Actor focuses on civil rights issues

By Kelly Rice
Staff Writer

Edward James Olmos told a standing room only crowd that there is no such thing as a melting pot — and there shouldn’t be.

The actor and activist kicked off Cal Poly’s Civil Rights Awareness Sunday night in Chumash Auditorium. As he walked out on the stage, Olmos, who gives speeches 150 times a year in the United States and around the world, was greeted by a standing ovation.

Best known for his work on the TV series “Miami Vice” and films “Stand and Deliver” and “American Me,” Olmos spoke about movies or acting but of contemporary civil rights issues he feels are important.

Olmos spoke most about diversity.

“I was born and raised in one of the most unique places on the planet: East Los Angeles,” he said. "I’ve been living there for nine years and I learned that there was no such thing as a melting pot. East Los Angeles prepared me for what the planet will be like.”

Olmos said creating a so-called melting pot of races cannot be accomplished.

“We are all different,” he said. “We’re all diverse. We were meant to be diverse. This country, in 50 years, is going to be a very ethnically country.”

Olmos spoke for more than three hours and answered questions from the audience on subjects ranging from President Clinton to the situation in Bosnia.

The future of society, he said, depends on education.

“We don’t deserve not to be educated — to be the best of our ability,” Olmos said. But, Olmos added, “it’s time for humanities and the arts are taking a beating in these times of budget cutbacks.”

“The arts and the humanities are the first things that are cut out,” Olmos said. For too long, the arts have been the knecrop of the body. A very essential part that is needed for movement, but the arts are really the backbone.

“It is the arts that have been the only thing to communicate culture to the rest of the planet,” Olmos added. “Arts are the single most important advancement of civilization. Fill your soul with the arts.”

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Edward James Olmos

Students: Stay with quarters

Poll shows many are at odds with idea of moving Poly to semesters

By Silas Lyons
Staff Writer

For once, the younger generation is resisting change.

As many of Cal Poly’s administrators and faculty line up to push for some type of semester system, students remain largely faithful to the quarter system.

In a recent, unscientific Mustang Daily poll, 84 percent of 604 students questioned preferred quarters over semesters.

“I really like the quarter system,” said Lisa Schultz, a nutritional science senior. “It’s what I’m used to and work well with.”

Business senior Bob Singh was more direct.

“I think that quarters are much better,” he said. “If you don’t like the class or the teacher you can just put up with it, get your grade, get out of it and forget it forever.

In contrast, an official questionnaire circulated by the Committee to Study the Cal Poly Report reveals that 55 percent of the faculty favored a semester system with summer sessions.

“Calendar changes are a fairly frequent occurrence in universities,” said committee chair Earl Kennedy, director of enrollment support services. “In a quarter system, faculty have to do three complete processes within every academic year. This is a very demanding situation for faculty and staff.”

Cal Poly President Warren Baker commissioned the eight-member committee to prepare a recommendation by the end of spring quarter. After compiling evidence for a 24-page report, the committee voted to rank a switch to semesters as the most ad advisable decision, followed by a modified quarter system, then trimesters.

Modified quarters would probably mean a change in curriculums, not in the actual timetable.

An overwhelming majority of respondents to this Daily’s survey says Cal Poly students would be better for them. That’s a closer look at faculty opinions on the proposed change.

According to the committee’s report, hesitancy on the part of students is to be expected when a change like this is made. The report cites other campuses which have recently undergone similar changes and says the students’ exposure would be better for them.

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Semester advocates blasted the poll, saying many were at odds with the idea of moving Poly to semesters.

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Commission wants to give state legislators a raise

Sacramento, Calif.

The state pay commission says legislators are underpaid compared to other officeholders and should get a raise.

The California Citizens Compensation Commission members said they might make a raise effective in December 1994, when the next Legislature takes office.

The commission did not take a vote Friday, but will make a decision at its June 11 meeting.

The current salary of $52,500 per year could be boosted to anywhere from $60,000 to $72,000 annually, members of the six-person panel suggested. But most of the panelists seemed to favor a salary in the low $60,000 range.

Legislative salaries have been frozen since December 1990 because of the state's continuing financial problems, said Chairman Claude Brinegar.

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Member Steven Hayward said the Legislature is underpaid compared to other state officeholders. The disparity was worsened by Proposition 140, passed by voters in 1990, which took away pension benefits for legislators, but not those of judges and statewide elected officials, he said.

The pay commission, which has the authority to determine salaries of state officeholders, was created by Proposition 112 in 1990. Members must decide by June 30 each year whether there are to be pay raises. If any are granted, the earliest they can become effective is the following Dec. 1.

Members said Friday that they wanted to keep the salaries of Gov. Pete Wilson and other constitutional officers at current levels. But legislators should get increases in one or two steps, they said. It's a two-step increase were approved, it would become effective Dec. 1, 1993, and Dec. 1, 1994.

One of those speaking in favor of higher legislative salaries Friday was Sen. Barry Keene, D-Santa Rosa, who now heads a lawyers' association.

Keele said legislators should be paid about the same as municipal court judges, who make $90,680 annually. But the salary increase should be tied to performance on the budget, he said.

Keele decided to leave the Legislature was based in part on the inability of lawmakers to make the constitution's deadline for passing a budget by June 15 each year, he said.

He proposed boosting salaries, but docking legislators' pay $500 for each day the budget is beyond deadline.

Slain man helped postal worker
San Clemente, Calif.

A mail carrier killed in a shooting at a Dana Point post office knew his alleged killer well and tried desperately to help the man get his life together, the victim's girlfriend said.

Charles Barbagallo, 41, was a peace-loving man who desperately to help the man get his life together, the victim's girlfriend said.

Hilbun was arrested Saturday at a Huntington Beach sports bar, two days after he allegedly killed his mother and opened fire at the post office, killing Barbagallo and wounding another man.

He pleaded guilty Sunday at the Orange County Jail on two counts of murder and three counts of attempted murder.

"Charlie was his only friend," she said.

Hilbun was apparently looking for Springer when he entered the post office Thursday with a handgun.

"The postal people told me that Mark broke in the back door yelled 'Kim! Kim!' and shot Charlie from 15 to 30 feet away, right through the eye," Galletly said.

It was typical of Barbagallo's life. An avid Grateful

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Sacramento, Calif.

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OMLOS

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Olmos said he and his staff began looking for the cleanup efforts after last year's Los Angeles riots.

"I didn't know what to do," he said. "I just wanted to do something to give people a sense of normalcy and start cleaning up." By 10, we had 400 (people)." A tremendous soul was left in that community.

"The atmosphere at a university is better than that in the outside world," he said. "Students are naive to discrimination because they have not experienced the real world."

We need so many people like Cesar Chavez, who died in 1993, Olmos also spoke of the late activist Cesar Chavez, who died in 1993. He will be back in Los Angeles Downtown Los Angeles has never been hand-washed before. "Talk about unity," he said. "Tens of thousands of people showed up and it wasn't in the aftermath...We started cleaning before the National Guard came."

"One man with a broom stopped the worst civil disturbance since the Civil War. I just happened to be that man," said Olmos.

Olmos also spoke of the late activist Cesar Chavez, who died recently.

"We need so many people like Cesar Chavez who are brave people," he said. "Every culture seems to derive one, and he was ours."

"Cesar went to bat for everyone. He just happened to be a Chicano."

Olmos said he believes tolerance is the key to understanding diversity. "I really believe in tolerance," he said. "Everybody is entitled to their own opinion, but everybody's got to deal with it. Understanding is all well enough to know that you have to tolerate of other people's understandings."

Olmos left for Washington, D.C. Monday to speak to a Senate committee on the issue of minority community service.

He is in Los Angeles on Wednesday to help Mayor Ten Bradley with his human resources council.

Olmos gave students two pieces of advice.

"I recommend you mentor a child that isn't your brother or sister," Olmos said. "A great deal of self-worth will come to you and the child."

"And second, be aware of bizarre stories you use out of school with noble causes...Face yourself. Be patient. It's a long road."
In Your Opinion...

This week, students were asked their opinion of Cal Poly President Warren Baker and the job he has done thus far.

He's too distant from the students. He doesn't have a direct connection to the school, to the main student body, not just to the students in ASI. Just the basic student; he doesn't know how they feel.

-- Ali Nekvi
Biochem

I've been kind of out of touch, actually. I've haven't really been paying attention to the politics of the school lately. My general impression comes mostly from what most of the other students are saying. It's a somewhat negative impression, but I can't put my finger on why.

-- Tom Bridgewater
Computer Science

Basically, the only time I've seen President Baker was during W.O.W., when I first got here, and that's about all. I'm in the School of Business, and I put on a luncheon which was a large, professional event. We invited him to come, and he declined that. I'm sure that he would have been helpful.

-- Deborah Sue
Business Administration

I think he should have kept his appointment with the "Dane and Mary J" show on KCPR.

-- Sumaya Agha
Art and Design

The only way to get an impression of Baker is through the paper, for me. I haven't actually gone up to him and talked to him. I don't think he's as bad as everyone thinks he is.

-- Wendy Roper
Graphic Communications

I don't really see too much involvement on his part. I think he's done an okay job. I guess just a little bit more involvement on his part. I remember, when I first started coming here, I knew he was president, but I think the whole time I've been here I've only seen him maybe once or twice.

-- Kevin McClankey
Ornamental Horticulture

Photos by Sherry Gurtler / Mustang Daily.
By Nicole Medgin

A couple nights ago I sat in my friend's backyard, celebrating her birthday. As we enjoyed our slices of cake and talked among ourselves, I became aware of some commotion outside.

I peered out the window and saw a large crowd surrounding two young men, who were, essentially, beating the crap out of each other.

"How intelligent," I thought, choosing to ignore the clamor and return to the conversation with my friends.

The situation became harder to ignore as the crowd grew larger and louder and more people became involved.

"Fuck you," said one guy, and "No, fuck you!" said the other. "You're an asshole," said another equally belligerent onlooker.

These people not only knew how to fight, but they had a good vocabulary as well. It's incredible how creative drunken idiots can be. These are definitely the type of people who thrive on this behavior and think they are gaining respect from others by smashing the hell out of each other's faces in.

The scuffle turned serious; four police cars, a fire engine and an ambulance came and one guy ended up in the hospital. Obviously, you say, there must be a good reason behind the fight. It started because an insult was thrown at someone's girlfriend.

Personally, I think she would definitely the type of people who thrive on this behavior and think they are gaining respect from others by smashing the hell out of each other's faces in.


"You're all acting like a bunch of animals. If at all, it will just cause more problems," said one guy.

It takes a lot more strength to blow off someone who has threatened you or your beliefs. But if you really need to get revenge, the best way to aggravate someone is to ignore them. Smashing someone's face in really doesn't solve anything. If at all, it will just cause more problems.

You'll gain a lot more respect for yourself if you choose to walk away with the scars you have on your body. Don't need to add to it so you can show off your ability to kick the shit out of someone because they crossed you off for whatever reason.

How can anyone with a conscience get pleasure from seeing another human being being gashed and suffering in pain? It is an ugly picture, and those responsible are even uglier, not to mention mindless, arrogant and totally senseless. Wouldn't it be easier, (got to mention less messy) to ignore the drunken fool in front of the house. Great, a fight! The cops were called. Just the week before, a fight broke out at Brubeck's. Someone was being a drunken idiot and someone else took it upon himself to show him how much he deserved by punching him numerous times in the head. Again, the cops were called and peace was restored.

This is where your mentality fits, then move to the zoo.

I have recovered from the insult without her boyfriend having to end up in the hospital. I've had my share of insults tossed at me and my boyfriend has managed to stay unscarred. I'm still recovering, slowly but surely.

Maybe it is just my opinion, but I think the police (not to mention everyone else) in SLO need to realize why it is important to be more of a bubblehead, drunken idiots from making fools of themselves by smashing each other's faces in.

In some ways the police have more important things to do than keeping up the appearance of the community. These guys are killing other children in higher numbers than at any other time in history.

Recent history only emphasizes the fact that we have a lot to learn about tolerance and understanding.

Civil rights is not just tolerance and understanding of the color of other's skins. It is tolerance and understanding of their physical handicaps. It is tolerance and understanding of their sexual preference. It is tolerance and understanding of the age, culture and environment in which people grew up.

Special recognition should be given to the organizers of Civil Rights Awareness Week, who deserve credit for the thoroughness with which they are promoting their cause. Through their well-organized, well-promoted and well-advertised efforts in producing the weeklong event, the committee has performed a clinic on how to execute superior public relations and communications.

Take advantage of the variety of forums and lectures taking place throughout the week on the Cal Poly campus.

Olmos' speech was an example that this is a week to mourn the civil rights we lack, while celebrating the rights we have already achieved.

We all have a lot to learn about tolerance and understanding.

And this is the perfect time to start.

Nicole Medgin is a journalism major with a concentration in media and communications.

-Letters to the Editor-

Thanks to all

I would like to take this time out to thank each individual who contributed money and checks Thursday, April 2, to help the Green family from Santa Maria. The grandmother of the kids that were involved in the car accident that left a little boy dead, and his sister, who is in the hospital in critical condition, would like to thank each one of you for your donations and contributions.

May God bless you.

Clarence Gray

Home and Community Services
Trinity Hall

More thanks

A great big thank you goes out to all Cal Poly students who helped clean up the area during the "SLO Sweep." The event was a great success among this year due to the involvement of community members such as Cal Poly students. The 1993 "SLO Sweep" was effective due to the enthusiasm and efforts of Cal Poly organizations to clean up the downtown community.

The BIA appreciates all of your hard work for this annual community event. We look forward to another successful year in working with Cal Poly students.

SLO Business Improvement Association
Lynn Block, administrator

Half and half

I don't see why we should choose to constrain ourselves by choosing a quarter or semester system when most courses really don't fit into either system. My point is that the only part of the quarter system that should be retained is the way units are counted (three units for a course X, one unit for course Y). Other than that, let's permit the course length to vary. If a lab course can be done in six weeks, so be it. If a harder course needs 12 weeks, so be it. If a course is fractured (instead of the usual 10 weeks), this should not be a problem.

We now live in a society where tolerance is so low that any third world government bureaucracy would be envious.

And this is the perfect week to start.
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HAPPENING ON CAMPUS TODAY

"The Struggle to Preserve Chumash Sacred Sites in SLO County" Lei Lynn Odom is the Cultural Resources Director of the Northern Chumash Council. Sponsored by Students for Social Responsibility, UU 219, 11-12

"Cal Poly and the New Ethnicity: Giving it Shape, Giving it Voice" A discussion of ethnic studies at Cal Poly with: Christopher Yip (Arch), Brad Grant (Arch), Will Coleman (Ethnic Studies), Don Chan (Education), Arthur Byrd (Hancock College). UU 220, 12-2

"Hidden Minorities" A political minority is any group not extended the same rights and privileges as the majority. The civil rights movement, by this definition, still has a long way to go. Richard Kranzfeld, UU 219, 1-12

"The San Luis Obispo County Ethnic Minority Advocacy Network" The network was organized in 1987 to address the health service needs of the growing ethnic minority populations in San Luis Obispo County. Francheille Ellison, UU 219, 23

Local artists Sherry Lewis and Jack Antonius will display their work form May 7-May 16 in UU near the Information Booth. They will comment on their paintings from 6-7pm today.
The Minor Leagues: Where dreams live and die

By Kevin Bolinger
Staff Writer

The Minor Leagues:

It is the childhood dream of many American youngsters to play professional baseball. For most, it remains just a dream. But for a select few, the chance to work your way to the top of professional baseball is a reality.

The structure of professional baseball is like no other major sport in our country. Currently, the dream is alive for thousands of young men who play under the minor league system.

There are presently 28 major league teams in the United States and Canada. Each team has a farm system where they cultivate young talent; this farm system is considered in the minor leagues.

The system is separated into four different skill levels — the rookie league, Class A, Class AA and Class AAA, with some levels subdivided into other tiers.

It is a common misconception that life in professional baseball is easy. In reality, the exact opposite is true.

Life as a minor league baseball player is extremely difficult and very lonely. Three major reasons for that are the adjustment away from home, the realization that baseball is now a job, and the immense amount of competition.

The obstacles may be numerous and the challenges great, but if you ask any ballplayer, they will tell you that there is nothing better in the world.

Pro ball possible for four Mustangs

By Chris Rogers
Staff writer

Punches named CCAA's best

By Christopher Black
Sports Editor

Six Cal Poly Mustangs received honors for their outstanding softball season from the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

Natalie Boulware was named CCAA's batting champion, Angela Mycock of Denver was named CCAA's best pitcher, and Angela Mycock of Denver was named CCAA's best pitcher.

The Mustangs, who went 4-1 in last weekend's conference tournament, end their season 35-16 overall.

Cal Poly's 17-7 conference record placed the Mustangs second in the San Francisco California Collegiate Athletic Association for the second straight year behind Cal State Bakersfield.

Washington, Swank said, not having a specific home run was once in a while in baseball.

"I was used to a lot of family support," Swank said. "My parents never missed a game since I was in Little League so not having them around was a new experience."

Lonely or not, all minor league players must come to the realization that baseball can no longer be looked at the same way. It is not as fun and games.

Another realization that many minor league players never get over is the extreme amount of competition that they're up against.

Nearly every player states that they're up against someone else with a minor league is the long bus ride.

Traveling to other small cities for games includes rides of up to 20 hours, sometimes taking place in unbearable heat, and with the trips leaving bruises and pains that come with playing. The trips leave something to be desired.

Jewell said that he would climb up into the luggage rack on the back of the bus to sleep.

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Baseball: Just the mention of the word strikes a chord of nostalgia in nearly every American.

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