Students honor Chavez's life, activism

Genevieve Loggins

Students marched to celebrate Mexican-American labor activist Cesar Chavez in the University Union Plaza yesterday as the band Los Coyotes de Cal Poly performed. M.E.X.A., a club promoting Xicano cultural identity, sponsored the event. Students met on Dexter lawn where a priest from the Newman Catholic Center said a prayer before the student march, said professor and event organizer Gloria Velasquez.

"Social justice has always been very important for the Chicano movement," Velasquez said. "This day is very important to honor our heroes and to also discuss issues such as the Dream Act and a Cesar Chavez petition to make it a national holiday."

After the march, students gathered in the plaza chanting phrases including "Viva Cesar Chavez" and held signs that read "Cal Poly for immigrants," "Si se puede," "C'Hayo be a man of your word, pas Dream Act now."

Llanet Magallon, civil engineering major and vice president of M.E.X.A., addressed the crowd with a prayer for the farm worker struggle by Cesar Chavez, who she said "read every time he went on a march, strike or boycott."

Chavez, born in Yuma, Arizona, was a farm worker famous for his leadership in promoting better labor conditions in California. He dedicated his life to Latino civil rights groups that coordinated voter registration drives and conducted campaigns against racial and economic discrimination.

The Dream Act is bipartisan legislation that would make illegal immigrants who complete two years of community college or serve in the military eligible for conditional legal status after 10 years. The act was introduced in 2001 by Sens. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and passed the Senate, but died in the House the following year.

"So it was very important for me to have music being played today," Maynard said. "I think it's important that we reach out to other groups of individuals from other cultures and promote diversity among everyone," said Maynard, lead singer of Los Coyotes.

"Songs were an important vehicle of social protest, and music was an important component of Cesar Chavez's farm workers struggle," she said. "It's very important to raise awareness on issues about diversity on our campus as well as something that we have been concerned about (This event) is also about creating a social consciousness, and using critical thinking in our actions," Velasquez said.

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—Hayley Maynard

Students marched from Dexter Lawn to the University Union plaza to honor the activism of farmworkers Cesar Chavez and to raise awareness of issues such as the Dream Act.

US warship watches Somali pirates with US hostage

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Somali pirates and their hostage American sea captains were adrift in a lifeboat Thursday off the Horn of Africa, shadowed by a U.S. destroyer with more warships in the area after the Horn of Africa, shadowed by a U.S. destroyer with more warships. The U.S. brought in planes to engage the pirates.

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Pirates

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ships would be sent to the area because "we want to ensure that we have all the capability that might be needed over the course of the coming days." The additional ships are a show of force in response to a rise in the number of attacks and the first one a U.S.-flagged ship, according to a senior U.S. defense official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss operational matters. He said they would give the U.S. military more eyes on the threatened area and make the pirates think twice before trying to seize another ship, but it was not enough to mount a blockade. "These people are nothing more than criminals and we are bringing to justice," said Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Attorney General Eric Holder says the additional ships are a show of force to resolve the crisis, said a U.S. official who spoke with the Navy about a peaceful resolution, said a U.S. official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak on the record.

Weather in the area was expected to be sunny with calm winds over the next few days, said Josh Newhard, a meteorologist with AccuWeather.com, a global weather service. Waves were expected to average between 2 and 4 feet, which is relatively calm, he said.

Though officials declined to say how close the Bainbridge is to the pirates, one official said of the bandits, "They can see it with their eyes." He spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of talking about a military operation in progress.

The Bainbridge was among several U.S. ships that had been patrolling the region when the 17,000-ton Alabama, carrying U.N. food aid for East Africa, was attacked. It was the sixth vessel to be hit by pirates in a week.

"I'll guarantee you that if they get all the ports closed, which they probably do, I'll tell you it probably 100 degrees in there, no air, there's no toilet," he said.

Phillips family in Vermont said he surrendered himself to the pirates to secure the safety of the crew.

"What I understand is that he offered himself as the hostage," said Gina Coggio, 29, half sister of Phillips' wife. Andrea Coggio said she believed there were negotiations under way, although she didn't specify between whom.

"We are on pins and needles," said Coggio, speaking from the family's Vermont farmhouse.

Steve Romans, a retired head of the FBI hostage negotiation team, said he doesn't recall the FBI ever negotiating with pirates before, but he said this situation is similar to other stand-offs. The difficulty will be negotiating with people who clearly have no way out, he said.

"There's always a potential for tragedy here, and when people feel their options are limited, they sometimes react in more unpredictable and violent ways," Romans said.

Somali Foreign Minister Mohamed Omer said the pirates said the oil tanker's crew got themselves into a situation where they have to extricate themselves because there is no way they can win.

With one warship nearby and more on the way, piracy expert Roger McDermott of the London-based think tank Chatham House said the pirates were in "a very, very tight corner."

"They've got only one gun, they've got nowhere to hide them, they've got no way to defend themselves effectively against the military who are on the way and they are hundreds of miles from Somaliland," he said.

Other analysts on the U.S. will be reluctant to use force as long as one of its citizens remains hostage. French commandos, for example, have mounted two military operations against pirates once the ransoms had been paid and its citizens were safe.

Many of the pirates have shifted to operations down the Somali coast from the Gulf of Aden to escape naval warship patrols, which had some success in preventing attacks last year.

Ship owners often do not arm their crews, in many cases because of the cost. A Saudi supertanker hijacked last year carried 2 million barrels of oil, and a gambler could have triggered an explosion because of the cargo's highly flammable vapor.

There is also the problem of keeping the pirates off the ships — once they're on board, they will likely fight back. Pirates move in open skiffs with outboard engines, working with larger ships that tow them far out to sea. They use satellite navigational and communication equipment, and have an intimate knowledge of local waters, camouflaging aboard commercial vessels with ladders and grappling hooks.

Any skip on a ship's radar screen is likely to be a fishing trawler or any number of smaller, non-threatening ships that take to sea every day. By the time anyone notices, pirates will have grabbed their way onto the ship, brandishing AK-47s.

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Gloria Lomeli, who has wanted to be a journalist since she was a kid, is just finishing her major in magazine journalism at Ohio University. When she graduates this summer, she’ll look for a job in her field.

During a massive recession, to a profession that is shrinking fast.

“Right about now,” she said, “I’d be satisfied with anything.”

One cold comfort for job seekers like Lomeli is that even in this bleak economy, hiring is expected to nudge up again this year or next. But not all jobs will come back at the same pace. Some fields will never recover.

But which? Who are the cobblers and lighthouse keepers of tomorrow?

So short. Where will the jobs NOT be?

Career counselors caution that predictions about dying professions should be taken with a grain of salt. No projection is perfect and few job fields disappear entirely. But there are trends that any job seeker should pay attention to, whether they are college graduates or displaced workers looking for a new start.

“If you choose to go into an industry or work function that is shrinking, do not assume that you will be the exception and land a job with ease,” said Chandler Bayes, a former Ivy League career services director who now consults privately in New York City.

“It’s always good to have a backup plan.”

The authority for labor projections in the United States is the 10-year job report put out every two years by federal Bureau of Labor Statistics. It looks at prospects for hundreds of jobs from bartenders to astronomers. The data often is used to produce those popular “hot jobs” lists that talk up careers in health care, education and high tech. But it also can be studied for clues about where jobs are shrinking.

The latest projections, through 2016, show that the nation’s long-running shift from a manufacturing to a service economy will continue to make factory jobs scarcer. The BLS predicts a loss of 1.5 million manufacturing jobs in the decade ending in 2016.

Likewise, look for automation to lessen the need for order fillers, cashiers, telephone operators and mail clerks.

“Anything that you can have a machine do better or faster than a human can do it, or more accurately, those jobs are going away,” said Rose Baker, director of the Center for Regional Economic and Workforce Analysis at Pennsylvania State University.

In other words, Mom and Dad were right: Education helps. Jobs that require an associate’s degree or higher fare much better in the BLS data. There are some exceptions. Law clerks and computer programmers are among the few jobs requiring a bachelor’s degree that are projected to shrink.

A big problem with the current federal figures is they were calculated before the economy nose-dived last fall. Things have changed dramatically since 2006. Few analysts would now endorse BLS data projecting 25 percent growth for securities, commodities and financial services sales agents.

“Wall Street and finance, obviously that has contracted. Real estate has contracted. Construction. And those are never going to be at the places they once were. Those were so inflated,” said Stacie Hugenbaugh, director of the Career Development Office at Smith College in Massachusetts.

But Hugenbaugh is quick to add that she does not necessarily discourage students from following their interests, even if they lead to a defunct field. There are jobs — you just have to be realistic. Her advice: Be flexible.

For instance, a student who wants to head to Wall Street might try for an entry-level job in a retail bank instead. She can gain experience there and see how things look in a few years, Hugenbaugh said.

Gloria Lomeli sits in front of the E.W. Scripps Hall, Ohio University’s journalism school, Monday, in Athens, Ohio. Lomeli, who will be graduating this summer is looking for a job in a booming economy.

WHERE THE JOBS WILL NOT BE IN THE FUTURE

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Defense Secretary Robert Gates looks on as President Barack Obama makes remarks on veterans healthcare Thursday in Washington.

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among some liberals over the pace of troop withdrawals and Obama’s plans for a large residual force of up to 50,000 troops — about one-third of the force now there — who will train Iraqis, protect U.S. assets and personnel and conduct anti-terrorism operations.

The official request was sent ear

th Thursday evening.

The request would fund an av

erage force level in Iraq of 140,000

U.S. troops. It would also finance

Obama’s initiative to boost troop

levels in Afghanistan to more than

40,000 from the current 39,000.

And it would provide $2.2 billion to accelerate the Pentagon’s plans to increase the overall size of the U.S.

military, including a $47,400-per-person active-duty Army.

Some Democrats were not

pleased.

“This funding will do two things

— it will prolong our occupation

of Iraq through at least the end of

2011, and it will deepen and expand

our military presence in Afghanist

after indecisively,” said anti-war Rep.

Lynn Woolsey, D-Calif. “Instead of

attempts to find military solutions

to the problems we face in Iraq and

Afghanistan, President Obama must

fundamentally change the mission

in both countries to focus on pro-
moting reconciliation, economic
development, humanitarian aid and

regional diplomatic efforts.”

But House GOP leader John Boehner of Ohio predicted that Republicans would overwhel

mingly support the request, provided

Congressional Democrats don’t seek

“micromanage” the war by adding

a timeline or other restrictions

on the ability of military officials to

arranging on the fight.

State

PASO ROBLES, Calif. (AP) — Residents and businesses in Paso Robles face strict water rationing mandates this month, including a rule limiting lawn watering to three days a week. The conserva
tion effort begins April 24.

Residents are asked to water lawns, streets and sidewalks only on odd-numbered days, irrigation can only occur before sunrise and runoff on side

walks and streets is prohibited.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — A registered sex offender has been sentenced to 137 years in prison for breaking into a San Luis Obispo apartment and hiding for hours before pouncing on two women when they went to bed.

A jury convicted 30-year-old Billy Downey Anderson on Feb. 4 for robbery, burglary and assault with intent to commit rape.

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Oksi1ski of Holland Patent, N.Y., arrived at 4:30 p.m. at the Delaware base, home to the nation’s largest military mortuary.

Oksi1ski, 22, was killed Wednesday in Helmand province, the Penta
gon said. As the sun sank lower in a cloud-dappled blue sky, casting shadows on the tarmac, a white

gloved Marine (o)ps carrv team boarded the plane.

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International

L’AQUILA, Italy (AP) — Help started to arrive Thurs

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How Berlin sounds

Music department to present songs of German composer Weill

Mikaela Akuna
March 30, 2009

The Berlin-inspired music of composer Kurt Weill will fill Spanos Theater when the Cal Poly Music Department presents "Songs of Berlin — The 20th Century with Kurt Weill.

Weill's most famous works of the '20s and '30s will be performed Saturday night by six instrumentalists and more than 20 voice students from Cal Poly's music department. The concert will feature Weill's most famous works, including "Ihre Oper," "Mack the Knife" and "Pirate Jenny," as well as "Alabama Song" from "The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny," "Speak Low" and "One Touch of Venus."

The German composer was inspired by the city of Berlin to write his large collection of music and attended the Berlin School for Music.

Music sophomore Patricia Rosas said that the majority of the songs will be performed in English, but the audience will hear some of the songs performed in their native tongue.

"The first couple of songs we do will be in German, but the rest will be in English, kind of following (Weill's) life pattern," Rosas said, referring to Weill's escape to the United States from Germany during World War II.

I think the audience will enjoy hearing something they've probably never heard before. It's music of a different generation," Rosas said, referring to Weill's escape to the United States from Germany during World War II.

The voice coaches behind the production are part of its excellence, Rosas continued, noting the work of Jacquelyn Kreitzer and Katherine Arthur. Arthur coincidentally has spent much time in Germany and often performs in the language.

Other contributors to the performance include faculty member Ken Hostad and Keith Wandel, who will perform on bass and clarinet, respectively. The group has also called upon notable music department alumni Jessica Hurlbert and Jessica Reed, who will be a part of the show both on stage and behind the scenes.

The performance is set for Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale for $6 for students and senior citizens and $10 for general admission at the Performing Arts Box Office. They can also be purchased online at www.pacsl.org.
I didn’t practice my signature in the margins of my notebooks for nothing. If I get married, my husband will have to deal with the fact that I am and always will be Giana Magnoli.

This will not be another column denouncing a taking a man’s name because of the inequality of marriage, though that’s more than enough reason to keep one’s birth name. The tradition of patriarchy is legal as well as social, as shown by the difficulty many men face when trying to take their partner’s name.

Two years ago, a man had to pay more than $300 in court fees and advertise a public announcement in the newspaper to change his last name to his partner’s. California Assembly Bill 102 changed that, guaranteeing “equal name change options available to everyone, regardless of gender or sexual orientation who gets married or registers as a domestic partner,” according to the American Civil Liberties Union Web site.

Even with the 2007 bill, California is one of only seven states that make it as easy for men to change their names after marriage as it is for women.

My reasons for keeping my birth name stem from individual motives. Professional identity, convenience and family history all play a part.

As a writer, I’m recognized and market myself based on my name. My résumé, portfolio, business cards, signature, e-mail address and bylines are all consistent and changing my name would affect my career and family life, not one or the other.

The inconvenience of redesigning my professional identity isn’t the core reason, though. Since I have no brothers and my paternal aunts have no children, my last name essentially dies with my sister and I. I can give it a longer life span by keeping it throughout my life. A person’s last name is immutable. In fact, according to the Associated Press, it spiked from 1,300 to 2,600 a year in the last half of the 20th century.

Despite these reasons, the first question people ask when I confess I want to keep my name is: What about the kids? Individual couples can tackle that issue, but there are a lot of ways to solve it, just as there are more diplomatic ways of solving the name issue than referring to the other person’s name.

Hyphenating is probably the most equal solution, but recent trends include men taking their wives’ name and meshing the two last names to create a new one. According to a USA Today article, more men are taking their wives’ last names than ever before. I am not completely against hyphenating my name, at least legally if not socially. For children, hyphenating or having a meshed last name is the most fair, or they can choose whichever parent they love more (just kidding).

A 2004 Harvard University study found the number of college-educated women who kept their birth names when married rose from 3 percent in 1975 to about 20 percent in 2001, according to the Associated Press. It spiked higher in the ’80s and ’90s, mostly attributed to feminism, but remains vastly different than our parents’ generation, proving I’m not the only one.

We’re the products of a contradictory culture when it comes to names; many people are obsessed with their family histories yet insist on using labels instead of names (have your parents ever been frustrated that you called them or your grandparents by their first names?).

I could be just as loving to my partner even if I have my own name, and probably just as successful and connected to my past if I took his name, but that’s each person’s choice.

This is the 21st century — I don’t have to choose between being a wife or an independent woman — I can be both.

Giana Magnoli is a journalism senior and the Mustang Daily managing editor.
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Perfect at home: Mustangs await tough test from 49ers

By Scott Silvey

The Cal Poly softball teams didn’t react well to their first appearance in the Top 25 this year, losing two of three at Cal State Fullerton.

The Mustangs (25-9, 4-2 Big West Conference) hope that their second foray into the national spotlight brings better results.

For the second time this year, Cal Poly jumped into the polls, sitting at No. 25 this week as they prepare to take on conference-leading Long Beach State (24-14, 5-1) at noon today, kicking off a three-game series at Bob Janssen Field.

“Long Beach won the series against us last year,” Cal Poly head coach Jenny Condon recalled. “They’ve got a good pitcher in Brooke Turner. They’ve got some good hitters. They’ve struggled a little bit more than they did last year but I think that makes them more hungry for wins.”

Turner (13-7) has been dominant for the season for the 49ers. She has a 2.36 ERA in 117.1 innings of work and has nearly four times as many strikeouts as walks. But the Mustangs have a force of their own on the mound.

Sophomore left-hander Anna Cahn (16-5) has held opposing batters to just a .217 batting average in 102.2 innings. She has a good 6.94 strikeout-to-walk ratio in collecting 125 strikeouts to just 18 walks this year.

In Cahn’s last start she was forced to throw 178 pitches in a complete-game 11-inning effort.

But Condon said that would not keep her from the mound this weekend against the 49ers.

“Softball is a little bit different than baseball,” she explained. “It’s not really their arm, it’s their legs. If they’re strong and they fit, they can throw all day — and luckily she is.”

While the Mustangs dropped the series 2-1 last year in Long Beach, this year the teams will meet in San Luis Obispo. Cal Poly has shown confidence in defending their home field, garnering an undefeated 13-0 mark at home.

Condon was pleased with the team’s play at Bob Janssen Field thus far.

“Our kids have done such a great job at home,” she said. “We’ve really been focused and stayed comfortable. We know how the ball plays off the fence, how the wind plays and the sun plays. We’ve had the advantage of somebody and the sun plays. We’ve had the advantage of somebody.”

The Mustangs close out the regular season with a 12-8 record and a 6-2 finish in the Big West Conference.

After the game, “he was so elated…he felt like a major leager,” Boras said, weeping.

Adenhart struggled with a 9.00 ERA in three starts against the gasoline, but Scioscia said last month the pitcher had worked hard over the winter and arrived at spring training with a purpose. Adenhart is survived by his parents, Jim and Janet.

“He lived his dream and was blessed to be part of an organization comprised of parking lot, caring, and compassionate people,” the family said in a statement issued through the team.

“The Angels were his extended family. Thanks to all of Nick’s loyal supporters and fans throughout his career. He will always be in everyone’s hearts forever.”

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