Middle East forums begin

Mahmood Ibrahim, a history professor from Cal Poly Pomona, spoke in Chumash Auditorium Monday about the Palestine-Israeli conflict. Ibrahim was born in Ramallah and immigrated to the U.S. in 1966.

By Andy Fahey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Contrary to popular belief, the University Police Department deals with subject matter besides backpack thefts, parking tickets and alcohol violations.

The department is a legitimate police agency, complete with sworn-in police officers, not shopping mall security guards imported from bigger cities to the north and south of San Luis Obispo, as many may think.

The department actually exceeds many state standards, from emergency dispatch to officer training. The extra efforts taken by the UPD are efforts to better serve the campus community, said Anthony Aeilts, chief of police for the UPD.

“We want to be very service-oriented and have a very high level of professional training background,” Aeilts said. The state requires that a police officer must get at least 24 hours of refresher training every two years, but that’s not the case with most UPD officers.

“The state is pretty good,” said Aeilts. “This is pretty good training, and the department is pretty good.”

Aeilts added that it’s OK for officers to do 50 hours worth of training, even though it costs the department additional money, because it makes for a better police department.

The department surpasses state standards with specific regard to medical training. Campus police officers are certified to Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, also called Professional Rescuer, which is a step up from what is required for police officers in California.

“Basic police academy teaches first aid and CPR,” said Fred Mills, communications and records coordinator for the UPD. “Title 22 and Professional Rescuer just takes the same training to a higher level, a little bit more in depth.”

Campus police officers are also trained in the use of automatic external defibrillators (AEDs), which keep their patrons safe. An AED is a device used to revive the heart in case of cardiac arrest. AEDs are more common in fire departments and paramedics; most police departments do not usually carry them.

“Where people typically die from a medical condition in a very short period of time is with some type of heart problem,” Aeilts said. “Don’t get caught up in that.”

One of the reasons campus police carry the AED is because campus

By Meghan Nowakowski
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Working as the Cal Poly Architecture Department's intern director keeps Margaret McDonald on her toes.

"I imagine this experience to be similar to an ER doctor, where you never know what situation will require your attention next," McDonald said. "Being department head or director is an enormous challenge for any individual."

This was just another challenge that McDonald was up for. After receiving bachelor's degrees in mathematics and French at the University of California at Santa Barbara, McDonald went on to earn a master's in architecture from the University of Oregon. She is a registered architect in the state of Oregon and is nationally certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards. She is also working on an advanced degree in geography.

Margot McDonald (above) is currently Cal Poly Architecture Department's intern director.

By Carly Haselhuhn
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

"Ten Ways to Get that Tommy Tighter."

Try the Amazing Ice Cream Diet.

"Eight Things to Say to Get Any Man.

"Young Girl Battles Anorexia."

"I'm Bulimic and I Can't Stop."

Everyone's seen it, all in magazines, on TV shows, in commercials, everywhere. But what do students have to say about body image?

Beyond advertisements, the images and the beautiful bodies, the canvas is open. Get on the ground, take the paintbrush in your hand, rip up some magazines, create anything. Get your feelings out. Let it fuel the fires of eating disorders, she said.

A female is supposed to be pleasing for everyone to look at, she added, skinny and tall, yet unique and cutting edge.

Director of Women's Studies Mary Armstrong said the media's powerful influence over perceptions of body and beauty is often a "matter of proportion."

"The growth of technology has quadrupled its exposure, and thus its effect."

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News

New e-mail coming to Cal Poly

By Dale Quinn

Cal Poly may have a new e-mail system in place as early as next fall, with student feedback providing a major factor in the creation of the system.

The change is needed because Cal Poly’s e-mail and calendar systems, Openmail and Openprints, have reached the end of their life cycle, said Craig Schulte, user support services director for ITS. This means that although the systems still function, the vendor will not update them to maintain security or currency of the application.

As a result, the Information Technology Systems (ITS) at Cal Poly will create a new setup to meet future needs, Schulte said.

“We have a few options to really make some significant differences in terms of how the campus does its messaging and calendaring,” Schulte said. “The key here is that we really want to engage the campus community early on in the process.”

Currently, students can take a survey on the PolyCom Web site, through a link on the Cal Poly homepage, where they can indicate their level of satisfaction with the present e-mail system. Some of the open-ended questions had more than 300 responses, ranging from general satisfaction to frustration.

Computer science senior Tyson Van said that while he had no major problems with the current e-mail system, the layout of the site could be improved. Van logs on with the new web client, but he does not prefer the new layout to the old one.

“The only reason I use the new one is that when I leave it on, the new message window pops up,” Van said.

There was minimal student input, which makes this a very different project.

In addition to the survey for the last e-mail upgrade, focus groups within colleges will also help determine what system will best benefit students. Also, the needs of faculty and staff will also be accounted for in the creation of the new messaging system.

After determining how to best serve the user, Cal Poly will select a vendor and then go into the stages of putting the new e-mail system into use.

Until the need is determined and the vendor selected, there can be no accurate estimate to the cost of the project, Schulte said.

“There are very few projects that have had this level of outreach in the history of Cal Poly,” Schulte said.

For more information, visit www.polycomm.calpoly.edu.

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since 1991, teaching energy building courses, design and practice.

“The year that I arrived at Cal Poly was a time of serious budget cuts, so the stress of beginning a teaching career was compounded by the stress experienced by the whole campus community,” McDonald said.

However, the love of working with students kept her coming back for more.

“I quickly realized that I was in the right place for someone who enjoys teaching,” she said.

Before receiving the position as department director, McDonald worked as the co-director of the Renewable Energy Institute at Cal Poly. She has managed research funds for a donor to the department and college, the Evelyn Hay Fund.

McDonald has also served on local, regional and national boards related to her professional interests, such as the Campus Sustainability Initiative at Cal Poly, the Cultural Heritage Committee for the City of San Luis Obispo, the Sustainability Project of Santa Barbara and the national American Solar Energy Society.

With the architecture department having its accreditation visit next year, McDonald is doing everything in her power to make sure the department maintains its success. Some of her main focuses are to update the computer technology master plan and the strategic plan for the department and also to develop methods to assess student learning outcomes in architecture classes.

Many architecture students said McDonald is doing a great job.

“She is willing to work closely with students,” architecture senior Wojtek Szczerba said. “She will make herself available to work with you, and I think that is really important.”

Architecture senior Mark Fekete agreed.

“She is quite the pro-active director.”

In return, McDonald is equally impressed with her architecture department students.

“This year, for the first time, I met incoming students at the Week of Welcome events, since I have mainly taught at the higher level years,” McDonald said.

“She is a brilliant teacher, she has spent the time that she needs with the students in the course and is very approachable and approachable.”

McDonald does not credit herself for the success of her department.

“It is a nice coincidence that the department achieved these accolades during my time as department head, but clearly these accomplishments are representatives of an accumulation of hard work by faculty, staff, students and past administrators,” McDonald said.
Budget chief says cost of terror war has left Pentagon billions of dollars short
WASHINGTON — The cost of fighting the war on terrorism has left the Pentagon at least $51 billion short, and the budget gap must be filled soon or troop training will have to be scaled back, the Pentagon's bud­get chief said Tuesday.

"This is tantamount to running a Pentagon comp­troller, said in an interview with The Associated Press that the military also is race­tracking needed changes as it tends tens of thousands of troops and tons of equipment to the Persian Gulf region in preparation for a possible war in Iraq.

"I would not say how much the troop build-up is costing.

"The budget problem could grow dramatically if President Bush should decide to attack Iraq and Congress does not cover the extra costs, Koenen added.

"If one were to actually engage in combat, then the (cost) estimate would skyrocket," he said. "How high it will skyrocket, nobody knows.

"Nobody can know, because we didn't know what the war would go on, what kind of opposition we'll face, what kind of losses we might have to suffer. That's something you don't think­ning to think about recon­structing afterward."

UC San Francisco surgeon charged with drugg­ing, sexu­al assaults
SAN FRANCISCO — A doctor in the University of California San Francisco Medical Center, a neurosurgery depart­ment pleaded innocent to charges he drugged and tried to sexually assault several patients.

"Authorities authorized Emr· Robert Kolen, 32, on Jan. 7 on suspicion of­ tended forgery, bur­glary or administering or selling "drugs." The source of­ a felony, Prosecu­tor also charged him with sexual assault of­ a minor for allegedly attacking a 16-year-old girl.

"Kolen, who is married and has an infant daughter, adamantly denied the changes and was fined Jan. 17 for $25,000 bail.

"Kolen was unable to pay bail and has been locked up, said his attorney, Jim Collins, said.

"Kolen has never been known to be violent and seems to have been really active up around the Department chairman Michael Brown said Kolen treated patients with the "utmost of care" and "has always conducted himself with the utmost integrity and professionalism.

FBi National mosque tally pulls of­ f broader effort to target re­source areas
WASHINGTON — The FBI is defocusing its defocusing of­ the eight mosques as just one of­ a much broader effort to apply scari­t doing anything to inhibit and possible terror targets in each region, FBI official said.

"The information, in turn, would be used to establish where to direct counterterrorism resources and set in place the last line of­ defense, which is border­ crossing officers,” the president said.

"We have received reports that would give the rebels con­ trol of­ the world’s largest cocoa pro­ ducer and a vital economic hub in West Africa.

"We are happy but not satisfied with the progress we have made in the past few weeks, said FBI, who is married and has two children.

"Iraqi TV quoted Sharman as saying he would not establish a right-wing government under any circumstances, although in his speech he did not offer any policy tool. "In Labor, we decided that the war on terror was not a just war," he said.

"It's really not a democratic process that we need to undertake," said Mr. Sharman.

"Every with Sharman, Supreme Court is expected to face difficulties in forming a stable government from the political parties in the region, and a coalition government is amid the turmoil of­ the Palestinian uprising.

Ethnic fighting flares in Ivory Coast over increasingly threatened peace deal
ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — Ivory Coast's army said Tuesday it opposed a new peace deal with rebel forces while ethnic clashes reportedly killed 10 people, new signs that long-simmering ethnic strife is flaring up.

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"If the number of mosques in an area is linked to a problem of­ terrorism, then not necessarily true.

"The FBI and Justice Department have been told the number of mosques is not normal and suspicious.

"The FBI is concerned with in the war on terrorism has split off from the rest of­ the Department of­ Justice, said a top official who spoke on condition of­ anonymity.

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By Jenni Mintz

Kristen Black found time between teaching chemistry classes at Cal Poly to record and release her latest CD "Blackout."

"I'm not planning on being the next Britney Spears." Kristen Black professor, artist

Top priority above anything. Although Black loves her active schedule, she misses spending time with her husband and children.

"I used to teach full-time, but I went part-time to spend more time with them," Black said.

With so many interests, Black said she doesn't have a lot of spare time, yet she still makes time for her athletic endeavors. Usually during the early morning and part of lunch, she enjoys swimming and running.

"Although she hasn't made it big, Black is enjoying living life to the fullest.

Right now, I'm just having the time of my life playing," she said. "If something great happens, that would be fantastic. But I love to write and to perform and just to play music with people. I'm not planning on being the next Britney Spears."

Kristen Black describes Black's music as a hybrid of pop-rock and country.

"She got nice, catchy lyrics that can be related to but are still pretty cutting-edge," Black said.

Black never took lessons. "All my favorite musicians that I love never stuck to one style. They never get bored."

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Social science sophomore Christina Broat describes Black's music as "swinging." Her musical inspirations include the Rolling Stones and the Beatles.

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Besides music, twins also seem to run in the family. Black's grandmother and father were both doctors.

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College newspapers provide students with real world experiences

A career in journalism requires knowledge and skills that are needed in the workplace. A learning institution such as a university should provide students spend countless hours preparing for the world they will enter when they graduate. They work to find their place in the workplace and give them tools needed to accomplish what they desire.

"Come on. It's time that college journalists are taught a lesson: In a newspaper, the inmates don't get to run the institution except to the extent that the publisher allows." - Professor Finan

Editors put in countless hours every week, carefully deciding the content of their pages and the image and style that they want to present to their readers.

To try and say the administration should be in charge of something they have never even had on their hands is completely ludicrous. Many of the administrators supposedly should be in charge in have never even set foot in their college's newsroom.

When Margaret L. Hooy and Jenny S. Porche became editors of the Mustang Daily, they stepped into the position assuming that they would have control over the content of their paper.

Free speech among the student body, Hooy and Porche began a series of articles that attacked Governor's State professors by name and focused on their poor classroom performance. They had a rude awakening when their investigative efforts were quickly put to a halt.

The women have recently been fighting their case in the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, which Governor's State is using the well-known Supreme Court case Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier as a precedent case in why college newspapers should be censored. The Hazelwood case granted public high-school administrators the authority to review and censor school publications. Since this decision, many college newspapers from all over the country have feared that courts one day might apply the same standards to their publications.

Truly college newspapers have enjoyed much greater freedom than high school publications, and rightfully so. To try and govern completely different types of institutions under the same rules has no relevance.

College serves as a bridge from high school into the real world, where students form their own distinct opinions and views about the world. Students find these values through self-expression in the arts and writing. To try and censor a part of this development only hinders the students and their futures.

As James Madison, a key framers of the First Amendment, once said of the press: "It is better to let a few passions branch to their luxuriant growth, than by pruning them on to injure proper fruits."

Regardless of any college newspapers' content, no politician or administrator should be able to censor a newspaper. To try and censor a form of the students' opinions and beliefs is an infringement of their constitutional rights.

The censorship of college newspapers only opens more doors to the real world experiences that these students have, not to mention their constitutional rights.

"Since when are we letting plastic, anorexic bimbos parent our children?"

It is a sad day when we would rather have this pathetic attempt at a form of the students' opinions and beliefs than control of a newspaper. To try and censor a newspaper is an infringement of their constitutional rights.

Teresa Allen

Letters to the editor

Guns are a necessary evil for protection

Editor,

Dale Quinn claimed in his comments ("Right to bear arms clung to by fear­ful Americans," Jan. 23) that American gun owners support the Second Amendment. He is wrong.

The Second Amendment is about self-defense and self-reliance. It is the only guarantee that there will be a tool to act in the time of need. Where compassion is in a normal human life, like disciplining their children, they are not peers, and must know when it is time to act as a disciplinarian and time when it is time to be a friend.

The time we spend with our families, whether it's doing chores or going to Disneyland, shapes as people. The love and nurture of our parents makes us human. By asking Barbara to step in to do our parents' dirty work is ridiculous. Since when are we letting plastic, anorexic bimbos parent our children?

Chris Schmidt

Self-defense is unsaid Constitutional right

Editor,

Certainly, it is wrong for anyone to initiate force against another human being. When it is done, it should be punished, but by no means should the person who initiated the force be allowed to own guns because guns have been used to perpetrate horrendous crimes. ("Right to bear arms clung to by fearful Americans," Jan. 23) We all enjoy the right to life in the United States, and a necessary corollary to that right is the right to possess the means (i.e., a gun, a knife, etc.) of defending oneself. I am not saying that it is necessary for everyone to own a gun, I am saying that it is necessary to have the right to own a gun. It is absurd to say that the framers of the Constitution didn't state this explicitly.

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Columnist the real villain in abortion controversy

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My dear Ann Foster, don't you realize that you're attacking the wrong people in your holy war against the "murder" of the unborn. Wade may have given women the right to cancel their pregnancies, and this did indeed keep millions of unwanted children from being brought into the world, but the TRUE villain is — Shulton Lester.

That's right, Ms. Lester can be blamed for more deaths of unwanted babies than any abortion clinic, just compare the numbers. The Simple Truth says that abortion is the only solution to "the problems of deadbeat dads, single mothers in poverty and the highly sexualized nature of the media." She says, "Women are的设计ing the baby in the womb of our society that abortion will continue until my kids are grown."

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Abortions aren't the only solution; truth regarding rights

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I would like to comment on the recently written article regarding George W. Bush by Mike American Eagle (Jan. 19, 2003). "Bush appears to be more mortal than president," Jan. 23, Marquez could not have been more wrong. I am a believer of a job of government is to look after people, not to make them more mortal than president.

Actually, I believe that our country is in grave danger. America is a society in which they keep hidden information away from the general public. It is difficult to understand how any educated person believes other- thing is a hoax. I thought you were supposed to inform (isn't that your job)?

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Cloning opinion writer uninformed

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Christian Roth's opinion on human cloning ("Cloning shouldn't be tried") Jan. 23, came as no surprise and as misguided as she gave no support whatsoever (by the way, most scientists think the Raelian theory is a hoax). I thought you were supposed to inform (isn't that your job)?

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ads and protects terrorists, including members of al Qaeda.
"Secretly, without fingerprints, he could provide one of his hidden weapons to terrorists or help them develop their own," Bush said.
Invoking memories of the Sept. 11 attack, Bush said, "Imagine those 19 hijackers with other weapons and other plans — this time armed by Saddam Hussein." Bush also said Saddam has "his own contempt" for the United Nations. "I believe that this man is looking to account unless he disarms. "The dictator of Iraq is not dissim­ulating. To the contrary, he is deceiving," the president said.
Among his charges: - The British government has learned that Saddam recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa.
- Three Iraqi defectors say Iraq had several biological weapons labs in the 1990s that are now out of service.
- "The only possible use he could have for those weapons is to dominate, intimidate or attack," Bush said.
He said Powell will go to before the Security Council next Wednesday to present intelligence about Iraq's weapons programs.

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thing to shock people," Pietravalle said. They also provide an outlet for suffering students so they can start reacting in a healthy way.
The presentation includes an interac­tive art show, where students can use the provided paints, brushes and magazines to put their feelings on canvas, with the unveiling taking place Friday morning. Also, the UU gallery will hold an open mic night Friday. Students can share per­sonal stories, along with designated speakers. With pamphlets, brochures, statistics and personal stories all being provided at the gallery, Pietravalle said the coordina­tion helps mark the event as welcoming an atmosphere as possible. Since there are no forums to talk about eating disorders, suffering students can discuss their problems on the Central Coast. Partridge said problems are often viewed as "shameful."

"It's ridiculous, considering the amount of eating disorders there are on campus," she said.
Teressa George, head of counseling services, admitted that there's a lack of resources of this type in San Luis Obispo. "It's unfortunate because we don't have a very good mental health safety net," she said.
Knowing the importance of talking about such issues, Partridge said the ultimate goal, beyond bringing students to the forum, will be to get a therapist-run peer group started on campus for eating disorders. The media, she explained, suggests that solutions to problems come from food — either from over-consum ption or a lack of "all the ice cream and truffles or lettuce and carrots and ice cream."
Media depictions and fashions aside, there's a bigger picture to look at when it comes to body image, Armstrong said. "People draw a parallel that is too sim­ple," she said. "It brings a sense of quality and professionalism." It's the right thing to do," he said. "It's good for us. We had to upgrade their standards, Aeilts said. "Most of anything we've done is just a matter of the old system, the dispatcher would only know where the call is coming from, but the enhanced system also shows the dispatcher where the caller is located. The dispatcher knows where to send the responders if there is a language barrier or is in the caller's condition makes him unable to speak. Extra measures taken by the departments were self-imposed. No one ever told them they had to upgrade their standards, Ardis said.
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The Cal Poly men's tennis team lost 6-3 in a close match against the University of San Francisco Saturday at Mustangs Courts.

The Mustangs earned the doubles points by winning two of the three doubles matches, both in tiebreakers. At No. 2, Greg Levy and Nick Tracy paired up to defeat USF's Pablo Pires De Almeida and Mason Fuller, 8-7 (7-5). Also taking a win was doubles team Stacy Menonoff and Garrett Leight at the No. 3 position by beating Jon Lippert and Axel Elkiv (USF), 9-8 (7-4).

In singles competition, junior Stacy Menonoff and freshman Adrian Mandkys took home wins for the Mustangs. At No. 4 singles, Menonoff defeated Mason Fuller, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5). At No. 5 singles, Mandkys capped a 6-2, 6-2 win over Jon Lippert. The Mustangs (1-3) will host Santa Clara Saturday at 1 p.m. The Cal Poly women's team also suffered a close loss last weekend. The Mustangs were defeated 5-2 by No. 26-ranked Fresno State at the Warthen Tennis Center in Fresno.

The Bulldogs dominated the doubles competition by sweeping all three matches.

In singles play, three Mustangs pushed their matches to three sets. Ultimately, Sheila Lewis was the only one of those three to record a win at the No. 4 position by defeating Lucia Sainz, 6-7 (3), 7-6, 6-4.

Also receiving a win at No. 6 singles was default. Cal Poly drops to 1-3 overall.

The Mustangs return to action when they host Westminster College in their home opener Friday at 2 p.m. on Mustang Tennis Courts.

Cal Poly Fencing

By Ashlee Bodenhamer

Cal Poly fencers sparred against local fencers and each other at a United States Fencing Association (USFA) tournament Saturday in Atascadero, for a shot at berths in future rated tournaments.

Aerospace engineering sophomore Brian Davis was triumphant in the sabre competition, beating out seven other fencers and securing first place with a close 15-14 bout. He received a rating, and is now authorized to fence in rated tournaments.

Davis was a senior in high school and competed with other rated Cal Poly fencers in the Feb. 1 intercollegiate tournament at USC.

Chemistry sophomore Leon Sheynkman took second place in the foil competition, losing only one bout, 15-9, to a non-Cal Poly fencer.

Davis, who has been fencing for three years, enjoys the logistics and problem-solving aspects of fencing.

"I like how you don't think and things happen anyway," Davis said.

Sheynkman said his greatest strength was his ability to anticipate what his opponent was about to do.

"I would always start out, usually behind, and then catch up and win, except for that last one," Sheynkman said.

Cal Poly fencing coach Joe Lyons said that fundamentals were the key.

"People who had stronger fundamentals, who were able to control the legwork, able to control the distance from each other...were the people who won today," Lyons said.

One fencer, after thrusting his saber into the protected chest of his opponent, let out a warrior-like "aaaargh!" to which Cal Poly fencer Brian Davis tripped him up.

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According to landscape architecture senior Ed Chandler, fencing exemplifies Cal Poly's philosophy.

"It's a learn-by-doing sport," Chandler said.