregnant wife Laci's body. The only one anchor and used the rest of the case: that Peterson lied when he told police he used the same cement mix as the one that was laid atop them. The bodies of Laci Peterson and the 90-pound bag of cement to the waterfront.

Defense lawyer Mark Geragos has suggested Peterson simply poured the cement mix onto the driveway where the larger rocks were already there and that's when the two mixed.

Geragos then then the main security facility covers 105 acres of rolling countryside along the Greenbrier River, about 115 miles from the state's capital, Charleston.

It opened in 1927 and inmates must wear prison-issued khaki trousers and green shirts.

Guests are allowed during visiting hours on weekends, and Stewart's daughter, Alexis Stewart, reportedly was here for her mother's first weekend.

Townpeople say there are rumors that Alexis Stewart is shopping for a place to stay in the area to be close to her mother, possibly a 70-acre farm a few miles from town or a house on the grounds of The Greenbrier, a luxurious mountain resort at Lewisburg.

Families visiting the prison this past weekend declined to talk about Stewart.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberal media: Decide debate winners for yourself

In response to Matt Bushman's "Bush has been our domestic issue" (Oct. 13), I would like to say that three paragraphs swinging at a so-called liberal media is off topic and sounds like damage control.

Bushman started off, "the easiest way to tell how well the Republicans do in the debate is to look at the media's response." I don't know exactly how lousy this writer is, but counting other news forums' responses is a tough scam.

Bushman said that when Republicans win, there follows a "eerie silence." Keeping quiet as to not miss any noise. I checked out some of these so-called liberal media. The out-nout poured, screaming with headlines: www.cnn.com (1 headline), www.nbc.com (6), www.latimes.com (5), www.cnn.com (3), and www.foxnews.com (4). After watching a debate, you would have developed your own opinion of the winner, I was glad to be reassured by even Fox News showing Mr. Bushman's logic, Kerry win! Point proven Mr. Bushman.

Bushman: Use the same reasoning to show why we have to acquiesce to the "success" in Iraq. Unless I missed the part about your journalism trip to our Arabic world, you must have heard about these from the same accessible media the general public does.

In conclusion, I can solely agree with the middle sentence in Bushman's article, "I urge you to decide for yourself."

Marc Berman
SLO student-apologist

Respecting people will end terrorism

Ging Maita was correct when he said we have the "hour of learning from history." But the way he presented his facts he's shown he has nothing.

First, he seems to believe Hitler came to power because Europe failed to strictly enforce the Treaty of Versailles. Actually, the main purpose of the Treaty was to humiliate the German people. The Germans had to accept full responsibility for starting the war. They also had to pay reparations to the Allied countries impossible because their economy was devastated by the war. It was in this culture of utterly humiliated people that Hitler came to power.

Secondly, he believes terrorism are "out to annihilate us." But did he ever ask himself why? If you will go back to President, and it sounds like Maita would agree, he'll tell you it's because "we hate our freedom." In reality, terrorism grew out of a culture of humiliated people.

Palestinians were forced off their centuries-old farms, they watched as bulldozers leveled their homes. It is this extreme humiliation, this disempowerment of a people, that breeds terrorism.

If we truly wish to rid the world of terrorism, we need to take a look at history and learn a lesson. After WWII, Allied countries actually helped rebuild Germany. We must do the same in places like Palestine and Iraq. The only way to defeat terrorism is to take away its support base by giving people back their respect and their lives.

David Kirk
San Luis Obispo

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The year after breakup, still awkwardness

Dear Kristen,

I'm ex-boyfriend and I have been broken up for over a year. We were still very close friends, sort of, but it is awkward between us. We never really talked about what happened in the relationship. We didn't try and figure out what went wrong. Now when we hang out we avoid any conversation about something that happened during our time together.

Neither of us have had a relationship since. I want to talk to him, but I don't know how to bring up the topic, especially since it has been so long.

— Tired of Being Confused

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Your problem definitely lives up to your name, but I'm not so sure that you're going to find the solution from your ex-boyfriend. Before you start making any ill-advised phone calls, take a moment to consider what it is you really hope to hear from this kid.

Do you want an apology? Do you want to get back together? Or do you need some form of closure? Unless you just want to get your (insert trendy CD or unique garment) back, I suggest you hold the phone. The fact that your ex isn't interested in rehashing the details of your time together, a pretty clear sign that he's moved on, and you should try to do the same — without ambushing the guy with an emotional bloodbath.

From here you have three choices:

First, if what you're really looking for is another shot at relationship bliss with this guy, be careful. Just because things didn't work out before doesn't mean they can't work now, but you want to be sure of his reaction before you go putting the moves on the aforementioned guy. However, if you just can't seem to get past the past, you might need some space from this "worst of friends." You can really learn a lot about yourself and your preferences in this type of situation. After all, you're going to find the best way to keep it by not rocking the boat.

Dear Kristen,

Well, here's the bubble. I have this amazing girlfriend, but the thing is she's not as amazing as her best friend. I had been faithful to my girlfriend for the eight months we have been dating until … I hooked up with her best friend. It was a moment of inebriated passion. I'm really in love with her best friend and I can't deny these feelings. How do I go about this situation?

— Switcheroo

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Unfamiliar territory: Women's soccer must fight for the playoffs

Natasha Toto

Women's soccer finished a critical game against rival UC Santa Barbara on Friday at Mustang Stadium in a stalemate 0-0, after two overtime periods.

The tie, along with weekend results, postponed Cal Poly alone to sixth-place in the Big West Conference in a stalemate 2-2 and 6-2-S overall. It was Cal Poly's third scoreless tie of the season.

With only four games remaining, Cal Poly may need to win-out. Only the top four teams will play in the Big West Tournament in November and the Mustangs will fight for one of those spots after winning back-to-back Big West Conference championships the past two years.

UCSB entered the stretch with a 4-6-0 record in the Big West, sharing the lead with Cal State Northridge. Northridge is now 3-1-1 and leading the standings.

Teams ranked above the Mustangs are Northridge, Santa Barbara, CSU Fullerton, Utah State, and Pacific.

The Mustangs face two of those teams at home this weekend. Although the game ended with yet another tie for the Mustangs, the team quadrupled the Gauchos in shots with a final count of 40-9.

"We did everything right," coach Alex Crozier said. "We just couldn't finish." In its attack, the team opened up and had some opportunity chances but could not convert. UCSB didn't have many shots, but with eight minutes remaining had its best chance to break the tie.

After a Cal Poly player fell on top of the ball, a foul was called giving the Gauchos a indirect kick. All 11 Cal Poly teammates lined up at the goal line to block the attempt that was only six yards from the goal. The shot was successfully blocked.

But the Mustangs themselves could boast a 15-match unbeaten home streak. In the first period, Cal Poly's shot count dominated the Gauchos 13-6. Mustang goalkeeper Liz Hill made one save when UCSB Catherine Barson was forced to make five.

The focused Mustang did not even flinch when two male streakers sprinted their way down the field during the last few minutes of the second quarter.

0 Again, Cal Poly dominated the shot count by 11 to 1 in the first of the overtime period with 3 attempts to Santa Barbara's right. Forward Sharon Day ended the period with the most shots, Day had 12 shots to total, and five on goal.

The final overtime period began a race for the goal. Cal Poly's offense had three shots and USC finished with none. With only one minute left in the game, midfielder Heather Brown took a shot which hit the goal post. The game ended with Cal Poly's last attempt to score with a corner kick that was unsuccessful.

Gurney said the game was pretty happy with their overall performance Friday and look forward to meeting the Gauchos again.

Cal Poly will play two more home matches, hosting Northridge on Friday at 7 p.m. and Pacific on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Men's soccer gives up multiple leads

Cal Poly had a first half offensive output of the season, but UC Riverside was just enough with a 2-1 lead from the second half which resulted in the Mustangs falling to 0-6-0 in the Big West Conference and 6-4-2 overall.

The Mustangs had a 13-6 lead in the first half but couldn't hold on late in the match. Cal Poly's Jordan Jones scored 2 goals in the second half.

The Mustangs fell to 0-4-3 on the season and 9-6-2 in conference matches. UC Riverside improved to 6-6-2 and 2-2-1 and the Mustangs fell to 2-2-2 in conference matches.

UCSB and UC Santa Barbara finished with a shot advantage of 40-9.

Volleyball wallowing in last

The Mustangs only hit .165 on offense against Long Beach State. The Mustangs finished with a shot advantage of 40-9.
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