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Ethnic Studies Lecture
Gerald Haslam, professor of ethnic studies and English at CSU-Sonoma will speak on "The Complexion of California Literature."
Haslam is a teacher and writer and he is well known for his studies about the ethnic people of California.
The lecture is today at 3 p.m. in Room 220 in the University Union. The speech is part of the Ethnic Studies Department's 1994-1995 lecture series entitled 'Ethnicity and the American West.'
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Dune Dwellers: Chumash and Dunes • A nature walk to learn about the Chumash. Meet at the end of Pier Avenue in Lecano.

GATT: Lamb-dance Congress passes agreement that extends trade rules

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worldwide, extend the rules of world trade to new areas such as agriculture and services and create a new, more powerful World Trade Organization to referee trade disputes.

Supporters said the trade agreement, which took seven years to negotiate, would mean lower prices for Americans on everything from computer chips to chocolate and would boost American companies and farmers by lowering the trade barriers they face overseas.

However, opponents charged that lowering U.S. barriers would mean America's factories would face even more competition from low-wage foreign workers. They also said the new WTO would represent an unprecedented infringement on America's sovereignty, and they accused supporters of railroad ing the legislation through the lame-duck session.

"What a tragedy that we cannot fully debate the surrender of America's authority..." Mary Kaput Ohio Congresswoman

The administration sought to stress Clinton's bipartisan approach in crafting a model for how he will deal with a Congress next year that will for the first time in 40 years be controlled in both the House and Senate by Republicans.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole, who announced his opposition last week, said from Brussels, Belgium, that he believed the Senate would pass the deal in a close vote.

The GATT debate marked the first time in 12 years and only the 10th time since 1940 that Congress has returned after the November elections to take up legislation.
Some say the push to diversify corporate America unfairly slants job opportunities toward minorities. But on the flip side, many who benefit worry they aren't chosen for their personal qualifications.

Osuna said that because of this, she knows she will make a good employee.

"If they hire me on the basis of who I am, that's their problem," Osuna said. "If I find out that they hire me because of that and they give me this menial, trivial job to do, then I am going to quit. I am not going to put up with it."

Osuna said her strong will and confidence comes from her upbringing. A lot of her values, she said, come from her tribe, the Diegueños from the mountains in the Southern California town of Julian. She has always been taught to be open with her feelings.

And that philosophy helped Osuna this summer when she interned at the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. The job is graduating into something more than 25 Native American college and graduate students from across the nation.

That was a really good experience," Arroyo said. "But the program did not account for the fact that we could speak English or go to the grocery store. It turned out to be a fight for all of us. Basically, what would happen — not with my internship, but I would set the tone. I was put down and given menial jobs — it's food and cash registers and everything.

"I guess the fact that a lot of people saw me stereotyped as the white way they were in Los Angeles — that would be wrong," Arroyo said. "People think we still live in tepees," Arroyo said. "People know because they don't teach about it, but they say, 'That's wrong.' It's wrong, and I'm not going to put up with it."

This summer, Arroyo and her colleague experienced this summer comes from a lack of education about Native Americans.

"I think because of this, they have similar worries. But what did all those students do is that they exterminated and you have to put in all the time and effort to get a job."

Arroyo said the deeper problem is that corporate America does not have a good understanding of the United States.

"If someone is a white male, that person is going to be given the job because he or she is a white male," Arroyo said.

"That was a really good experience," Osuna said. "But the issue is that, not they."

"I know because people don't teach you about this," Arroyo said. "I feel like I have been in the white world, and I feel there is less racism from the younger generation," he said. "But when I get to work, people may keep my eyes open. There are certain classes, and you will never see people in terms of hiring minorities and things like that."

While many minority students feel that they have been open about their concerns with their employers, white students were not as vocal.

"We really haven't gotten it because we thought our sex would be an advantage," said business senior Mike Road. "I felt like, if I was a better candidate, you will get the job. I think a lot of times a minority is looking for a certain race or gender, so you may want to look where someone chooses an employee based on their ability.

Food science sophomore Dan Nickerson said that people are looking for quality isn't an issue that worries him.

"I have never thought a lot about it," Nichols said. "Even at my own hometown, there was no conflict. We have always been open about it because we never had any problems."

Everardo Martinez-Inzunza, the president of Cal Poly's Multicultural Programs and Services, said while students may be reluctant to talk about the issue of racism, they don't see workplace equality as a big problem.

"I feel that sometimes when you go into an internship, it feels like they have to fill a quota," he said. "I don't think that they will look at me for qualifications."

Beaudry said he thought about this when he interned with IBM in San Jose during the past two summers. Although he was qualified — he maintains a high GPA and is active in campus activities — Beaudry said he wonders if race was an issue.

"So what do we have to decide is what kind of internship I take now on, I am not going to make no sense for an issue," he said.

Summers said he has faced some of the same problems. Summers — who was hired last year — is the first African American in the Department of Agriculture.

"Every place that I have worked, you can't help but feel like a token," Summers said. "The reason why I saw this is because you can't help but wonder, why you even went through the process."

"I don't want to be ghet­tonized," Summers said. "I said that far too often, minority employees are thought of as only being experts on issues concern­ing their ethnicity. Summers said not to hire minority An­ American, but he also is working on his degree in English and working in the writing center."

"But at the same time, I want to be recognized for what I am bringing to the table, not just for my organization," he said.

Beaudry said that problems said by others, like this, as well as the lack of diversity in the workplace, still need to be worked on.

"It is still an issue," he said. "But I still need minority representation. And what is not going to happen after that is regardless of who you are a member of a particular minority group, you're not going to be treated differently because they have hired people like me, but the people aren't giving you the attitude like, 'You don't belong.'"

Nevertheless, Beaudry said the tides of unfair hiring prac­tices.

"One thing that I can say is that I feel like people are more tolerant. But it is like less racism from the younger generation," he said. "But when I get to work, people may keep my eyes open. There are certain classes, and you will never see people in terms of hiring minorities and things like that."

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Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Felix Navidad or Happy Holidays — anyway you say it, the holidays are here. This is the season to be jolly! Time to be with family, time to receive gifts, time to share the love of shopping traffic. Steering through stores, I rack my brain to find the perfect gift. Many say that the holiday rhythm is the winter. I dream of that ever warm California red colors. Walking down the street, I crunch them underfoot, I don't care if someone has a conscience-boggling Christmas tree or disagreement. I never visit Salvation Army people ringing their bells. I always thought that they should have kazoo. Then they could hum holiday songs and be a besa kindred soul. Of course, we haven't taken those finals yet. As I say goodbye to my friends here, I'll make sure to wish them a safe trip and a happy holiday.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it is impossible for Mustang Daily to contact opinion writers to confirm authenticity if they are not listed in either the ASI Directory or the "411" information system. It is quite likely your opinion will be set aside if we cannot reach you. Therefore, it is vital you include your name, major, years and a phone number where you can be reached and sign (in hand-writing!!) your commentaries and letters.

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**LETTERS**

**Aradarius, Daily border on treason**

"Life in Anzioville," Nov. 21

I find the words of Mustang Daily columnist Aradarius McDonald intriguing. Some have a conscience-boggling ring of truth; others are riot-inducing and government-overthrowing.

The last three paragraphs of his most recent piece fully meet the definition of sedition and come very close if this one-sided written barrage continues, where are the written rebuttals from professors teaching ethnic culture, history, journalism, philosophy and government? If this one-sided written barrage continues, where are the written rebuttals from professors teaching ethnic culture, history, journalism, philosophy and government? These might serve to provide some balance of journalistic balance and voice of reason. I am writing under the assumption that Mr. McDonald has been attending this university (offered by a "sick ... demented ... so-called ... Amerikkkan ... society" — at significant public expense, and perhaps receiving all the benefits while shackled!)

Our country is certainly no Utopia, it can withstand non-violent change and improvement. I seriously doubt that this destruction on the "battlefield" will result in an improvement in our society. Rather than residing in the past and sustaining the inflammatory rhetoric of an angry and rigid youmise and whitenblack dichotomy, we should recognize multiple white/black dichotomy, we should recognize multiple people. Trying, on an overall level, to satisfy everyone — which is impossible to do, there's no such thing as being correct all around. And if you see things that need to be changed, please talk to your representatives."
BELONGING: Cal Poly's Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United organization helps gay and bisexual students feel welcome

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like the GLBU. Lee, a biochemistry senior, said the club is open to anyone on campus. Club members meet weekly to discuss topics like safe sex, coming out and other gay-related issues.

"The last few years we've been more of a social club," Lee said. "But now we're trying to become more educational, more businesslike." Lee said that the GLBU is aiming to break the conservative attitude barriers by becoming more active on campus and in the community. One way it has done this is by working with other gay organizations in San Luis Obispo in forming awareness panels for Cal Poly students.

"(Students) may not walk away from the panels totally accepting of homosexuals," Carl said. "But at least they have a better understanding of who we are." The GLBU has organized with members from the local chapters of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance (GALA) and from Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) to speak to students in the dorms.

Mary Kay Johnson, a member of GALA and the co-creator of Breezes — the only gay bar in San Luis Obispo — said both heterosexual and homosexual Cal Poly students frequent her bar.

"They'd say to me, 'Tell me how to survive this semester.'" she said, because there was nothing the administration could do.

People come here from conservative families and groups," Johnson said. "They'd say 'No, maybe you do!'" DeGraaf said, adding that he extensively researched the club's history when he was an officer of the GLBU last year.

He said in 1972 Cal Poly President Robert Kennedy was used by ASI on behalf of the just-forming Gay Student Union. Four years and two court appeals later, the administration was required by the state attorney general to give the GLBU the bylaws of the club.

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Of course, had the team not already cringe at the mention of Mustang, the name would conjure up mixed feelings among the 200 fans who ultimately hunkered down to watch the thrilling scoring event of the season.

When I think of running, I always thought Andre was personable, but really. Wow. Against Southern Utah on Oct. 19, Andre and Company sealed the American West Conference title with a win over Southern Utah.

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The Best Athletes in a Sport I'd Least Like to Compete In

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Looks like a Vivarin night.

It's 10 PM. You've crammed for finals all week. Took two today. And now you've got to pack an entire semester's worth of Philosophy into one take-home exam, in one night. But how do you stay awake when you're totally wiped? Revive with Vivarin. Safe as coffee, Vivarin helps keep you awake and mentally alert for hours.

So when you have pen in hand, but sleep on the brain, make it a Vivarin night!

Revive with VIVARIN!
Fencing with the swords of equality

By Mike Stegler
July Staff Writer

On a campus known best for agriculture, the word fencing probably conjures up images of barbed wire and working under a hot sun.

To a group of 35 or so students who comprise the Fencing Club it is a sport that, according to biochemistry senior Jason Wu, combines aspects of ballet, chess and boxing.

"It's a mental strategy game," said Wu, the club's president. "Though footwork and endurance are crucial, there are three disciplines in the sport — foil, epee and saber — each deriving its name from the type of sword used and the corresponding style of fighting.

Foil primarily uses a stabbing motion and the only point scoring target on the body is the torso. Epee is the best for agriculture, the fight, and incorporates slashing motion. Sabre as they square off. The club’s women’s foil team, which has one — me."

The club also needs more equipment. They currently use equipment left over from when Cal Poly had a NCAA team.

"The new team requires four groups — men’s foil, epee, saber and women’s foil," said Carmel said the club tries to attend a tournament every three weeks or so.

Biochemistry senior Kelly Natvidad (foreground) and microbiology senior Jason Wu use their sabres as they square off. Daily photo by I. Scott Robinson

Fencing, according to electrical engineering sophomore Miguel Mendez, is a sport where rules and traditions govern the confrontations. Participants wear metal plates under their protective gear which detects hits by the opponent’s sword. The club’s matches typically last to five points, though some competitions go to 15 points.

"When one combatant extends to attack the other, you are free to move the way rule. After a successful parry you are free to move offensively. More so than in the other two disciplines, the action at least in foil — is more like the offenses and defenses of chess," said Carmel.

The club is seeking more members and is always looking to recruit new members, including the president. To date the club has had about 75 people join, but only 30 are active in the sport.

Men’s hoops hosts USD tonight

DOLLY STEFFEN

Cal Poly’s men’s basketball team will host its first ever Division I home game tonight at 7:30 p.m.

While they won’t have to play a team like Boston College, they did face a tough opponent in the Mustangs, who had 21 points, 12 rebounds and a trio of 10-pointers in the win.

On the Cal Poly side, the NCAA has yet to rule on whether the program is div. 1 or div. 2. Meanwhile, the team is looking to improve its record at 1-1.

"It was a tough game, but we came out with the win," said Cal Poly (0-2) was led by senior guard Christine Redniss’ 10 points. "The Mustangs dominated the game from the start and never looked back.

The M ost Fun While It Lasted

The women’s soccer team moved to the Division I, but it was easier than the highest-stripping exit of retaining Mustang Daily editors on the final day of publication. (I’ll get a crack at this one very soon).

With a 14-3-2 record, the team surpassed everybody’s expectations, with the possible exception of their own. "It all ended abruptly, though, when the team’s dreams were snuffed out of the field," said Petersen.

An NCAA selection committee didn’t award the Mustangs with a berth in the Division I playoffs. The committee said Cal Poly’s schedule was not as difficult as some of the other teams who were selected.

"I feel like I ought to head up to the chalkboard in the Mustang locker room and write ‘I will never leave a Cal Poly Poly football game early’ 100 times, meanwhile being spot on and dodging equipment/helmets/fists of unsympathetic football players. I’m sorry, okay? I’m sorry."

The Buckaroo Scandal

As Cal Poly rolls towards the conclusion of its historic first Division I quarter, the Mustang Daily is pleased to announce the winner of the first ever annual Baseline Awards.

The awards are unlike any others given in the universe, because they are voted on by a committee of one — me.

Now, I don’t have the best judgment of who the gods of the Cal Poly sports world are, but I can honor the most memorable achievements in events that took place during my brief but enjoyable tenure as the Daily’s sports editor.

There was one particular night in mid-October, when the stars were aligned right and the gravitational pull on the campus was just right.

It was on the night of October 15 that more memories were made, and more importantly, four Baseline Awards were given — so that where we’ll start.

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