Hip-hop talk on campus

- International journalist to speak on the music genre's cultural implications

By Kimberly Masculine
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Cristina Verán, an international journalist, has documented global cultural phenomena and socio-political movements. As a United Nations correspondent, she has covered issues important to the world's indigenous peoples. She has been a panelist and interviewee for the United Nations' television program World Chronicle and will be coming to Cal Poly on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Her talk on "Aboriginal Flavor: Indigenous hip-hop across the globe" will take place in the Sierra Madre residence hall main lounge. This event is free for Cal Poly students.

Verán has documented the hip-hop culture from its Bronx beginnings. As a longtime New Yorker, she appeared in the KXCT's "Hip-Hop Divas" and "Hip-Hop Across the Globe" series. Her written histories of female rappers include Uliztks "Hip-Hop Across the Globe" series. Her written histories of female rappers include Uliztks "Hip-Hop Divas" and "Hip-Hop Across the Globe". Verán's discussion was purposely scheduled during Indigenous Peoples Week, a time for Cal Poly students to learn more about the world's indigenous peoples.

If you go...
When: Cristina Verán
What: "Aboriginal Flavor: Indigenous hip-hop across the globe"
Where: Sierra Madre residence hall main lounge
More: "Call the ethnic studies department, 756-1907"

Horse's tail targeted

Only the six horses of the Cal Poly Equestrian Team witnessed the crime that took place on the night of Oct. 18 at the rodeo unit. It wasn't until the next morning that the team saw the results of the vandalism.

"When we heard the news we went out to the stables," said Lauren Schaefer, president of the equestrian team. "We were in shock after seeing what had happened."

What they saw was a crime that they had never seen or heard of before. In front of them stood Hank, a Chestnut Gelding Thoroughbred, who had been the vandal's main target.

"When we heard the news we went out to the stables," said Lauren Schaefer, president of the equestrian team. "We were in shock after seeing what had happened."

Its tail was cut pretty short, Schaefer said. More than half of it was gone.

"The only thing they use tails for is to swat the flies," said Laura Dietz, team manager and journalism senior. "It's more for looks, and it wasn't really affect the horse. Yet it will take a long time for the tail to grow back."

Members of the team still wonder why anyone would commit such a crime. Dietz, who was the first to notice Hank's missing tail, said the team has gone through many possible answers to that question, and they still have many theories.

"At first I thought it was a member of the team who didn't know any better," Dietz said. "After no one confessed, we considered the possibility of another horse or an animal."
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"Her talk discusses how indige­
ous youth in New Zealand, Australia and the United States use hip-hop culture as a vehicle to affect social change," ethnic studies assist­
tant professor Cherisse Cheney said.

Cheney saw Verán speak at a con­
ference on hip-hop and culture in Chicago. She found her speech interest­
ing and asked her to come to KSU.

"I hope students interested in hip-hop music will attend," Cheney said. "We encourage anyone to come here and take a minute to fill out a tag."

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Social Services.

"(SCS) saw a need for the drive in the community," SCS program assist­
tant Charlene Rosales said. "We wanted to do more than what the Salvation Army and United Way are doing already."

The drive started on Nov. 12 and will run through Dec. 3. Rosales feels SCS is a great vehicle to get the word out that these types of programs exist during the holiday season. This also gives participants the choice of picking up a specific request that they would like to fulfill. Each of the colored tags decorating the Christmas tree in the SCS office is a child's name, age and specific gift request.

"We hope so many students and faculty on campus that it makes it really simple for someone to run up and take a minute to fill out a tag and make a commitment," Rosales said. "We encourage anyone to come and pick up a tag or anything throughout the drive as long as we have gifts needed in all four halls."

Drive coordinators are hoping that all 440 tags will be picked up by Tuesday afternoon, 225 tags have been assigned.

"We are thrilled to see so many tags already taken," said Carla Scherer, ENRICH co-coordinator for Sequoits Hall and archimedes freshmen.

Scherer and other coordinators in ENRICH are raising money within each residence hall to purchase gifts for some of the children on the tree.

"Our goal, in Sequoits, is to collect enough money to purchase at least five to 10 gifts," Scherer said. "Being part of a group like ENRICH is a great feeling."

The toy drive is just one of the many programs that SCS and ENRICH are part of that better the lives of community members.

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chewing it off."

However, after a closer inspection, it was clear that the hair had been cut straight across with scissors or some sharp object.

Team members also considered that maybe someone in the rodeo unit was upset that they were keeping the horses there instead of at the university, or that they didn't serve any purpose.

Dietz explained that the team's horses are being stored at the rodeo unit instead of the university because there was not enough space for all of the horses at the university.

"It could have been done by a ran­
dom visitor," she said. "People also drive out there and pretty much do whatever they want."

Although Dietz says they check on the horses at least once every day, there is a 12-hour time period at night when the horses are left by themselves.

"Maybe the first time the vandal cut the hair they realized that they didn't have enough for the bangs or something, so they came back for a couple more inches," Laura Dietz, Equestrian team manager said. "Maybe the first time the vandal cut the hair they realized that they didn't have enough for the bangs or something, so they came back for a couple more inches to finish it. A lot of weird stuff can happen."

Dietz finally reported the incident to the University Police Department, which filed an incident report.

"It is very difficult because there are not enough leads to follow, and it is hard to find witnesses," Watton said. "It could also be some sort of joke, and if it is, I don't think it's very funny."

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It also would impose federal regulatory rules on operators of high-voltage power lines for the first time, to reduce the likelihood of another cascading blackout like the one last summer.

Republicans called the bill misguided and a "key to outgoing President Clinton's energy policy. By expanding energy choice, but Democrats said the tax breaks amounted to giveaways to oil, gas and coal industries that don't need the help. They also said the legislation fails to focus on ways to conserve energy and develop more-source fuels.

BOSTON — In the nation's most far-reaching decision of its kind, Massachusetts' highest court declared Tuesday that the state constitution guarantees gay couples the right to marry — a ruling celebrated with a popping of champagne corks and the spraying of champagne.

In its 4-3 decision, the Supreme Judicial Court gave the Legislature six months to rewrite the state's marriage laws for the benefit of gay couples. Although courts in other states have issued similar rulings, some legal experts said this one goes further in its emphatic language and appears to suggest that gay couples should be offered nothing less than marriage itself — and not a lesser alternative such as civil unions, which are available in Vermont.

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Letters to the editor

Processed foods have harmful effects

Editor,

I am surprised at the level of information presented by this news paper on important subjects people should be discussing and educating themselves on.

An example of a topic that skipped the importance entirely was "Nutrition labels won't fight fat" (Nov. 6).

Regarding the debate to demand nutritional information on restaurant menus, I agree that it won't reduce the incidence of Americans being overweight. So, more importantly, we need to write about what measures will inform people about proper diet. We should be keeping track of more than just fat, cholesterol and sugar.

Hydrogenated oils are a new worry because they affect the body. Many products have hydrogenated oils out of convenience for the manufacturer and consumer. It's basically the difference between the oil in processed peanut butter and the oil in natural peanut butter. The oil is changed into a different form that won't separate from the other ingredients, and so foods that process it the same as if it were natural oils. After years of promoting the concern, manufacturers are starting to include information about oils in their product labels.

Another harmful substance is fructose. Scientists are just now learning that our liver won't absorb fructose and therefore won't recog nize that we've eaten it. This substance is put in most processed foods to make them sweet. These are just two of the harmful effects of processed foods that have been discovered and there are many more expected. So if we want to eat healthily, we should increase the number of meals cooked at home, from scratch, in addition to eating a nutritional selection of foods.

Kristina Shroetz is a civil engineering senior.

GWR prepares students to write well

Editor,

Mike Marquez's commentary about the GWR ("GWR instills the student body") Nov. 13 suggested that the GWR is a College of Liberal Arts "plot." It is not.

I'm gonna be president when I grow up. And I'm gonna be good, too. I'll cross that vertebral defect, create socialized healthcare, give adequate funds to public education and shrink the poverty gap. I will take care of Saddam Hussein, once and for all, throwing my weight behind the rising billions of weapons and billions more on reconstruction. I'm gonna make sure all those damn Baby Boomers don't suck up our social security and clear up that whole Israeli/Palestinian poverty gap. I will take care of Saddam Hussein, once and for all, throwing my weight behind the rising billions of weapons and billions more on reconstruction. I'm gonna make sure all those damn Baby Boomers don't suck up our social security and clear up that whole Israeli/Palestinian poverty gap.

Comments

Young adults are notorious for their voting apathy. The non-prof it, non-partisan organization Rock the Vote is responding to the problem by incorporating the entertainment industry and youth culture into its political outreach activities.

The organization educates on issues affecting young adults and motivates them to participate in registering, voting and promoting their interests. The group is targeting areas of political issues, little or no knowledge of the candidates' stance on issues, registration problems, laziness and lack of interest. Some potential voters also feel that there is a lack of qualified candidates.

More can be done to improve young voter turnout, and the government needs to play a prominent role.

Young adults frequently change residences, which makes it difficult to keep up with the registration process. Conversely, older generations tend to settle in one area. A way to remedy this hindrance is to allow people to register, review the voter packet and vote on the Internet. This would help overcome the problem of laziness and registration problems and create more informed voters. Most genres of registration processes have reached the Internet. Now it's time for the voting process to do the same.

Perhaps we should follow Austria's voting system and require citizens to vote. It may cause a few instances of undecided voting, but over time it would instill in the minds of citizens and society that their voting decision really does have an effect.

The lack of qualified candidates could be solved by not endorsing the contenders with the deepest pockets, which, in our political history, inevitably happens.

To solve the problem, media corporations should give equal time to all candidates and not allow a free choice. This would allow for equal competition among the candidates and not just the millionaires and candidates with "connections." Yet, these millionaires aires inevitably run our country. They have no personal experience on what the "average" citizens deal with on a day-to-day basis.

We need leaders in office who reflect the values of all areas in society. Equal candidate opportunity and easy Internet voting would boost young voter turnout, thus making our country and the world a better place.

Kendra Hodges is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

The Chancellor's Executive Order No. 665, dated 1997, says, "Certification of graduation writing proficiency is an all-campus responsibility." And it provides several ways to meet this requirement. - A course exam, work in a course, an exam scored in combination with the course work, etc. But certification must be done; the process occurs at all California State Universities.

Sometimes ago — back when I had hair and could dunk (really!) — the CSU received many complaints from employers that, after minimal experiences with writing in a few courses, graduates could not write well. Hence, the system-wide policy.

At Cal Poly the faculty also has instituted a writing-intensive GE program that has been hurt by budget cuts. Nonetheless, the intent and much practice in this program is to prepare students to write well.

Harry Hellenbrand is the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

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THE DAILY COUGAR (UNIVERSITY HOUSTON)

HOUSTON — Ah, the weather's getting colder, classes are almost over and something in the air is different. It can only mean one thing: The holiday season is here. And with the holidays sneaking up on us college students, many of us will need to re-enter the working scene.

Job-thirsty enthusiasts are probably already on the prowl just to get a jumpstart on the competition. But competition aside, some things you could expect a phone call.

Why? In 2000, when students had to walk 10 miles in the snow to get to school, it seemed like getting a temporary job was simple. If you filled out two or three applications you knew you could expect a phone call.

Maybe it’s the economy, maybe it’s the competition, or whatever it is, something has changed. It seems like more frustrating than filling out application after application, knowing the manager is going to smile, take it from you and use it as a coaster.

Work applications are so extremely tedious: work experience, references, skills and qualifications. Some companies are now requiring mandatory personality tests; ridiculously long ones. Sometimes it takes hours to fill one out. And halfway through the trick questions you stop and ask “what is the point?” You know you could be a terrific employee, what’s the deal? Meanwhile, the guy on the other side of the counter with a tattoo on his neck that says “Satan Is Lord” is ignoring all the customers while he talks on the phone. And you can’t help but wonder, “How the hell did he get the position?”

Long-term career job opportunities aren’t any better. Let’s face it, if you’re in college now, finding a job after graduating is going to be incredibly tough and extremely competitive. It might be better to just stay in school and do postgraduate work. Houston’s job market is rapidly decreasing, and people are demanding to know why. The good thing is that once it’s this low, things can only go up. It’s just a matter of time.

No matter how bad things are right now, there are, believe it or not, still jobs out there. While it might not be as easy as it once was, there are still a lot of things that can be done to ensure a higher percentage of employer feedback. For one, when you’re turning in an application, make sure to give it to a manager, not a regular employee who will probably lose it. Remember, these applications have important information about you, so you don’t want it to fall into the wrong hands.

Another thing you can do is check back. This is crucial. Some people think they are annoying employers when they do this, but it’s the only one who will get the job. If you’re lucky enough to land an interview, drop them a “thank you” e-mail or letter. They’ll appreciate it.

Finally, stay optimistic. In the end, you might not get your dream job, but at least you’ll be working — a pretty rare thing these days.
By Nathan Hall
MINNEAPOLIS DAILY (U. MINNESOTA)

MINNEAPOLIS — Students hunting for seasonal jobs might have been encouraged by October employment statistics showing increased jobs in nearly every sector. But looks can be deceiving. Several local economists and retail analysts said while there will be more seasonal retail jobs nationwide than in recent years, students could have more competition for those positions. Although students typically receive the lion's share of seasonal jobs, they might now be competing with the thousands of manufacturing and technology workers laid off over the past few years.

"There may be a lot more competition for those types of jobs because there are more people looking for jobs in general," said Brian McCall, a Carlson School of Management industrial relations professor. "It's not just students on break anymore."

The U.S. Labor Department reported earlier this month that retail employers added 30,000 jobs last month, the largest increase for the industry since February 2001. The Washington-based National Retail Federation reported that nationwide, retailers hired 3.2 percent more personnel, the same as last year. But Minnesota Department of Economic Security data shows retail employment in Minnesota is down 1.3 percent from last year.

Despite this, David Brennan, a University of St. Thomas marketing professor and co-director of the Institute for Retailing Excellence, said he does not think students should worry about their prospects for earning extra spending money over break. "Manufacturing jobs, for example, are typically higher-paying, so those laid off more recently are more inclined to collect unemployment than settle for a $7 (per hour) job," Brennan said.

She added that seasonal jobs with her firm are a possible "great stepping stool for more permanent employment." Other smaller, independent Bevler, said they have no plans to increase their usual holiday sales forces.

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Sherwood has ‘a few prospects,’ indie sound to their credit

By Thomas Atkins
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Sherwood doesn’t pretend they are better than they really are. The local emo/indie band is well aware of their modest status as a local emo/indie band.

The group claims a list of their accomplishments would run quite short; one highlight of the band's career was playing a wine-tasting party at Zenaida Cellars in Paso Robles, to about 65 uninterested 30-somethings.

I am sitting in Linnaea’s on Garden Street in San Luis Obispo with Dan Koch (guitar, vocals) and Chris Armstrong (lead guitar, percussion). Coincidentally, this is the place where Koch (chief songwriter) does much of his lyric-writing. But he would be the first to say his poetry is nothing to snap your fingers about.

"About half of our songs are directly or indirectly about my inability to convey beauty through words," Koch says.

Koch, Armstrong and Nate Henry (vocals, bass) all attend Cal Poly; Greenetz (drums) graduated last June, and Chris Keene (organ, Rhodes, percussion, vocals) is currently unemployed.

"But he’s got a few prospects,” Armstrong says, coming to the Keene’s defense as his long-time friend.

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Minister preaches Christian values of 'The Simpsons'

By Christopher Jones
CAVERNS DAILY (UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA)

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Among Christian families on television! Does the Springfield of Ned Flanders and Apu provide an example of different religions and spiritualities? Shawn Galyen, a minister working with the Gonglestown chapter of the Ch Alpha Christian Fellowship, offered his answers to these questions during The Gospel According to the Simpsons, a discussion sponsored by the University of Virginia Chapter of the Ch Alpha Christian Fellowship.

Speaking before a large audience, Galyen used author Mark Pinsky’s book “The Gospel According to the Simpsons” as a basis for a discussion about the role religion and spirituality play in the TV series and the values embodied by various characters.

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“The goal is to get the discussion to a broader audience,” Galyen said.

Galyen noted, however, that he and other ministers have used Pinsky’s book only as a foundation for discussion on various topics.

Galyen’s speech focused on the religious and spiritual ideas embodied by various characters ranging from Bart and Homer to Reverend Lovejoy and Ned Flanders, whereas Pinsky’s book discusses specific aspects of religion such as prayer and heaven and hell.

“I want to discuss what the different characters represent as options in a multi-religious world,” Galyen said.

When first aired, “The Simpsons” was criticized for its rebellious attitude and satire. Pinsky, however, embraced the show’s humor, pointing out that the show parodies all American life and treats religious faith with a high level of respect.

“The gift of ‘The Simpsons’ is that the characters’ fundamental beliefs are animated, but not caricatured,” Pinsky wrote. “God is not mocked, nor is His existence questioned.”

Bullette agreed, noting that “The Simpsons” communicates its values using humor.

Galyen said just as the show leaves many religious ideas up for interpretation, viewers can interpret for themselves what each character represents and how that relates to their daily lives.

“If ‘The Simpsons’ can help you, use it,” Galyen said.
Bonds wins record sixth MVP award

By Ronald Blum

Barry Bonds won his record sixth National League MVP award Tuesday, becoming the first player to get the honor three consecutive years.

St. Louis outfielder Albert Pujols was second with three first-place votes and 103 points. Atlanta outfielder Gary Sheffield got the other first-place vote and was third with 474 points.

Pujols hit a major league-high .359 with 45 home runs and 124 RBIs and led the majors with 137 runs. San Francisco players have won the award four straight times, with Jeff Kent finishing first in 2000.
New players branch out in win

- Mustangs' guard corps shine in 86-69 exhibition win over Branch West

By Deanna Galles Mustang Daily Staff Writer

The men's basketball team came out victorious in its season debut exhibition game, logging a win against Branch West, a touring team featuring several former Division I players, at Matt Gym Monday night. Although the game doesn't count on the team's record, the 86-69 win served to solidify and prepare the team for the trip to UC Berkeley on Friday.

"It helped us build more confidence with each other in a game atmosphere," said senior center Vassie Dennis. He led the team, scoring 15 points during the 22 minutes he played. The Mustangs stayed in the lead and maintained control of the ball for the majority of the game.

The exhibition was an opportunity for new players to show what they can do, Dennis said. He referred to the strengths of sophomore point guard Cameron Gray and junior forward Nick Ewertzelli, both transfers, and freshman forward John Mandy. Gray has big expectations to live up to, being the No. 1 ranked junior college point guard in the state after his freshman year at Chabot College in Hayward. He delivered the goods - Monday night, with 14 points and two assists.

A year of sitting out has not slowed junior forward Nick Ewertzell, though he did show some signs of rust on 12 points on the board and tallied four assists. He also had four turnovers Monday night.

Freshman forward John Mandy gave a solid show, contributing 10 points.

Returning team members were on fire, providing a foundation for the young team to build on.

Sophomore guard Fernando Sampson put up nine points during 11 minutes on the court. Junior forward Vladimir Lisinac from Serbia led the team in rebounds, racking up nine to keep the Mustangs in control of the ball.

For several newcomers, like walk-on freshman guard Keith Lawrence from Moorpark, Monday's exhibition was the first chance to play college basketball. "I was feeling a little bit of nerves at first," Lawrence said. He felt the pressure of switching from high school to college ball, he said. "I didn't know if I was going to get to play," Lawrence said. "But once I got out there it wasn't so bad. All the nervousness went away."

Lawrence scored two 1-pointers in under 10 minutes of playing time and got his first game experience before playing against Cal.

The team will spend the next few days reviewing their performance, working on blocking and solidifying their defensive plays.

Senior guard Eric Jackson had three points, one assist and one steal in Monday's exhibition win.

Spanning the globe for rugby success

By Caitlin O'Farrell Mustang Daily Staff Writer

This year may be the best chance for Cal Poly's Rugby Football Club to advance to the national championship, especially since they will have All-American lock Jason Lauritsen, who played for the U.S. Collegiate National Team in New Zealand.

CPRFC will be missing a few starters from last year, but the team's depth is one of its strong points. The players stepping up will be "amazing," Lauritsen said.

"Most of us have been playing together for three, four, even five years, so we know what to expect from each other," Lauritsen said. "If we play as a team, there is no telling how far we could go."

Lauritsen received his bachelor of science in agriculture last spring and was recently accepted to Cal Poly's agriculture graduate program, which he will begin in January. He is returning to play his last year of eligibility for a chance at a national title.

He is the first Cal Poly player in 10 years to be chosen for an All-American team and one of only three in Cal Poly's history. He traveled to New Zealand with 27 other players from colleges around the country during the last two weeks of July.

The U.S. Collegiate National Team played the University of Victoria in Wellington and Massey University in Palmerston North. They lost both games, the first by two points and the second by seven.

"We could have had both games if we had more preparation time," Lauritsen said. "You have to remember that New Zealanders start playing rugby between the ages of four and five."

The team stayed at the Adidas Institute of Rugby, which is where New Zealand's national team, the All Blacks, train and practice. The facility consists of an indoor field, three outdoor fields, a weight room, dining hall and apartments. The All Blacks are historically the best team in the world.

The U.S. Collegiate National Team practiced two to three times a day, leaving them little time to sightsee but a lot of time to improve their rugby skills. Many former All Blacks were on hand to help out the visiting team.

"The best part of the trip was the great coaching we received," Lauritsen said. "Getting coached by the best rugby players in the world was pretty amazing."

Each player had to raise $1,500 for the trip. Lauritsen raised his money through generous donations from alumni, parents, family and friends.

"Overall the trip was an amazing experience and one of the main reasons I decided to come back and play in my last year of eligibility," Lauritsen said. "I think that next year Cal Poly could have five or six All-American players."

Lauritsen was chosen for the All-American team while he was leading the Southern California (SoCal, name of team?) team to an undefeated record at the Regional All-American tournament. From the eight regional teams competing, 27 All-Americans are chosen. Lauritsen scored three tries and received the MVP nod for his team.

Cal Poly players John Kendal, a fly half, and Ed Fran, a fullback, made the All-American Honorable Mention Team.

Last year, CPRFC finished fifth in the nation and captured its third consecutive lead title with a league record of 7-1 in the Southern California Rugby Football Unions Collegiate Division I.

"It felt good to dominate throughout our league last year, but we felt like we should have advanced further in playoffs," Fran said. "This year we won't be content with anything less than making it to the Final Four."

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