Drugs:
Spooning In
The Savings
At The
Health Center

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Cover Photo
by Tom Kelsey
A black student. A white university. There are more problems combined in those two facts than the obvious problems of black-white relations.

Any group is made up of individuals, and blacks are no different. And each individual has his own unique problems. These problems are intensified for a black student at a predominantly white university.

The recent two-part series by Daily associate editor Jim Sweeney pointed this out.

Part of the problem lies with the atmosphere here. As Dr. Don Creek of the Counseling Center pointed out:

"The black student here is definitely unhappy on the basis that there’s a lack of real awareness or sensitivity to the needs and background of the black and the condition he is forced to exist under."

While it isn’t clear whether the lack of awareness is within the institution, or from the people here, it exists nonetheless. One of the problems, as mentioned in the article, was the relatively small concentration of blacks on campus.

Other university within the system, most notably Cal State Los Angeles and Cal State Long Beach, have a higher number of blacks and the blacks there seem to be better adjusted to a predominantly white university.

Cal Poly for whatever reason, ranks below (listed volunteer responses) in a survey of universities in the number of blacks enrolled.

What is particularly disturbing about these figures is that this university has a number of programs that are unique to San Luis Obispo and it would seem the black enrollment here would bear these figures out. Unfortunately, they do not.

But the losses of blacks at Poly are not as dismal as they seem—or as they actually used to be.

According to both Check and KPP Director Carl Wallace, the attitudes of whites toward blacks has improved—not that there isn’t room for more improvement—but enough to lead these black leaders to give an optimistic opinion.

Racism exists. Sometimes it is present itself in the form of theusher who will not give the grade the black student deserves.

In other instances it takes less subtle form like walking longer to be served at a restaurant or looking around classes and finding no whites sitting next to you.

If the recent series did anything, it brought the problems of blacks out in the open—which is a good place to start correcting them.

Something is obviously amiss in the riches of nations when one of five Americans—or more than $3 million—is considered functionally illiterate. To most, at least we are beginning to realise it.

The findings of a study conducted for the U.S. Office of Education by the University of Texas don’t mean that many people can’t read or write their name. The problem discovered in the attempt to redefine literacy and measure the competence to function in an adult world is that about 80 percent of adult Americans are unable to do such things as read help wanted ads, count money and make change and understand credit systems.

The U.S. may pride itself on its compulsory schooling but the study found the functionally incompetent were likely to be undereducated. They were also profiled as being older, less-skillled and perhaps unemployed and living in poverty.

We are not alone in this problem. By coincidence, at around the same time the U.S. survey results appeared, the British were reading that there are 2 million functionally illiterate adults in England and Wales. Some cannot read or write at all; some have a reading age of between 7 and 8; the rest have major difficulties with both skills.

The London weekly The Economist reported that while hard evidence is lacking, some employers have the impression the problem is growing—that more children are leaving school ill-equipped to read job advertisements, fill application forms or, if they get over these hurdles, read safety signs in factories.

The dimensioned the problem in this country urges us to re-examine the academic standards which allow so many to be so unprepared to face the challenge of the outside world. It also offers strong support for maintaining adult education courses which emphasise the basics and avoid low-cost instruction on macrame, belly dancing and the like.

Effective next month, 16 and 17-year-olds in California can leave school provided they pass a 100-questions examination designed to test their ability not only to read and write but to reason. State Schools Chief Wilson Riles plans to ask the legislature to require future high school graduates to demonstrate a similar level of literacy and competence. Both are moves in the right direction.

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A Tour Of Diablo Disneyland

by FRED PULIN
Daily Californian

When Diablo Canyon is mentioned in a conversation, the talk usually turns to future energy, waste disposal or radiation. Public relations workers wander into the discussion.

But for a group of some 30 Poly mechanical engineering students who toured the Pacific Gas & Electric power plant at Diablo Canyon last week, public relations became almost as important as the scientific data they explored.

"Touring both the Nuclear Information Center (just off Highway 101) and the two units at Diablo Canyon, the Poly students and they were impressed—although some in different ways than others."

One of the students decrying the 'discovery' of the tour was "A combination mini-Disneyland-PA package with 14 million insignificant facts about Diablo Canyon."

The mini-Disneyland the students were referring to was the first part of the tour—the Nuclear Information Center. Tastefully decorated in different shades of purple and blue, the modern-style interior gave one the impression of being in a science museum rather than the student entertainment with the push buttons displays that explained the safety, efficiency and economy of nuclear power.

After the future engineers had their fill of flashing light bulbs, reactor models and sea life at both 54 degrees and 72 degrees, the next stop with the Information Center was the "PG&E Future Clock."

Set 10 years in advance to show the need for energy development, the "Clock" students encountered was a slide show shown on eight different screens.

More than one individual on the tour was heard to say, "It looks like a small-scale version of "America the Beautiful at Disneyland.""

Which prompted another student to lament: "I bet ya. It really does look like a mini-Disneyland."

Even the voice in the exhibits sounded like the Monsanto ride voice. In fact, the Astroturf displays looked like the kind in the Monsanto exhibit.

The next part of the tour was the Nuclear Theatre. It was the same person (who did not want his name used) who earlier had made the Disneyland analogies. According to Lyle, the group boarded a PG&E bus and headed for the Nuclear Information Center.

Also a slide show, the theme behind the Nuclear Theatre centered around the taxpayers of history who had detracted from the experiment in the opening verses of the "Donavan" song tone at the time of the practical application of fire.

The historical lenses of the slides hit home with one of the members of the audience who later decided, "Hell, it's just like Disneyland—complete with its own GE without the Pj Carousel of Progress."

It was the same person (who did not want his name used), who earlier had made the Disneyland analogies. Leaving the Nuclear Theatre, he said: "It's got a definite middle-class bent. They talk about greater physical comfort and how we have to grow—own cut back."

With the end of the slides, the tour guide, a PG&E employee named Lyle, explained to the group some facts and figures on nuclear reactors.

One student had asked about a certain type of pipe that was used in the power plant and Lyle responded the pipes had been improved.

According to Lyle, the copper pipes in question which had been used last year, had proven dangerous to certain species of marine life. But PG&E was taking this number of deaths which were a result from the oxidation in the pipes.

After the brief lecture by Lyle, the group boarded a PG&E bus and headed for the two units near Avila Beach.

For over two hours Lyle distinguished himself as a compendium of nuclear knowledge—quoting depths, lengths, heights, weights, hours, dollars, inside diameters, outside diameters, perimeters, years and kilowatts to show how safe, economical and feasible the two units would be when they're completed.

As the group of students followed Lyle from floor to floor and unit to unit, he gave ample time for questions before pushing off to the next part of the tour. And as soon as the questions were asked, Lyle (continued on page 8).
Whats the Dope On Drugs? State Saves

**Legislation**

**Will Lower**

**Drug Prices**

Prescription drug users here and throughout the state will get a big financial break Jan. 1 when legislation allowing pharmacists to substitute lower-priced "generic" drugs for more expensive brand-name products takes effect.

Supporters of the bill (AB 193)—introduced by Assemblyman Barry Kerer (D-Farlands), and backed by the California Pharmacists Association—said it may save consumers as much as $45 million a year.

The measure is legal for drugstores—on the consumer’s request—to use their own judgment in deciding to fill a prescription with a generic drug or a brand-name one. Previously, the pharmacists were bound to follow doctor’s orders exactly on drug prescriptions.

Not all drugs, however, can be prescribed generically. Manufacturers, they said, are dealing with prescriptive drugs in wholesale quantities and at wholesale rates to state institutions like the Health Center. The result is that the state gets the drugs at a bargain often less than half the price charged to retail pharmacists.

For one thing, students, theoretically, have already paid for a portion of the prescription drugs at the Health Center before they ever walk through the door there. Since the center is a state-run operation, taxpaying consumers finance construction of the Health Center and pay for their overhead through property taxes. And a portion of a student's registration fee automatically goes toward the "maintenance" of the Health Center.

Finally, students who purchase Health Center discount cards also help pay for the operation of the Center.

According to Health Center pharmacist Darrel Bennett, Cal Poly prescription drug users won’t notice a drastic savings when the new law takes effect.

He said because of the Health Center’s ability to "shop around" when stocking its drug cabinets (see above story) students already are purchasing drugs from smaller firms that don’t carry a big-name company price tag.

Bennett said the new law would indirectly effect the cost of brand-name products. Because of price competition caused by generally filled prescriptions, he said, the bigger companies will soon become more price conscience and start dropping their prices to avoid losing business.

The biggest savings, however, won’t come through lowered prices but through a curtailment of spiraling costs. Bennett said. According to the druggists, drug prices have been escalating upward recently, but the new law may help to stem this trend, causing prices to level off.

Bennett said the value of the law depends on the "wisdom of students to acquire the doctor and pharmacy in accordance of potential savings." There won’t be any savings," he said, "unless they know as a law is known to act for it.

Students should also make sure the quality of the generic drug is equal to the quality of the brand-name product, according to Bennett.

"You can’t go just by price," he said. "Safety and therapeutic quality matter, too."

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OPEC Fund

VIENNA UPI - The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided Tuesday to establish a $1 billion fund to help developing nations meet the burden of soaring fuel costs in 1976.

An OPEC spokesman announced the agreement at the end of a two-day meeting of finance ministers of the 13 OPEC oil cartel. A communiqué said the aid plan must be approved by the 13 OPEC governments.

A joint American and Italian oil minister said that the OPEC decision was unanimous and all members would contribute to the fund.

Liubon Alert

LISBON UPI - Lusitano troopers put themselves on unauthorized alert in Lisbon Tuesday in reaction to the government's effort to oust military chief Gen. Carlos na Sequeira de Carvalho.

The troops assigned to guard the nation's main broadcasting station announced they were on full alert while other key units in the armed forces issued statements in favor of the leftist general.

Tax Increase

WASHINGTON UPI - The Senate voted Tuesday to establish the nation's only safeguard for anti-missile defense sites in Grand Forks, N.D., but rejected a move to impose a $900 billion ceiling on defense spending for 1976.

The Senate debated the "ceiling amendment" - which would limit defense spending to the level approved by the House Oct. 2, by a vote of 15 to 50.

Finance Committee chairman Sen. Thomas E. Eagleton, (D-Mo.), weakening U.S.

Outdoor Concert

The University Jazz Band-Collegians will be giving an outdoor concert at College Hour, Thursday, Nov. 20, in the University Union Plaza.

Costume Ball

Thirty dollar prices upwards to $800 will be available at the Biennial Costume Ball, Friday, Nov. 21. The ball will be held at the Los Angeles Civic Center.

SAC To Discuss

Unresolved Funds

The issue of $52,000 of unallocated ASI money was brought up on the agenda of the Student Affairs Council on a meeting primarily concerned with unresolved money questions.

The Student Affairs Council has scheduled a meeting to meet at 7:15 p.m. in Room 220 of the Student Union on Wednesday.

In addition to deciding the final disposition of the $52,000, SAC will discuss a proposed policy establishing guidelines for the ASI contingency fund and will decide whether to approve the annual ASI audit for 1975-76.
Tour: The Cast Of Characters
Right Out Of Its A Small World

Nuclear Plant May Have Delayed Reaction

A fuel pellet and unit no.1

Drugs: The Cost Of Competing

Health Center pharmacists...
Running Offense Highlights
Start Of Basketball Season
by JON HASTINGS
Daily Spun* Editor
San l.u.i» Obispo had always been consid­
red a conservative town. The barbers
like to cut hair two inches above the ear,
the football coaches like to run three
straight plays off-tackle and the Cal Poly
committees like to bill Helen Redd­

So, as everything else, Cal Poly basket­
tball team has traditionally fallen into the
conservative mold. But this year could be
different.

Ernie Wheeler's varsity cage team led the
nation in team defense last year. The
problem was the Mustang finished last in
the CCAA conference after winning it just a
year earlier. This year Wheeler plans to
open up his offense and do some running.

Wheeler, who prides himself in team
defense, says this year's team will try and
utilise its quickness by fast-breaking much
more. Anyone remotely familiar with Kal
Poly basketball knows how rare a Mustang
fast-break was last year.

"We have excellent quickness in Brian
O'Flaherty and Bob Nicholson and that is
why we will be able to run more" says
Wheeler.

O'Flaherty and Nicholson are both
sophomore guards who saw varsity action
at (tethmen last year, O'Flaherty was a
part-time starter and Nicholson was
brought up from the junior varsity midway
through the season.

O'Flaherty will be the club's quarterback
and the man in the middle of the Mustang
offense. Nicholson will back O'Flaherty
up at the point and Wheeler could use both
them at the same time when he want! to
run somebody out of the gyr

The other guard spot will be occupied be
Gerald Jones, a six-foot five-inch junior
guard who was first team all conference as a
tophomorr. Jones likes to run and he does
it well.

Even though Wheeler expects to run
more, hit offense won't exactly be pattern­
ed after the Boston Celtics. The Mustangs
will be a well disciplined team who will
put a lot of emphasis on defense. When the
break isn't there they'll back it out and wait
for a good percentage shot.

On defense Wheeler will stick with his
highly successful match-up tone. Poly's
problems will come from inex­
perience and the lack of a real rugged
rebounder. The team will have just two

The conference is the
strongest it's ever been.

The following is a rundown of the
varsity roster:

GERALD JONES: The team's most
talented player. The only returning all
conference player. A six-foot five-inch
junior guard who is a complete player. He
can handle the ball, play defense, score
from anywhere and rebound like a forward.

PAUL MILLS: Came on strong last year.

ANDRE KEYS: A six-foot six-inch
transfer from San Francisco City College.

BRIAN O'FLAHERTY: The team's
quarterback. At five-feet 10-inches he is the
smallest and quickest player on the team. A
rowd favorite who is an excellent passer
off the fastbreak. Might be the team's best
defensive player.

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Cagers: Defense

DAVE ERICKSON: The only senior starter. A great outside shot who started a number of games last year. His biggest problem is a lack of quickness. An extremely hard worker with a great attitude.

BRUCE HERRON: A sophomore up from the junior varsity where he was the M.V.P. Probably the best pure shooter in the program. At six-foot five-inches he will be a swingman. Should see plenty of action, especially when the Mustangs play against zone defenses.

BOB NICHOLSON: will back O'Flaherty up at the point. He has good quickness and he drives to the basket very well, should see a lot of action. He handles the ball well and he plays tough defense.

BOBBY ROBERSON: A junior who played the varsity. A great jumper who plays tenacious defense. Has improved ball handling and shooting. Can play either guard position.

JEFF KARL: Another JC transfer who plays in the frontline. A good strong rebounder who should see plenty of playing time. At six-feet six-inches he is a good offensive rebounder.

MICH COPP: Another JC transfer. Played in the entire year on varsity last year. A good shot who did not receive much playing time. Lack of quickness hurts him on defense.

LESTER ROBSON: The only senior on roster besides Erickson. A good all-purpose guard who is always hustling. Lettered last year. A great ballhandler who can do the job when called upon.

PAT STRALEC: A transfer from Riverside City College. One of the best shooters on the squad. A six-foot one-inch guard who had an excellent JC career.

Riflers
Out-shoot Rivals

The Cal Poly Rifle Team came home with several top honors from the rifle match recently held at the Chabot Rifle Range.

Mike Brown, team captain, placed third overall and second in the Junior Master Division with 760 X18. Debby Ann Chase placed second in the High Lady with 757 X18.

E. MacKenzie placed first in the Senior Marksman Division with 716 X19 and Mark Daniels placed second in this division. Emmanuel Twin paces placed first in the Junior Master Unclassified division with 709 X2 and Steve Harris took the first place prize for the Junior Master Unclassified division.

There were 4 positions, prone, sitting, kneeling and offhand (standing) in the 50 yard match. Entrants used .22 caliber target rifles.

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