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Lectures to educate about Middle East

► A series of six forums will start Monday with talks from an Israeli peace activist and a professor

By Laura Newman
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly is offering a series of public lectures and panel discussions targeting the crisis in the Middle East as part of a winter history course taught by professor Manzar Foroohar.

The six-lecture series will kick off Jan. 27, continue for four consecutive Mondays, skip a week and conclude March 10.

Foroohar said she hopes the lectures will counterbalance the misinformation and lack of facts often seen in the mainstream media regarding the conflict in the Middle East.

"We want to provide a public forum for students, faculty, staff and community to learn about the crisis in the Middle East," Foroohar said. "It will be informative, educational and could produce a dialogue between different players in the crisis."

There will be a total of eight speakers at the forums. Four of the lecturers are Israeli citizens representing different sectors of society including government, education and community organizations, Foroohar said.

The history department and the College of Liberal Arts are sponsoring the lectures. Liberal Arts Dean Harry Hellenbrand said he would try to attend several of the lectures.

"(By sponsoring the event) the College of Liberal Arts hopes to encourage people to think deeply about and respond to critical and controversial issues," Hellenbrand said.

The inaugural lecture features two speakers: Mahmood Ibrahim, professor and chair of the Cal Poly Pomona History Department, and Susy Mordechay, an Israeli peace activist.

Ibrahim was born in the West Bank town of Ramallah and immigrated to the United States in 1966. His lecture is titled "The Palestine-Israeli Conflict: Historical Context and Prospects for Peace." Mordeschay, raised and educated in Israel, will speak on "The Assault on Palestinian Civilian Life 2000-2002."

Although Foroohar has previous experience organizing lectures, this is the first multi-speaker series that she has single-handedly assembled.

Foroohar said the high demand for education on the issues concerning the U.S. involvement in the Middle

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The Sky is the limit



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Photography professor Sky Bergman presented pictures of her trip to Cambodia over the summer Wednesday night as a part of Cal Poly's MLK celebration and WITT Week. Fifty to 60 students and faculty attended the presentation, where Bergman showed photos of the temples and people of Cambodia. The pictures illustrated the difference between American and Cambodian life.

Architecture students will sail or fail at regatta

By Sean Martin
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Fifty-three Cal Poly students thrash furiously through the water, supported only by slabs of cardboard. Their only hope is to reach Terra Firma before their makeshift craft sinks.

It's not Semester at Sea students re-enacting the Titanic; these students are taking part in the annual Cardboard Regatta.

This year's race will be held Sunday from 9:45 a.m. to noon in the Cal Poly Rec Center pool.

The racers are students in ARCH 252, architectural design fundamentals II. The faculty advisers this year are architecture professors Howard Weisenthal, James Bagnall and Mark Cabrinha.

Students are given two 4-by-6-foot slabs of cardboard, brown paper tape and clear polyurethane waterproofing to fashion a seaworthy vessel. The project takes two weeks, one for

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Campus student group promotes health

By Genevieve Fussell
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cal Poly Health Services is inviting students to join their Peer Health Education Teams to promote healthy behavior and wellness among the Cal Poly community.

The program is crafted around the idea of students advising their peers about a variety of health-related issues.

"We are looking for people who like to work with others, who are leaders but also work well with a team," said Rojean Dominguez, a health educator and director of the program. "On a superficial level, you gain an experience to put on your resume. But you also learn a lot about yourself and your peers at Cal Poly."

Jennifer Fauerbach
TLC coordinator

The students are divided into three teams that offer consultations and presentations regarding their areas of concern: Educational Resources on Sexuality (EROS), Thoughtful Lifestyle Choices (TLC) and Nutrition.

The EROS team handles issues related to safe sex, sexual assault and sexually transmitted diseases, among other topics. EROS also offers one-

on-one consultations and exams in an effort to "demystify sex," Dominguez said.

The TLC team promotes "party-ing smart" by educating students about substance abuse and misuse, time management and the seven realms of wellness.

"We know you're going to party, we just want you to do it responsibly," said psychology senior Jennifer Fauerbach, co-coordinator of the TLC team.

As co-coordinator, Fauerbach provides leadership and motivation for the team, as well as delegating duties to ensure that the program runs smoothly.

The consultations with students often reveal trends among the student body, Fauerbach said.

"We are starting to learn about club drugs and their use on Cal Poly's campus," she said.

Fauerbach, who plans to receive her master's degree in social work, said the greatest reward is seeing people learn.

"On a superficial level, you gain an experience to put on your



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(Left to right) Biology sophomore Erica Looney, nutrition senior Virna Filippini and nutrition senior Renee Coston have all worked for Health Services for the past year.

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Dominguez said students who plan on getting a master's are especially

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Low: 8:32 p.m. / 1.2 feet
High: 2:32 p.m. / 3.5 feet

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design and construction and another to apply the polyurethane, architecture sophomore Kelly Franz said.

Even though the Rec Center pool is no deeper than eight feet, a sinking ship is a disaster of a different kind. If a student's boat does not make it across the pool at least once, the student fails the project.

Weisenthal said this is a perfect example of Cal Poly's "learn-by-doing" philosophy.

"Students have to build a full-size working model," he said. "They have to take responsibility for their design. If it works, it passes. If it sinks, it fails. They also learn about the design process, how the human body fits into space and using materials efficiently. At the end they get to analyze their project and what went right and what didn't. Rarely do students get to test their products."

With grades at stake, the participating students are anxious about the event.

"We are excited and worried," Franz said. "Everyone is nervous, because you fail if your boat sinks. It would be pretty embarrassing to go down after all the work we've put into it. People are getting competitive, too. It would be great to win. Some groups have been through four or five designs so far."

Students who want to get a closer look at the cardboard boats have two opportunities. The boats will be on display Saturday from 1:30 to 2:30

p.m. on Dexter Lawn. Those who view the projects can also discuss the design with the students who created them. They can do the same at 9:30, Sunday, the morning of the race.

Weisenthal said the event should be fun for all to watch. Three hundred people braved the rain last year to cheer the racers.

"It is a fun, free, splashy event," said Ray Ladd, associate director of advancement for the College of Architectural and Environmental Design. "We encourage students to cheer, get into it. It is good for them to get there early so they can pick their favorite (boat) to cheer on."

New this year is San Luis Paper Co., Inc.'s co-sponsorship of the event. The company's partnership will provide lower material costs to students, cash prizes, new and improved trophies to the winners and a post-race party for participants.

Students have been known to come out in costume for the event; one group last year wore grass skirts and coconuts to go along with their canoe.

Participants also spend time decorating their boats. Franz applied sharp teeth to her vessel to intimidate the competition.

Architecture sophomore Gerald Wong took a more light-hearted approach and adorned his boat with a large smile.

"It will be frowning if I sink, though," he said.

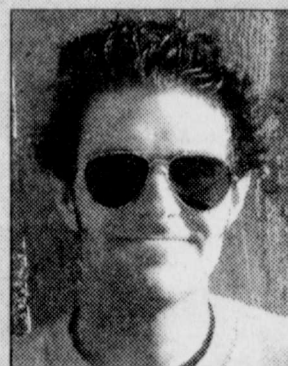
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associate director for CAED

Voices of the Students

How do Cal Poly students view the impending war with Iraq?



"Hussein is a ruthless dictator, a liar and should have been taken out a long time ago."

Kellan Smith
philosophy senior

"I think its a problem, but I don't think that an all-out war is the solution."

Adam Parry

political science sophomore

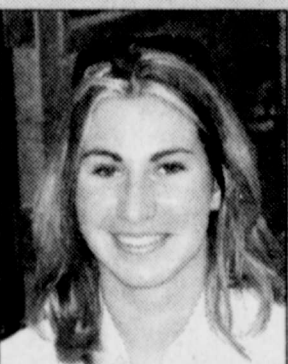


"I have friends and family in the military and one is on the USS Nimitz in Iraq. I think something should be done, but I am worried about them going to war."

Tiffani Pellin
kinesiology junior

"I don't think it's a good idea, because it just seems like George W. Bush wants to get into a fight with somebody."

Thomas deSenna
mechanical engineering junior



"We're going to war. We had a lot of conflicts with the Middle East in the past and now I think we should solve them. I think we should deal with them, get done with them and go on."

Jeanette Irigaray
agricultural business freshman

"I know nothing about (it). I am not very well informed."

Jenny Payne
business senior



What's Going On

Coming up this week

***Jerry Burge Video** - "Rock and a Hard Place," a video about race, campus climate and the issues of diversity at Cal Poly will be shown today from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Yosemite Hall main lounge. A discussion will take place afterward.

***Hearst Lecture Series** - Cal Poly alumnus Mark Horton of Mark Horton Architects will present a lecture with co-worker Maura Fernandez today in the Business Rotunda at 3 p.m. An exhibition of their work will be shown through Feb 24.

***Dance to the Jazz Bands** - The University Jazz Band will perform in Chumash Auditorium tonight from 8 to 11 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door. Attendees are welcome to dance or listen.

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Affirmative action bypassed by 'legacies'

By Cristina Daglas
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(U-WIRE) MADISON, Wis. — With affirmative action cases heating up and President George W. Bush expressing his opposition to race-based admissions, other factors are being looked at in biased admissions policies.

Now coming under the magnifying glass are "legacies," or students applying to a university of which their parents are alumni. Universities give preference to children of alumni for a few different reasons, mainly dealing with loyalty and funding for colleges.

"We have a very strong alumni base and a strong affection and value for families," Notre Dame spokesman Matthew Storin said. He also stressed the loyalty expressed to alumni by giving preference to legacies.

"We are not at all defensive that we are a university that gives strong attention to children of alumni," Storin said.

In the eyes of Storin, children of graduates are awarded a significant advantage for being born into these families.

Recent data suggests legacies have much higher acceptance rates at top universities and also make up a larger portion of the overall population of students. At Notre Dame, 57 percent of students admitted were children of alumni, with 23 percent of these students actually enrolling at the university.

Ridding admissions policies of legacy preference could result in financial implications for many universities. Alumni account for more than 28 percent of all private donations given to institutions of higher education. This percentage amounted to an approximate \$6.83 billion for the 2000-01 academic year.

At the University of Wisconsin, being the child of an alumni can offer a slight advantage in the admissions process, just as race does. These are all considered "plus factors" in the admissions office; however, they are still just one of the many factors considered when deciding whether to admit a student.

"It is a very minor factor at UW," Tom Riesen, assistant director for

admissions, said.

Like Storin, Riesen expressed his belief that giving a slight advantage to children of graduates offers loyalty to families who provide support for UW.

"Other universities, like Notre Dame, value in a very high way those individuals who have attended those universities in the past," Riesen said. "At UW, there are a significant number of individuals who come from alumni families, but their alumni status is a very minor factor for admission."

The University of Virginia, University of Pennsylvania, Harvard and Princeton are a few of the other institutions that admitted a significant number of legacy students. Overall, 10 to 15 percent of students at many Ivy League institutions are children of graduates and are also admitted in much higher rates than other students.

The University of Pennsylvania admitted an approximate 41 percent of legacies and enrolled 14 percent of them. Ron Ozio, manager of media relations at Penn, denied comment on why children of alumni are generally given preference in the admission process.

Gary Orfield, Harvard University professor of education and social policy, believes there is a good reason for affirmative action in admissions policies regarding race and legacy admittance.

"We have all kinds of preferences, which is a perfectly healthy part of the admissions process," Orfield said. "It is good to have affirmative action."

However, Orfield admitted that legacy students are primarily white. So although diversity is encouraged, giving legacy students this preference makes it increasingly more difficult for a minority student to gain admittance to a university such as Harvard.

Recently, President Bush made his opposition to racial preferences clear through the two briefs filed with the Supreme Court. President Bush is offering other alternatives for increasing diversity and has given no comment on whether or not universities will be able to give racial preferences when deciding whether or not to admit a student.

Students get a free ride

By Meghan Nowakowski
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students can now leave their car money at home.

Thanks to the Vice President of Student Affairs Cornel Morton and the SAFER (Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource) Program, Cal Poly students will be able to use the Safe-Ride program free of charge.

Morton's office allocated \$10,000 to ensure that students get home safely.

"We chose to provide students with a safe and effective means for travel back to campus, during late evening hours especially," Morton said in an e-mail interview. "Our concern is that Cal Poly students have services that assure their safety."

Safe-Ride has been a staple for many Cal Poly students. The program was developed in 1994 and runs two vans from Thursday through Saturday nights. Safe-Ride has been popular from its inception because it is much cheaper than the average cab ride.

"One of the main reasons Safe-

"We chose to provide students with a safe and effective means for travel back to campus, during late evening hours especially."

Cornel Morton

Vice President of Student Affairs

Ride operates is to make sure to cut back on drunk driving and sexual assault," said Haley Meyers, student supervisor of the Women's Center.

Safe Ride Home, a component of the San Luis Obispo Ride-On program, usually costs \$2. During the school year it is estimated that 800 to 900 people, mostly students, use the vans.

Morton said the money to fund the program came from a division of Student Affairs' state budget money. This year it cost \$5,350. However, he said there is no commitment for funding the program next year.

"My plan is to work with other departments to co-sponsor the cost for the program in future years," he said.

The idea to fund the Safe-Ride

program came out of discussions between former Vice President of Student Affairs Robert Detweiler and former Associated Students Inc. President Angie Hacker.

Many Cal Poly students thought the new partnership was a positive move.

"It's really nice to know that if you are stuck somewhere, and do not have money, you can still get home safely," liberal studies senior Lisa Wilson said. "I have Safe-Ride programmed into my cell phone."

Students can pick up their free Safe-Ride passes in the UU at the Women's Center booth until the end of the week. Passes will also be available first come first serve.

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benefited by the program.

Lastly, the Nutrition Team is comprised of food science and nutrition majors hoping to gain vital experience before they enter their respective professions. Dietary analysis, fitness nutrition and weight manage-

ment are a few of the topics addressed by the team.

All three groups organize special events throughout the year. One such program is Love Carefully Week, sponsored by EROS, which promotes safer sex and communication with your partner.

"The programs provide basic skills regardless of what you do in life," Dominguez said.

In addition to the hands-on experience, students receive three units of

credit per quarter, resulting in 12 units at the end of the one-year program.

Dominguez said she is looking for creative students who are "good worker bees." With the exception of the Nutrition team, all majors are invited to submit applications, which can be picked up at the lower level of the Health Center. Selection will occur by the end of February and training will begin during spring quarter.

LECTURES

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East prompted her to open up the discussions to a public audience instead of just her class.

She said she used her academic connections to amass the group of speakers.

"I travel a lot to the Middle East and have been teaching about the Middle East for a long time," Foroohar said. "Two speakers are flying directly from Israel for the

event."

Philosophy senior Anne Handel, co-director of Raise the Respect, said the lecture series is well aligned with the type of programs that Raise the Respect supports.

Industrial engineering sophomore Edgar Diaz, also a Raise the Respect co-director, said he thinks this lecture series will create a dialogue.

"It's good to hear from an educated source on the Middle East that has taken the time to put (the lecture series) together," he said.

All of the presentations will be held Mondays in Chumash

Auditorium from 6 to 8 p.m. The public is invited to attend free of charge.

Future forum topics include: "Zionism: Myth and Reality," "Iraq and U.S. Policy in the Middle East: Human Rights," "The Key to an Israeli-Palestine Peace: Dismantling Israel's Matrix of Control," "The Axis of Evil and the Holy Alliance" and "Assault on Civil Liberties and Human Rights."

For more information and a complete schedule of speakers, e-mail Foroohar at mforooha@calpoly.edu.

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Gallery

Artist creates from a place 'out of her mind'

By Jenni Mintz
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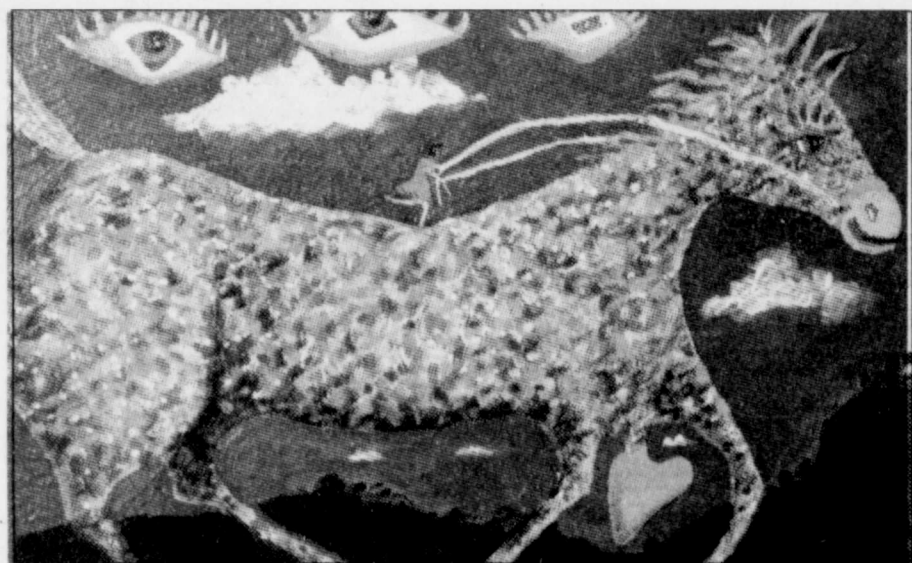
She's fearless. She's inspirational. She's a survivor. She's "out of her mind."

Local artist Julie Fish, 48, believes in living life to the fullest.

On view at the San Luis Artist Gallery (SLAG) until Feb. 4 is a vibrant and colorful display of her artwork illustrating this passion for life.

The show is a first for Fish in San Luis Obispo. Other artists, like Mary Ratner, are enthusiastic.

"I feel like I am seeing many aspects of her ability," Ratner said. "She's got a lot of truly diverse styles exhibiting in the art show. It gives me the feeling of retrospective."



ERIC HENDERSON/MUSTANG DAILY

'Vigilance' is a pony of many colors, small dots of paint assembled by artist Julie Fish.

By retrospective, Ratner means the fact that the show includes work from 1985 to the present. Fish's style is called "out of your mind," meaning to reach into your imagination and gather a variety of shapes to convey a meaningful image.

▼ To create some of her works, Fish throws paint on 300-pound paper.

To create her works, Fish throws paint on 300-pound paper. This allows shapes to emerge, shapes which become figures after several layers of paint, Fish said. Sometimes a

painting will have as many as six layers, and other times only one coat will do.

"The whole thing is about serendipity," Fish said. "The creativity is more than just what the sums of the parts are. When I'm in a creative mode, and when the juices are flowing, the way that I fling the paint can have a momentous reaction."

As a child, Fish never took any formal art lessons. In fact, she said that she was always frustrated at her creations, and felt she never measured up to some of her talented peers. However, Fish always desired to pursue painting.

When Fish was diagnosed with a severe case of breast cancer at 35, she realized she needed to chase her dreams and conquer her fears of failure.

Teacher Benigno Gomez helped Fish grasp her goal when she traveled with her husband David to Honduras.

"Benigno was the first one who really opened up my channels and got me painting," Fish said. "Through him, I learned how to find my own painting. He taught me that I didn't have to be born with talent to create art."

Fish's greatest influence, Gomez taught her the "out of your mind" technique. International artist and teacher Bob Burridge also helped mold her style, Fish said. For the last eight years, Fish has gone to Burridge's workshops.

"Julie's work is whimsical, creative, original and very spiritual," Burridge



ERIC HENDERSON/MUSTANG DAILY

'Warrior One' and 'Warrior Two' will hang out on the walls of the San Luis Artist's Gallery until Feb. 4.

said. "She is a very spiritual woman. There is no one like her or her work."

Fish's mother took her as a child to art museums that initiated her interest.

Her family saw art from all different cultures because they moved every year and a half and lived in many different countries, she said.

Fish graduated from high school in India, and then went to Panama for college.

She majored in political science and earned her master's in curriculum.

After graduation, Fish met David, and eloped with him after three weeks. They both went into the Peace Corps, which took them to Chile, where they started a bilingual high school.

In search of sunshine, the Fish family moved to California and started another bilingual school.

Fish said she enjoys teaching and has taught for the past 17 years. She now teaches first graders, and also has classes for adults who want to learn to paint.

Fish also said she believes that art should not be confining. She aspires to rid adults of the same fear that prevented her from painting freely in her youth.

"Some professionals put up barriers," Fish said. "I think there is some kind of conspiracy to keep people away from being painters. Why not everyone be an artist? We need more artists in the world. We need more educators to tap more into creativity."

Music

Arlo Guthrie brings '60s sentiment to Cohan Center

► Counter-culture icon brought humorous 18-minute anti-war song to mainstream

By Olga Berdial
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A Vietnam-era icon will perform at the Christopher Cohan Center on Jan. 29 to champion some of the causes that made him famous a generation ago.

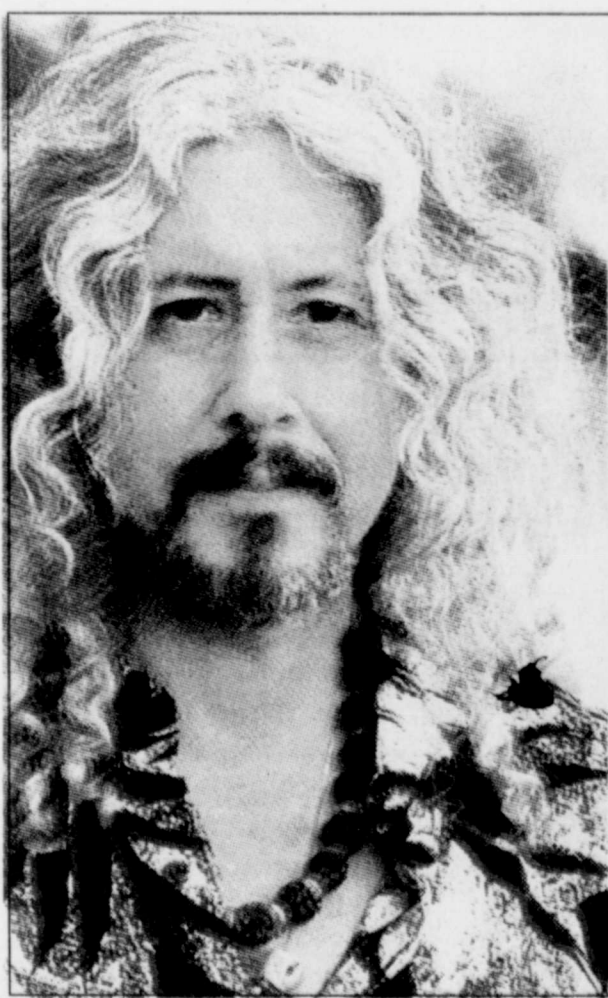
Arlo Guthrie, son of 1940s folk legend Woody Guthrie, helped define the 1960s folk era with songs like "Coming to Los Angeles," which he performed at the Woodstock Festival in 1969.

The younger Guthrie used lyrics such as "You want to know if I'm moral enough to join the army, burn women, kids, houses and villages" from the song "Alice's Restaurant" to communicate his feelings about the draft.

"Alice's Restaurant" is an 18-minute song and spoken word compilation about social consciousness.

The song is about how Guthrie was arrested for littering on Thanksgiving Day and consequently rejected from the draft because of his criminal record, said James Cushing, a lecturer in the English department.

"'Alice's Restaurant' is not only laugh-out-loud funny, but it epitomizes some of the cultural clashes



COURTESY PHOTO

His hair has changed but is his message still the same?

of the 1960s, of the human spirit versus bureaucracy," Cushing said.

Ralph Hoskins, director of Cal Poly Arts, chose Guthrie to perform at Cal Poly, noting the impact that "Alice's Restaurant" had on a generation of Americans.

"It was groundbreaking; it really defined the generation gap," Hoskins said.

Despite his long-standing impact on the music business, Guthrie's music remains accessible to mainstream America, Cushing said.

"Arlo Guthrie's populist way of bringing these themes to a larger audience is part of what makes him so important," Cushing said.

English sophomore John Neal also said that the folk music movement was an important revolution in music history.

"It's really a basis for a lot of other types of music," Neal said, "but, to me, it's sort of lost today."

However, Hoskins said folk music is not lost on contemporary society and Guthrie's style will appeal to students.

"I think there is a social consciousness among the younger crowd," Hoskins said.

Guthrie's music does touch upon social concerns that are still relevant in today's society, as depicted in "This Land is Your Land."

"Near the relief office - I see my people, and some are grumblin' and some are wonderin', if this land's still made for you and me," Guthrie sang in the song.

War and unemployment, issues

▼ "You want to know if I'm moral enough to join the army, burn women, kids, houses and villages?"

Arlo Guthrie
"Alice's Restaurant"

that fueled Guthrie's music, are still prevalent and are possibly responsible for his resurgence in popularity, Hoskins said.

Recently, Guthrie launched Rising Son Records, his own record

label. He also had a Grammy nomination for "This Land is Your Land," a song which mingled his version with a recording of his father's. Guthrie is also the author of "Moose Come Walking," a children's book.

"He is an important guy in a number of ways," Cushing said. "His hits kind of diminished by the early '70s, but that doesn't mean that his significance ended."

Guthrie plays the Christopher Cohan Center at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29.



COURTESY PHOTO

Guthrie around the time he released 'Alice's Restaurant,' a tale of Thanksgiving, littering and the draft.

Film

'Antwone Fisher' is excellent guys-cry-too flick

By Andy Fahey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

We've all seen the story before: A troubled man unwillingly sees a psychiatrist in a series of sessions. They make no progress at first, but then the guy finally opens up and talks about his past. The psychiatrist helps the man and, in return, the man unknowingly helps the psychiatrist.

No, this is not "Good Will Hunting."

This is "Antwone Fisher," a movie with a similar plot to "Good Will Hunting," but at the same time a very different story. The one glaring difference, however, between the two films is this: Antwone Fisher is real.

"Antwone Fisher," which is named after its title character, is a story of forgiving, overcoming anger and getting on with one's life.

Denzel Washington wears the director's hat for the first time in his brilliant film career, a career that has netted him two Oscars as an actor. Even though it's his freshman effort, it doesn't show; Washington masterfully pieces together a touching

story.

But he doesn't deserve all the credit, as Antwone Fisher had the biggest part in making this movie.

Ten years ago while Fisher was a security guard at Sony Pictures

Studios, he told his life story to producer Todd Black. Black was so intrigued he asked Fisher to write the screenplay, even though he had no professional

writing experience.

Fisher accepted the challenge and wrote the screenplay, but he wasn't finished. In the 10 years it took to bring "Antwone Fisher" to the big screen, he also wrote his memoirs for the book "Finding Fish" and became a published poet last month when Harper Collins released a collection of poems entitled "Who Will Cry For The Little Boy."

The little boy who cries is Antwone Fisher, played by newcomer Derek Luke in his first feature film role. Fisher is a volatile young man in the navy who constantly gets into fights with his fellow shipmen. After one such fight, he is demoted in rank and sent to see a psychiatrist for three one-hour sessions.

In the first session with Lt. Cmdr.

Jerome Davenport (Denzel Washington), Fisher remains silent for the entire hour. Davenport lets Fisher know that the sessions don't begin until Fisher starts talking, but that does nothing. Fisher doesn't say a word for several sessions.

After weeks of frustrating silence, Fisher finally opens up to Davenport and breaks the ice.

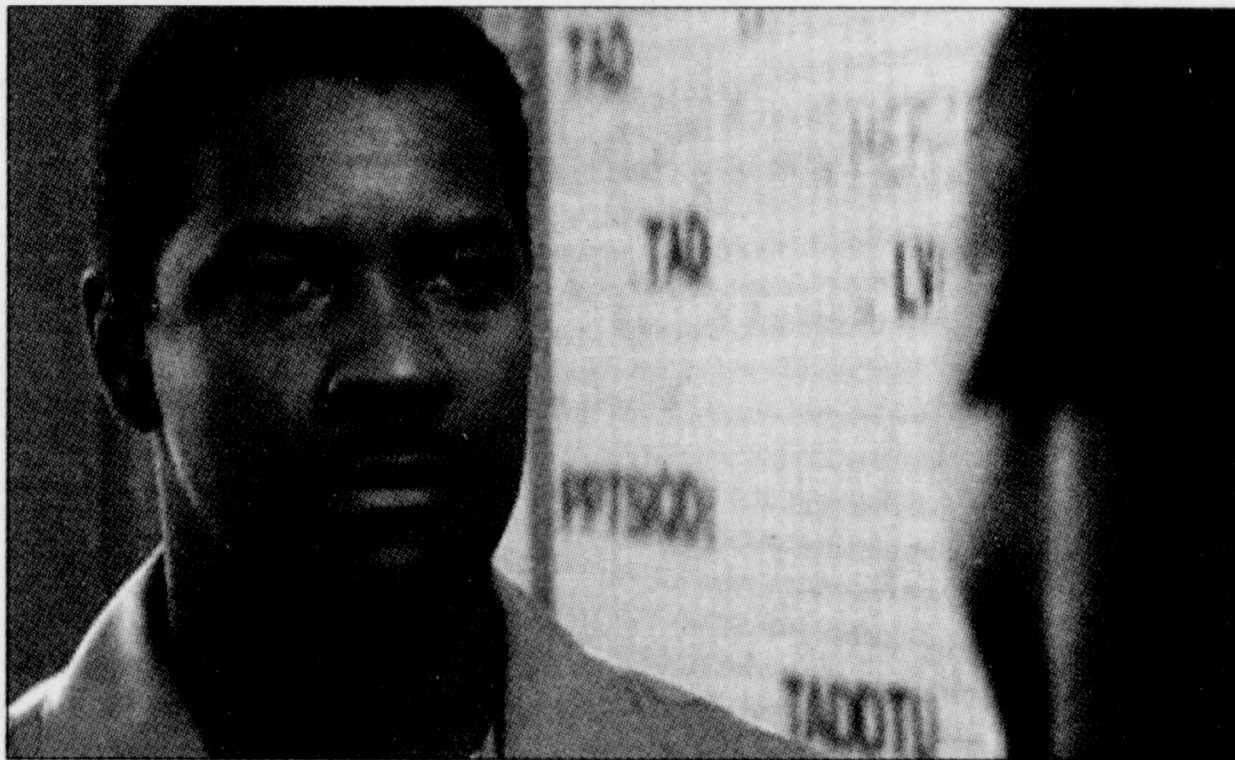
Soon after Fisher begins talking, we find out that he never knew his biological parents. His father was murdered two months before he was born in a women's prison.

Several flashbacks occur throughout the movie when Fisher speaks of his past, from his earliest memories to a few days before he entered the Navy.

One of the first such flashbacks is a scene with Mrs. Tate (Novella Nelson), Fisher's verbally and physically abusive foster mother. The scenes with Tate are chilling. Her abuse is so disturbing it's hard to watch.

The abuse takes its toll on Fisher. He grows up lacking self-confidence because he is always told he cannot succeed. The abuse also fuels his rage, which he keeps bottled up until he explodes in the Navy and gets into several fights.

It is obvious that Fisher is making rapid strides in his meetings with Davenport, but that progress comes to a sudden halt when the third session ends. Fisher wants to continue with the sessions but Davenport has to turn in an evaluation to the commanding officer. At this point, Fisher gets a feeling of abandonment, a feeling he experiences throughout his life.



COURTESY PHOTO

Denzel Washington shines both behind and in front of the camera in 'Fisher.'

After a few mishaps, Fisher again finds himself in Davenport's office. This time, Davenport tells Fisher he has to locate his real family. Fisher is

those things. The story sells itself.

"Antwone Fisher" is truly a touching movie on a wide range of levels. Feelings of sadness, depression,

This film is more than just a movie; it's an inspiration to those who are struggling with difficult times and are uneasy about making it in life.

reluctant to do this at first, but Davenport convinces him that he must find and forgive his family in order to free himself from them.

Accompanied by his girlfriend Cheryl (Joy Bryant), Fisher finds his family after an exhausting search through several phonebooks and met them the following day in an emotional scene, during which half the people in the theater were in tears.

We've grown accustomed to Washington's superb acting ability, but this film shows that he demands the same performance he displays. The entire cast plays believable roles, which should be no surprise because they portray existing people.

The movie doesn't have many special effects and the picture is not innovative in any way. But "Antwone Fisher" doesn't need

anger, laughter and happiness are all present in this "true story" movie. This film is more than just a movie; it's an inspiration to those who are struggling with difficult times and are uneasy about making it in life.

Do yourself a favor and go see "Antwone Fisher" if you haven't already. It's well worth the price of admission.



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A military drama without espionage and Tom Clancy? Must be the real-life story of Antwone Fisher.

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'Legend of 1900' is tale of immigration, music and ships

► Italian director brings unique story to San Luis Obispo audience.

"Legend" is a delightful tale of immigration to the United States and an orphan named 1900.

Born on a ship, The Virginian, the boy never sets foot on land, living his entire life on the vessel and growing up to be an accomplished piano player with the ship's orchestra.

Tim Roth stars as the grown-up 1900 and does so with a whimsical grace evident of his growth as an actor since Pulp Fiction and Reservoir Dogs.

Italian film director Giuseppe Tornatore (Cinema Paradiso) does a great job sending his viewers on a ride upon The Virginian as the camera sways to and fro with the

powerful sea. One scene helps you back upon your sea legs as 1900 tickles the ivories during a swelling storm. He and his piano roll freely around an empty ballroom as if waltzing together.

Conflict arises when Jelly Roll Morton (Clarence Williams III) challenges 1900 to a piano duel. The jazzy competition flows nicely with the award-winning original score by Ennio Morricone.

Some of the real strengths to this film are the fashionable characters, costumes and architecture of the early 1920's captured so realistically by Tornatore.

The plot thickens when the ship is due to be destroyed and 1900 spots a beautiful girl that tempts him to finally lay foot on land for the first time. A warm fuzzy joy to watch!

— Lisa Roberts, Insomiac Video



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Tim Roth shines in this tale of music and life aboard a ship in director Giuseppe Tornatore's 'The Legend of 1900.'

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Holidays honor lives, not banks

"I have a dream that one day students, bank tellers and postmen will get a three-day weekend in January. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We deserve a bank holiday every couple of months!'"

This quote doesn't sound familiar? Hmmm.

Perhaps it is because this isn't exactly how Dr. Martin Luther King delivered his famous speech. True, Dr. King did have a dream. But his dream was for racial equality and the brotherhood of man, not for an arbitrarily observed day off from work and school. In fact, I don't think a three-day weekend is exactly what Cesar Chavez was advocating, either. Abe and George certainly didn't observe any bank holidays during their presidencies, but we sure reap the benefits when we sleep in on Presidents' Day.

The truth is, often people don't even know why they have three-day weekends (or they are just too hung-over from partying the night before to remember). Obviously, any break from school and work is appreciated. However, a day off without any remembrance or reflection on why the day is a holiday makes a mockery out of the honoree and the things he fought for.

What did you do on Martin Luther King Jr. Day? OK, I slept in and ran errands. Shame on me. I may not have marched in a demonstration, but I did reflect the values and messages that Dr. King advocated. Radical expressions are not required. Nobody is asking you to bake MLK a birthday cake. But a little conscientious consideration is the least King deserves on his commemorative holiday.

The same is true for all recognized holidays. Learn about what Cesar Chavez accomplished and see if you agree with his views. In between your margaritas on the beach, reflect on why Labor Day is observed. Before you idolize Christopher Columbus' navigational skills, research what he really contributed to our country (Believe me, he wasn't such a nice fella). Awareness is key.

Oddly enough, Hallmark.com doesn't even make cards to commemorate these observed bank holidays, and Hallmark makes cards for everything! Not that I am dying to send my loved ones Presidents' Day cards, but Hallmark opted out of creating cards for real holidays in favor of making Administrative Professionals Day cards (which incidentally falls on Apr. 23).

Not to mention cards for Sweetest Day (what?), celebrated on Oct. 18, and National Boss Day on Oct. 16. And who could resist buying up bulk quantities of cards celebrating Patriot Day on (you guessed it) Sept. 11?

So Hallmark is the anomaly; they capriciously make up holidays for their own monetary gain. However, most of the federally observed holidays are the ones that truly warrant your thoughtful time and consideration. Be aware and show some respect to the people that believed in something passionately enough to earn you those holidays.

By the way, happy National Pie Day.

Laura Newman is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letters to the editor

Masturbation column informs and entertains

Editor,

Regarding Ms. Lynch's letter attacking the morality of Ms. Lester's recent column on masturbation:

In addition to missing the column's repeated use of a literary device called "sarcasm," Ms. Lynch has also overlooked the main point (known as the "thesis") that people need not be ashamed of masturbation. Yesterday the reader was left wondering what exactly Ms. Lynch thinks is pornographic about Ms. Lester's column.

The purpose of that column is to present an argument, inform and entertain, not to sexually excite, as is necessary to be considered pornographic. Since the only arguments that can be made against masturbation are religious in nature, they are not grounds for public policy decisions at a pluralistic university. Ms. Lester, keep up the good work.

Daniel Gonzales is an architecture senior and Mustang Daily photographer.

Editor,

Dear Yvonne Lynch, Shut up.

Colin Bartolome is computer science junior.

Woman's right not reason enough for abortion

Editor,

In response to Jordan Schultz' commentary "A woman's right to choose needs to be protected" (Jan. 22), in which she states that Roe v. Wade has given women "a second chance at a life not plagued by single motherhood, interrupted education and disrespect," I would like to pose one question: Does the baby get a second chance at a life?

Craig Torrence is an industrial technology senior.

Editor,

In response to "Roe v. Wade has effect 30 years later," Jan. 22 did mark the unfortunate anniversary of Roe v. Wade, perhaps the most controversial United States Supreme Court decision ever.

Norma McCorvey fought for and won the right to secure an abortion even though she never had that abortion. In the spring of 2001, I was blessed enough to hear Ms. McCorvey at a Christian church in Santa Maria. She talked about the horrors of the culture of death, aka the pro-choice agenda. When asked if she could overturn the ruling, she said she would do it in a heartbeat. What made her change her choice?

I suppose if I was subjected to the grief and despair of millions of women who chose to abort their babies, witnessed the destruction of thousands of human lives in abortion clinics where she worked and became known as the "champion" of the pro-choice movement, I too would be crushed by the weight of so much death and

so many ill-considered "choices." Only by the grace of God did she convert her life over to LOVE.

Norma McCorvey is now the founder and director of ROE NO MORE, which is a speakers referral ministry which spreads the message of the sanctity of all life and the intrinsic right to life, especially of the unborn. For anyone who wants to learn more about her real story, please read her personal testimony "Won By Love."

Ann Forster is an English senior, but more importantly, a devout Roman Catholic who attends daily Mass at the Mission.

If not affirmative action, then what?

Editor,

Tegan Lentz states that it is true that minorities do not receive as good of an education as whites ("Focus on economic status, not race," Jan. 22). To explain this, Tegan wrote that some cultures do not value education as much as others. Tegan, are you actually saying that people of color value education less than white people? I find this ridiculous!

I am amazed that any educated person would try to make the statement that minorities do not value education. That obviously reflects some stereotypes that Tegan has about people of color. I would suggest taking an ethnic studies class. It is a fact that people of color are disproportionately poor, and therefore have less access to higher education, but when did that translate into not valuing education?

Tegan also states that affirmative action is not the answer and "diversity can be achieved through other means." I would like to ask, what are those other means? And why hasn't diversity been achieved yet? With the passage of Prop. 209 and the banning of affirmative action, the number of ethnic minorities at Cal Poly decreased. That shows that affirmative action was working to increase the number of students of color on this campus.

I think we can all agree that a diversity of people, ideas and experiences is valuable on a college campus. I also think that we all can agree that Cal Poly has not been very successful in attracting students of color to its campus. I would like to pose a question to Tegan: If affirmative action for minorities is not the answer, then what is? I would also like some clarification from Tegan about what cultures specifically, in her mind, do not value education?

Ruby Moz is a political science senior.

Programs for top students already in place

Editor,

I am compelled to pen this letter in response to Greg Maita's letter ("Focus on economic status, not race," Jan. 22). It was mentioned that as governor, Bush implemented a system that guaranteed admissions to one of the Texas schools and that

California should do the same. Well, we might not have the great educator (and greatly educated) George W. Bush as governor, but the system of accepting the top percentages of state high schools is already in place.

If I remember correctly (and you must excuse me, I was in eighth grade at the time), when affirmative action was shot down by California voters in 1997 the University of California system came up with new eligibility requirements that would compromise for the loss of accepted minority applicants. Under the Eligibility in the Local Context (ELC) Program, the top 4 percent of students in participating high schools are designated as 'UC eligible.'" That guarantees your admission to the UC system, though not necessarily the school of your choice.

The California State University system accepts the top third of all high school graduates, which is a "B" average. Again, this is not necessarily to the school of their choice.

As far as affirmative action goes, allow me to quote part of an editorial by Roland S. Martin that (I believe) appeared in USA Today on Monday.

"President Bush opposes the University of Michigan's admissions program because he views it as a quota system. Yet he is proud to call himself a Yale graduate, even though he benefited from a quota system because of his family's history at the Ivy League school.

That's right. Our own president is an affirmative-action baby. He didn't get terrific high school grades, but he did have a nice last name and family connections that made his entry into Yale easier. Maybe Bush should ask himself whether someone with better grades was denied a chance to get into Yale because of his status as a legacy (a person with parents, grandparents or other relatives who were alumni). If so, would he consider switching places with him or her today?"

Brian Takeuchi is a landscape architecture sophomore.

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National Briefs

Parents charged with dressing son as Cub Scout to get donations

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Parents of a 7-year-old boy admitted scamming neighbors of nearly \$700 by dressing their son in a Cub Scouts uniform and going door-to-door seeking donations for a nonexistent troop.

Anthony M. Herman, 46, and Sally Ann Gombocz, 45, of Bethlehem knocked on more than 150 doors between Jan. 7 and Jan. 18, collecting \$667 as their son silently smiled, police said.

At the couple's arraignment Wednesday, Herman said they perpetrated the scam because the family landscaping business was failing.

Bethlehem police arrested the couple after receiving tips from neighbors. Both were charged with theft by deception, corruption of minors, criminal conspiracy and related offenses.

The charges carry a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. No plea was entered and a preliminary hearing was set for Jan. 31.

The boy is not a Scout, though his parents convinced him he was when he put on the uniform, police said. He remains in the custody of his parents, who were each released on \$5,000 bail, authorities said.

Polls: Bush remains fairly popular despite some growing doubts

WASHINGTON — Doubts are growing about President Bush's handling of the economy and Iraq, though Americans support his cam-

paign against terror and he remains personally popular, polls suggest.

The public's bond with the president, forged after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, offer him opportunities to bolster his standing in the polls during Tuesday's State of the Union address, pollsters say.

"The president has an opportunity to do two things that are necessary for the well being of his administration," said Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People & the Press.

Bush's job approval was at 58 percent in the Pew poll and 54 percent in a new NBC-Wall Street Journal poll, both released Thursday. Several other polls have shown Bush's approval rating in the 1950s, still relatively healthy but down from the 90 percent levels it reached after Sept. 11.

Powell voices hope for a consensus on Iraq but Europeans stiffen their resistance to force

WASHINGTON — Facing European resistance, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday he hoped the United Nations could forge a consensus on dealing with Iraq. But Russia joined France and Germany in opposing war to disarm Saddam Hussein.

"We deemed there are no serious reasons for war with Iraq," Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said. He said Russia would do all it could to pursue diplomacy to deal with Iraq.

Amid the public debate between the United States and key European nations, President Bush interceded with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The Kremlin said Putin told Bush on the telephone that "the main criterion" should be the findings that

U.N. weapons inspectors are due to present to the U.N. Security Council on Monday.

With the Bush administration under pressure, Powell said the United States would be able to put together a strong coalition if it decided to go to war with Iraq.

Powell, extending an olive branch at the same time, said he recognized other nations have "have points of view and they have principles they believe in."

The inspectors report on Monday to the Security Council "is a beginning debate, not the end of debate," Powell said at the State Department as he held talks with Foreign Secretary Jack Straw of Britain. "We listen to others and we find a way forward."

International Briefs

Major study finds children of single parents suffer more serious psychological problems

LONDON — Children growing up in single-parent families are twice as likely as their counterparts to develop serious psychiatric illnesses and addictions later in life, according to an important new study.

Researchers have for years debated whether children from broken homes bounce back or whether they are more likely than kids whose parents stay together to develop serious emotional problems.

Experts say the latest study, published this week in The Lancet medical journal, is important mainly because of its unprecedented scale and follow-up — it tracked about 1 million children for a decade, into their mid-20s.

The question of why and how

those children end up with such problems remains unanswered. The study suggests that financial hardship may play a role, but other experts say the research also supports the view that quality of parenting could be a factor.

The study used the Swedish national registries, which cover almost the entire population and contain extensive socio-economic and health information. Children were considered to be living in a single-parent household if they were living with the same single adult in both the 1985 and 1990 housing census. That could have been the result of divorce, separation, death of a parent, out of wedlock birth, guardianship or other reasons.

Israeli forces arrest wife of jailed Palestinian radical, relatives say

JERUSALEM — Israeli forces detained the wife of a Palestinian radical who is in prison for his alleged role in the assassination of an Israeli Cabinet minister, relatives said Thursday.

Israeli government officials refused to comment. A Palestinian human rights group and relatives of Ablah Saadat, 47, said she was arrested as she tried to cross from the West Bank to Jordan, from where she planned to fly to Brazil to attend a conference on political prisoners.

Her husband, Ahmed Saadat, is the leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical PLO faction whose gunmen assassinated ultra-nationalist Cabinet Minister Rehavam Zeevi, 75, at a Jerusalem hotel on Oct. 17, 2001.

The group said it was avenging its former leader, Mustafa Zibri, who was killed in a targeted Israeli rocket attack two months before the Zeevi

assassination.

Europeans, with long history of war, press for diplomacy over gunfire

PARIS — An America eager to punish Iraq finds itself in heated conflict with European leaders who warn that war brings incalculable risk and must be only a final, desperate choice.

They say a long history of war and terrorism on their doorstep has made them far more realistic what can happen when diplomacy gives way to gunfire.

Europeans, whose Middle Eastern experience goes back to the Crusades and whose economies are linked closely to Muslim countries just across the Mediterranean, believe the stakes for them are higher.

They fear the consequences of a destabilized Iraq in a tough neighborhood, along with an unpredictable anti-Western backlash that could ripple through Muslim communities in their midst.

Hence, on Thursday, Europeans howled in protest at Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld for saying France and Germany's opposition to U.S. policy was the reaction of an "old Europe."

The dispute came at a poignant moment, as French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder celebrated 40 years of friendship between nations who have killed millions on each other's soil.

Briefs compiled from The Associated Press wire service by Mustang Daily news editor Andra Coberly.

Nuclear issue bogs down talks between Koreans

By Hans Greimel
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea agreed Friday to work with South Korea to peacefully resolve the international standoff over Pyongyang's nuclear programs, as U.S. envoys stepped up diplomatic efforts elsewhere.

But after the two Koreas issued a joint statement pledging cooperation, the South Korean government acknowledged that the agreement fell short of commitments it sought from the North during the Cabinet-level talks.

In the declaration, the two sides said they had "sufficiently exchanged" positions on the nuclear issue and "agreed to actively cooperate to resolve this issue peacefully."

Meanwhile, a top American diplomat visited Tokyo to strengthen international support for putting the issue before the U.N. Security Council. The push comes as top officials in Washington say they detect a softening in North Korea's stance.

This week's Cabinet-level meetings in Seoul were the first in

months between the two Koreas, and South Korea promised to make them a forum for insisting North Korea scrap nuclear programs that could make weapons.

The two sides agreed to hold the next round of talks April 7-10 in Pyongyang and another round of inter-Korean economic talks Feb. 11-14 in Seoul. Both sides also pledged to work toward reconciliation on the Korean peninsula, which has been divided since 1945.

In a separate statement, the South Korean negotiators said they had been unable to win any compromises from the North. The South had been pressing the North to state specific steps for settling the international standoff peacefully.

"Although we have not been able to draw out a more progressive position on North Korea's nuclear issue, we have sufficiently delivered our and the international community's concern on the nuclear issue," the negotiators said.

The South Korean side also said it would work with Japan and the United States to resolve the issue peacefully and encourage North Korea to abide by its international

obligations.

The ongoing Cabinet-level meetings have been seen as a chance for South Korea to broker a solution. But North Korea has repeatedly said it will only deal directly with the United States.

Rhee Bong-jo, spokesman for the South Korean delegation, said this week's discussions could only go so far because the North largely stuck to that position.

At a dinner break late Thursday, South Korean delegation head Jeong Se-hyun urged the North to make a clear statement on the nuclear impasse.

"We must completely remove the security concerns which have been formed on the Korean Peninsula recently," Jeong said.

North Korean delegation leader Kim Ryong Song agreed it was vital to "prevent the danger of war on the Korean Peninsula and preserve the safety of the nation."

Separately, negotiators from both countries met Thursday in the North Korean capital to discuss completing railroad and road links. The projects began as part of a reconciliation process stemming from a North-South summit in June 2000.

Tensions escalated in October when the United States said North Korea admitted having a secret nuclear program in violation of a 1994 agreement. The United States and its allies suspended oil shipments to the North, and Pyongyang responded by expelling U.N. inspectors and preparing to restart a five-megawatt nuclear reactor to

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South Korean Negotiators

generate badly needed electricity.

North Korea is believed to already have produced two nuclear weapons and experts say its complex at Yongbyon could produce several more within months.

Although the North says it has no such intention, it has quit a global nuclear nonproliferation treaty.

The North wants the United States to sign a nonaggression pact.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage on Thursday ruled out any formal treaty but said in Moscow, "We're willing to document a no-hostile intent or so-called security guarantees for North Korea in some manner."

Meanwhile, Undersecretary of State John Bolton arrived in Tokyo, a day after saying he had South Korea's support and it was only "a matter of time" before the Security Council addressed the issue.

Bolton also says Britain, France and most likely Russia support U.N. consideration.

North Korea says it would consider U.N. sanctions an act of war. Bolton has said "all options are on the table," but has not specifically recommended sanctions.

Western diplomats on the

Security Council said the issue probably will not come up soon because it still is being debated by the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency in Vienna, Austria.

The push to hear the issue in the Security Council comes after Secretary of State Colin Powell said a flurry of diplomatic contacts with North Korea yielded "some progress." Senior officials from Australia, Russia and the United Nations recently have traveled to the North.

Powell said these contacts are being used to explore ways of ending the impasse.

Russian President Vladimir Putin called President Bush on Thursday to discuss a recent visit to Pyongyang by Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Losyukov, a Kremlin press service statement said.

"The president underlined that in the opinion of the Russian side...a good basis can be seen for a productive dialogue with North Korea with the aim of...bringing the so-called 'North Korean nuclear problem' to a political settlement," the Kremlin statement said.

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Kremlin statement

Cal Poly Women's Football

A league of their own

By Chrissy Roth
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With two older brothers, Julie Mullins is no stranger to sports. From basketball to gymnastics and soccer to swimming, she has played them all. But before last year, there was always one sport that remained unattainable for her — football.

Trading in earrings, skirts and platform shoes for pads, helmets and cleats, Mullins and dozens of women sign up to become football players this month.

The Lady Tackle Football League will enlist new participants to join the ranks of one and two-year veterans of the growing women's sport.

"I grew up playing sports," explained Mullins, a kinesiology junior. "I always said I wanted to play football, but it had always been socially unacceptable for women to play."

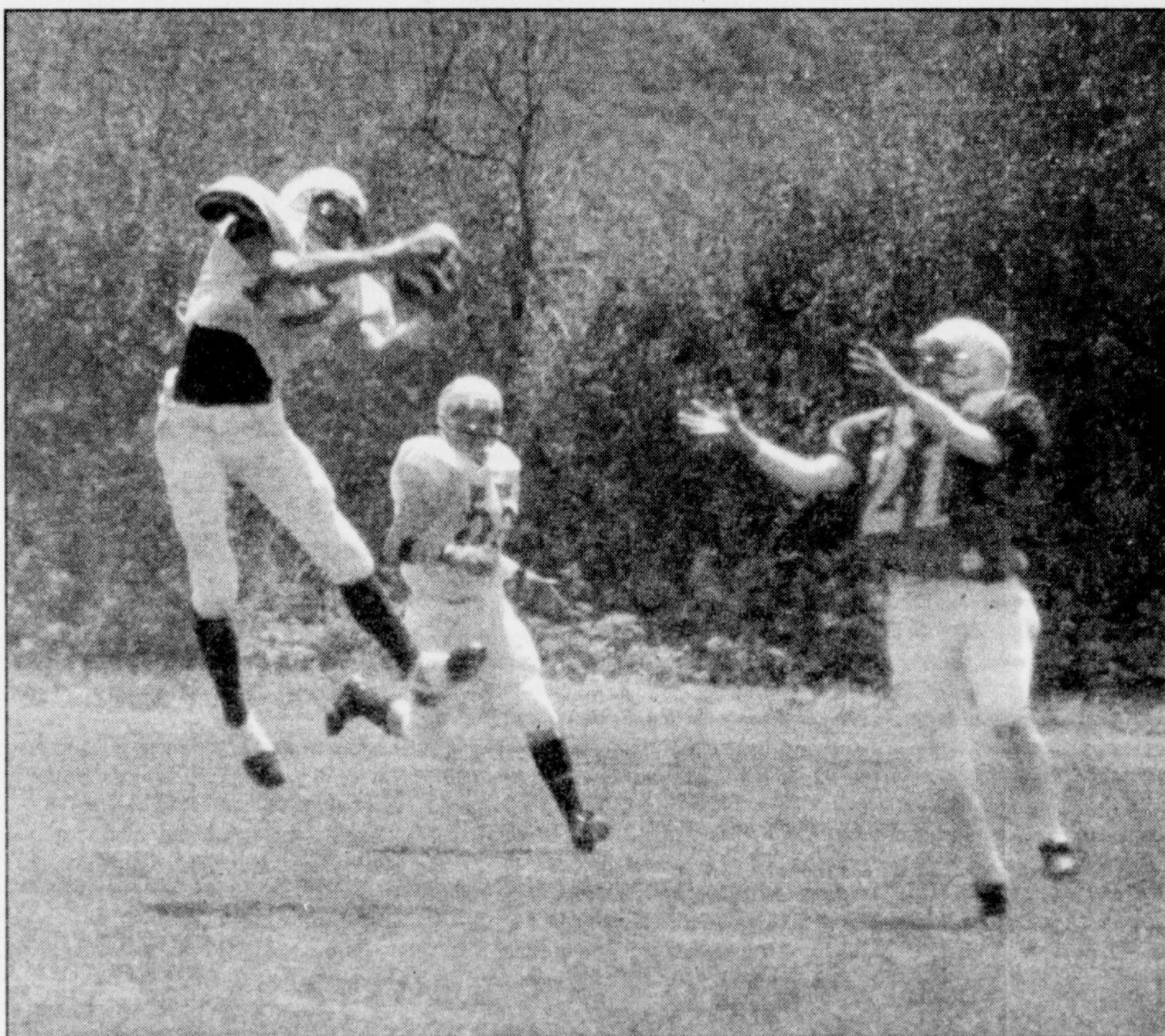
Last year Mullins joined the LTFL as a San Luis Obispo Heat receiver and free safety.

"The LTFL is a great opportunity for women to play football," Mullins said. "It's something different to do."

The league will open its third season this month with as many as six Central Coast teams, as well as one from Los Angeles. Teams from San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Lompoc, Paso Robles and Los Angeles will fight to dethrone last year's champions, the Five Cities Saints.

"It's really fun and really competitive," said David Kellogg, LTFL founder and coach of the Saints. "It's a great chance to get in shape and feel the camaraderie of a team."

Keep in mind that this women's league is no powder-puff tournament. Bashing helmets and bodies, the women fight for every inch of turf. Games consist of eight-minute quarters, with each team fielding eight



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Cal Poly biology junior Laurel Ward (left) of the San Luis Heat makes a leaping interception during a semifinal game of last year's Lady Tackle Football League playoffs.

players. With three fewer players on the field for each team than in a standard game, games are higher-scoring. It's not uncommon to see a 40-yard touchdown pass and 90-yard runs to the end zone.

Although the LTFL abides by the same rules as any other tackle football league, the skill level is not quite as high. Because most women do not grow up playing football, their football skills are a combination of those

picked up from other sports.

"We don't hit as hard because we're not used to tackling," Mullins said. "We do more of a drag, pull-down type of hit. We don't have the years of experience, but we're learning the concepts."

Kellogg compares the intensity of the games to that of a varsity high school football game.

"These games are more exciting because women play with more emotion," he explained. "They take every

hit and every tackle personal."

While he expects about 100 women to join the league this year, Kellogg insists that signing up is the hardest challenge women will encounter while in the league.

"To come out and actually say 'I'm going to play football' is the hardest part," he said. "After that, you're alright."

LTFL sign-ups will take place Jan. 25 at SLO Kickboxing. Games will begin in March. For more information call 474-6728.

Commentary

'Mustang Militia' should crank it up, not tone it down

By Chris Welke
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The "Mustang Militia" controversy has been grossly overblown. Rumors circled them wildly; I heard strange rumors that some of them were ejected from games and that they were really drunk. They've also been described as "a bunch of rabid monkeys filled with unholy bloodlust." But here's the sobering truth about the Mustang Militia.

No, they're not drunk. Most of them do not drink. They're just a few overworked engineers who like nothing more than to support our basketball team and taunt the opposing team, like at most other universities.

They are rowdy, but they are not that rowdy. Their numbers are few, but they stand the whole game. They yell at the refs and the opposing players and are mildly entertaining to watch.

I observed this during the last two games, Thursday's close win over

Pacific and Saturday's painful loss to Cal State Northridge.

Perhaps you've read about this controversy in the rash of letters Mustang Daily has received about the militia. On Jan. 9, Kelly Scanlon wrote a scathing denouncement of their brash antics. I was surprised at her negative reaction to the group.

"No one should be surprised that college students want to be loud, rowdy and vulgar," said pep band member Casey Callaghan.

I too am a band geek. I've been involved with the Cal Poly Mustang Band for five years. Scanlon said she was appalled by the Militia's "69" chant. She also criticized Cal Poly students for not attending games. On Thursday, when Cal Poly was down 68-65, the band chanted, "We've got 65, but we want 69." The band's been doing this chant since the 1980s.

Obviously Scanlon never goes to football or basketball games if the

"69" chant surprised her.

We had other chants that are now virtually extinct, since they were deemed "unsportsmanlike." "The ref beats his wife" and "Kill, kill, hate, hate, murder, murder, mutilate" were some of my personal favorites.

Nothing coming from the militia at Thursday's game was as nasty as these chants. In the past, however, their vulgarity has provoked the other basketball fans.

So why all the talk? What did they do that offended people?

"We swore once," said Colin Bartolome, the leader of the militia (he is in charge; let's put that argument to rest). "We yelled 'f*** you' at a Riverside player because we had a sign that said 'fUCRs,' and he mouthed 'f*** you' at us, so we yelled 'Hey 34, f*** you,' to him and they've been criticizing us for that."

According to the game's announcer, profanity referring to a participant in a derogatory manner will not be tol-

erated and is grounds for removal from the competition.

"We would love to have a bunch of rowdy students as long as they have good sportsmanship," said Chris Baker, assistant athletics director.

Bartolome also said that some of the fans criticize them for standing up. Are they serious? I commend them for it. They really do stand up the whole game, and the only people who cheer louder than them are the band members.

Other schools, like UCLA, have entire sections of students that stand the whole time and taunt the opposing team vigorously.

Band members are forced to adhere to a code of conduct at the games. But the Mustang Militia doesn't.

My advice to them is to crank it up and get crazy at every game. My advice to their critics is to please lighten up. To everyone else, if you haven't been coming to games, you're missing a great team and a great show.

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SCORES

MEN'S BASKETBALL	67
vs. utah state	81
MEN'S BASKETBALL	50
vs. idaho	66
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	63
vs. idaho	35
WRESTLING	18
vs. oklahoma	26
MEN'S TENNIS	2
vs. pepperdine	5
SWIMMING	170
vs. cs northridge	118

SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL	sat., jan. 25, 7 p.m.
vs. ucsb	@ ucsb
MEN'S BASKETBALL	wed., jan. 29, 7 p.m.
vs. long beach	@ long beach
W. BASKETBALL	sat., jan. 25, 7 p.m.
vs. ucsb	@ cal poly
W. BASKETBALL	thurs., jan. 30, 7 p.m.
vs. long beach	@ cal poly
WRESTLING	fri., jan. 24, 12 p.m.
vs. arizona st.	@ tempe, ariz.
WRESTLING	thurs., jan. 30, 7 p.m.
vs. uc davis	@ uc davis
W. SWIMMING	sat., jan. 25, 1 p.m.
vs. san jose st.	@ san jose
SWIMMING	fri., jan. 31, 2 p.m.
vs. san diego st.	@ cal poly
WOMEN'S TENNIS	sat., jan. 25, 11 a.m.
vs. fresno st.	@ fresno st.

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Returning starters for the Cal Poly baseball team, which opens play Friday at the University of San Diego. Right fielder Chalon Tietje, catcher Kyle Wilson, second baseman Adam Leavitt and shortstop Scott Anderson all are back from last season's team, which finished 30-29-1.

TRIVIA

today's question

Who holds the NFL record for most passes caught in a season by a running back?

Submit answers to: jlackso@calpoly.edu

Thursday's question

Which college did Jeff Van Gundy drop out of, and what JC did he transfer to?

He dropped out of Yale to play point guard for Menlo College

Nice try, suckas!!

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