Award-winning poet speaks

Jimmy Santiago Baca writes of life, racism

By Jill Newhouse

"Hopefully when you walk away from this room, you'll not just have heard a poetry reading, but you'll have increased understanding in your own life as to how to conduct your life better. That's what poetry is all about." So began the poetry reading by Jimmy Santiago Baca, a leader in the Chicano movement.

Baca, a recent recipient of the American Book Award, spoke to a standing-room-only crowd in the University Union on Thursday.

Cal Poly Professor Alurista, whom Baca called his friend and inspiration, introduced the poet.

Describing poetry as "an indigeneous tradition, a celebration of the spirit," Baca suggested the audience "get up and dance! Yeah! Let your emotions show!"

Baca's semi-autobiographical poetry paints vivid pictures of his life in New Mexico. The poems describe his life and the feelings which he often encountered.

Abandoned at a young age, Baca lived in an orphanage in New Mexico until he ran away at age 11. He got involved with alcohol and drugs and at age 20 was convicted of possessing drugs with intent to sell. He spent four years in isolation at a maximum security prison.

During this time, Baca's self-determination became evident, as he taught himself to read and write.

"I remember distinctly grown See SPEAKER, page 6

On Commitments...

Guest columnist Professor Martin Kaliski addresses the topic of commitments: is society failing to instill the responsibility of honoring the commitments we make?

Hotline provides ear for those who need it

Caller numbers up during finals

By Ken A. Forkus

Sharon Winslow gets anxious every time the phone rings.

As executive director of the San Luis Obispo County Hotline, Winslow worries that the other volunteers may not be able to help the people on the other end of the lines.

But she was quick to point out the training they receive prepares them as well as possible to take calls on everything, from suicide prevention to referral services.

"You have to learn to listen to everything the caller is saying, or maybe not saying," the retired elementary school teacher said. "Calls take on a life of their own. They are all different. Some may call about one thing, but it will turn out that they really need something else."

Winslow, whose husband attended Cal Poly, said many of the phone calls Hotline gets come from students.

"It is a very stressful time during finals ... and we are there for them," she said.

The 24-hour Hotline provides more than just an ear to those who need someone to talk to, Winslow said.

It provides a referral service to non-profit and governmental social service programs — including special ones for senior citizens — throughout the county.

Hotline also publishes two directories — the Human Services Directory and the Support Directory — consisting of all the available county agencies and support groups.

Winslow is a former telephone volunteer with Hotline.

"It has always been involved with people, trying to help people in terms of meeting their needs," she said. "After an early retirement from teaching, I was looking for something to do and I noticed a television commercial that said the Hotline was looking for volunteers."

People interested in becoming volunteers must fill out an application and go through two interviews. The first is a personal interview and the second is a group interview.

After the interviews, applicants attend six workshops that teach how to be an "active listener."

Winslow described an active listener as one who can give complete concentration to a phone call and listen for hints about what may really be needed.

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1,000 amateurs to participate in Bowl-A-Thon

By Ken A. Forkus

About 1,000 amateur bowlers throughout the county will begin collecting pledges for this year's Hotline Bowl-A-Thon.

About 250 teams, comprised of more than 1,000 bowlers, are scheduled to compete.

Hotline has set a goal this year to raise over $115,000, which if reached will make up 70 percent of the organization's budget. Last year $103,000 was collected.

Bowlers will ask sponsors to make pledges based on the total number of strikes they make during the competition for Bowl-A-Thon.

By Ken A. Forkus

For the amateur and pro alike, Cal Poly's myriad of sports clubs invade the U.U. Plaza to show off their stuff.
Lesson in commitment needed

By Martin Kaliski

It has become increasingly apparent to me that we are failing our students in one very important way: We are not teaching our students about the extreme importance of honoring commitments that they make.

This is undoubtedly a societal failing as well (winners of the high divorce rate, but we as Cal Poly should be doing all we can to overcome this flaw in our national ethic.

Let me broach this subject on two fronts — one personal and one professional — so that you can understand my concern about this somewhat better.

Personally, I tried in vain for a month to hire a baby sitter for my children. I posted an advertisement in the campus Placement Center and received a number of phone calls from baby sitters. I was not teaching our students about the importance of honoring commitments in their courses — is such a concept. Why finish a senior project if no one is going to read it?
Soviet news reports UFO landing

13-foot aliens take robot for walk in park

MOSCOW (AP) — A three-eyed alien with a robot sidekick landed by UFO and made a boy vanish, according to a published report Tuesday, and said he was in part misquoted.

"I don't believe all you hear from Tass," Genrikh Silanov, head of the Geophysical Laboratory, cautioned in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Voronezh. "We never gave them part of what they published.

On Monday, the usually staid, official Soviet news agency told the world the charge that confirmed an alien spaceship carrying giant people with tiny heads had touched down in Voronezh, a city of more than 400,000 people 300 miles southeast of Moscow. And then the three-eyed aliens 13 feet tall left the spacecraft, described as a large shining ball, and walked the city with a small robot, Tass reported. A Tass duty officer spoke of the story. "It is not April Fool's today," he said.

The purported close encounter in Voronezh and another last week in the U.S. added to the last weird tale to appear in the Soviet

news media, which under the policy of "glamour" or openness have recently told of other sightings of UFOs and other tales, or abominable snowman.

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San Luis Obispo grows up:
Smog and traffic worry officials

By Marni Katz

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merica's love-affair with cars is beginning to take its toll. The adverse effects of America's vehicle dependency is felt not only in metropolitan areas such as Los Angeles and San Francisco but here in San Luis Obispo. Increasing traffic congestion and unacceptable smog levels have made driving in San Luis Obispo a nightmare. Recently, city smog levels were deemed unacceptable by the state Air Resources Board. As a result, San Luis Obispo city officials are putting more emphasis on public and alternative modes of transportation. The city has allocated money to increase available public and alternative modes of transportation. The funds to expand these alternatives and increase the quality of the transportation system can serve more if people drive to work alone, 83 percent of the people ride the public transit system. But Herron said the system can serve more if people decide to take advantage of it. "People will drive their own cars until it becomes either inconvenient or uneconomical," said Herron, stressing that people will often not stop driving simply to help the environment or community. "What we have here is a result of many years of love of automobiles. People think if they give up their cars they give up their independence. It's like the oil company whose slogan is 'We power your freedom.'

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SLO County Transportation Planner

"But as traffic increases, so does congestion and parking problems, and so does the amount of pollution," he said. Vehicle emissions are responsible for more than 40 percent of the pollutants in San Luis Obispo's atmosphere, according to Larry Alan of the county's Air Pollution Control District. As a result of San Luis Obispo's increasing air pollution level, in June the city was declared a "non-attainment area." Alan said. This means it exceeds levels of pollution allowed under the California Clean Air Act. County officials must now submit a plan to the state Air Resources Board by June 1991, outlining how the county will reduce pollution in the area by 25 percent during the next five years. Alan said the main emphasis of the plan will be to reduce the use of single-passenger vehicles. "To reduce the ozone (pollution) levels, we need to reduce emissions," he said, "and to reduce emissions we need to reduce the number of single-passenger vehicles on the road.

"We're working with (local) planning departments to adopt air quality policies and goals, such as mixed-use development (keeping residences and businesses within walking distance of each other), public transportation and effective bikeway and pedestrian systems."

One proposal, Alan said, would require employers to develop plans for increasing carpooling among their employees. Employers may also be required to help subsidize bus passes for their employees and offer free parking to carpoolers. Both Alan and Herron agree that a key to reducing vehicle use, especially by Cal Poly students, is to encourage bike riding and walking. Alan said Cal Poly's 16,000 students and 3,000 employees are a large contributor to the number of vehicles on the road. "Unfortunately a lot of students prefer to drive to school rather than walk, bike or bus," Herron said, adding that more is being done to discourage people from driving. "There is a major push right now (by city officials) to increase the number of alternatives and increase the quality of the alternatives," Herron said. "Instead of widening the road and building more parking structures, we need to make it safe to get around by bike. It's good for the environment and for the well-being of the people."

Herron advocates bike-riding as an economical, environmentally sound and fun alternative to driving a car. But he said unsafe bike lanes, suffering from lack of funds to build and maintain them, and competition from cars for road space are major deterrents to bike riders in the community. Last year the city allocated $20,000 for bike lanes, which Herron called, "barely enough to keep them swept." In July, however, the City Council approved a $180,000 increase for the building and maintenance of bike lanes.

City Councilmember Penny Rappa said the increase was the result of the council's decision to put its money where its mouth is. "The council has, for a number of years, had a policy of encouraging bike riding as an alternative mode of transportation. But we never put any money behind it, she said. "We finally realized that if we were sincere, we must put some money behind it to make it happen." Rappa said the money, which will come from the city's general fund, may be used for constructing separate roadways for bikes, or improving those already in existence to make them safer from vehicle traffic. She said routes leading to Cal Poly and through the downtown area will be emphasized the most, because these two groups are the most likely to use bicycles as an alternative mode of transportation.

Other changes that may eliminate the use of single passenger vehicles are expanding city bus routes to Paso Robles, Nipomo, Morro Bay and other areas not available to bus-riding commuters, and a push to increase awareness of Rideshare, San Luis Obispo County's carpooling program. The funds to expand these alternatives come from a combination of money from the local general fund, state and federal sources.

According to Herron, the amount of...
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bowling pins knocked down during three games.

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For more information, call 756-2487 or stop at the Poly Royal Office in the U.U.

**Overseas study slides set Thurs.**

International Programs will be presenting a slide show on study-abroad opportunities on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 11 a.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre.

Students can study in over 40 subject areas in 16 different countries around the world, earn Cal poly credit, pay Cal Poly fees and use their financial aid, said Marilyn York, coordinator for IP.

IP also has a table in the University Union Union Plaza every Thursday at 11 a.m. For applications contact York at Administration, Room 317.

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**Speaker**

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upps looming over me as a child, pointing a scaly, yellow-nipped finger in my face and with a cavernous crackly face entonning, "Even God hates you," Baca read.

Baca explained that children have nothing to believe except what adults tell them. "Tell children beautiful things, then consequently you will have beautiful developments," Baca said. "If you tell children bad things, then you have a terrible situation occur."

Often drawing laughter, and sometimes tears from the audience, Baca's poetry spoke of such touchy issues as racism.

In a letter to a friend, Baca wrote, "We are all going to have racism, always going to have levels of horror. You're going to have all that crap when you have people who don't want to sit down and talk. And it's all based on fear."

Baca, a visiting lecturer at UC Berkeley, has more than five books of poetry published and has recently completed his first novel.

He also has written plays in Los Angeles and on Broadway and is currently working on a movie script in Hollywood.

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**BOWL-A-THON**

House mothers or house parents. The school will provide room and board, but volunteers must pay their way to and from Tel Aviv Airport. Volunteers, usually stay for one year, said Wedad Nelson, spokesperson for the house.

The school currently has volunteers from England and Denmark. For more information call Wedad at 549-9940, mornings or evenings.

**Skateboard bash set to raise money**

The Phi-Sigma chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity began its annual "Thrash-A-Thon," 72-hour skateboarding marathon at midnight Tuesday.

This year's event, in the U.U. Plaza, takes place on a newly-designed professional quality 60' by 20' by 11' ramp and includes highlights by several of the nation's top skateboarders. If you are interested in supporting the cause with a contribution to the American Cancer Society, please call Ryan Iwanaga at 549-6255.
Clubs take command of U.U.
Wheelen, windsurfers show what they have to offer

By Robert Grove
Staff Writer

Cal Poly sports clubs held a quarterly sports club day in the University Union Plaza Tuesday.

"It's an opportunity for clubs to show themselves off," said Chris Prevost, president of the sports club council. "We tend not to get a lot of publicity from the school."

Sports clubs are student-run organizations that, although they receive some financial support from ASI, earn most of their funds from membership fees and fundraisers.

There are roughly 28 sports clubs at Cal Poly, said Prevost, ranging from the ski club with nearly 650 members, to the fencing club, which has only about 10 members.

"Today we get a chance to let the students know who we are, get some new members, and have a lot of fun," said Prevost.

Of the nearly 28 sports clubs at Cal Poly, about 15 clubs participated in Tuesday's activities.

"Our club is basically all about cycling," said Roger March, president of the Wheelen club. "We have every aspect of cycling from recreational riding to road racing."

Last year the Cal Poly Wheelen placed first in the collegiate road race time trial, while the women's team placed second.

This year the Wheelen club is receiving much of their financial support from the radio station US91, according to March, "We will still have to do a lot of fundraising."

Some sports clubs are simply there to try and get people interested in a particular sport.

"We're just trying to get people into windsurfing," said Doug Jefrey, a member of the windsurfing club. "We welcome people at any level to join us and have a lot of fun."

The windsurfing club offers everything from one day outings and lessons to overnight trips, said Jefrey.

Although sports clubs do not participate in the National Collegiate Athletic Association, some still compete on a national level with legitimate college teams.

The rugby club has even gone so far as to hire Ian Mallard from New Zealand, who is considered to be one of the top rugby coaches in the world.

An unidentified member of the Cal Poly Wheelen demonstrates to the crowd what his club is all about.
Men's cross country team posts fourth place finish at Stanford

By Rob Lorenz
Sports Editor

Given the choice, men's cross country coach Tom Henderson would rather have his team make mistakes early in the season. That way, the team can learn from the mistakes and correct them in time for regional and national competition later in the season. Although mistakes cost the Mustangs one, and perhaps two, places in the final standings, Cal Poly still made a very strong showing against top-notch competition at last weekend's Stanford Invitational.

"We ran a good race, but not great," said Henderson. "We made one mistake that cost us second place. Nobody but Jim Sorenson 'got out' in the first mile. This course is set up early, and with our group boxed in, we lost too much time."

Despite the early mistake, Cal Poly still managed to finish fourth at the meet, behind only Arizona, UCLA and Stanford, all of which are top-10 teams at the Division I level.

"We were about five seconds back of beating UCLA and Stanford," said Henderson. "We would not have beaten Arizona today, but we should have beaten UCLA and Stanford."

The three teams that beat Cal Poly on Saturday are the only teams to have defeated the Mustangs this season. In fact, the closest Division II team at the Stanford meet was CSU Los Angeles, which finished 10th, 98 points behind Cal Poly.

"We raced well, but not being up front early cost us second, and that is frustrating," said Henderson. "If we are going to do well in the national championship, we will have to get out."

This was a great lesson ... and a good time for the team to learn it."

The Mustangs were led by Jim Sorenson, who posted a time of 24:49 and came in 13th. Rounding out the scoring for Cal Poly were Tim Campbell (24th), Mike Parrott (25th), Scott Peterson (34th) and Steve Neuhaum (37th).

The Mustangs are currently ranked third in the nation at the Division II level, behind defending Division II national champion Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and South Dakota, which place third at the 1988 national championships.

"It is difficult to know what the rest of the country is running like, but I know we will be difficult to beat," said Henderson. "I know we are good. The first two will have to beat us."

Cal Poly will host the SLO In- vitational this Saturday. The races will begin at 8 a.m., with the final race beginning at 11:15. The course is by the Crop Science building, near the intersection of Highland Drive and Santa Rosa Street.

Giants, A's fans celebrate big, look forward to Bay Area series

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Chances of "We want the A's" rang out amid a packed Pat O'Shea's Midhatter bar Monday as disdain patrons roared with their fists in the air and rang up total strangers as Giants clinched a spot in the World Series.

Emotion was equally intense among A's fans on the opposite side of that bay who are anxious for their favorite team to tackle the men in orange and black.

"Everyone was bellowing 'bring 'em on! We're ready,'" said Jerry Pogaci, owner of the Golden Bear bar on Oakland's Lake Merritt, where Athletics' fans massed to watch the Giants victory over the Chicago Cubs on big-screen TVs. "We really want to play 'em to decide once and for all who's best," he said.

"Everybody took a four-hour lunch, from 11 a.m. on we were just packed," said Bobby Ricardo, a member of the family that owns Ricky's, the popular joint filled with giant-screen TVs and dozens of smaller monitors.

"Everybody is just amazed that the dream came true. That it's the A's and Giants. It's once in a lifetime thing. We're all as happy as we could be. No one's going to lose. We've all really won with the Bay Bridge Series."

He said A's fans have been fans PS/2 it!

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Firepower at first base

Clark, McGwire will provide series offensive punch

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Winning is nothing new for Will Clark and Mark McGwire.

Starting Saturday night, much of the attention in the World Series between San Francisco and Oakland will be focused at first base, where the nation first got a good glimpse of Clark and McGwire when they played for the 1984 U.S. Olympic baseball team.

Clark went 9-for-21 (.429) with three homers and eight RBIs for the silver medalists.

On Monday, he singled home two runs with the bases loaded in the eighth inning against Chicago to give the Giants the lead.

“Day in, day out, they have to be a little more patient and not try to get it all done at once,” McGwire said. “Sometimes a single can mean just as much as a home run.”

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**Giants' 'thrill' Candlestick Chevy**

**Clark follows footsteps of Willies: Mays and McCovey**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —** The Giants had the Willies — Mark and McCovey — on hand Sunday to cheer the club's hot team to victory in its last two games at Candlestick Park.

The A's have the power.
ANC leaders to be released, de Klerk says

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President F.W. de Klerk said Tuesday that six Afrikaner National Congress leaders will soon be freed but that Nelson Mandela is not among them.

De Klerk said the formalities may take some time, but all the men had served many years and were quite old.

The guerrilla leaders were among eight prisoners the govern­ment said would soon be released. They were sentenced in 1964.

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people riding buses or carpooling is up, but so is the amount of cars in the area.

"As the number of people in the community increases, so will the number of cars on the road," Herron said. "But things are getting better."

"I am very pleased that transit has extended as much as it has this past year."

"We've seen tremendous progress," he said. "We've still got a long way to go, but I think we're moving in the right direction."

Recluses set rooms afloat, kills self with automatic

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Residents of a rooming house held by an armed man threatened rip through their building, they thought, their neighbor who had frequently delivered threats had finally made good on his promises to them.

Dwight Manning, 33, killed himself Monday when he set fire to his room and shot himself in the head with .45-caliber automatic, police said.

Fumes from the fire built up and blew Manning's bedroom windows, and then ammunition inside began exploding and spread the fire to surrounding apartments.

Neighbors said when they heard the explosion they thought Manning was trying to kill them, because he had frequently hand-delivered threatening notes.

"That was the plan; he wanted to kill my family and the families next door," said neighbor Joe Rivas.

Manning had lived with his mother, Brinia Manning, all his life. Mrs. Manning said her son kept to himself in his room and they weren't allowed inside for 10 years.

Residents of the East Los Angeles building reported the threatening notes, which Manning often delivered wearing camouflage military fatigues, to the police and Mrs. Manning. Manning's mother's threats twice during the week before she was killed.

When police responded to the frantic calls, they ques­tioned Manning about his locked bedroom door and each time he convinced them he was unable to get out.

"The officers had no legal authority to break into that room," said police Sgt. R.D. Johnson. "Nobody, at anytime during the investigation, saw they saw him armed with a gun or knife."

Neighbors said they were not surprised when Manning took his life.
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