Zambia’s ambassador speaks at Poly

Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika, a Poly alum and ambassador of Zambia, spoke as part of International Week.

“My motto in life is to learn to say ‘hello,’ ‘thank you’ and ‘good morning’ in as many languages as possible.”

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Kelly Cope
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Cal Poly welcomed back yesterday an alumna and ambassador of the Republic of Zambia to the United States to give the keynote address for International Education Week in Chamisal Auditorium.

Her Excellency Inonge Mbikusita-Lewanika spoke about her experiences growing up in her home country of Zambia and how they shaped her view of the world today, in her speech entitled “Training to Take on the World.”

According to a press release, “Mbikusita-Lewanika received a Bachelor of Science in home economics and education in 1964, and a master’s degree in education psychology in 1965, both from Cal Poly. She received a doctoral degree in early childhood education from NYU.”

Mbikusita-Lewanika started with an overview of Zambia, including its southwestern location in Africa, and surroundings.

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Indian club invites campus to celebrate holiday

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In America, people celebrate all kinds of holidays. Some are more popular than others, but there are many nonetheless.

In India, there are many holidays, but few as popular and nationwide as Diwali. This Saturday, the Indian Students Association is holding a Diwali Banquet to celebrate the important holiday.

“Diwali is a combination of ‘Deepawali’ and the Fourth of July,” said Stephen Lloyd-Moffett, assistant professor of religious studies. “There are almost always fireworks, so it adds to the Fourth of July festivity!”

Diwali was actually on Oct. 21 this year, however ISA postponed festivities due to the large amount of people going home to their families for the celebration, said Sereesh Dwoski, ISA president and construction management senior.

“We really wanted to do it on a weekend that everyone was here,” he said. “So we are just really celebrating the day”

Not only Hindus celebrate Diwali, Dwoski said. “The Sikhs and Jain religions also celebrate the day.”

All over India, the celebration lasts up to five days and is known as the most important holiday, he said. “Diwali actually means the ‘Festival of Lights,’” Lloyd-Moffett said. “It’s actually one of the only holidays that is celebrated all over India.”

Every region and religion has its own interpretation of the day, but there is one general story, he said. Diwali is about the story of King Rama and his wife Sita. He had just rescued her from being kidnapped and transported her home. The whole city lights up so they can find their way home, Lloyd-Moffett said.

“To celebrate there are lights and fireworks to welcome home Rama and Sita,” he said.

Not only does Diwali celebrate this story, but a bigger picture, see Diwali, page 2

see Festival, page 2

Court rules Ariz. students can sue over tuition increases

Kelly Lewis
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TUCSON, Ariz. — A ruling from the Arizona Court of Appeals on Tuesday will allow students to sue Arizona’s three state universities for what they believe to be unconstitutional tuition surcharges.

The ruling came as a result of a lengthy court case that began in 2003 by four individuals who were UA students at the time.

John Kromko, one of the original plaintiffs and UA alumnus, said the group decided to sue in response to a 39.1 percent tuition increase in March 2003 that they deemed unconstitutional.

“This tuition has gotten completely out of hand,” Kromko said. “Students are going along with increases now without even questioning the motives of the university.”

The students and their lawyer, Paul Gattone, argued that tuition surcharges violated Article 11, Section 6 of the Arizona Constitution, which mandates that “the university and all other state educational institutions see Ruling, page 2
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Multicultural Center, which seeks to spread cultural awareness throughout Cal Poly through programs and speakers. Department coordinator Renada Campbell said though the percentage is small, diversity does exist at Cal Poly. She said that CultureFest helps showcase that diversity.

"CultureFest brings to light that there are other cultures in this town and in celebrating these cultures, you’re celebrating what America was founded on. America isn’t a homogenous republic, neither is France. It continues from page 1
Diwali
Dewald said, "People are celebrating life and strength in relationships." He continues from page 1
It is also the celebration of good’s triumph over evil," Lloyd-Moffett said.
In Northern India, Diwali is also the start of the business year and business owners begin their books on this day, Dewald said.
"Generally, in the evening, people light up their houses and there is the giving of gifts, but not quite on the level of Christmas," Lloyd-Moffett said. "People bring out their best clothes, put henna on their hands and walk around the city looking at lights.

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No. 2 Michigan needs big game from Hart if upset of No. 1 OSU is in cards

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Rusty Miller
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The only time little big-man Michael Hart has come up small during his three years at Michigan has been against Ohio State.

The 5-foot-9 Hart is the nation's sixth-leading rusher, and his return which is something considering State defensive end Jay Richardson called Hart the best back Ohio State.

State (11-0, 7-0) has faced this year, Saturday against top-ranked Ohio State.

But the last two seasons, Hart has managed a total of 76 yards rushing against the Buckeyes — and the Wolverines lost both games. The Buckeyes know if they want to make it three in a row against their archrival from the Big Ten, stuffing Hart again is essential.

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"His ability to break tackles and just run people over is amazing," Mitchell said of the 198-pound Hart. "He doesn't turn the ball over at all and that's pretty incredible to me. We know he's unlike anyone we've ever faced."

Hart, who wasn't made available for interviews this week, was injured most of last season and missed the two games before Ohio State's last-minute 25-21 comeback win at Michigan Stadium.

Quarterback Chad Henne said Hart can't be judged by his numbers when he was hurting.

"Definitely, health is a big issue for him," Henne said. "He's reading cuts very well and reading off the linemen. Especially in the passing game, he's tremendous. He understands where the safeties. He sees rotation with the safeties. He understands where some of the blunders are. So he's become more of a knowledgeable player this year.

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The Buckeyes are anticipating having some difficulty finding Hart on running plays.

"Now you've got the zone scheme, which is sideline to sideline trying to get you skating and trying to get you running, and then Hart kind of cuts off anywhere he wants to," Richardson said. "It's a great scheme."
Senior Day ‘momentous’

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Tristan Aird

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The Tigers, who feature only five seniors, will be trying to break a 21-game losing streak against I-AA opponents. As for Cal Poly, the Mustangs are glad to have clinched a fourth straight winning season despite playing the toughest schedule in program history.

The Mustangs had two games this season at I-A opponents — a 17-7 loss at San Jose State (6-3) and an 16-14 win at San Diego State (7-7) — and three against teams in the top 19 of The Sports Network's I-AA Poll.

"It was definitely a harder schedule," than last year, Kyle Shortwell said. "You want to play those hard games and challenge yourself. We showed that we could play with and beat some of those teams we weren't supposed to beat. It's been a good season."

Kyle Shortwell was a red-shirt freshman in 2003 when Cal Poly began a 7-4 campaign with a 34-13 win at 1-A UTEP. "There were times a few years ago when everyone was going crazy when we had a 7-4 record," he said. "I think it says a lot about the program when you're disappointed over a 7-4 season. It shows that the arrow's pointing up."

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Trent Newton is a bright spot (105 tackles), but despite playing four Division II schools and one NAIA team, the Tigers have given up 32.4 points per contest.

Even after allowing in most points (51) last week since 2000, Cal Poly is still 16th among 121 Division I-AA teams in fewest points allowed per game (16.2).

Cal Poly has averaged 157.7 rushing yards per game. James Noble is 118 yards away from a 1,000-yard season. He averages 5.0 yards per carry.

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Seniors continued from page 4 special. It's going to be a fun day, a celebration of all these guys."

Senior Day celebrations will commence after the game. It has been a rough two-year stretch for Savannah State (2-8), which was 0-11 in 2005. The Tigers have been outscored 324-108 on the season and have lost to three Division II schools.

The only wins this season have come against Division II Morehouse (24-20) and NAIA Edward Waters (28-17).

Savannah State is ranked No. 237 among 241 I-AA and I-A teams in USA Today's Jeff Sagarin ratings. The Tigers, however, are coming off a win over Edward Waters in which sophomore quarterback Garrett Williams completed 13 of 23 passes for 147 yards and five touchdowns.

Williams threw for 2,203 yards and 15 touchdowns last year. He not upset his statistics are down from last year, though, because Savannah State has two more wins than it

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Garrett Williams had a TD-INT ratio of 15-10 as a freshman last year, but has a mark of 8-12 this season despite playing against four Division II teams and one NAIA program.

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The Mustangs' special teams unit has come around.

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Coach K: Senior Day should be celebrated

Karl Ivory is a former Cal Poly corner who finished up his eligibility in 2004. He has shed his helmet and pads for a pen and notebook as a special football analyst for the Mustang Daily. Here is what "Coach K" has to say about this week's matchup:

Karl Ivory
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Out-coached? Out of gas? Those are just some of the things people have said about the way Cal Poly played last Saturday at North Dakota State. I don't believe any of this to be true. The Mustangs just went up against a better team and got their butts handed to them.

Led by Walter Payton Award candidate quarterback Steve Walker — who was 13 for 16 through the air — the Bison were able to put up a whopping 51 unanswered points en route to a 51-14 thrashing of Cal Poly. Running backs Kyle Stertes and Lete Blincoe were able to rack up more than 100 yards apiece. The Mustangs jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead by the end of the first quarter, but after that, they were not heard from.

This Saturday brings in Savannah State, which ranks almost dead last in just about every major statistical category.

This will be the last game the Mustang Maniacs will ever get to see of some of the most talented seniors ever to put on a Cal Poly uniform.

As we say goodbye to these seniors, let's not forget some of the records this group was able to put up.

Led by Kenny Chicoine (career interception leader at 17) and Kyle Shotwell (15 tackles in 2005), the 17 seniors were able to put pride in the hearts of all of the Cal Poly faithful and continue the legacy.

Also Cal Poly will be saying goodbye to 2th-year equipment manager Dick McMath, who has been at Cal Poly longer than many have been alive.

Now, to break down the matchups:

Cal Poly offense vs. Savannah State defense:
This is probably the biggest advantage Cal Poly will have against anybody. Savannah State has not been able to stop anyone all season long. Just two weeks ago, the Tigers got blown out by Coastal Carolina, a team that is always around the top 25, by a score of 66-6.

So expect nothing but big plays from "Big Game" James Noble and Ramses "The Giant" Barden.

Cal Poly defense vs. Savannah State offense:
This game should be over by the second snap. The Cal Poly defense will again be led by the sack brothers, Kyle and Ryan Shotwell, who have seven sacks each.

After a good butt-kicking, the Mustangs will have their ears pinned back looking for revenge.

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A group of Cal Poly students is hosting a fundraising concert for Woods Human Society on Saturday, Nov. 18 at Downtown Brewing Co., as part of a class project.

The concert, for ages 18 and up, will start at 8 p.m. and feature popular local band The New Longview, with performances by The Archdrakes, and, Rhodes. Admission is $10, and all proceeds will benefit Woods Human Society.

The fundraising project is part of the curriculum for professor Shawn Burn’s Psy 351, group dynamics. Burn placed students in Shawn Burn’s Psy 351, group project, their project a lot stronger and has their work harder to reach their goal.

“I think it would have been a lot harder,” Glaser said. “If you don’t care about the cause, you’re not going to put 100 percent effort into it.”

Another group member, software engineering senior James Reed, is glad he got to experience what it takes to plan a big event and raise money for a good cause.

“I definitely think it will take something away from this,” Reed said. “I’ll never be able to do something like this for my major classes or in my project. It will be cool to look around at the concert.”

Glaser believes the class project has been more challenging and time-consuming than most, but said it is well worth it.

“The experience of helping out with Woods and any charity organization is very rewarding,” Glaser said.

The group hopes that all their work will pay off and aims to beat the record of $2,700 raised by a group in one of Burn’s previous classes. Reed says they also have a secret hope they don’t shared with the rest of the class.

“We set a group goal to beat every other group,” Reed said.

Each class usually raises between $7,000 and $10,000 collectively, for a total and national charities and non-profits.

The group also hosted a special presentation by Smile and Neal, Cal Poly’s improv comedy troupe, Friday, Nov. 10. All of the fees from ticket and refreshment sales at the show will be added into the group’s total fundraising efforts.

“The concert will make or break it, but there seems to be a lot of positive feedback, so I’m excited,” Glaser said. Woods Human Society is a privately funded organization dedicated to the humane care and placement of unwanted and rescued animals in San Luis Obispo County.

In 2005, when the group first formed homes for 85.6 percent of their sheltered animals. Only 20 percent of their revenue comes from service fees, the other 80 percent generated by fundraisers, grants, wills and community donations.

Ticket for the concert can be purchased at the door and additional donations will be accepted. Downtown Brewing Co. is located at 1119 Garden St., in downtown San Luis Obispo.

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Cuckoo for ‘Cuckoo’s Nest’

Nick Coury  MUSTANG DAILY

Samuel Beckett once wrote “nothing is funnier that unhappiness.” This is true, but only up to a certain point when one sees the extreme sadness and bleak, beautiful, human nature portrayed in the adaptation of “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest,” by the Cal Poly theatre and dance department.

The two-act tragicomedy opened Nov. 15 in the Spasus Theater. It will run until Saturday, Nov. 18, with a matinee on Sunday. The 17-member cast acts in a surreal version of the novel by Ken Kesey.

Cal Poly theatre professor Al Madison directed the work in part because he picks plays that speak to him, but it also has a deeper meaning.

“I was intrigued by the Indiary story; how he was exploited by the government. ‘I think the meaning of the play is how the government can take things away.’

The Indians he refers to is “Chief Bromden,” played by theatre and liberal studies senior Lester Wilson. This lead character provides a serious, dark underbelly to the external humor as acted by the other mental patients.

Sporadically throughout the play, Chief’s soliloquies are framed in dark blue and green lights, while the rest of the stage remains ink black. It is during these monologues that the audience truly see his desperation.

Fans of the 1975 film with the same title remember the antics of Randle P. McMurphy and his clash with the “good-but-really-evil” Nurse Ratched. In Schnupp’s version, that relationship still exists. Cuesta College sophomore Bryant Anthony and Poly theatre senior Tannen Agron play the parts respectively.

Anthony adds a bit of Biff Tannen (Back to the Future) to the character of McMurphy. He takes on the role with a stress-voiced, sexually charged, comedic anger that works well. Agron’s Ratched is a stoic-faced, monotone bitter nurse doing her job “to make the patients better.” She is often slow-speaking, ending each sentence with a condescending question and an expletive.

By the end of the play, Nurse Ratched is the most despised character.

The entire play is done on a post-modern stage. The nurses’ station is a combination of billboard backdrop and prison guard tower raised above a surrealistic white and gray stage. Other than a few props and numerous chairs, the stage is bare but the emotional acting of the patients more than makes up for the empty stage.

The mixture of comedy, anger, hurt, and surrealism last the entire two hours, but the audience is so engrossed in the plot that real time doesn’t pass.

Towards the climax at the end of the play, the crowd is unsure how to respond. Cries and gasps, even small bits of laughter, are sprinkled throughout the theatre.

The most meaningful scene, maybe the most tragic, is a dialogue between McMurphy and Chief. The two are doused in dim blue light and discussing the outside world. The reality of the characters is seen in their naked, stripped-down emotions. It makes the entire play have a more realistic aspect.

Schnupp said he wants the audience to not just come for the play itself, but for a general appreciation for live performance and the sense of community he said even with all members of the audience as detached as they would appear.

“I hope people are entertained,” he said. “I hope we can all play the characters so their emotions, from horror to joy to sadness and beauty...”

For ticket information call (805) 756-2787 or visit www.pacslo.org.

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Using music to benefit the homeless

Liza Manion  MUSTANG DAILY

A concert benefiting the Homeless Shelter of San Luis Obispo will take place this Sunday at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church at 1701 Frederick St. and also this Friday.

Said Bob Christenson, co-director of Homeless Overflow at Mt. Carmel.

The San Luis Obispo County Band will be playing, with guest conductor Dave Schnupp, maestro of San Luis Obispo.

“I love music and it is a local celebration. The fundraisers are hoping to draw more people to their events with a local celebrity,” Schnupp said.

Romero will be donating money for the shelter, and enjoys being involved in other charity events around the community. He frequently the fashion shows at Madonna Inn with his family, and has been to at least 15 over the years.

The concert will have a variety of music including march, ragtime and gospel. There will also be an intermission with free refreshments.

“1 guarantee it’ll be a bhort and a half. (The time) will be well spent.”

The money raised will go towards replacing beds at the shelter. “They’re pretty dirty and they’re about to fall apart,” Christenson said.

Thrivent, a Lutheran organization, will match donations of up to $800. Typically the event brings in around $2,000 each year.

Current board member Janelle Oneschuck is excited for the concert.

“I really enjoy (the band) because we get to play at all different kinds of events,” she said.

Being involved helps her to be more aware of community happenings and interact with band members of all ages.

“They’re all really friendly and relaxed,” she said.

The concert will be at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday and is free and open to the public. For more information, or to volunteer at the homeless shelter, call Dave Schnupp at rcshrin343@aol.com.

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