Mustangs are on the threshold of the Big West Championships

Latest game consoles provoke price drop in current models

Senior project brings Burma to Poly

Jennifer Hall
MUSTANG DAILY

Ninety Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo community members took part in an important and moving presentation about the country of Burma on Sunday afternoon.

The presentation, "Freedom From Fear: Stories of Resistance, Refugees & Re-emergence in Burma," was part of a Cal Poly senior project by Phyusin Myint, a communication studies senior. "For my senior project I wanted to do something that goes beyond just writing a paper on some of the communications theory I learned," Myint said. "I wanted to put together my passion for human rights in Burma and knowledge of communication theories and skills in the form of this campaign."

The presentation was held Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Cal Poly University Union. There were two guest speakers and a series of poems by Myint that addressed the current issues facing the country of Burma.

"For me, poetry has been the venue for speaking about my country," Myint said. "Poetry is not as intrusive."

Burma, which is located in Southeast Asia and has a population of 52 million people, is under a military dictatorship and is plagued by human rights abuses and economic hardships.

Lousia Craig from the U.S. Campaign for Burma and Harold Kerbo, the Cal Poly department chair and professor for social sciences, were the two speakers at the event.

"All the nonprofits for Burma are poorly funded," Myint said. "That made it hard for this project."

Craig, who flew to San Luis Obispo for the presentation, was born in Rangoon, Burma and also attended the University of Rangoon. She helped establish the Burma Forum, a human-rights advocacy organization that supports democracy in Burma.

"My goal was that I wanted at least 50 people to know about Burma," Myint said. "People don't even know where it is."

Kerbo has been a professor at Cal Poly since 1977 and is involved with study abroad programs to Southeast Asia and has taught and researched in Asia and Europe since the early 1980s.

"[The Burmese] people don't have a voice or an education," Myint said. "I feel that I was given an incredible opportunity by getting an education and I feel that it is my responsibility to speak for my people."

Myint was born in Burma, but left the country when she was six years old. She was home-schooled in Thailand until 1997.

Holocaust Remembrance

A time to remember genocide

Kathrine Tiffin
MUSTANG DAILY

Hillel, Cal Poly's Jewish cultural club, will be remembering the Holocaust with many on-campus events throughout the week which began Monday with a display in the University Union to educate people about the Holocaust.

Today the club will celebrate National Holocaust Remembrance Day on Dexter lawn and in the UU Plaza with the Reading of the Names between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Students and staff members will be reading the names of the 6 million victims who died in the Holocaust.

Hillel is a nonprofit Jewish organization on campus which has monthly Shabbat dinners and events for Israel and different Jewish holidays, said Michael David, a computer engineering sophomore and the correspondent between Alpha Epsilon Phi and Hillel. The club "brings students together and provides a social environment for them," David said.

Throughout the week, the club will be collecting pennies and change which will be sent to the Save Darfur organization to help end the genocide in Sudan.

Each penny represents 1,000 lives lost in the Holocaust. The club's goal was to raise 60,000 pennies by National Holocaust Remembrance Day, said Ronny Beer, a history sophomore and vice president for the club.

"We've received a strong commitment from members in general," Beer said. "We've received a strong commitment from members in general."

By Tom Sanders

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Open house plays host to design competition

Kendra Deutsche
MUSTANG DAILY

Students from all over California spent the weekend in Poly Canyon as part of the 35th Annual Design Village Competition, hosted by Cal Poly during Open House weekend. The competition has become one of the largest events during Open House.

This year, 53 teams and 229 participants from 15 colleges in California competed at the design-build competition. This was more than double the participants at last year's event.

"Normally, it's just for the experience, and that's why they show up," said Amy Scariano, an architecture senior and director of the event. Competitors designed their projects based on this year's theme, "Go Convertible: The Essence of Switch-Rich Architecture."

Projects at the Design Village Competition were based on the theme "Go Convertible: The Essence of Switch-Rich Architecture."

"Open house plays host to design competition"
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al. Best said. "An important part of
being Jewish is to help people around
you or those in need. We just want
to do what we can to help the
people of Darfur."

Most of the money raised has
come from Hillel dinners, which are
held the first Friday of every month
at Chris Jesperson Elementary
School and are open to the public.
The optional service begins at 6:30
p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m. The next
dinner will be May 5, and will have
a Mexican theme for Cinco de
Mayo.

On Wednesday, a booth in the
UU Plaza will display facts and pic-
tures from the Holocaust and a sec-
ond booth on Dexter lawn will dis-
play information on the genocide in
Darfur. Double-stick tape, which
will include a timeline of other
genocides, will connect the two
booths where “people, we hope, will
be leaving money on it (the tape)
for the collector effort,” Best said.
“T think it’s amazing people have
been so generous and wanting to
help the cause.”
The events will continue
Thursday with the showing of the
documentary “Paper Clips” at 7 p.m.
in Room 213 in the business
building. The award-winning docu-
mentary is about a middle school in
Tennessee that wanted to collect 6
million paper clips to honor the 6
million victims of the Holocaust
and ended up raising 27 million,
David said.

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when she moved to the United
States. She has been planning this
presentation throughout the past
year, collecting donations from busi-
ness owners and community mem-
bers. She is also involved with the
Burmes American Women
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people. “The presentation put a picture
in my mind of what Burma is and the
issues there,” said Michelle
DeWindt, a nutrition senior.
The event raised nearly $600 in
donations to the BAWA and the U.S.
Campaign for Burma.

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— Joseph Addison (1672 - 1719)

Unless man is committed to the belief that all mankind are his brothers, then he labors in vain and hypocritically in the vineyards of equality.
— Adam Clayton Powell Jr. (1908 - 1972)

If I have ever made any valuable discoveries, it has been owing more to patient attention, than to any other talent.
— Isaac Newton (1642 - 1727)

Wordly Wise

Exigency: state of requiring immediate action; also, an urgent situation; also, that which is required in a particular situation.

Hale: free from disease and weakening conditions; healthy.

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Halloween because you could dress up however you want and go knock on people's doors.
Bush not welcomed in San Jose

Zeenat Umar
SPECIAL TO MDR
SAN JOSE — A mass protest of roughly 400 protesters gathered near Cisco Systems Inc. on Friday afternoon to protest against President George W. Bush’s visit to San Jose.

"Today is a day we welcome Bush in San Jose," said Karen Meredh, a mother who lost her son in the war in Iraq.

The themes of the protest — demonstrated in speeches, music and slogans — included ending the war in Iraq, stopping a potential confrontation with Iran, immigration rights, Indian health care and more money for education.

Bannered bounced amongst the protesters saying, "fire the liar," "words not swords," "the war is a lie," "Bush makes Nixons look honest," and "Jesus wasn’t no damn warrior."

The mostly peaceful protest ended in a confrontation between a few Muslims and San Jose police officers when a group of Muslim men held congregational prayers on a blocked street.

Harun Arsalai said that he got a citation for crossing the street, but he believed it was because he told the officers to let the men finish their prayers before asking them to get off the street.

One of the men was briefly detained by handcuffs for refusing to cooperate with the police according to the arresting officer. "He’s being arrested because he’s Muslim," Arsalai said. "This is obviously intimidation and it’s the same thing that happened at DeAnza." According to another police officer, they were concerned with the men’s safety because there was a possibility of a crossing light rail. All the men involved received citations.

Bystanders urged police to let them go, joined by various Muslims attributing the incident to racism.

The rally was confined to half a block between Zanker Road and Cisco Way on Tasman Drive, obstructing the president’s motorcade to view the protest.

Zanker Road was blocked off and police tape barred all entrances to Cisco, where the president was scheduled to speak with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, education leaders and Cisco officials regarding student aid programs and better training for the company’s workforce.

Although the protesters, who ranged from children to senior citizens, could not get a glimpse of the president, they began chanting loudly and beating drums as they sighted the helicopter they believed he was in.

"Bush, Cheney, you can’t hide, we charge you with genocide," shouted the protesters surrounded by about 40 police officers stationed well beyond the vicinity of the demonstration.

Several protesters said they expected Bush to be oblivious of the protest and were present to support each other and make a difference to the citizen and politicians.

"It’s not for Bush, it’s for the people," said Mike Laster, a former police officer who said he resigned because he did not want to carry a gun. "By my coming out, it may encourage more people."

Morteza Tajally, representing the Bay Area Iranian Democrats, one of the sponsoring organizations, had a similar opinion.

"It wouldn’t matter to Bush, but it would matter to citizens and politicians," Tajally said. "We’re trying to stop the war in Iran before it starts.""

Beannie Laster, a former school teacher, said that she doubted the protest would affect Bush, but that it may possibly make a difference to his administration.

"We’re downizing the world but the administration has a different idea," Laster said, holding up a banner that said, "Why is there always war for money, but not for education?"

Another Iranian-American voiced his condemnation of the war in Iraq and the route taken by the American government in respect to Iran. He said that he does not want to see his taxes used for killing people.

"We went to war with Iraq over their possession of nuclear weapons but none has surfaced," Maziar Moallem said. "And without trust, I am not sure if our reason for attacking Iran now is legitimate or false intelligence."

Moallem said that he advocates peace and friendships between governments and nations but that is not possible if a government returns to war instead of dialogue.
Carlos Bergfeld  
DAILY MUSTANG (TEXAS TECH)

LUBBOCK, Texas — Following Microsoft's Xbox 360, Sony and Nintendo will launch their next-generation consoles this year, making it even more expensive for gamers looking to keep their collections current.

For those who want to save money but still have an enjoyable gaming experience, Sony announced an immediate price drop for its PlayStation 2 console, now $129.99.

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"I definitely think they will," said Brent Hix, a public relations sophomore from Princeton and an arts senior from Lubbock. "This is the price drop following the launch of the Xbox 360.

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This lack of support for the system, combined with the console's relatively high price in comparison with the next-generation of consoles, didn't give last holiday's console-shoppers any incentive to buy the system, Hix said.

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However, for the people who are slightly behind the times in terms of game consoles, the imminent launch of the PlayStation 3, even without consideration of price, may be enough to defer a purchase.

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The Xbox 360's price not expected to fall despite Sony, Nintendo launches

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When the “Right Way” is wrong

L ast week, while on my way to class I read your bi-weekly Bible chronicle that my fellow pagan-communists and I brethren happened to stumbled across.

Last week’s column, titled “Rev. vs. Evil Republicans vs. Democrats religion vs. secularism.” And, I perhaps like many of you, walked around wondering not only what the point of Mr. Eller’s column was, but also, how in hell he arrived at it.

I don’t have cable television, and I admit, if I were able to watch “SpongeBob” and “The Big Chef,” I don’t have to sit through all of those lame comments like that. What’s more, on the question mark suit who wants to sell you his book on “government-moneymaking secrets” — you know the one. But the best thing about not having television is that I’m not tempted to watch the news, nor do I have to worry about catching a glimpse of FOX News.

News. And, it would appear that FOX has learned about my boycott of their programming and, in order to appease my impudence, FOX has sent Brian Eller to revalidate the finer parts of their nightly news broadcast.

Mr. Eller’s last column — checkoff of classic FOX News talking points such as paral­lelism, non-sequitur logic and the famous “never-arriving-at-a-point” style of rhetoric; blew his cover as a FOX operative.

Where do I even begin? I suppose I’ll start with the title: “Good vs. Evil Republicans vs. Democrats religion vs. secularism.” What this title really reads as is something like this: “Good = Republicans and/or religion, Evil = Democracy and/or secularism.” Also, in the title and throughout the column, it is made to appear as if the Republican Party is THE party of “religion.” While the Democratic Party is one of secularism — a nicer way of saying, “Jesus is a Republican” and “Satans is a Democrat.”

So if the Republican Party is the party of “religion,” then what religion are they? Christianity, Hinduism? Simply because you believe in Jesus does not mean you have some claim to knowing ultimate truth, much less a political party capable of such knowledge. Republicans do not speak for ALL religion as Mr. Eller contends. The Republican Party represents only a radical, fundamentalist Christian view, a view that excludes all who disagree with its narrow-minded doctrine of bigots, hate, etc. Republicans may be looking for Jesus on Sunday, but the FOX news is about all the corrup­tion, federal indictments, illegal domestic spying, money laundering, leaking classified information and shooting people in the face.

Mr. Eller also mentions how those heathen Democrats/Liberals (Eller uses these terms inter­changeably as if they are the same thing), are about as excited to hear God’s name in our national oaths of office and presidential speeches as “Reagan” (not the president) was about being excoriated. Eller suggests that since the phrase “so help me God” exists in the president’s oath of office, that the Democrats and liberals should just forget about silly Constitutional provisions like the separation of church and state. While Mr. Eller may be right about his fellow true Bush mentions God’s name, as he did while giving the oath of office, I’m more concerned with the other words and phrases in the oath, phrases like, “I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States, and to well discharge my duties, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.”

Mr. Eller, if you want to talk politics, I suggest giving the Bible and FOX News a rest, and try reading The Washington Post. I’ll offer my personal attention to Article Two, Section One (where the framers included the president’s oath) because therein you will not find any mention of “God.” The phrase to which you refer was added by George Washington, and is not part of the official oath.

But then again, what could a godless liberal like myself possibly know about right and wrong? At least I have the morality of Dick Cheney and Tom Delay to keep me company in hell.

Jack Ingram is a political science student and a Mustang Daily columnist.

The media plays an important role in our country and it is capa­ble of producing both good and evil. I agree full-heartedly that public government censorship is anti­thetical to democracy. However, it’s up to journalism and news corporations to act ethically and use responsibility. Likewise, blogs can also be a force for good. All that hurt America and undermines national defense is ridiculous.

Brian Ellis is a mechanical engi­neering sophomore and a Mustang Daily columnist.
Tennis

Kromenau said it was a very close match and "they just couldn't close the door." "They've beaten everybody they need to," he said, "and they're one of the best unranked national teams in the country."...

They counted the duo has won close to 70 to 75 matches within four years, but to Nguyen and Van Linge this season was one of the best season since it was "the best season yet." "I think it's the best season Brett and I have had," Nguyen said, adding that he believes the men's tennis team as a whole will do well in the Big West Championships in Palm Springs this weekend.

"If I feel this is the best shot we're going to have in the last three years...it's the best team talent-wise," he said.

The team's most recent win against Sacramento State University put the team in a situation reminiscent of last season, when they also 10-1 going into the championships.

"As of now, all the teams are pretty even," said "We can win it, I strongly believe." Regardless of how they do in the conference, Kromenau is confident that Nguyen and Van Linge will be voted All Big West first team in doubles by all the other coaches.

"The coach at USC said, 'Boy, those guys are good and they don't lose very much, do they?' Kromenau said.

He added that they are even good enough to play professionally after college and could even achieve world rankings in doubles if they wanted to.

"I've told them many times," he said. "But it may not be a lifestyle for them."

Nguyen and Van Linge do see chances in their future, but perhaps not the pros.

"We'll still play doubles tournaments," Nguyen said. "I think we'll wrap up over here, after college. We're good enough and we've been playing long enough." As for Kromenau, the loss of these two athletes will be monumental for the team and will look to strengthen the doubles teams to mirror Nguyen and Van Linge's success.

"You're looking at two guys that everyone looks up to and wants to be like," he said. "You want every guy to have the enthusiasm that those guys have and the desire to get better."

"It will be a huge hole as a coach for me to fill."
Cal Poly men's tennis may never be the same again. As the Big West conference draws nearer and the season comes to close, the team will say goodbye to John Nguyen and Brett Van Linge, a doubles team that went out with a bang.

"I feel bad to believe that we've ever had a team as successful as they've been," coach Trevor Kronemann said. The team has gone 22-5 this season, which marks the fourth season for Van Linge and the third for Nguyen.

Their losses date back to the days before they played at Cal Poly and when they played each other. They both grew up in Southern California and played tennis in tournaments, where "everyone kind of knew everybody," Van Linge said.

They remember playing in a boys 14-and-under tournament ("I think I won it," Nguyen said) and once in high school ("He beat me really bad," Nguyen added). They would later become the same coach in Orange County and go on to play doubles tournaments together.

"It's quite funny looking back," Van Linge said.

Van Linge was soon recruited at Cal Poly, and Nguyen followed a year later after he talked to Kronemann and was offered a scholarship. Kronemann said it was "a pretty easy decision to have the two play doubles together, seeing as they had played doubles events previously and were comfortable together."

"Brett is one of the best doubles players we've had at Cal Poly," Kronemann said, adding that he had confidence in Van Linge's decision to play doubles with Nguyen.

"He's a tall guy with a big swing ... and I'm quick at the net," Van Linge said. "(They are) two different game styles that come together in doubles."

"We communicate really well — we just click," Nguyen added.

The issue of trust is a huge component in doubles tennis, Kronemann said, comparing the relationship to "being a twin.

What's more is that they're also good friends off the court.

"Johnny knows what to expect from Brett and Brett knows what to expect from Johnny," Kronemann said.

While Kronemann praises the boys for all their achievements, he does have one regret that the team was never nationally ranked.

While their record would speak very highly in the rankings, they were required to be beat by a nationally ranked team to make it into the rankings.

The Complications prevented them from doing so when a match against Hawaii was rained out and Nguyen missed three matches due to an injury.

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Fien finds groove against Highlanders

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Sophomore Pat Peretz hit his first collegiate home run and senior right-hander Casey Fien pitched seven strong innings to lead Cal Poly to a 7-1 victory over UC Riverside in a Big West Conference baseball game Sunday afternoon at the Riverside Sports Complex.

Peretz's three-run shot to right field, only his second hit of the season, capped a three-run Mustang rally in the fifth inning and Cal Poly broke the game open with a four-run eighth-inning uprising.

With the victory, Cal Poly clinched the series, two games to one, and has accomplished that feat against the Highlanders in five straight years. The Mustangs are 23-18 for the season and 7-5 in the Big West while UC Riverside fell to 15-30-3.

Fien (4-1) earned his fourth win by allowing just one run and six hits, striking out three and walking one. He chose just 86 pitches. Freshman D.J. Mauldin tossed two scoreless frames in relief, striking out two.

Cal Poly hit into three double plays in the first four innings, but finally broke through in the fifth with three runs.

open. Jimmy Van Ostrand's bloop single to right scored the first run, a sacrifice fly to deep center field by Grant Deime tallied the second run, Mark Cooper tripled to right-center field for the third tally and Morel singled up the middle to give the Mustangs a 7-1 cushion.

UC Riverside lefties runners in scoring position in four of the first six innings.

Morel, Keper and Josh Lansford each collected two hits for Cal Poly and Peretz added his home run to the cause. The Mustangs outdry UC Riverside 10-6.

Center fielder Brett Bigler singled three times for the Highlanders and went 8-for-10 in the series. He reached base safely 12 times in 14 plate appearances.

Taylor Bills (4-2) took the loss, giving up three runs, all earned, and six hits in five-plus innings, walking three, striking out two and hitting two Mustang batters.

Cal Poly takes a break from Big West play next weekend, traveling to Corvalis, Oregon, for two games against No. 9, ranked Oregon State and one game against New Mexico.

The series begins Thursday in 5 p.m. with the Mustangs facing the Beavers, followed by a doubleheader Saturday — the first game against New Mexico at noon and the second game against Oregon State at 4 p.m.

The women's tennis squad will take a No. 3 seed into the Big West Tennis Championships this weekend with an opening round match against No. 6 University of the Pacific.

The Mustangs (11-9, 5-2) topped the Tigers 6-1 earlier this season and stand a good chance of playing the winner of UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton, with the Anteaters favored to move on. With the exception of UC Irvine and Long Beach State, the Mustangs rolled through Big West competition and coach Hugh Bream is brimming with hope.

"My favorite thing about this team is that everyone competes with their heart every match," team captain and graduating senior Samantha Waller said. "This is the hardest working team I have been on during my time at Cal Poly."

Bream is happy with the girls' progress this year and is confident a tough non-conference schedule will play a key role for the Mustangs.

"We've had a good season," he said. "We have a great schedule; seven of the nine losses are to teams ranked in the top 25 nationally."

He cited Waller's leadership as key in the team's success, calling her "a really exceptional Cal Poly student athlete." She led the team to its first Big West title, first trip to the NCAA tournament, and has been a "phenomenal captain."

While this will be the end of Waller's college tennis career, she remains upbeat as the season winds down.

"I'm looking forward to the Big West Championships and playing my last few matches of college tennis," she said. "This is what we have worked so hard for the whole season. I'm just excited to be part of it."

A major memory of the team's experience this year is simply their cohesion and friendship.

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Brett Bigler singled three times for the Highlanders and went 8-for-10 in the series. He reached base safely 12 times in 14 plate appearances.

Taylor Bills (4-2) took the loss, giving up three runs, all earned, and six hits in five-plus innings, walking three, striking out two and hitting two Mustang batters.

Cal Poly takes a break from Big West play next weekend, traveling to Corvalis, Oregon, for two games against No. 9, ranked Oregon State and one game against New Mexico.

The series begins Thursday in 5 p.m. with the Mustangs facing the Beavers, followed by a doubleheader Saturday — the first game against New Mexico at noon and the second game against Oregon State at 4 p.m.

The Mustangs (11-9, 5-2) topped the Tigers 6-1 earlier this season and stand a good chance of playing the winner of UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton, with the Anteaters favored to move on. With the exception of UC Irvine and Long Beach State, the Mustangs rolled through Big West competition and coach Hugh Bream is brimming with hope.

"My favorite thing about this team is that everyone competes with their heart every match," team captain and graduating senior Samantha Waller said. "This is the hardest working team I have been on during my time at Cal Poly."

Bream is happy with the girls' progress this year and is confident a tough non-conference schedule will play a key role for the Mustangs.

"We've had a good season," he said. "We have a great schedule; seven of the nine losses are to teams ranked in the top 25 nationally."

He cited Waller's leadership as key in the team's success, calling her "a really exceptional Cal Poly student athlete." She led the team to its first Big West title, first trip to the NCAA tournament, and has been a "phenomenal captain."

While this will be the end of Waller's college tennis career, she remains upbeat as the season winds down.

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