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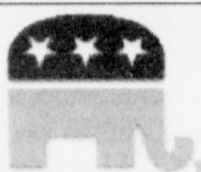
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Protests surround republican rally



By Victoria Walsh

MUSTANG DAILY MANAGING EDITOR

Despite much controversy surrounding Thursday's Cal Poly College Republicans' "Support Our Troops" rally, the event went smoothly and without chaos.

College Republican President Brent Vann said he was happy with the turnout and the way the rally went.

About 100 people attended the rally, whether they were for the troops or not.

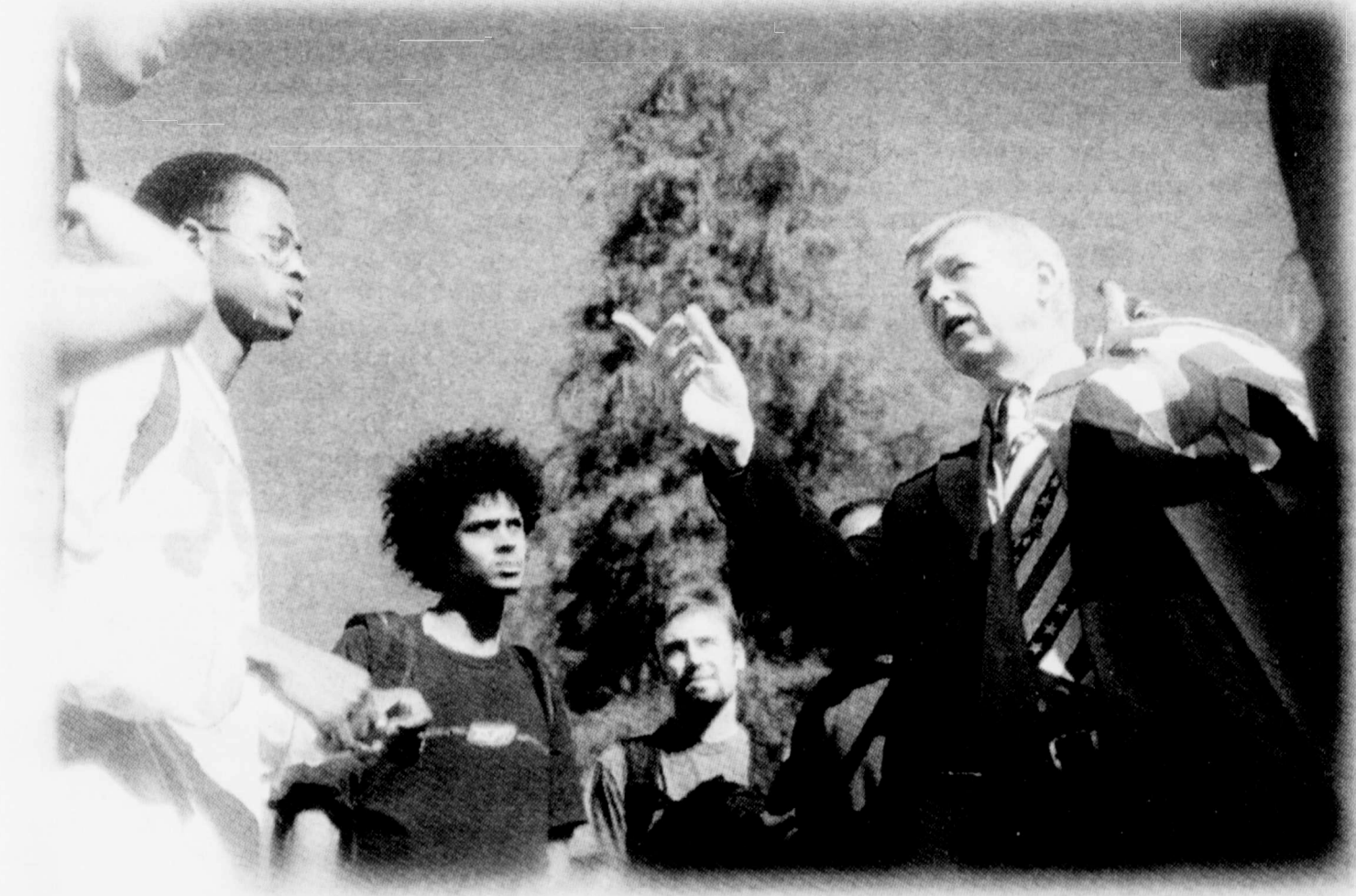
Vann said he wanted the day to be about the troops and not bring any politics to the forum.

"Today is 100 percent about the troops," Vann said. "We want them to know that Cal Poly supports their efforts."

The event included a moment of silence to reflect on the military's efforts in Afghanistan, words from veterans who fought in the Korean War and Vietnam and remarks from Vann and Dustin Thelen, chairman of the rally.

"The soldiers will stop the beating hearts of terrorism," Thelen said. "For they believe that the

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Matt Kokkonen expresses his view on the war in Afghanistan with student members of the group Raise the Respect Thursday during UU Hour on Dexter Lawn. Kokkonen was in the National Guard during the Korean War. City and regional planning senior Amon Browning, left, was one of the students who protested the Cal Poly College Republicans' rally to support U.S. involvement in Afghanistan.

ASI fee referendum passes

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Associated Student Inc. fee referendum passed Thursday with 58 percent of the vote, said Michelle Broom, public relations assistant for ASI.

The total count of student votes was a little under 2,000, 11 percent of the student population which, according to ASI President Angie Hacker, is two points higher than the CSU voting average.

The fee increase of \$16.25 per quarter is scheduled to go into effect fall quarter 2002 and will be the first increase in 31 years.

According to ASI, the proposed fee referendum will help enhance and expand current ASI programs, services and student representation such as Poly Escapes, ASI club services and ASI events.

Final results:

YES — 58%

NO — 42%

A total of 1,978 (11%) of students voted.

International Education Week highlights global diversity

By Stephen Curran

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For many students planning to enter the workforce, it is indeed a small world after all. And many Cal Poly students realize this.

Architecture senior Mandi Roberts is one such student. Last year, Roberts took part in a Japan

Study program through Virginia Tech, where she was studying at the time.

"It's good to be exposed to different cultures," she said.

And, as International Education Week draws to a close, many students are looking forward to gaining experiences like these for themselves.

The idea behind International Education Week is to increase interest in international travel, said Richard LeRoy, Pacific programs coordinator for Cal Poly International Education and Programs. As the world becomes more globalized, the need to understand different cultures grows.

The week's activities are geared not only toward students planning on traveling overseas, but to those who might not ordinarily think about international travel, LeRoy said.

"The idea is to increase awareness," he said.

Currently, he said, Cal Poly sends a large number of students abroad. According to an Institute for International Education report, Cal Poly sends the fourth-highest number of students abroad of any master's institution in the country, sending more than 473 students overseas during the 1999-2000 school year.

"Actually, Cal Poly is doing quite well for its size," LeRoy said. "The options for students (wishing to travel abroad) are many."

Despite recent safety concerns, there has not been a noticeable drop

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Jester's Dead performs at Thursday's UU Hour where several booths tried to increase interest in traveling abroad as part of International Education Week.

Program helps bridge 'digital divide'

By Stephen Curran

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In the United States, poverty does not necessarily mean going without food or shelter. In today's technology-driven society, computer skills can often separate the haves from the have-nots, says the founder of a new computer-training program.

For many, having these skills can mean the difference between a subsistence income and a six-figure one, said Aptu Kuttan, president of the National Education Foundation (NEF) Cyberlearning, a nonprofit organization aimed at closing this divide.

According to Kuttan, the "digital divide" is one that is adversely affecting the poor and minorities.

"The digital divide is actually widening if you look at women and minorities," Kuttan said.

Therefore, the NEF has been sponsoring programs nationwide to help train those who are either unemployed or underemployed with skills that will help them compete in today's high-tech workforce. The program provides subsidized Personal Computing and Information technology classes to students, teachers and underprivileged people.

"It's a good opportunity to make a difference," Kuttan said.

However, high-tech skills do not necessarily guarantee a job in today's technologically saturated workforce, said Jerry Hanley, vice provost and chief information officer for Cal Poly Information Technology Services.

In fact, he said, some of the nation's largest unemployment figures are in the high-tech sector of California's Silicon Valley.

And, as technology has become more prevalent, courses such as the NEF's become more common, making the opportunity available to more segments of the population.

"In the U.S. today, even if you're a homeless person, you can go into a (public) library and gain access to the Internet," Hanley said.

In comparison to other parts of the world, the United States has some of the best public access in the world, he said. However, there is still a problem, as many current employees lack the skills to compete and will face decreasing opportunities as a result.

"I think that anybody who is not learning to use IT is going to be competing for less and less opportunity," he said. "More and more of our econ-

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DAILY Weather

TODAY'S SUN

Rise: 6:39 a.m. / Set: 4:56 p.m.

TODAY'S MOON

Rise: 6:59 a.m. / Set: 4:56 p.m.

TODAY'S TIDE

AT PORT SAN LUIS

Low: 3:31 a.m. / 2.18 feet

High: 9:42 a.m. / 6.34 feet

Low: 4:59 p.m. / -0.91 feet

High: 11:41 p.m. / 4.01 feet

5-DAY FORECAST



SATURDAY

High: 73° / Low: 48°



SUNDAY

High: 73° / Low: 47°



MONDAY

High: 72° / Low: 47°



TUESDAY

High: 68° / Low: 48°



WEDNESDAY

High: 69° / Low: 47°

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omy is shifting to IT-related fields."

Therefore, he said, it remains crucial for people to have access to such programs. However, focusing on the rift between those who have access and those who don't only widens the chasm. It is important, he said, to focus on furthering existing technolo-

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gy and for people to realize that there are many programs available for those wishing to update their skills.

The NEF program offers subsidized classes available to students for only a \$25 registration fee. The NEF has trained more than 100,000 students through its more than 300 courses since its inception in 1994, Kuttan said.

"We're helping to give motivation for a much higher standard of living," Kuttan said.

The program is not affiliated with any government body.

Currently, he said, Cal Poly does not take part in any of the NEF's programs.

To learn more about the NEF or about its Cyberlearning program, visit www.cyberlearning.org.

By Stephen Harvey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The murmur of conversation fills the room as more people join in the discussion. Students carrying leather-bound Bibles, Korans, Torahs, and some not carrying anything, sit next to each other. The topic for the night is religion.

Although this isn't a reality on campus, it could be. Religion, while a personal decision for many, is also a way of life and provides a cultural background for others. However, Cal Poly doesn't provide the most diverse forum to explore different faiths.

Although there are clubs related to religion and faith on campus, they remain mostly Christian. There are 15 religious clubs listed on the Associated Students Inc. Web site. But not every religion has an organization tied to it, and Cal Poly is handicapped when it comes to religious diversity because of the nature of students who come here. Other schools with more ethnically diverse student bodies have greater religious diversity on campus as well.

It is well known that Cal Poly is trying to gain ethnic diversity, and with it might come more religious diversity.

Robert Detweiler, interim vice president of Student Affairs, noted that Cal Poly has a large population of Asian Americans, but that they are mostly of Japanese or Chinese descent and follow the Christian religion. Consequently, this doesn't add to the religious diversity of the campus.

Cal Poly isn't alone. Chico State has almost the same number of religious groups as Cal Poly. Many of the religious clubs are national and can be found on both campuses; Campus Crusade for Christ, Hillel/Jewish Student Union and the Muslim Student Association are just a few of the different organizations.

Student views on Cal Poly's religious diversity are varied.

"I think Cal Poly is fairly diverse," said Reid Zellar, vice president of Campus Crusade for Christ. "I've gotten in many conversations with many people of different faiths."

Shahzad Khan, acting president for the Muslim Student Association, said, "It has a lot to do with enrollment I think."

Khan said that because Cal Poly is a public institution, the administration cannot target or recruit students of spe-

cific religious descent. Detweiler affirmed this and said that because of Proposition 209, the administration can't target ethnic groups, either.

Cal Poly doesn't limit the formation of religious groups, but it doesn't foster their formation, either. However, Cal Poly does have a group that puts different religious groups in contact with each other. There is an interfaith council that meets once a quarter, according to David Smiley, the liaison to the council. The job of the council is to work together to coordinate what each religious group does within the university setting.

"Most are staff, but there are a few students (on the council). Hillel doesn't have an employed staff person, so there is a student that helps out. We value their membership. The door is open to anyone," he said.

Even though students can sit on the council, it doesn't give them the same forum or brotherhood that can be found in organizations such as Campus Crusade or Hillel. One idea that the Muslim Student Association has been working on, with the help of the Progressive Student Alliance and the Multicultural Center, is a public forum

on religion so that students would be able to be educated on all religions. Khan said that if he wants to know about Christianity, he goes to the source rather than trying to figure it out from a book.

"Ignorance is why the Muslim Student Association exists," said Khan.

"If you ask, you'll find, if you need (to know), you'll know," is the motto that Khan lives by when presenting his religion.

There is a way for students to learn about religions even if they don't have a club — in classes. Hinduism and Buddhism are both offered once a year as part of the religious studies program; Judaism and Christianity are offered as well.

Buddhism professor Joseph Lynch said that in the 11 years he has been at Cal Poly, he hasn't seen an attempt to form a Buddhist club.

"I would have thought that if students wanted to start one they could," Lynch said. "It would be better if there was one. It would be to everyone's benefit if there was more (religious) education."

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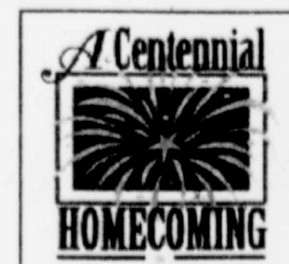
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National Briefs

United Airlines to arm pilots with stun guns

CHICAGO — United Airlines announced Thursday that it will be the first major U.S. airline to install Tasers, a brand of stun gun, in the cockpits of its 500 planes. The guns are intended to be used against hijackers and only the pilots will be able to access them.

Tasers fire an electrical signal and incapacitate the assailant for 15 minutes. They will cause no damage to the airplane, unlike other firearms. The installations are pending approval by the Federal Aviation Administration, which currently prohibits deadly or dangerous weapons aboard airplanes except when carried by air marshals. There are no plans to change the rule.

The only other airline planning on using the stun guns is Tiny Mesa Airlines.

Even though federal authorities have stepped up security requirements for airlines, government inspectors have found 90 breaches of security at U.S. airports in the last two weeks.

— Reuters

Man on probation for assaulting Cookie Monster

DOYLESTOWN, Pa. — A Maryland man was convicted Wednesday with simple assault, disorderly conduct and harassment of an employee at Sesame Place who was dressed as Cookie Monster on June 9. The man, Lee P. McPhatter

Jr., 22, kicked, punched and knocked down the employee after she did not respond to requests to pose with McPhatter's 3-year-old daughter for a photograph. He was sentenced to one year of probation and must take an anger management class.

Police said that McPhatter called E. Jennie McNelis, the Sesame Place employee, "a mean Cookie Monster" and then punched her through the mouth of the monster costume, knocking her down. McPhatter and his girlfriend, the girl's mother, testified that McNelis shoved their daughter several times, flung a paw in McPhatter's face and then tripped. The little girl said to the judge, "Cookie pushed me in the face."

McNelis spent two months in physical therapy. McPhatter could have been sentenced to up to two years in prison.

— Associated Press

CDC survey reveals most Americans not having risky sex

NEW YORK — Only 4 percent of respondents in a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey said that they had either tested positive for HIV or had engaged in behaviors strongly linked to HIV infection. Almost 8 percent of respondents believed their risk for HIV infection to be "high" or "medium."

More than 90 percent of respondents reported having one or no sexual partners in the preceding year; 25 percent said that they had used a condom last time they had

sex.

The CDC reported that men, blacks and young adults were more likely to have two or more sexual partners, but they were also more likely to use a condom the last time they had intercourse. They also said that their findings showed most adults were not at risk for HIV infection.

The survey looked at HIV-related behaviors among more than 35,000 adults from 25 states. Participants were randomly selected from the general U.S. population.

— Reuters

International Briefs

Middle East

JERUSALEM — At a meeting of the UN General Assembly Thursday, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said that there was support in Israel for a Palestinian state, but that it was not an official policy. Members of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's cabinet have said that Peres had no mandate to make the declaration, and citizen groups have called on Sharon to fire Peres.

Palestinian President Yasser Arafat has said that a Palestinian state would be an "absolute guarantee" for peace and stability in the region. Sharon has made public comments suggesting a demilitarized Palestinian state, but this still falls short of Palestinian aspirations.

Israeli troops and tanks entered two Palestinian-ruled towns in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank

Wednesday night; officials and witnesses said that one Palestinian was killed and 14 were wounded. Thirty houses were destroyed or damaged. The Israeli army said that the forces destroyed buildings it believes were used by gunmen to fire anti-tank grenades, mortar bombs and guns at military outposts and a Jewish settlement.

— Reuters

South America

BOGOTA, Colombia — Police said Thursday that a Colombian journalist and his 17-year-old nephew were killed by unidentified gunmen with an unknown motive. The two were in their home in Buenaventura, watching a soccer game on television when the attackers burst in. This brings the total number of journalists killed in Colombia this year to nine.

Heriberto Cardenas, 52, was a correspondent for several Buenaventura radio stations and one national newspaper, but had been out of work for several months.

Last year 10 journalists were murdered, and another 12 fled the country after receiving death threats. At least 100 journalists have been killed since 1980 in the 37-year-old Colombian conflict. Various attacks have been blamed on leftist rebels, far-right paramilitaries and cocaine smugglers. About 40,000 people have been killed in the last decade for reasons related to the conflict.

— Reuters

Middle East

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Eight Christian aid workers were released

near Kandahar early Thursday. They were later airlifted to Pakistan by U.S. special forces helicopter crews. They had been in Taliban custody for three months. The group was composed of six women and two men from the United States, Germany and Australia.

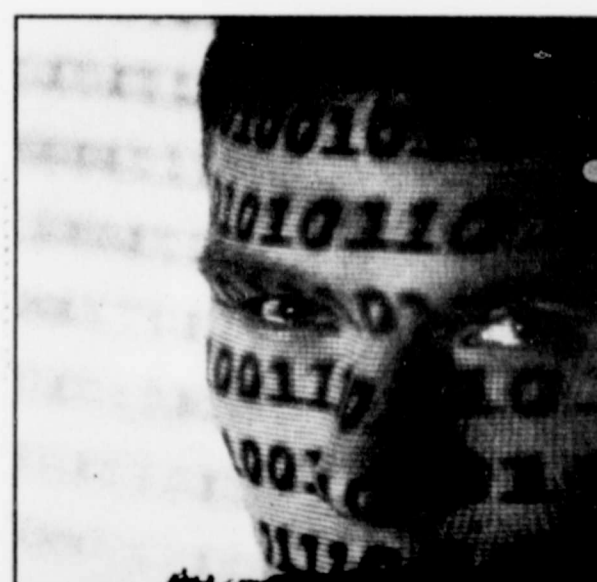
They had been arrested and charged with preaching Christianity, which is punishable by death in Taliban courts.

Retreating Taliban troops had taken the eight from Kabul towards Kandahar Tuesday. They were kept in a shipping container and later in a squalid jail. They were discovered by Northern Alliance forces and rescued by workers of the Red Cross. The prisoners celebrated with local residents and the formerly imprisoned men cut their beards. The women burned their burqas to help the helicopters land in the dark. The Taliban had forced the women to wear burqas and the men to grow beards while they were in captivity.

The Taliban were planning on releasing the aid workers to the Red Cross several days earlier, but were delayed by the U.S. bombing in Kabul. A Taliban deputy ambassador said that the prisoners were transported for their safety.

— USA Today

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Arab newspapers focus on demise of Islamic militia

By Nora Boustany
THE WASHINGTON POST

(WIRE) WASHINGTON — Arab-language newspapers did not splash pictures of the newly unveiled faces of Afghan women flirting with fresh air and sunlight for the first time in years or focus on the sense of release shown by an Afghan boy flying a kite once banned by the retreating Taliban militia.

Arab newspapers based in London and the Middle East, publishing six to eight hours before those in the United States, have tracked the gradual demise of the hard-line Islamic militia with a little less fanfare than their Western counterparts, but with no less certainty. Egypt's semi-official al-Ahram newspaper had reports of Taliban fighters tossing their black turbans and shaving their beards, but also quoted the movement's spokesman as verifying the safety of Taliban leader Mohammad Omar and his ally Osama bin Laden, the chief suspect in the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

Beirut's al-Nahar daily said the Taliban stronghold of Kandahar would collapse exactly as Kabul and Mazar-e-Sharif did, but cautioned that this did not represent success.

"Victory, in the true and deep sense, requires more than a demonstration of firepower amid all this painful futility, all this dust, poverty

and misery," a commentator wrote Thursday.

"Bin Laden prefers death to capitulation and the United States will not capture him alive," al-Ahram quoted a Taliban spokesman as saying. Omar's interview with the BBC, in which he vowed not to take part in a broad-based transitional government, was given front page play. Omar said he preferred "to die rather than participate in the government of evil."

The reclusive Taliban leader was also quoted in al-Ahram as claiming that Taliban losses were not that grave and that he had "a grand plan to destroy America, which will begin shortly."

The Egyptian newspaper did, however, report that Omar was on the run and that his movement was collapsing "within hours."

The London-based daily Al Hayat used a front-page picture of a Northern Alliance fighter having lunch in downtown Kabul and smiling broadly. Because they published earlier than U.S. media, newspapers in Saudi Arabia, Lebanon and Egypt were somewhat more tentative in spelling out sure defeat with headlines predicting the imminent fall of Kandahar and a general mood of chaos around the country.

Al Hayat carried a detailed front-page article reconstructing the

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"Monsters, Inc." confirms what every child already knows — monsters really do hide in closets. What they don't know is that the monsters are actually scared of humans, especially kids. They also don't know that the monsters are

Buscemi), a sneaky, disappearing lizard who will stop at nothing to get to the top.

Things go haywire when the monsters accidentally allow a tiny human named Boo (voiced by Mary Gibbs) into the world of Monstropolis. For the rest of the film, Sulley tries to get the little girl back to her home safely before Randall gets ahold of her to hook her up to a torture machine he's

'Monsters, Inc.' is monster hit

By Leslie Edwards

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

there on assignment, using their screams to power Monstropolis, a city filled with monsters that exists just on the other side of every kid's closet door.

As the movie opens, Monstropolis faces a crisis: there is a scream shortage because kids don't scare as easily as they used to. The burden weighs heavily on the leading scream-producer, a big, hairy, blue and purple monster named Sulley (voiced by John Goodman). Sulley and his green one-eyed sidekick, Mike Wazowski (voiced by Billy Crystal), make up the company's top scoring team. Sulley and Mike are competing with Randall Boggs (voiced by Steve

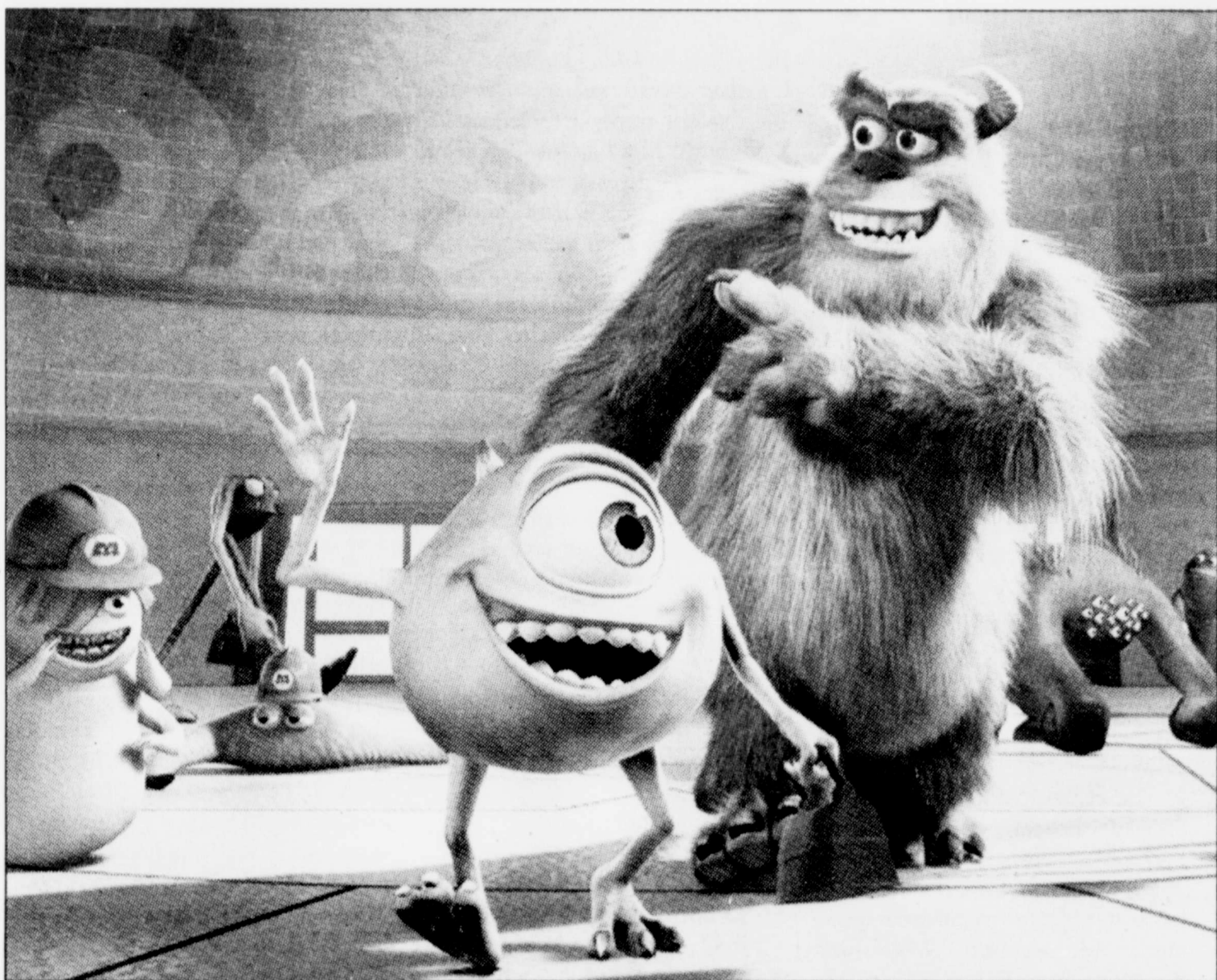
invented that will remove the kid's screams for good.

Boo's existence in Monstropolis is a catastrophe since the inhabitants are convinced that kids are toxic and that their mere touch will destroy the world. Before long, Sulley and Mike bond with the giggly Boo and end up defending her against Randall and the CDA (Child Detection Agency).

Boo brings out Sulley's soft side and makes it easy to relate to the characters, even if they are monsters.

The film portrays Monstropolis as a mirror of our own world. The city's power problems result in all too familiar "rolling blackouts." The power

The computer animation in 'Monsters, Inc.' is incredible — perhaps better than ... 'Toy Story' and 'A Bug's Life.'



COURTESY PHOTO/WWW.MOVIEWEB.COM

Top kid scarer James P. Sullivan (right) — "Sulley" to his friends — and his scare assistant, Mike Wazowski (left) show up for work at Monsters, Inc., the largest scream-processing facility in the monster world.

company also puts out a public service announcement: "We scare because we care."

"Monsters, Inc." is the fourth computer animated motion picture brought to the screen by the marriage of Disney and Pixar. The computer animation in "Monsters, Inc." is incredible, perhaps better than in its predecessors, the two "Toy Story"

films and "A Bug's Life." In one scene, you can actually see the hair on Sulley's arms move back and forth in the breeze.

Monsters, like toys and bugs, come in every shape, size and color, a sure attraction to the film.

The most entertaining part of the film is the rollercoaster-like chase with Sulley, Mike and Boo trying to

escape Randall's grasp. The scene involves thousands of doors from all over the world, flying along a conveyor belt to be placed at their designated spots until the plant needs them again.

An interesting component of the film is the lack of songs. It goes the

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Animation booms in recent movies

By Nikolas Markantonatos
MASSACHUSETTS DAILY COLLEGIAN

AMHERST, Mass. — "Monsters, Inc." grossed an impressive \$46.2 million this past weekend, down only 26 percent from its \$62.6 million bow — a record for an animated film. Pixar and Disney labored for more than four years to craft the tale of two amiable beasts, Mike and Sulley (voiced by Billy Crystal and John Goodman), who find an errant human child (every monster's worst nightmare) wandering around Monstropolis.

And who said it's not easy being green? Last week Shrek took in an ogre-iffic \$110 million in VHS and DVD revenue its first three days, the biggest first-week take since Disney released another huge animated film, "The Lion King," to home viewers nearly seven years ago, selling 20 million videos and taking in a roaring \$340 million in six days.

Kids aren't the only ones who have gone wild over animated flicks. Adults and even teen-agers (most of whom claim to hate cartoons and the like in order to proclaim their "maturity") whose inner children still burble about previous field trips to "Toy Story," "A Bug's Life" and "Toy Story 2," look forward to these life-like creations, knowing that no matter what happens, the monsters will look remarkably real.

Technology has advanced so much since "Toy Story's" debut six years ago so that every hair on Sulley's furry blue-and-green body ruffles in the air, and Boo's every toddler gesture is lovingly captured.

In fact, Randall Bogg (Steve Buscemi), a slithery reptilian creep who challenges Sulley for terror championship in a showdown between good and evil among the monster population, goes invisible during the end of the film in a state-of-the-art animation piece in the movie.

But magic isn't about technology, no matter how whizzy the tech is; it's about story, style and substance. And so far, these animated flicks have delivered. From "Toy Story" to "Antz" to "Shrek," this film genre has been better than most others at the multiplex.

And the fact that these movies are entirely animated adds another element to their jewel premise: hidden messages are so subtly buried in these films that you no longer need an excuse for watching them for the third and fourth time. With all that time to digitally sharpen every claw and buff every fang, the filmmakers manage to slip in some hard-to-spot visual gags and inside jokes.

This summer's smash, "Shrek," was brimming with inside jokes. Dreamworks honcho Jeffrey Katzenberg, who also worked as one of the producers of the fairy tale, advised the writers and animators at Pacific Data Images (who made "Antz") to plant subtle jokes that poke some fun at movie studio Disney that banished the exec in 1994. Remember the dictatorial, real estate-hungry Lord Farquaad (try saying that name 10 times fast!) and you may see an authoritarian resemblance to Katzenberg's old boss, Disney chief Michael Eisner. You

may also remember Farquaad's theme park-style castle — clearly Disneyland in disguise. (The battle between the studios continued last weekend. Unlike most videos, which are released on Tuesdays, "Shrek" came out on Friday, in a move apparently meant to steal thunder from Disney's "Monsters, Inc." Judging from the aforementioned sales, neither film was hurt.) Precision to detail can also be seen in "Monsters, Inc." where the soap dispensers in the monsters' locker rooms say "Do Not Eat."

After Sept. 11, these films have even more meaning. Everything from Pixar Animation Studios and Pacific Data Images, the chic, cutting-edge computer animation behemoth, contains exceeding vivacity and melts the heart with enormous character and warmth. Filled with multilevel awareness to kids' eye sensibilities and adult-pitched humor, "Monsters, Inc." offers more entertainment than others in the movie theater. Unlike say action flicks (most of which have been pushed back) or heavy-handed dramas, "Monsters, Inc." is providing light-hearted fun to a grief-stricken America.

But there's a fight brewing in the two current computer-generated titans: Can Mike and Sulley top that big green ogre's almost \$270 million take so far? After just 10 days in release, the monsters have scared up \$122.8 million. By comparison, DreamWorks' Shrek had earned a total of \$111.7 million after its second weekend. Then again, there's also the comparison of DVD sales.

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Farrelly brothers don't score with 'Hal' humor

By Emily Schwartz

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Directors Bobby and Peter Farrelly didn't quite live up to their reputation with "Shallow Hal."

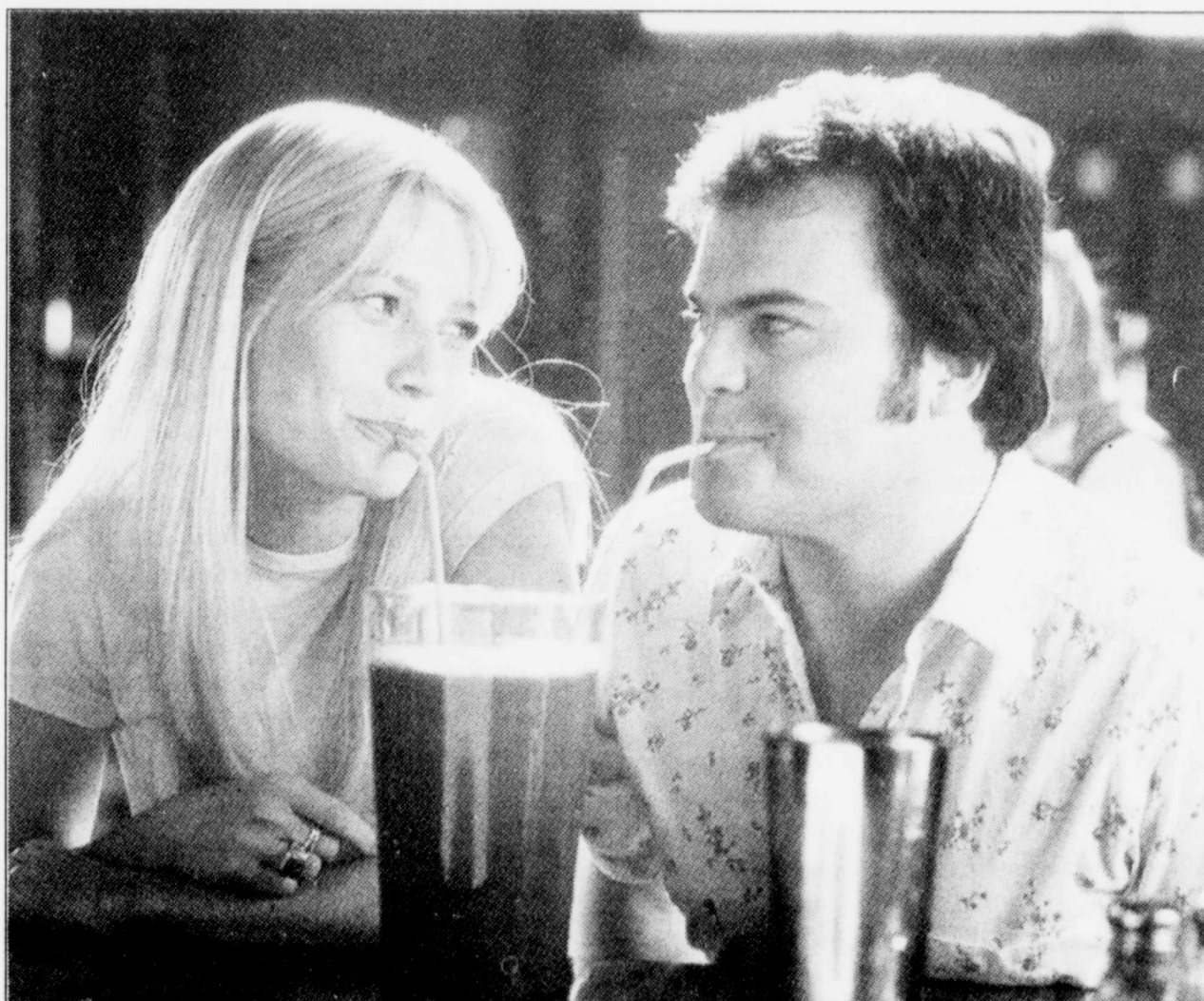
After all, these are the notorious pranksters known for crude yet hilarious creations such as "Dumb and Dumber" and "There's Something About Mary." Unfortunately, "Shallow Hal" doesn't even come close to those two films.

Hal (Jack Black) is a superficial bachelor who only pursues beautiful women. He has never had a meaningful relationship, nor is he looking for one. He lives by the words of his father, who, on his deathbed, advised Hal, "Hot young tail. That's what it's all about."

Hal's right-hand man, Mauricio (Jason Alexander), is even pickier than Hal when it comes to women, for he dumps a gorgeous woman based on the fact that her second toe is longer than her first. Together, they pathetically comb the bars, hoping to win over some foxy women. Instead they prove to be carbon copies of the obnoxious Roxbury guys from Saturday Night Live.

But Hal's outlook on women is changed when he gets stuck in an elevator with self-help guru Tony Robbins (playing himself). Robbins hypnotizes Hal, making him blind to women's appearances and only able to see their inner beauty.

Suddenly, Hal finds himself meeting attractive and interesting women everywhere he goes, and one lady in particular catches his eye. He immediately falls in love with Rosemary (Gwyneth Paltrow), who weighs 300 pounds, but all Hal can see is the



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Gwyneth Paltrow and Jack Black, above, star in 'Shallow Hal,' currently playing at movie theaters. The film earned approximately \$22.5 million over the weekend — \$20 million less than Disney's 'Monsters, Inc.'

slender and sexy woman Hollywood knows Paltrow to be.

The movie has its funny parts, but they're hot and cold. A joke here, a good punch line there, but the humor isn't consistent. Even the funny parts present a moral dilemma. After all, the humor is centered around fat jokes. Somehow it feels wrong to laugh at an obese woman who breaks a steel chair by sit-

ting in it. You end up feeling sorry for her, and guilty that you wanted to laugh.

"Shallow Hal" is far too good-natured for a Farrelly brothers movie. It was like they couldn't decide whether to make a sappy, warm-hearted story with a good moral, or stick to their usual mean-spirited, laugh-'til-it-hurts comedy. The mix of the two leaves the audience confused and unsure if they

Black, in his first starring role, uses the same facial expressions throughout the entire two hours, becoming less and less funny as the minutes drag on.

should laugh or cry.

Perhaps it was the actors that didn't quite fit the parts. The Farrelly brothers are used to working with comedic geniuses like Jim Carrey and Ben Stiller, who can win audiences over with their charm and wit alone. Black, in his first starring role, uses the same facial expressions throughout the entire two hours, becoming less and less funny as the minutes drag on.

Paltrow does indeed wear a fat suit, but the only time we see her in it — besides some short glimpses of an arm or a leg — is toward the end, which is a bit disappointing.

But of course Paltrow is her charming self, whose on-screen charisma rescues the movie when the plot seems to be at a standstill. At least her captivating presence passes the time as you wait for the comedy that never comes.

The movie's premise that "beauty is only skin deep" can be compared to the underlying theme of the movie "Shrek" (which made more people laugh using animated characters than "Shallow Hal" did with real actors). Both films drive home the message that it is the inner person that truly matters, rather than appearance. This is an endearing life lesson that fits perfectly into a Disney creation, but seems out of place in this slapstick comedy.

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whole 90 minutes without a single song, which just shows the strength of the writing and vocal characterizations.

"Monsters, Inc." is a fast-moving and visually impressive film that is enjoyable for both adults and kids. Although the really young children might be scared of the few scenes with scary monsters, the older viewers will enjoy the inside jokes. Most everyone will appreciate the "Don't Stalk" street sign and the tabloid newspaper "The Glob."

One reference in the film that will sail over the heads of many kids (as well as most adults) is the name attached to a restaurant to which Mike takes his sweetheart Celia (voiced by Jennifer Tilly). It's named after Ray Harryhausen as a tribute to his pioneering efforts in animation.

Even though "Monsters, Inc." doesn't have as many jokes as its predecessors, it's still a funny and enjoyable film for all ages.



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Helping to keep Monsters, Inc. running efficiently and economically is Roz, the dyspeptic dispatcher, who is no slug when it comes to paperwork.

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Female television lacks quality

(U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES — You probably know that women were not allowed on stage in Shakespeare's day, but you probably don't know why. The vagabond laws, which applied to wandering English citizens such as a touring acting company, would have, by a technicality, rendered an actress a prostitute. With the advent of the Lifetime Channel, this prophecy has come to pass.

As a male American, I have noted a distinct lack of quality, or if you prefer, an abundance of suck-in programming by, for and about women. My attention was first turned to this scourge of estro-tainment upon learning that a friend had been cast in a production of "The Vagina Monologues." Frankly, I find the idea of a talking vagina extremely distasteful, but we must move with the times. I'm sure somewhere a disaffected grad student is penning, "Kooch! The Musical" as we speak.

For those of you who don't know, "The Vagina Monologues" are to actors what shooting someone is to the Mafia. You make your bones, you're in the club. If you're, say, Stockard Channing or Sean Young and you haven't done "The Vagina Monologues," you can actually have your uterus revoked. I'm sure the next Broadway cast will include Sarah Michelle Gellar and at least one Olsen twin.

For the sake of science, I actually forced myself to watch four hours of the Lifetime Channel. The vast majority of their line-up consists of reruns of old TV movies with names like, "Shattered Roses: The Story of One Woman's Struggle to Find Her Place in a Big City After Getting Knocked Up By Guatemalan Freedom Fighters."

These movies send an important message to women, that no matter how abysmal they are at choosing a mate (and they are borderline retarded in this respect), they can triumph over their own poor decision-making skills based on pure ovary power. I can only conclude from these movies that women find unemployed alcoholics extremely attractive. Somehow women register Treat Williams, in a wife-beater, sporting a can of Pabst Blue Ribbon, as soul-mate material.

I also subjected myself to watch their show "Strong Medicine," a medical drama about a hospital where 95 percent of the characters and cases revolve around women. My question is, why aren't more men watching this show? Finally, the Lifetime Network gives us what we've been clamoring for: girls, girls, girls! It's "Baywatch" in scrubs. Feminism never looked this good and this inarticulate.

This kind of charade stands in stark contrast to the glory that is male-centered television. Who among us cannot help but be humbled by the dramatic achievement that is a Ja Rule video? The juxtaposition of buxom women and glittery cars has not been, nor ever will be repeated, a shining hallmark of originality and heart that asks every one of us to imagine slappin' da biotch within.

Although women have attempted to portray an image of themselves as strong and independent, the cartoonish farce they actually created is really the feminine equivalent of a minstrel show. These women aren't examples of compelling human depth and complexity. They are navel-gazing sad sacks who solve a problem every week by reaching deep inside themselves and embracing the uniqueness that they don't actually possess.

Doug Lief, Daily Bruin (UCLA)

Letters to the editor

War is an unpleasant but necessary action

Editor,

Kudos are in order for Andrew Descary concerning his comments on the protests of military action in Afghanistan ("PSA should find something better to do," Nov. 15). It is all well and good to denounce war; no one truly likes war. Republicans don't sit around in dark rooms, stroking cats and laughing maniacally, "Soon ... SOON! War will come and people will lose their lives. Mwahahaha." Quite the opposite. As a firm Republican myself, I can say that alternatives to war are always better than a war if possible. "If possible" is the important phrase there. The Sept. 11 situation was unique and tragic. A military response was the only response. The government's actions are to protect this nation and not to satisfy some blood lust that certain people think the government has. We may disagree with the methods from time to time that the government takes, but the people need to remember that the best interests of the country are always at heart. Much like a child that disagrees with a parent's decision because it doesn't immediately meet its apparent wants or ideas, the decisions that the government makes are for the protection of its children, the people. I understand the Progressive Student Alliance's dislike of war. We all understand that. However, they need to understand that sometimes war, though unpleasant, is necessary to protect this beautiful country we call home.

Barry G. Hayes is a political science sophomore.

Fighting for the world may mean fighting U.S. policies

Editor,

It is gratifying that people are paying enough attention to Progressive Student Alliance's activities on campus that they would write letters to the editor disputing our point of view. This is great, for we need a continuous and civil political debate on this campus so Cal Poly students can decide for themselves whether or not this war is a just cause.

Thus, in the interest of furthering the debate, and defending myself just a little bit from a personal attack launched by Mr. Descary on Nov. 15, I would like to answer a few points he raised in his letter:

1. America may have given the Afghan people aid before the war; however, that does not give America a license to subsequently drop cluster bombs on them.
2. The UN World Food Program has been unable to deliver even a fraction of the food necessary for the Afghan people through the winter. In fact, the Los Angeles Times reported that a couple of days ago a WFP convoy was bombed by American jets, destroying approximately 330 tons of food. This was enough food to feed 50,000 people for a month. I doubt the people who will go hungry due to the bombing of that convoy will be grateful they received aid before the war. And I doubt the WFP will be willing to enter the war zone again to deliver food.
3. Thus, with food aid curtailed due to the bombing, 7.5 million people are at risk of starvation during winter. I find it ludicrous that anyone on this campus would feel that 7.5 million innocent civilian deaths in Afghanistan is a just response to 6,000 innocent civilian deaths here.
4. The Taliban is an oppressive and brutal government. Now that the Northern Alliance has Kabul and half of the country, guess what is happening? Further brutalization of the Afghan people. There are reports that Northern Alliance soldiers have been committing rapes and having extrajudicial

executions of Taliban soldiers. Does anyone believe that the Northern Alliance will have higher standards of human rights? The opposing factions within the Alliance will soon be at civil war again, as they were before the Taliban took power, and the civilian population will not see a change in their human rights, unless they get worse. And as the Guardian of London reported on Nov. 15, the Alliance also does not want any international soldiers on Afghan soil. Does anyone believe that they will cooperate with the United States now? Can we stop them from further pillage of Afghanistan?

5. Also, suggesting PSA wants the United States to negotiate with Osama bin Laden is a straw man; we never advocated that, for we know that is an impossibility. We advocate that the tools of law enforcement, perhaps an inter-nation coalition and intelligence, be used to root out the terrorists. Now that we have bombed the country into further rubble, driven the terrorists further underground and have the uncooperative Northern Alliance taking power, which won't even allow foreign troops in, does anyone believe that we'll actually capture bin Laden now? We had more chance to do so using multinational intelligence and a tribunal that would bring suspected terrorists before a world court. It may seem too late now, but that still doesn't mean we can make the Afghan citizens suffer and die for our pointless war.

The "love it or leave it" argument is old hat to any peace activist; one would have us believe that since we don't agree with everything America does, we must leave (and of course, live under the Taliban, as so many counter-protesters have told us to do). This is a democracy, and we have as much right as any citizen here to try to shape our government's policies and actions. In fact, not only do we have a right, at a time when our government is waging destruction upon innocent people and compromising our own safety by inciting further terrorist attacks, we have a duty! I have no doubt that the standard of living I enjoy in America is high. This, however, does not preclude me from trying to stop America from visiting evil upon our fellow citizens of the world. My love of humanity supersedes my love of any country. Thus, I plan to stay here and fight for our world, even if it means fighting against American policies that constantly endanger the lives of our fellow humans.

Clayton Whitt is co-director of the PSA and a social science sophomore.

Questioning actions of government is patriotic

Editor,

While I will not join the argument regarding the propriety of the Cal Poly College Republicans' flier, I do have a comment for their president.

I was born in this country, I voluntarily served for three years in the United States Army, I have paid local, state and federal taxes for more than 40 years and I have voted in every election for which I was eligible.

I have also protested against the war in Vietnam and questioned the actions taken by our military in the Middle East. I am offended by your suggestion that to do so is un-American. On the contrary, I believe that to question the actions of our government is the quintessential act of a patriotic American.

If you truly wish to "support the troops," I suggest that you don a uniform and get out there and join them. Better yet, why don't you stay in school, open your mind, and help to create a world that does not need to sacrifice its youth on the battlefield.

Fred Kelley is a San Luis Obispo resident.

All of us lack good sense from time to time

Editor,

After reading the letters to the editor in the Mustang Daily published on Nov. 14, I couldn't help but write a response to two of the most asinine letters I've seen published. I read the Mustang Daily on a regular basis and think it's a very good student paper, but how these letters made it into the paper baffles me.

Now, I hope these authors don't take this personally because this is a criticism of what they said and not of their character. I don't even have their names in front of me because I really don't care to insult anyone.

In the first letter, "Try not to antagonize the crazy people," the author talks about how we shouldn't "antagonize the crazy people" because at any moment, one of them could kill us. He even goes so far as to say that we should live each moment as it could be our last because terrorists are coming to get us. Speak for yourself. You know you could die of natural causes right now, too? And that tree you're sitting under? What if one of the branches fell off and landed smack on your head? Personally, I'd rather live my life to the fullest (cliché, I know ...) as a functioning member of society and not some chicken little holed up in his house claiming the sky is falling. It is OK to come outside now, Osama and all his crazy friends aren't after you.

And now on to the second letter, "Antics at Mock Rock were disappointing." The author says that a "despicable act" that lacked "integrity, intelligence and respect" was performed at Farmers Market last Thursday night. (The act, if you missed it, was a student who painted himself brown to perform as Ja Rule in the Mock Rock contest.) But in the letter, the author never actually states why it is so "despicable." Is it because she lacks the gumption to say the "R" word? Was it a RACIST act? Obviously to her, as she stated, "it was not all in good fun, and anyone who bought that excuse was very ignorant." Now, I don't think that this performance was well thought out or in good taste by the student by any means, but I think it was not meant to be malicious. What she is saying, in her letter, is that this was not in good fun, but a direct, racist attack on African-Americans. I think it was a simple, but regrettable, lack of judgment on the part of the student and all involved. When the day comes that a lack of good sense means you're a full-fledged racist, let me know because I'm sure each and every one of us would be one then.

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in interest. In fact, he said, there has been an increase in interest.

To combat these concerns, the university has been taking added measures to ensure the safety of students, he said.

"We wouldn't send students there (overseas) if we didn't think it was safe," LeRoy said.

Overall, he said, the benefits of such programs will become increasingly important

for students to succeed. As the world becomes more interdependent, international awareness will become crucial, he said.

"To make it an international experience will definitely be beneficial," LeRoy said. Study abroad or exchange programs such as this help put things into perspective, Roberts said. Living in a different country and culture

enables American students to better understand their own lives.

Upon her return from Japan, Roberts gained a newfound appreciation for the opportunities available to women in the U.S.

"I think it (traveling abroad) helps you appreciate life," Roberts said. "Not everyone is like us."

Throughout the week, events ranging from guest speakers to concerts with African musicians were on campus, along with meetings about various study abroad opportunities in both Europe and Asia.

International Education Week is sponsored by the U.S. State Department and is aimed at fostering global knowledge

among America's students. The goal is to allow American students to remain competitive in an increasingly international world. The program is now in its second year.

"The options for students (wishing to travel abroad) are many."

Richard LeRoy
Pacific programs coordinator
for Cal Poly International
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good and decent people are entitled to security, freedom, and are fighting for that way of life."

Recent debates between College Republicans, Student Life and Raise the Respect, another club on campus, elevated the heat regarding the rally and the posters advertising it. Although Raise the Respect was out there demonstrating, the group was adamant to show that it was there against racism and hatred, not against the troops.

In order to gain support for the rally, College Republicans had posted fliers advertising it, some that were controversial.

"I knew some clubs would be offended," Vann said. "But there isn't one flier on campus that doesn't offend someone. We just wanted to get the message out about the rally."

Vann said he acknowledges that some of the fliers were offensive, but he said he showed it to some of his own Muslim friends and they were completely supportive of the rally and the fliers.

Vann first heard of conflict about the club's posters when he received an e-mail from Pat Harris, assistant director of Student Life and Leadership, who strongly opposed the choice of fliers.

But Harris was not the only person offended by the posters.

Alison Anderson, co-director of Raise the Respect, said she had

Muslim friends who approached her about the fliers on campus.

There was one poster in particular that was seen as very offensive to the Muslim culture, which is why Raise the Respect demonstrated during the rally.

"We are not anti-war protesting," Anderson said. "Just anti-racism."

Thelen said it was their first amendment right to use the poster and it was purely comical.

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"I knew some clubs would be offended. But there isn't one flier on campus that doesn't offend someone."

Brent Vann
president of Cal Poly College
Republicans

tion to the rally," Thelen said.

Anderson said even though she supports the troops in Afghanistan, she is opposed to propaganda that insults other cultures or ways of life.

"I'm republican myself and that (racism) is not the republican stance or President (George W.) Bush's," she said.

Anderson and members from her group approached Bob Detweiler, interim vice president for Student Affairs, and Ken Barclay, director of Student Life and Services, about the posters.

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dynamic and regional factors that led to the Taliban's ouster from major cities and strongholds. The Taliban's collapse did not come as a surprise, but its rapidity did, the paper noted, recalling remarks by British officials who had anticipated a 50-year war at the start of the fighting.

The article juxtaposed the immensity of the U.S. military machine with the inability of Taliban fighters to respond.

"For the duration of one-and-a-half months, they remained in their fortified positions on the front lines counting blow after blow," the Saudi-owned newspaper said. "However, that could not last for very long, especially with communi-

cation cut off from their leaders ... There is now little doubt that this is the beginning of the end for the Taliban regime in Afghanistan."

Al-Nahar reported that the Taliban was struggling not to fragment totally, but it also traced rebellions by ethnic Pashtun tribal leaders and their challenge to Taliban rule in Torkham and Kandahar.

In an opinion piece headlined "New McCarthyism," columnist Rajeh Khoury equated the squalor of life in Afghanistan and the Taliban's defeat with the defeat for America represented by the "New McCarthyism being practiced domestically in the United States."

Anti-terrorist measures, he wrote, mark a deadly blow to freedom, democracy and human rights.

"The defeated in Afghanistan are the prisoners of obstacles, and there have been so many. They had been beaten down in their daily lives

Anderson said Detweiler told her that even though College Republicans may have contradicted campus club by-laws, the posters were protected under the First Amendment and free speech and no one could take them down.

"Our group was adamant about doing it the right way," Anderson said. "We agreed not to take down the posters."

The same day that Vann received the e-mail from Harris, he was told the club would not be approved for amplified sound for the rally on Dexter Lawn.

At the time, Associated Students Inc. thought it was a University policy that there was no amplified sound on Dexter Lawn at any time, said Rick Johnson, executive director of ASI.

However, after some researching, they discovered that campus policy 180.3.2 does allow for sound on Thursday between 11 a.m. and noon.

"We immediately contacted Vann and told him he could arrange for sound with campus media," Johnson said.

Johnson said that although he thinks it's a great policy that serves the students' needs, they do need to be sensitive to the academic side and campus concerns it could potentially raise.

Although the two groups differed on many views, the politics were put on hold in time to fulfill Vann's hope: 100 percent troop support.

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High hopes guide Cal Poly

By Collin Hester

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

While adjusting to a year of experimentation and fresh ideas from a new coach, Cal Poly football presses on with stamina and perseverance to battle its last two opponents of the season.

The Mustangs have set off to compete against the Northern Iowa Panthers on Saturday followed by their final game on Nov. 24 against Saint Mary's. The confident and hopeful Mustangs are looking to improve their 5-4 record.

"It's easily feasible to win these next two games and we expect to win them, and we'll accept pretty much nothing less," senior wide receiver Adam Herzing said. "We're just working hard and hopefully we'll get it done and get these next two wins."

Cal Poly has played Northern Iowa four times in the past, with the Panthers winning the last three of those games. The eighth-ranked team in the nation beat Cal Poly last year at Mustang Stadium 43-41. The Panthers enter Saturday's game with a two-game winning streak. The game will be held at Northern Iowa at 5:05 p.m.

Herzing said the Mustangs started the season off very strongly and he is pleased with the way the new coach is leading the team.

"Coach Ellerson has done a really good job with our intensity and our effort and how we approach the game," Herzing said.

At the season's opening, the Mustangs lost to Montana 17-31, and then came back to beat Sacramento State 55-21 and Montana State 34-6. Of the four games they lost this season, three were lost by a touchdown or less. These early signs of success increased the team's confidence.

"We started the season fast, and I think we laid the foundations for playing some good ball," head coach Rich Ellerson said. "We went from

zero to 60 in terms of our expectations."

In each of the last three seasons, the Mustangs had a 3-8 record.

centration due to the disappointments.

"We had to take a slap in the face and refocus, and get back to doing

because they are the last games they will play at Cal Poly. The team still thinks it has a chance of having the first winning season in four years,



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Cal Poly's defense stuffs Cal State Northridge running back Terrelus Wright (32) at the goalline Saturday night. The defense played a key role in Cal Poly's near-comeback in the fourth quarter. the Mustangs held CSU Northridge to 93 yards on the ground, sacked them twice and forced three turnovers.

They have shown much improvement this season, but it has not been a smooth journey for the Mustangs. Cal Poly was short a few players due to injuries and lost two closely matched games against Weber State and its homecoming against Cal State Northridge. These losses made them ineligible for the playoffs.

"We've had to fight through a lot of adversity and losing some key players like Kassim (Osgood) earlier in the season," junior wide receiver Ryan McCarty said.

Ellerson said the team lost con-

the kind of thing that gave us a chance to be so successful and so competitive earlier in the year," Ellerson said. "Each and every one of us is making a concerted effort to stay together, to stay focused and to keep our emotional edge because we are a very close football team."

Ellerson said he has not thought about the prospects of the Mustangs next season because the team ought to be concentrating on the next practices and the next games in order to finish the year off strongly.

The two final games are very important, especially for seniors,

McCarty said.

"We want to get back to where we thought we were going to be at the end of the season, and finish it off on a winning note," McCarty said. "We're excited to have a chance still to finish off with a strong record."

The players need to maintain concentration heading into the final two games, Ellerson said.

"It's a huge challenge for us, but at the same time it's more about us," Ellerson said. "It's more about our focus, our tenacity and our emotional level that will give us a chance to do better this weekend."

Poly tries to bounce back from road loss

By Jacob Jackson

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team was upset on the road last Saturday by UC Riverside, throwing their hopes of a berth into the NCAA tournament into jeopardy.

But at this stage in the season, there's little time to mope.

"That was one of the all-time most devastating losses," junior setter Carly O'Halloran said of the match against Riverside. "It knocks us down a little bit, but given the significance of this weekend, we have to move on."

On Friday and Saturday, the Mustangs (15-8, 9-7 in the Big West) welcome a pair of Big West Conference opponents in their final two home matches of the season. Coach Steve Schlick said the

Mustangs have to win both to be considered for a berth in the NCAA tournament.

"These next two matches are huge," Schlick said. Friday's opponent, Cal State Northridge, lost to the Mustangs 3-1 two months ago. Coach Schlick said the Mustangs match up well physically with the Matadors.

Saturday's pivotal match against Pacific is a different story. The perennial Big West powerhouse swept the Mustangs handily when the two teams met Oct. 9.

"They're a top 15 program nationally, and they've only gotten better as the year has gone on," Schlick said.

The Mustangs don't have history on their side, either.

"Pacific is the only Big West team we haven't beaten in my time here," said O'Halloran, who leads the team

in kill percentage (.389) and assists (937). "We're looking to get even."

Leading the charge will be ... well, no one in particular. And Schlick said he doesn't mind that one bit.

"In years past, I've had one or two primary players," Schlick said. "This year, it's more of a team production. It's a great thing, as long as everyone steps up."

Junior Worthy Lien also praised the Mustangs' balanced attack.

"It takes some of the pressure off," said Lien, who leads the team with 293 kills and 142 blocks. "Nobody feels like they have to dominate every time, because it's somebody different every match. We all have a role, and I think that's one of the keys to our success."

O'Halloran agreed.

"It's a setter's dream come true," she said of the team's balance. "I can

set it to anybody, any play."

O'Halloran offered another key to the Mustangs' success.

"There's not a team in the conference that gets along better than us," she said. "We love each other. That makes us want to win that much more this weekend, to honor our seniors in their last home matches."

Schlick pointed to the seniors as a motivating factor this weekend as well.

"We value their contributions a great deal," Schlick said. "This is our opportunity to celebrate their career, to allow them to be appreciated by a big home crowd for the last time. And of course, it's an opportunity to win a couple big matches, too."

Both Friday's and Saturday's matches begin at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.

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BAR

SCORES

vs. FOOTBALL	28	35
csu northridge		
vs. VOLLEYBALL	2	3
uc riverside		
vs. VOLLEYBALL	3	0
csu fullerton		
vs. WOMEN'S SOCCER	0	1
uc santa barbara		
vs. MEN'S SOCCER	1	5
uc santa barbara		

SCHEDULE

vs. FOOTBALL	sat, nov 17 5 p.m.	@ n iowa
northridge		
vs. VOLLEYBALL	fri, nov 16 7 p.m.	@ cal poly
csu northridge		
vs. VOLLEYBALL	sat, nov 17 7 p.m.	@ cal poly
pacific		
vs. MEN'S SOCCER	fri, nov 16 7 p.m.	@ cal poly
uc santa barbara		
vs. MEN'S SOCCER	sun, nov 18 5 p.m.	@ ucsb
uc santa barbara		
vs. MEN'S BASKETBALL	fri, nov 16 6 p.m.	@ n ariz
n arizona		
vs. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	fri, nov 16 7 p.m.	@ sdsu
san diego state		
vs. WRESTLING	sat, nov 17	@ fullerton
fullerton open		
vs. SWIMMING	sat, nov 17	@ malibu
malibu invite		
vs. WOMEN'S TENNIS	fri-sun, nov 16-18	@ cal poly
cal poly invite		

BRIEFS

Jackson leads Cal Poly at Regionals

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Mustangs' cross country season came to a screeching halt last weekend at the NCAA Division I West Regionals.

However, they will be represented at the NCAA Division I National Championships. Junior David Jackson led the men's team in the 10K with a time of 31 minutes, 35.30 seconds, which placed him 13th overall.

The women finished eighth out of 23 schools and the men finished 10th out of 20.

Junior Jessica Dahlberg led the women in the 6K with a time of 22 minutes, 9.80 seconds, good enough for 26th place. Freshman Amber Simmons finished 38th in 22:52.00 and sophomore Kathryn Schlegel finished 60th in 23:32.20.

Junior Dan Avila was the second-fastest Mustang with a time of 33:06.20.

TRIVIA

today's question

Which NBA team ended the 1973 season with a 9-73 record, the worst of all-time?

Submit answers to: dmintz@calpoly.edu

last monday's question

Before last night, when was the last time two 20-win pitchers met in Game 7 of the World Series?

1985 CARDINALS-ROYALS

Congratulations, Malia Howard!