The ordeal is over: hostages speed toward Algeria

Fifty-two Americans, so long hostage to a distant revolution, flew from their Iranian nightmare to their dream of freedom Tuesday.

The first leg of the "Freedom Special" flight was from Tehran to Athens, Greece, where their Algerian jetliner made an 80-minute refueling stop. At 5:30 p.m. EST Tuesday, the plane left Athens for the three-hour flight to Algiers. There, the ex-hostages were to board two U.S. military jets for the flight to a U.S. Air Force hospital in Wiesbaden, West Germany for a period of "decompression.

A U.S. Army spokesman said the hostages would be served a thanksgiving dinner of roast turkey during the 2 hour-35 minute-flight to Wiesbaden, closing the final chapter in a 14-month hostage-holding without precedent in modern diplomatic history.

In Tehran, the captives were driven in a bus to the airport and there encouraged one-by-one by guards to the plane through a crowd of revolutionary guards, some waving their fists and chanting "Death to America" and "God is great."

Film shown on Iranian television showed no joy in the faces of the hostages, although several had strained smiles.

In the U.S., elated countymen spread the news with pealing church bells and blaring sirens, and offered prayers of thanks that the burden of 444 days in captivity had been lifted.

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Reagan assumes presidency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ronald Reagan became President of the United States on Tuesday, promising "an era of national renewal" at home and restraint but never surrender abroad. His inauguration blended the passage of power with a passage to freedom for 52 American hostages.

At the hour of inauguration, the promise of freedom had not become the fact of freedom, and Reagan did not mention the hostages in the 20-minute address he directed to "this breed called Americans," countrymen he described as the heroes of the land.

But the liberation of the captive Americans was the focus of his last briefings by Carter, and his first hours as the 40th president. And so the announcement the nation awaited came in his toast to congressional leaders at a traditional Capitol luncheon.

"And now to conclude the toast, with thanks to almighty God, I have been given a tag line, the get-off-at-a-traditional-Capitol-luncheon.

"And down town, Mayor Dianne Feinstein kicked off "Welcome Home Week" by urging Bay Area motorists to honk their horns at noon — the same time the city Emergency Services Department let loose its sirens in a minute-long tribute to the hostages.

"And later, Hahn lit a torch in Los Angeles as an other-world expression of the inward belief of how pleased the American public is that the hostages are free, and also to give new hope for unity in America for the new President of the United States Ronald Reagan."

End to Soviet whaling reported

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Soviet whaling fleet has lost its whaling permit, the International Whaling Commission said Tuesday.

"If Japan was to end whaling, there would be no end to the union's 14½-month-long boycott of all Iranian cargo." Duncanson said. "This could be the most significant event in ending all whaling since the 1972 United Nations conference on the human environment, which called for a 10-year moratorium on whaling.

Gennady Chursin, the Soviet fisheries attaché in Washington, D.C., said he could not confirm the Greenpeace report. Duncanson received word from TASS, the Soviet news agency.

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BY LISA CHEVES

"Traveling is not a party...it's not only something you can do once in a lifetime after you're 60," either," says Lori Hurst, office manager and student assistant at the University Union Travel Center.

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Planning and leading student tours outside the campus is scheduled.

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BY ROSEANN WENTZ

Staff Writer

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Native Plants Society actively growing at Cal Poly

BY VICKI WIGGINTON Staff Writer

Though not a campus organization, the membership of the local chapter of the California Native Plants Society is more than 50 percent students.

Dr. Tim Gaskin, a member of the society and ornamental horticulture professor here at Cal Poly, said the society is dedicated to the preservation and protection of native California plants and their habitats.

According to Alice Meyer of Los Osos, membership chairwoman, the society is a state organization, and the chapter here is one of 18 chapters in California. Meyer said the group is required to hold at least six meetings a year, and six field trips are also required. The next field trip, planned for Feb. 14, will be to the tidelands and will be led by Cal Poly biology professor Shirley Sparling.

Gaskin said the meetings of the group are usually held here on the campus in Room 215 of Science North, and are open to anyone with an interest in native Californian plants.

Field trips are just one of many functions of the club, and Meyer said many student project grants are possible.

The next field trip, planned for November, provides funds for many projects. These include small student grants.

Outdoors

Timely move saves elk

BY TOM CONLON Staff Writer

The transportation of tule elk to increase their population and to introduce them to new areas in the state was the topic of a lecture and slide presentation by the Cal Poly Wildlife Club's guest speaker, Tuesday in Room E-46 of the Science Building.

Banky Curtis of the California Department of Fish and Game and in charge of its tule elk recovery program, spoke to more than 20 club members on the history of the elk in California and the methods and objectives of moving them to different habitats.

Curtis said the elk was once abundant in California, but the onslaught of Spanish explorers and cattle ranchers had a devastating effect on the population.

Exotic vegetation introduced by the Spanish began to replace the natural grasslands, while at the same time large herds of cattle were competing with the elk for the remaining prime grazing land.

The elk population in California was once thought to consist of only one female and one male. Curtis said.

Curtis explained the elk population was quick to recover due to protective measures taken by man and the animal's affectionate nature. Tule elk became a common sight in the Sacramento and San Joaquin valley, but soon populated the area.

"The plan was to gather as many animals as possible and transplant them to the Owens Valley," Curtis said. "Again the population expanded rapidly, creating problems with the local farmers.

The animals were hunted by helicopter and shot with a tranquilizer gun. They were then put in a sling and lifted by the helicopter to be put in the back of a truck. But this proved to be too costly and damaging to the animals, Curtis said.

So a plan was devised where the helicopter was used to herd the elk into holding pens where they could be singled out to be studied and put into a trailer for transportation. This proved to be a more effective method because it reduced costs from $1,000 to $500 an animal, Curtis said.

The recovery program has transplanted elk to new ranges from Point Reyes to Camp Roberts and has increased the population from 600 to 1,000; another 1,000 from its intended goal, Curtis said.
Research plan criticized

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“Our emphasis is not on research for the sake of research but research for the sake of quality faculty.”

Foutz contends he was hired to teach and the fact Cal Poly “is helping at the seams” makes finding time for outside research practically impossible. “I don’t have time to do research. My primary responsibility is to be out in the field or on a tractor with the students,” he said. The crop science department has slightly less land than it did 20 years ago, with more than double the number of students who need to use it, he said.

An instructor, said Foutz, should be aware of ongoing research by others, keep abreast of developments, attend professional meetings and stay in contact with other faculty. He believes he and other instructors “should take advantage of others’ experiences.”

Crop science department head Corwin Johnson said the school has always done applied research, but that it has been tied into senior projects and class instruction. “We’ve done what Dr. Baker wants now in the past,” he said.

“We just didn’t call it research.” Baker said such in-class research qualifies for what the committee says should continue at Cal Poly. He said it provides both professional growth opportunity for the instructor, and also “makes students more professional.”

Johnson also fears that if research were to play an increased role at Cal Poly, it and publication would become a factor of promotion in all schools, a move he feels would be wrong.

He said he would accept the draft “strictly as a recommendation of the nine people on the committee,” saying there was no faculty consultation.

But soil science professor Delmar Dingus, chairman of the research committee, said the draft itself was intended as a faculty consultation. “It was not intended as a directive,” he said, “to attain the broadest consultation possible.”

Dingus said professional growth was the main concern of the committee. He said research was the focus of the draft, but it mentioned the practices of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resource Management as equally effective ways of growing professionally.

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Research plan criticized

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“Our emphasis is not on research for the sake of research but research for the sake of quality faculty.”

Foutz contends he was hired to teach and the fact Cal Poly “is helping at the seams” makes finding time for outside research practically impossible. “I don’t have time to do research. My primary responsibility is to be out in the field or on a tractor with the students,” he said. The crop science department has slightly less land than it did 20 years ago, with more than double the number of students who need to use it, he said.

An instructor, said Foutz, should be aware of ongoing research by others, keep abreast of developments, attend professional meetings and stay in contact with other faculty. He believes he and other instructors “should take advantage of others’ experiences.”

Crop science department head Corwin Johnson said the school has always done applied research, but that it has been tied into senior projects and class instruction. “We’ve done what Dr. Baker wants now in the past,” he said.

“We just didn’t call it research.” Baker said such in-class research qualifies for what the committee says should continue at Cal Poly. He said it provides both professional growth opportunity for the instructor, and also “makes students more professional.”

Johnson also fears that if research were to play an increased role at Cal Poly, it and publication would become a factor of promotion in all schools, a move he feels would be wrong.

He said he would accept the draft “strictly as a recommendation of the nine people on the committee,” saying there was no faculty consultation.

But soil science professor Delmar Dingus, chairman of the research committee, said the draft itself was intended as a faculty consultation. “It was not intended as a directive,” he said, “to attain the broadest consultation possible.”

Dingus said professional growth was the main concern of the committee. He said research was the focus of the draft, but it mentioned the practices of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resource Management as equally effective ways of growing professionally.

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Cal Poly Mustang football coach Joe Harper should have more than just casual interest this Sunday when the Philadelphia Eagles and the Oakland Raiders meet in New Orleans for Super Bowl XVL.

Former colleagues will be in the Louisiana Superdome with the Raiders. Chuck Franklin, Steve Ortmary and Sam Boghosian and Harper made the move to Cal Poly in 1968. Franklin is the Raiders defensive back coordinator, Ortmary works with the special teams and Boghosian is the offensive coordinator.

Harper declined to choose sides for Sunday’s game but he admits that it should be an interesting ballgame.

“The Eagles are a young and emotional team and the Raiders have competed well when they have had to,” he said. “They are two underdog teams playing for the championship if that is possible.”

“I would be surprised if either team ran away with the game but both have balanced offenses and they can move the ball on the ground when they want to,” he said. “The game will probably be decided by mistakes of one kind or another and field position.”

Cal Poly hosts San Jose State before crucial wrestling trip

San Jose State has little to lose and everything to gain as it visits the Cal Poly wrestling team Thursday at 8 p.m.

The San Jose State meet will be the first of six tough meets in the next eight days for Cal Poly. If the Mustangs can survive the next eight days, they will be a team to be reckoned with at the NCAA Western Regionals.

Wrestling coach Vaughn Hitchcock expects a tough meet with San Jose State.

“I think San Jose State has a fine team and can win five of the ten bouts,” he said. “I think that the match will be decided on pins and superior decisions. On paper, the match looks close than I would like it to be.”

San Jose State, the top-ranked team in the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, finished 42nd in the NCAA Division I tournament last season, and has two wrestlers ranked in the Amateur Wrestling News poll.

Reggie Thompson, at 150 pounds, is ranked No. 3 in the nation with 22-4 record while David Brouhard is sixth in the nation at 177. Brouhard is 15-3.

Thompson is an explosive wrestler, according to Hitchcock. Cal Poly’s Louis Montana will be matched up against him in the feature bout of the night.

The sophomore from Calteon carries a perfect 6-0 dual meet record into the match. Cal Poly’s Craig Traxler of Morro Bay is the No. 7 wrestler in the nation at 158.

“We will need our best performance against San Jose State,” Hitchcock said. “It will be a very close meet and how we do will depend on our health.”

There will be an added twist to the San Jose State match as the Spartans will be trying to break an 18-year string.

A Hitchcock wrestling team, in his 18 seasons at Cal Poly, has never lost to a California collegiate team. The string stands at 158-0-1 with the only draw coming in the 1963-64 season when San Diego State managed a 14-14 stalemate.

Last year, the string was extended with wins over UCLA (22-7), Cal State Bakersfield (22-10) and San Jose State (29-17). San Jose State is the only California team on the Mustangs’ schedule.

After San Jose State’s appearance Thursday, the Mustangs travel to the state of Iowa for matches at Northern Iowa Sunday, Iowa State Monday and Iowa Tuesday. The Mustangs return home for a match against Arizona State and Nevada-Las Vegas Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m.

“Against Iowa and Iowa State, we go in as the underdog team, and if we can win a few matches then we have had a successful trip,” Hitchcock said. “San Jose is in the same position. If it can win some matches, it will be a tremendous success for them.”

San Jose State heads into Thursday’s match ranked No. 16 in the nation. Cal Poly is listed at No. 4.

“I just hope our wrestlers are not overlooking San Jose State for Iowa and Iowa State,” Hitchcock said.

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**Opinion**

Power ignored

All adult citizens of the United States have within their grasp the most powerful device that exists in the world today. With this device citizens can drastically alter the destiny of individuals, the country and even the world.

This device has both the potential healing power of penicillin and the potential destructive power of a neutron bomb, but its power is not put to use by about half this country's population. Cal Poly students are notable abusers of its potential.

This device is the vote.

The potential power in the simple act of voting is evident in the city of San Luis Obispo. Cal Poly students comprise the most significant minority in the city, and the city government is banded together and working through the power of the vote, Cal Poly students could almost dictate the policies of the city by electing officials who will act in the student interest.

Although Cal Poly possesses the most significant minority population in San Luis Obispo, that population becomes strangely silent on election day. Consequently, Poly students become not the puppeteers but the puppets of city government.

Though the San Luis Obispo city government has not compiled age breakdowns for former elections of city officials, personal observations has led us to believe that Cal Poly students take far less interest in city government than permanent residents.

Poly students seem to think of themselves as guests of the city, and as guests they do not think it proper to vote. Rather, they let the ones who are supposedly most affected by what goes on between the boundaries of San Luis Obispo, the permanent residents, to cast the ballots.

However, for the four or more years a student goes to Cal Poly, San Luis is home; a student is not less a resident than the individuals who have lived in this county all their lives. The choices made in the voting booth could profoundly affect students while they are here and beyond.

This is never more apparent that in the upcoming March 3 city elections. The city is faced at a crossroad where it must decide whether to seek to provide more jobs and shelter for country residents by relaxing growth regulations, or to maintain the present environment by enforcing strict growth limitations. The path the city will travel will be decided in March, when the mayoral and two city council posts are up for grabs.

Mayoral candidate Melanie Billig has spoken strongly for growth limits to curb environmental destruction, but has council contenders Allen Settle and Glenna Deane Dovey. Billig's opponent Floyd Hitchcock and council hopefuls Ron Dunn, and Gerald Munger and Sylvia Drucker favor relaxing restrictions to stimulate the housing and job industry.

The time is now for Cal Poly students to register and to examine the candidates so they can knowledgeably go into the polling booth to choose the candidates which most effectively formulate this city's policies during the next two years. If they don't, as has been the tradition in the past, Cal Poly will play a big part in the drama of running this city's government.

**Letters**

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Editor:

Since unsigned editorials that appear in your paper "reflect the majority view of the Mustang Daily editorial board," I will address this letter to you. I am responding to your editorial on Jan. 16 dealing with President Ronald Reagan.

My point in writing to you is to clear up a few factual discrepancies that infect your writing.

First I would like to share with you a quote of Ronald Reagan's that was used in the book "Success: Ronald Reagan," by Helen Von Damm. It was directed to the staff of the Daily Bruin. "The university administration has used the phrase 'budget cuts' over and over again until, like lowepack, it is widespread belief that we did indeed reduce existing budgets. This is partly false. During my administration enrollment at the university had increased 35.4 percent; state financial support for the university had increased 56.8 percent."

As Reagan said to the staff of the Bruin, I say to you, "Don't believe what you are told without checking to see if there is another side — and that goes for what I have just written. Check me out. Also I think the students, no matter how they voted, should unite and support our new president in his difficult task of fighting inflation and other duties that are inherent to his position. Let us all hope he guides us well.

One last note in response to your closing line and the $8 million that was spent on the inauguration. Through personal donations and the sale of license plates over $3 million will have been raised. This, with my donation included, Reagan's inauguration cost should be below $85 million. Also with inflation considered, it should turn out to cost the taxpayers less than did Carter's inauguration in 1976.

Robert Mayhew