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

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 Forohar.

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

Forohar said he hopes the lectures will counterbalance the misinformaton 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," Forohar 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 lectures are Israeli citizens representing different sectors of society including government, education and community organizations.

Forohar said.

The history department and the College of Liberal Arts are sponsoring the lectures. Liberal Arts Dean Dean Harry Hellman 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," Hellman said.

The inaugural lecture features two speakers: Mahmood Ibrahim, professor and chair of the Cal Poly Pomona History Department, and Susy Morethman, 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."

Morethman, raised and educated in Israel, will speak on "The Assault on Palestinian Civilian Life 2000-2002."

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

Forohar said he is hoping for a high demand for education on the issues concerning the Middle EAST. See LECTURES, page 7

The Sky is the limit

By Genevieve Russell

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 peers about a variety of health-related issues.

"We are looking for people who want to work with others who are leaders but also work well with a team," said Rojana Dominguez, a health education and director of the program.

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-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 resume. But you also learn a lot about yourself and your peers at Cal Poly," she said.

Jennifer Fauerbach

TLC coordinator

EROS Team

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HEALTH & COUNSELING SERVICES

Architecture students will sail or fail at regatta

By Sean Martin

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Fifty-three Cal Poly students thugs 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 251, architectural design fundamentals II. The faculty advises this year are architecture professors Howard Weitzenthal, Jacques Baghalt and Mark Calahan.

Students are given two 4-by-6-foot slabs of cardboard, Beacon paper tape and clear polyurethane waterproofing to fashion a seaworthy vessel. The project takes two weeks, one for designing, construction and testing, and another for building and painting the vessel.

Last year's winners, the student group known as the Sea Dogs, are returning to defend their title.

Terra Firma is located at the far end of the pool, 9 feet below the high dive. The judges will be on lookers, making sure the boats don't sink. The team with the best boat in terms of strength and aesthetic will be crowned the winner. The judges will be looking for creativity, too.

The cardboard is free and students can build their own boat, but only 48 hours before the race. If a boat sinks, it can be fixed and the team can continue racing.

This year's event is sponsored by the ASI Architectural Design Courtyard and the American Society of Civil Engineers, with support from Cal Poly's Student Life Services.

Students will receive $75 in prize money, but the main goal is for students to have fun. "It's an excuse to put on your resume," said Matt Moreno.

Terra Firma is the limit

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"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.

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*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," said 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,” said Jenny Payne, business senior. www.mustangdaily.calpoly.edu
Affirmative action bypassed by 'legacies'

By Cristina Daglas

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Students get a free ride

By Meghan Nowakowski

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Artist creates from a place 'out of her mind'

By Jenni Mintz

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

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"The whole thing is about unrestricting," 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 think 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 creativity, 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 to San Luis Obispo. Other artists, like Mary Ratner, are enthusiastic.

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

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

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

Arlo Guthrie brings '60s sentiment to Cohan Center

By Olga Berdial

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 composition 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 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 mainstream America.

"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 younger crowds.

"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 grumbling -- some are wondering, if this land's still made for you and me," Guthrie sang in the song.

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

Recently, Guthrie launched Rising Sun 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 "Moons Come Walking," a children's book.

"He is an important guy in a number of ways," Cushing said. "He's hit his 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.
**Film**

'Through a Window' is a delight to the ears and the eyes. The grace and beauty of the film is truly a testament to the power of music and literature. The score by the famous composer, Ennio Morricone, is perfectly in sync with the visuals. The film transports the viewer to a world of dreams and imagination, where the past and present merge into a beautiful tapestry.

Jerome Davenport (Denzel Washington) remains silent for the entire hour. Davenport looks at Fisher staring at the window and 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 woman'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 film is a powerful depiction of the effects of childhood trauma and the importance of therapy. Washington's performance is outstanding, and the film leaves a lasting impact on the viewer.
Letters to the editor

Holidays

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Mrs. Doe ought to let her husband off the hook.

Editor,

Regarding Ms. Lynch’s letter attacking the morality of Ms. Lester’s recent column on masturba-

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use of a literary device called “sarcasm,” Ms. Lynch also overlooked the main point (known as the “thesis”) that people need not be ashamed of masturba-

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In response to Jordan Schultz’s commen-

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Parents charged with dressing son as Iguazu to get donations

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Parents of a 7-year-old boy accused of dressing their son as the Iguazu Falls to collect donations of nearly $700 by dressing their son in a Cat in the Hat costume and posting pictures on social media. The push comes as the UN Security Council prepares to vote on a resolution to refer the issue to the International Criminal Court.

Associated Press writer

The boy is not a Scout, though his parents convinced him he was when it came to raising money, police said. The 7-year-old and his sister, 5, asked for the donation when they were cut off by the police.

In the declaration, the two sides pledged to work toward reconciliation when the United States said North Korea is believed to have nuclear capabilities.

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By Chrisy Roth
WOMEN'S FOOTBALL 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 entice new participants to join the mix of one- and two-year seniors of the growing women's sport.

"I grew up playing sports," explained Mullins, a knowledge本土人. "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 defensive back. She helped lead the team to a championship.

"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 200 Cal Poly women enrolling for the LTFL. 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 women to play."

"We don't let 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.

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Obviously Scandal never goes to football or basketball games if the 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.

Cal Poly Women's Football
A league of their own

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The "Mustang Militia" controversy has been grossly overblown. Rumors circulated wildly: I heard strange stories, with each team fielding eight players. With three fewer players on the field for each team than in a standard game, games are higher-scoring. Rumors have swirled around the Cal Poly Mustang Militia. They were overheard taunting the Cal Poly band with "65, but we want 69." The band's been doing this chant since the 1980s.

"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 KickKixing. Games will begin in March. For more information call 474-6728.

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