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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 black 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 Check 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 fifth (from volunteer responses) in a survey of universities in the number of blacks enrolled.

What is particularly disturbing about these figures is this university has a number of programs that are unique to San Luis Obispo and it would seem the black enrollment here would have been larger figures in.

Unfortunately, they do not.

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

According to both Check and KPPB Director Carl Wallace, the attitudes of whites toward blacks has improved—not so much 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 the student who will not give the grade to the black student deserves.

In other instances it takes less subtle forms. But it is nothing longer to be served at a restaurant or looking around classrooms and finding no whites sitting next to you.

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

Viewpoint

In the attempts to redefine literacy and measure the competence to function in an adult world it 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 illiterate are likely to be undereducated. They were also profiled as being older, unskilled 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 8 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 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 notices 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 to 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 900-question examination designed to test their ability not only to read and write but to understand life in an adult world. It is designed to test their ability not only to read and write but to demonstrate a similar level of literacy and competence.

Both are moves in the right direction.

From the Fresno Bee.
A Tour Of Diablo Disneyland

by FRED VULIN
Daily Californian

When Diablo Canyon is mentioned in a conversation, the talk usually turns to future energy, waste disposal or radiation. Public relationsgolden wands into the dis-

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 were more than others—"One of the students divulced of the tour, "A combination mini-Disneyland-PAR package with 14 million insignificant acts about Diablo Canyon."

The mini-Disneyland the student was 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 touring an art or science museum rather than a holding tank for brochures and pamphlets.

By passing the archeological displays from the Canyon the majority of the students entertained themselves with the push-button displays that explain 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 hear ya. It really does look like a mini-Disneyland."

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Legislation

Will Lower

Drug Prices

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

Supporters of the bill (AB 195)—introduced by Assemblyman Barry Kern, (D-Farba), and backed by the California Pharmacists Administration—said it may save consumers as much as $45 million a year.

The measure makes it legal for drugstores—on the consumer's request—to use their own judgement in deciding to fill a prescription with a generic drug or a brand name one. Previously, the pharmacists were bound to follow doctors' 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.

And when there are differences in the cost of buying a product, it is a sure bet the differences will be reflected on the drug prices when they are sold to consumers.

In a survey conducted by Mussang Daily, it was learned the Health Center prices greatly undercut those of retail drug stores in San Luis Obispo.

The drugs used in the survey were the five most frequently purchased ones at the Health Center. When pricing drugs at the Health Center, differences through student health cards were not figured.

The results of the survey were:

A 25-tablet bottle of tetracycline, and some preventing drug costs $3.00 at the Health Center, while downtown it costs anywhere from $3.95 to $4.95.

A 20-tablet bottle of Penicillin V 200 mg at the Health Center costs $1.80, while ranging from $4.95 to $6.50 off-campus.

A mainelin compound Emeprin in retail pharmacies downtown will cost anywhere from $5.45 to $4.80 while a similar cold aspirin compound at the Health Center is $3.90.

Penicillin-D, a 5-tablet bottle at the Health Center costs $2.00 but off campus ranges from $3.85 to $5.10.

A three-month supply of Diclofen-D downtown ranged from $7.95 to $8.25, but cost only 54 at the Health Center. More pricing does not tell the entire story, however.

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, tax payments finance construction of health institutions 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.

All of these add up to lower operating costs at the Center. And this means the Health Center does not have to worry about marking up its prices by 50 to 60 percent like local retailers do.

The other major factors of the huge price differences between the Health Center and San Luis pharmacies is, of course, the prices charged by the manufacturers.

According to D. Bruce Martin of the Fresno-Madera Pharmaceutical Association, drug companies charge different prices for the same drug depending on who is going to sell them.

"The same drug," Martin (continued on page 6)
VIENNA UPI - The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries decided Tuesday to establish a 91 billion dollar 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 petro oil cartel. A communiqué said the aid plan must be approved by the 13 OPEC governments. President Carter, it was reported, rejected the OPEC decision and all members would contribute to the fund.

Lisbon Alert

LISBON UPI - Leftists put themselves on unauthorized alert in Lisbon Tuesday in reaction to the government's decision to use military troops to guard the nation's main broadcasting stations announced as being on full alert while other key units issued statements in favor of the leftist general.

Tax Increase

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

The Senate defeated the ceiling amendment — which by Californian defense spending to the level approved by the House Oct. 2, by a vote of 55 to 58. Republicans denounced the proposal, offered by Sen. Thomas E. Eagleton, (D-Mo.), as weakening U.S. defenses and abdicating the congressional prerogative of identifying where cuts should be made.

Outdoor Concert

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

Dan Cervenak, publicist and drummer of the band, said the music played will be of the jazz rock-heavy jazz sounds that His bands have been noted for. Cervenak said the band, under the direction of Graduate "Chief" Williams, will attempt to bring an awareness of one of the most involved, intricate forms of music.

Costume Ball

Thirty door prizes waiting up to $600 will be available at the Bicentenial Costume Ball, Friday, Nov. 21. The ball will be held at the Log Cabin located on Broad St. just south of San Luis Obispo.

Tickets will cost $2 per person and can be picked up at the University Union Ticket Desk.

ASET Meeting

The Northern California Representative for the American Society for the Encirniment of Engineering Technicians will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the American Society of Engineering Technicians.

The meeting starts at 7:30 in Room 220 of the Science North Building. The campus chapter of ASET is new this club this quarter and is in need of members. All E.T. majors are encouraged to attend.

Poetry Readings

"Spacedust Struggle" is the title of a poem that will be read by Ahmon at Brown of Howard University and the Witchdoctor Theatre in Washington D.C. Friday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

Earlier that day, Cal Poly's Black Student Union will be doing their own readings in Room 220 of the University Union.

Dr. R.C. Barnes of Pomona College will be completing his poetry reading circuit stretching from Vancouver, B.C., and through the Pacific Coast states, with his poem, "Poetry, Photography, and Fireworks," Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Readings, except for the BNSI session will be held in the Solo Flight Office, no. 6 Tower Building, located at 869 Higuera St.
Nuclear Plant May Have Delayed Reaction

by MARK GROSSI
Daily Bell Writer

Preoperational testing of Diablo Canyon nuclear reactor coolant systems is set to begin Nov. 24—but the reactor startup date, projected as March 1, may be pushed back three months.

The possible startup delay has come about as a result of inquiries by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, according to Lyle La Faver, project information specialist.

La Faver said if the commission was not satisfied that all safety regulations were being enforced, it could delay the startup for up to three months.

However, La Faver said officials are proceeding with all safety regulations were being enforced, it could delay the operational license for up to three months.

The first testing of the reactor coolant system was held in October 1974. However, rust which accumulated in the nickel and copper tubes apparently had a detrimental effect on marine life, according to La Faver.

After an investigation, PG&E was compelled to change to titanium tubes. La Faver said they have no evidence that the titanium will corrode or rust as the nickel-copper pipes did.

He said the switch to titanium carried a $9 million price tag.

"We have a special problem with our cooling system," said La Faver. "Because of the marine environment, the amount of corrosion and rust in the pipes is increased by quite a bit. We had planned to change the nickel-copper pipes in 15 years or so, but our estimate was off."

According to La Faver, the pumps will deliver 155,500 gallons of ocean water per minute. He said the water will be returned to the ocean unchanged except for a 10-degree hike in temperature.


Drugs: The Cost of Competing

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said, will cost a government program $2, a hospital $3, a health clinic $4 and $8 will be charged to a retail pharmacist.

And that is a bitter pill for the local druggists to swallow.

"My customers are paying the damn difference," said Yoder Emil, druggist at Paso Robles pharmacy.

They (the customers) are suffering because of the break in price. The state gives students on drugs due to the purchasing power of the hospital and the pharmacy's benefit from the situation.

"If the students didn't have the luxury of the Health Center pharmacist," James Jones, of Carpenter Drug Store in San Luis, said, "to purchase drugs and medical items, then it would be a lot more needed business coming our way."

"The dollar square in retail pharamacies is being looed not just locally but national- ly as well."

Collectively through the National Pharmaceutical Association, drug stores are lobbying for price control. But local pharmacies are not holding their breath.

"The federal government is working on the problem, but as always it is a lot of talk and very little action," Bob Wise of ADV Drug Store said.

Jones offered another viewpoint.

"Nothing has changed in 30 years and why should it change now," he asserted.

All the federal investigations, inquiries and debate 5000 miles away is nothing more than lip service to local druggists who want serious solutions to the controversy.

"For pharmacists, the foreseeable future shines on legislative solutions to the controversy. No in the meantime, the consumption of drugs destined to cure physical and psycho-psychotic illness continues without change."

And the Health Center remains the saving grace to student drug purchasers.

Spaghetti Feed

KJZO radio station and the Pepper Tree will co-sponsor a spaghetti feeding contest Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Pepper Tree in the Commons.

Ten finalists will be chosen. The dollar square on retail pharmacies is being looked at not just locally but national-ly as well.

Tour: The Cast Of Characters Right Out Of Its A Small World

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was there to provide the facts and figures sufficient for any of the questions asked.

But perhaps the most interesting part of the tour (less for the students) did not, even play a very significant part of the excursion—the PG&E hard hat.

Comments like "We've got to try these hats on" did not, even play a very significant part of the excursion—the PG&E hard hat.

But when the bus came to a standstill, the tour guide, Lyle, put all the speculation to an end.

"Sorry, no souvenirs," Hearing the bad news from the tour, one of the dejected students was heard mumbling to himself: "Damn, at least at Disneyland they give you some kind of souvenir."

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A fuel pellet and unit no.1 (Daily photo by David Wells)
Running Offense Highlights
Start Of Basketball Season
by JON HASTINGS
Daily Spun* Editor
San luis Obispo has always been considered a conservative town. The barbers like to cut hair two inches above the ear, the football coaches like to run three straight plays of tackle and the Cal Poly men's committee likes to bill Helen Reddy.
So, as everything else, Cal Poly basketball 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 Mustangs 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 Cal 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 Cuesta 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 fastbreak. Nicholson will back O'Flaherty at the point and Wheeler could use both of them at the same time when he wants to run somebody out of the gym.
The other guard spot will be occupied by Gerald Jones, a six-foot five-inch junior guard who was first team all conference as a top sophomore. Jones likes to run and he does it well.
Even though Wheeler expects to run more, his offense won't exactly be patterned 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 height problems will come from inexperience and the lack of a real rugged rebounder. The team will have just two seniors and only one of those will start. Senior Dave Kinzie, a five-foot ten-inch guard, will hold down one of the corner spots.
The other starters in the frontline will be six-foot eight-inch Paul Mills and six-foot four-inch JC transfer Andre Keys. All three frontlinemen are offensive minded. The boards will be the team's biggest weakness.
Wheeler, who is in his fourth season as head coach, finds himself with his toughest challenge. The CCAA conference is the strongest it has ever been. Newcomer Cal State Los Angeles, which is dropping down from a major college independent, has enough talent to instill fear in anybody in the country.
Riverside, Pomona and Bakersfield are all planning on big years. But the Mustangs can't be overlooked. They have to be considered a darkhorse in the CCAA, at worst. A tough non-conference schedule should be to their advantage.
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. Started a number of games at the end of the year. A great leaper who is extremely quick for a big man. At six-foot eight-inch he has all the tools. Biggest weakness is a lack of consistency.
ANDRE KEYS: A six-foot six-inch transfer from San Francisco City College. Did not play high school basketball. A quick scorer and rebounder who should improve with every game. Has looked strong in practice. Will be counted on heavily.
BRIAN O'FLAHERTY: The team's quarterback. At five-feet ten-inches he is the smallest and quickest player on the team. A crowd 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 shooter 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 three-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 six-foot one-inch junior who played JV's last year. A great jumper who plays tenacious defense. Has improved ballhandling and shooting. He can play either guard position.

JEFF KARL: Another JC transfer who plays in the frontline. A strong jumper who plays zone defense. Has improved ballhandling and shooting. At six-feet two-inches he is a good offensive rebounder.

MITCH COOK: Another sophomore guard. Played the entire year on JV's last year. A great rebounder who did not receive much playing time. Lack of quickness hurts him on defense.

DEL RITCHIE: The only senior on roster besides Erickson. A good sidelines player who is always hustling. Was one of the best ballhandlers in the program last year. Will get his opportunities.

PAT STRELECKI: 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.

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 740 X18. Defending champion was awarded High Lady with 737 X18. E. H. Makkavia placed first in the Senior Marksman division with 718 X19 and Mark Daniels placed second in this division. Emmanuel Twipping placed first in the Senior Master Unclassified division with 709 X3 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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