Chopper drone unearths memories for Vet

BY TOM JOHNSON
Editor

Editor's note: This is the first of a three-part series which looks back at the Vietnam War era and how the war affected Cal Poly.

"Tutta Tutta tutta tutta tutta." The spоторing drone of a helicopter flitting overhead like a giant dragonfly causes the limp hairs on the back of his neck to quickly stand to attention and sends a cold tingle up his spine.

To Lt. Col. Robert McKee, administrative assistant to the Food Services director, the sound of choppers is grating and unnerving. The methodical hum of helicopters unearths long-buried memories of his two one-year stints in the Vietnam War—memories he would like to remain dormant.

The helicopter had the power to coax memories of the Vietnam War up to the surface of his consciousness because of the life-saving service it provided. The sound of a helicopter became a symbol of life instead of the death and destruction it sometimes signified.

"The helicopter served as the main source of transportation when we needed to move the troops, supplies, and food to the soldiers. It also served as a 'pony express,' carrying messages from the high command to the troops."

McKee vividly remembers one incident when he and his men were in the middle of a firefight with the enemy. The helicopters arrived to deliver water, the winners of the race to the landing pad hefting the precious water to splash on the ground.

"The helicopters were the umbilical cord which kept the soldiers alive, it could be like the mythical Fates—cut the thread of life.

Though for McKee most of the battles blend together and the name of battle is not significant, the experience of being a helicopter pilot in Vietnam was life-changing.

There is a special bond created when you are flying over the battlefields and witnessing the horrors of war. It creates a deep sense of camaraderie among the pilots.

Alma Catherine McPhee, whose late husband was the president of Cal Poly for 24 years, died Sunday in a San Luis Obispo hospital. She was 87.

"She was a very royal lady, the queen of the campus," said Executive Dean Douglas Gerard, who became acquainted with Julian and Alma McPhee during their residency in the President's house.

Gerard said Mrs. McPhee did "an exceptionally good job" of raising six daughters on the all-male campus, and described the couple as well-respected leaders of what was then a "comfortable little community" on campus.

"Mrs. McPhee was active in several groups, including the Cal Poly's Women's Club, the Monday Club of San Luis Obispo, and the Old Mission Church."

Survivors include five daughters—Helen LaSalle of Atascadero; Bernadette Brownlee, a former Austin High School teacher; Theresa Ramsey of San Luis Obispo; and Jule Ann Taber of Sebastopol. Mrs. McPhee also leaves a sister, Carmel Slevin of San Francisco, 32 grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

A Rosary and Mass of Christian burial will be held at 7 tonight at Old Mission Church in San Luis Obispo.

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Court to set abortion guidelines

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court, reserving a legal and moral storm it helped create, agreed Monday to issue new guidelines on how far government can go in regulating abortions.

Nine years after it legalized abortion, the nation's highest court said it will use cases from Ohio, Missouri and Virginia to answer lingering questions:

- Can states or local communities require that all abortions on women more than three months pregnant be performed in a hospital?
- Can any girl under 16 years of age be required to have the consent of one of her parents or a judge before obtaining an abortion?
- Can doctors be required to inform patients seeking abortions about the risks associated with pregnancy, abortion techniques to be used and the condition of the fetus?
- Can governments require doctors to wait at least 24 hours after a woman signs a consent form before performing the requested abortion?

The justices also may decide whether states can require that a second physician be present when abortions are performed on women in their final three months of pregnancy, and whether doctors can be required to supply a psychologist's report on a tissue sample taken from each abortion.

The court's answers are not expected until sometime next year.

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It was the latest of the terrorist attacks on foreign embassies and their staffs that have driven all but a dozen ambassadors from the Lebanese capital.

Assaults on French nationals in Beirut have escalated in recent months with the murder of an ambassador, and an embassy worker and his pregnant wife.

Lebanese police and embassy officials said they did not know who claimed responsibility in the name of two previously unknown groups, but observers tended to discount the claims.

The bomb apparently was placed under the rear seat of embassy secretary Anna Comidia's car while it was parked overnight in front of her home, said the police spokesman, who asked not to be named.

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Culturally frustrating

"It was culturally frustrating to lead the South Vietnamese troops. For instance, they wash in a river while we like a shower. They do things like they've always been done while we look for innovative ways," McKee said.

McKee also discovered that the American and Vietnamese soldier approached the war differently.

"For the Vietnamese, war was a lifestyle. For the United States it was just doing what they've always been doing, while we work for innovative ways," McKee said.

While other soldiers may have been thrust into the war without knowing what to expect, McKee had been in the Army for 10 years and knew what to expect. Still, no amount of preparation could stave off the fear of dying in a battlezone.

"You don't go into a combat zone and not be scared. But I had a different perspective (than most of those who went to Vietnam). I had trained for years to prepare for war. You don't train for firefighting for 10 years, for instance, and then suddenly decide you don't want to fight them."

McKee dispelled the Hollywood image of war where the soldier is always trapped under a barrage of enemy fire. McKee spent less time fighting the enemy than he did fighting boredom.

"I wrote a lot of letters home. In Vietnam we had a tremendous amount of boredom. There were moments of stark terror dispersed among hours and hours of boredom. Letters took my time."

Letters were also his pipeline to the real world. It allowed him to keep in touch with his wife Sue and family. McKee had two daughters when he left for Vietnam on his first tour. By the time he came home there was a new addition to the McKee family—a son.

No adjusting when McKee did come home in 1966 he did not have to struggle with adjusting to his old friends and his home town. McKee encountered friction at home. He had dreams of returning home to his beautiful bride waiting for him with open arms. But he came home to the normalcy of suburban life. He and his wife bickered. After months of fighting, McKee realized that in the last year his wife had gained independence that she wanted to stubbornly hold onto. He, however, tried to establish his own order of affairs. When he and his wife realized this, the bickering stopped.

"I didn't realize that she had established her own lifestyle. After a year of total freedom, I came home and I say 'I will take over the budget and I want to eat at the time I want to eat.'"

McKee prepared himself to grapple with his wife's newfound independence when the Army punched his ticket back to the real world in 1971. He and his wife were able to laugh off the troubles they experienced after his first tour. He put those troubles behind him—just like he had managed to store away his Vietnam memories in a musty, weathered chest located in a dark corner of his mind—at least until he hears the sound of the helicopters.

Robert McKee, assistant Food Services director

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Carnival rides, game booths flourish at La Fiesta

Broken history strengthens

BY SHARYN SEARS

The streets of San Luis Obispo were alive and colorful this weekend in a fun-filled celebration of the region's Spanish history; La Fiesta '82 took place under bright skies, and was a success.

The event kicked off Thursday, May 20, with Zozobra, the burning of Old Man Gloom, and cheer reigned for four days over everything from Western Dances to costume breakfasts and a chili-cooking contest.

La Fiesta in San Luis Obispo is an old tradition; in the early days, when there was little but the mission (and perhaps the blueprints for Cal Poly), a fiesta was held yearly on All Saints Day, August 19.

Eventually, the fiesta died out until 1925 when it was resurrected by Father Daniel Keenan, the mission pastor. In addition to retaining the Spanish tradition of the town, Keenan felt the proceeds from the celebration would help with the restoration of the mission.

Rumor has it that William Randolph Hearst used to lend several horses from his stables to trot in the annual parade, each of them clad in silver-laden saddles.

La Fiesta went dormant during the second world war, then resumed again in peacetime for a few years before dying again from lack of enthusiasm. 1965 saw the rebirth of the Fiesta tradition and has grown each year.

This year entertainment was featured by such groups as Pat Jackson's American Dancers, the Ed Harris Quintet, a Polynesian dance group, Steve Wood and the Slig Shot Band, and the Cal Poly Dixieland Jazz Band.

Carnival rides and booth games (yes, video games too) were available at the Veterans Memorial Building all weekend and Mission Plaza bustled with such activities as an arts and crafts fair, a chicken barbecue and entertainment by local talent.

Young and old alike, there was fun for everyone during La Fiesta. Little Tara McKeen gets her kicks in blowing bubbles outside of Creekside Toys.

Cogeneration workshop stresses dual energy use

BY GAIL PELLERIN

A successful two-and-a-half day workshop on cogeneration was presented last week by the Cal Poly Electric Power Institute in cooperation with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research.

The workshop, which took place at the Discovery Motor Inn, was the twelfth in a series of tutorial workshops in power systems and the second on cogeneration.

According to Co-Chairman William F. Horton, associate dean of the School of Engineering and Technology, "cogeneration is an important subject right now because it is a major conservation method."

A film, Cogeneration: Once is Not Enough, described the process as the production of two kinds of energy from one source. One source can produce both electricity and heat, which results in 70 to 80 percent fuel efficiency rather than a 30 percent fuel efficiency caused by not utilizing the wasted energy.

When manufacturers and refiners rely upon cogeneration, they become self-efficient and receive a good return on investment.

During the workshop, attended by 50 practicing engineers who each paid a $300 registration fee, various aspects of cogeneration were examined. Horton added adding that faculty and students were invited to attend at no charge.

A combination of lectures, pictorial presentations and panel discussions provided the engineers from various parts of the country with information.

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IT'S NOT HOW FAST YOU RUN, NOT HOW FAR YOU GO, BUT WHO YOU RUN WITH, AND WHERE YOUR PATHS LEAD YOU

by Greg Zollar

Speaker: Mid East instability taints U.S. policies

BY KATHLEEN HORIZON
Staff Writer

Political instability has become synonymous with the Middle East and that instability complicates how U.S. foreign policy is conducted in the area, according to a faculty member from the Naval Poly-Graduate School in Monterey.

John Amos spoke to about 100 people Thursday in University Union 220 and explained the problems faced by the U.S. in the Middle East.

"Amos said the goals of American policy include "preventing collisions between the U.S. and Soviet Union, protecting Israel, promoting relations with friendly Arab nations, protecting the oil, and promoting stability in the region." These goals can be hampered by internal struggles for power, and require constant negotiations, he said. The U.S. must assure continued oil trade to assist our allies, Amos added.

"Europe and Japan rely heavily on the oil," he said, "it will cause the collapse of their economies if they are cut off."

When the objectives of U.S. foreign policy clash with each other they create problems, Amos said, and under different administrations, different plans have been employed to unite the Middle East.

"The Reagan Administration is using the encapsulation plan from the 1960's...to prevent the Russian influence (in the middle east) by forming an alliance of Arab countries," Amos asserted.

U.S. policies in the Middle East were vague until the early 1970's, in order to keep all the countries satisfied, he said.

"The Camp David agreement was only an interim formula to help solve the Arab-Israeli problem, Amos said. Instability makes it hard to solve problems, he added, because when one area is being worked on, a problem will develop somewhere else.

"President Carter developed the Carter Doctrine," Amos said, "to deter the Russians." But nothing much has changed in the last 20 years, he stated.

The Carter Doctrine stipulated that the United States will use any means necessary including military force, to protect the U.S. interests in the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean. "Reagan tried to establish a strategic alliance," Amos said, "but there were too many internal problems in the countries."

Workshop emphasizes efficiency

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The first session, following a keynote address by Nolan Daines, vice president of planning and research from Pacific Gas and Electric Company, dealt with government regulatory aspects.

The second session explored two current design projects, while the third dealt with the engineering aspect.

The final session focused on the actual construction and operation of cogeneration projects.

The workshop concluded with a panel discussion which represented the views of the utility, consultant and owner/operator, as they cooperate on cogeneration projects.

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**Mustang women to defend national track title this week**

BY ANDY BERGER

Steve Miller, the former men's track coach at Poly, said before last year's national championship, "The only way we could lose is if we don't show up."

The good news today is that ex-sprinter and current Mustang women's team is about to show up.

Head coach Lance Harter is taking his army of 26 athletes to the first NCAA Division II national championships, and it is the Mustangs' women's team is about to show up.

"This team has the potential of being the greatest scoring team ever assembled," said Harter. "We can be a niche in NCAA history."

What makes Harter more confident than Mohammad Ah is the latest Div. II individual rankings. His Mustangs are favored in 17 of the 18 events, the lone no-show being the decathlon. No one else is doubling in the individual events, although a handful of sprinters will also form the relay.

"Whatever happens to the team score is not indicative of what we are capable of scoring," said Harter.

Even more amazing will be the presence of a Mustang in 17 of the 18 events, the lone no-show being the 5000. Bear in mind, however, that Tamela Holland easily qualified for the 200 but opted for the 100 and the short relay to steal.

The Mustangs have prohibitive favorites in the 1,500, where Kramer and Wolf will duel for the title (the 5,000, in which Glasson is four seconds in front of South Dakota State's Nancy Dittrich; the 10,000, where Crowley (54:49.6) is almost two minutes in front of the second-best time the javelin, in which nobody will defeat two-time Olympian Karen Smith; and the high jump, where Sue McNeal's best of 5-6 should stand up, in addition to the 5,000 hurdles, high jump, pentathlon, and both relays.

The only teams that can stop Poly from scoring in the 200 range will be conference nemesis Cal State Bakersfield, defending Div. III champion Cal State Hayward, sprinting happy Sacramento State, which will enjoy the home-field advantage, and St. Augustine of Florida.

"In the end, it's gotta be a team we don't know about. We're definitely going to hurt some people's feelings," said Harter.

Carol and Dubois will conclude the heptathlon today, with trials in most events Wednesday and Thursday and the finals on Friday and Saturday nights.

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**Sports**

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Editor: I often find evidence of fuzzy thinking in your articles, and after reading "Fighting the ax," I know that my complaint is well-founded. Although it was written by Tony Cockrell, I found the content offensive enough to spur me to offer a response.

The article, "Fighting the ax," by Tony Cockrell, was published in the Daily Mustang on May 21, 1982, as an editorial entitled "Pickpocket." It characterizes CSU students as "still reeling from the blows of recent fee increases." As an editor recently pointed out in a comprehensive article on college costs, once inflation is accounted for (that is, once dollars are compared to dollars), tuition and fees at public universities have declined substantially over the last decade. When I was an undergraduate at U.C. Berkeley in the mid-60s, I paid roughly as many (few) dollars in tuition as you are being asked to pay 16 years later. I recognize that the nation would need more scientists and engineers graduates each year than does the U.S. In addition, the Soviet Union is producing twice as many science and five times as many engineering graduates each year as the United States.

It is also ironic that President Reagan should want to cut educational spending while the nation goes forth with the biggest peace time military buildup in history. When the Soviet Union launched the Sputnik satellite in 1957, Congress was quick to increase spending on technical education. They recognized the nation would need more scientists and engineers to match the Soviets' technology. Unless the U.S. begins producing more scientists and engineers today, Reagan cannot hope to gain military superiority over the Soviets—no matter how much the administration spends on defense.

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Letters

Fuzzy thinking

Letters and press releases may be submitted to the Mustang Daily by bringing them to the Daily office in Room 226 of the Eagle Arts building, or by sending them to: Editor, Mustang Daily, U.S.C., 226 Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407. Letters must be double-space typed and include the writers' signature and phone numbers.

The Mustang Daily encourages readers' opinions, criticisms and comments on news stories, letters and editorials. To ensure that letters will be considered for the next edition, they should be submitted to the Daily office by 10 a.m.

Press releases should be submitted to the Daily at least a week before they should run. All releases must include phone numbers and names of the people or organizations involved, in each information is required.

All unsigned editorials reflect the majority view of the Mustang Daily Editorial Board. The board consists of Editor Tom Johnson, Managing Editor Robin Lewis and Editorial Assistants Rose Ann Watts and David Brodey.

Fighting the ax

Public education has suffered dearly at the hands of federal budget cuts, but President Warren Baker's appearance in Washington last Tuesday demonstrated that it's possible to fight back against the budget-cutting ax, and even defeat it.

Speaking before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, Baker urged Congress to spend at least $30 million more than the $20 million President Reagan has budgeted for science and engineering education in 1983. Testimony like Baker's paid off the next day when the House voted to earmark $35 million for education in these fields. In heeding Baker's and other advice, the House took a small, but much-needed, step toward ensuring America's future leadership in science and technology.

While private industry plays a major role in funding college programs, it has been government's role to finance elementary and secondary education which prepares and encourages students to pursue careers in science and engineering.

As Baker pointed out, money-saving cuts in these programs are false economy; they may reduce deficits today, but in the long run they will stunt the nation's economic productivity. Already, Baker explained, the United States' failure to train enough engineers has limited productivity and reduced the nation's share of world trade.

Japan, for example, has only half the population of the United States but graduates more engineers each year than does the U.S. In addition, the Soviet Union is producing twice as many science and five times as many engineers each year as the United States.

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I really can't believe how many stupid females there are at this campus. And along with stupid, you can add: dumb, idiotic, foolish, lack of common sense, and any other adjective you would like.

The reason I say this is simple. After a relatively free period of no rapes in the area for at least five reported cases over what you may call a rash of them in the Fall Quarter, one would think that all—or many—females now think the raping is safe at night from crime, corruption and possible molestation.

Have you seen how many females are back to running by themselves at night? By the numbers I have witnessed just within the last two weeks. I have come to the conclusion the rapes in the Fall Quarter were just a figment of everyone's imagination.

I know that's not true. But it sure seems like it lately. I have seen at least 35-40 females running at night, which I refer to as past 9:30, alone. Yes, alone. By themselves. Solo. Without companionship. Singular. You females might call it one thing, I just call it plain stupid.

I can't believe all you females are the "It's not going to happen to me" type. Rapes in this town have happened far too often to think like that. And if that's not your rationale, then what the hell is? Please tell me. I'm curious. I would like some insight as to why a female would run by herself at midnight down streets that arc lit as well as a cave.

Rape has got to be the worst thing that can happen to a female. And you ladies and setting yourselves up to be a victim. And I do know you don't want that. And if you do, there's this big place in Atascadero which would happily take you in as a resident.

Come on ladies, run with someone. Shoot, if you have the urge to run that badly, either drag your roommate out from what she's doing and take them along, or use that thing Ma Bell invented. It's really not that hard. Either push or pull seven numbers of a friend. I'm sure you have someone who will endure this run with you. Be protective of your bodies and your life.

Because if you aren't, you can bet your life on no one else will be. Especially a rapist.

Author Mike Mathison is a journalism major and Mustang Daily staff writer.

The Last Word:

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I really never did want to say this because I thought—at first—I might get too much flack. But I'm to the point now where I really don't care what anyone thinks. Also, I didn't think it would be my place to say what I am about to say.

I really can't believe how many stupid females there are at this campus. And along with stupid, you can add: dumb, idiotic, foolish, lack of common sense, and any other adjective you would like.

The reason I say this is simple. After a relatively free period of no rapes in the area for at least five reported cases over what you may call a rash of them in the Fall Quarter, one would think that all—or many—females now think the raping is safe at night from crime, corruption and possible molestation.

Have you seen how many females are back to running by themselves at night? By the numbers I have witnessed just within the last two weeks. I have come to the conclusion the rapes in the Fall Quarter were just a figment of everyone's imagination.

I know that's not true. But it sure seems like it lately. I have seen at least 35-40 females running at night, which I refer to as past 9:30, alone. Yes, alone. By themselves. Solo. Without companionship. Singular. You females might call it one thing, I just call it plain stupid.

I can't believe all you females are the "It's not going to happen to me" type. Rapes in this town have happened far too often to think like that. And if that's not your rationale, then what the hell is? Please tell me. I'm curious. I would like some insight as to why a female would run by herself at midnight down streets that are lit as well as a cave.

Rape has got to be the worst thing that can happen to a female. And you ladies and setting yourselves up to be a victim. And I do know you don't want that. And if you do, there's this big place in Atascadero which would happily take you in as a resident.

Come on ladies, run with someone. Shoot, if you have the urge to run that badly, either drag your roommate out from what she's doing and take them along, or use that thing Ma Bell invented. It's really not that hard. Either push or pull seven numbers of a friend. I'm sure you have someone who will endure this run with you. Be protective of your bodies and your life.

Because if you aren't, you can bet your life on no one else will be. Especially a rapist.

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