Poet Al Young talks to English students  

By Erin Massey

Poet Al Young talks to English students Friday night in the University Union. Young read poetry and sang Friday night in the University Union. / Daily Staff Writer photo by Gordon Wong

Women's Week

MONDAY, FEB. 13

Peace Pilgrim — 75,000 Miles On Foot — For Peace. Arno Dorian
12-11 a.m., U.U. 220

Feminism and Chicanismo, Sonia Garza
10-11 a.m., U.U. 219

Taking the Adventure: A Fresh Look at Creativity in Problem Solving. William F. Dexter
11-12:30 a.m., U.U. 219

Ask Us Not to Forget: Women and the Memory of the Civil War. Arlyne Epic
1-2 p.m., U.U. 220

Women Harmonizing with Personal Growth, Academic Involvement and Community Participation. Alexander Castellano, M.D.
1-2 p.m., U.U. 220

Women's Ways of Learning: Gender Differences in Learning Styles. Suzanne Fritz
1-2 p.m., U.U. 220

The goal for this year's program, similar to previous years, is to put the limelight on women and let them have center stage.

"There is a real need for an emphasis on women," Harris said. "Especially in a technical school (like Cal Poly) where there is generally male dominance." This program was created to help women take pride in themselves and enjoy being women, Harris said. It is designed to examine all facets and learn about the positive aspects of feminine life. Harris added that she hopes men will attend and learn from this program as well.

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CSU budget cuts

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Sisterhood Summit cancelled: timing, student apathy to blame

By Rodney de la Cruz
City Staff Writer

In celebration of Women's Week, a summit was scheduled Saturday to discuss the daily issues that impact African-American women.

However, the first day of Summit for Sisterhood was canceled after a main speaker dropped out at the last minute and only one guest showed up.

One scheduled speaker said the lack of attendance seemed to reflect a general attitude of apathy at Cal Poly.

Kenza Brown, off-campus vice president of the African-American Student Union, organized this year's summit with the theme "To be a Woman Sublime." She said she was baffled by its results.

"I'm not really sure why people didn't come," Brown said. "I think the weekend isn't really the right time."

The summit went through last-minute rescinding, starting at 2 p.m. instead of noon because Anna McDonald, Cal Poly's affirmative action director, couldn't be in town to speak. She was called to Sacramento by the state legislature, Brown said.

The only person to attend, electrical engineering sophomore Darnika Riley, was disappointed no one else came. She said the change in this year's format caught people by surprise, and that last year's topics were more broad, so that people would attend the summits that appealed to them most.

"I feel bad that people didn't think that it (the summit) was important enough for people to show up," Riley said. "It's really hard to look at this to go down the drain. Kenza worked so hard."

Riley said another reason for the low turnout was that there are only 295 African American students at Cal Poly. With numbers that small, it's hard to get a big turnout for activities, she said. She added that Brown had to accomplish a lot on her own.

Karmen Johnson, an architecture senior, said she attended this year's summit. But she said last year's summit was more convenient because meetings were held on weekday evenings after classes were over.

"If it were my program," Johnson said, "I would have believed it was very disappointing."

Although Brown had been planning this event since August, she remained optimistic. But a luncheon scheduled for Sunday also failed to attract a crowd.

"I think that it was a positive turnout; the strength was there," she said. See SUMMIT, page 3

Every student has creative ideas that get trodden down by criticism, as we try to go light on criticism."

Jean DeRham is a first-year lab tutor and English graduate student. She said the lab helps students get the most from their classes.

"Some students get a better understanding of how their classes work," she said. "Especially the ones we see a lot, English and speech. They get an overview of what professors expect of them as students of the university."

Today's weather: showers

Today's high/low: 58/47

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the integrity was there," Brown said. "And even if one person showed up and got something out of it, that makes me feel happy."

While the luncheon featured Elena Featherston, a writer, filmmaker and activist, only 21 people received her speech.

"Even though we had a monstrous turnout, the women that are here, the people that are there — they felt it and what it's all about," Brown said. "I was already happy to get up with (all the planning involved) but I am not defeated," she said. "I'm not going to give up."

Brown said she will try in the future to schedule another summit, but not this quarter. She said hopefully she would have more help or help someone else get it done.

Trish Stewart, Academic Skills Center coordinator, was scheduled to speak on women's health and sexual history. She said the summit would have given the women attending an opportunity to think about empowerment for themselves that they could get more out of their education.

"I don't think if women, they don't know a lot about their history or their roots," Brown said. "It is ground that Cal Poly hasn't really performed a lot of work in, except for the Women's Week which they've sponsored in the past few years.

Stewart linked the summit's failure to the school's own gender.

"Cal Poly is not a very vocal campus anyway, so to get a small turnout is not uncommon," Stewart said. "Our campus typically really has never been that vocal. They may never get involved in issues. With the budget being decreased, maybe it might put them under stressful conditions."

Pat Harris, Coordinator of Women's Programs, was disappointed that the students missed on a speaker that could make a difference to their lives.

"I wouldn't say that they'd have to realize that people are musing over when they could spend an hour in there and come away with something that could affect them for the rest of their lives."

English senior Maya Andlig said, having coordinated events similar to the summit, anyone had put this speaker outside of San Luis there would have been a room full of people.

"I think that the students just don't see the value of anything that's not a normal academic," Andlig said.

Donna Davis, career counselor for Career Services, said Cal Poly has not been a politically-active school. Davis was to have given a lecture on career preparation.

"I guess the main thing is that both the awareness to African American women that this being important. (in month, let your focus be on preparing yourself)," Davis said. "Not just from an vocal event standpoint, but also in your career (and) what you can do when you get out of Cal Poly."
**Women should be celebrated, not censored**

By Maya Andlig

In a day and age where the media abounds with photos of naked women including Dene Moore pregnant and naked on the cover of Vanity Fair, I thought American society had gotten over the shame of the body — that we finally admitted, yes, under all of these clothes we all have naked bodies! Stores even sell "Dress up David" refrigerator magnets, making a joke of our previous inability to deal with what is an unquestionable masterpiece.

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I wish that all the people who have found such offense in the poster were so sensitive while viewing the media. Perhaps they could get rid of the pictures that truly depict the woman as a sex object, as an object of violence, or some subhuman animal creature.

If we could get rid of those attitudes, half the work of Women's Week would be done. Until then, an abstract depiction of a slightly overweight woman, who is not afraid to be content with her naked body, could use the support of all men and women who would like to see the day when all people are treated as unique individuals with ability and talent despite their gender, weight, form, color, or ethnicity.

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in "Foundation: Few show for new duties," Feb. 10

Yet again, Cal Poly Foundation is demonstrating its reluctance to serve the students of Cal Poly. Dan Shemanskie's comment is representative: "Frankly I'm not thrilled with the added work, but I have a job to do and since I'd like to keep it, we'll work things out." Most accounting businesses would be absolutely thrilled to have a new $5 million corporation as a client. Not Cal Poly Foundation. It seems that they are more concerned with keeping their jobs and making them as easy as possible than serving the students of this university.

Where is Foundation's accountability to the most important people here (students)? Maybe this "takeover" could be an opportunity for students to receive some control of Cal Poly Foundation. Cal Poly Foundation should realize the large student relations problem they have, especially at this time, and be working towards a more positive position.

Matthew Hildreth
Architecture junior

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**LETTERS**

**ASI Board should quit whining**

"Board opposes takeover, calls for autonomy," Feb. 10

I find it ironic to see an article in Mustang Daily reporting the opposition of the ASI Board of Directors toward the decision made with the Foundation, following the day an editorial told the board to attend meetings and do their job. As I see it, the decision has been handed down and now the opposition is followed.

To the board, I want to say: quit taking the situation as personal in your zealousness. The fact is that this is really a much larger problem than anyone is taking about. This problem has been snowballing for years and it is about time that the university did something about it. There is no need to look for scapegoats, ask for outside consultation, or waste any more of students' money. Let the professionals (Foundation) do their work and quit trying to be the corporate executives that you are not. It is not unusual in the real world of business that a parent company, the university, mandates a change in one of its subsidiaries, ASI.

More time is being wasted crying, griping and drafting useless resolutions. Grow up and accept the responsibility that has been given to you. The solution has been given; prove to all of us, who elected you, that you are capable of doing your job.

If you want respect and autonomy, then earn it.

Leslie Brown
Architectural junior
Jury tours Brown's, Simpson's house

By Linda Omirov

LOS ANGELES - O.J. Simpson sat in a police car on Sunday while a block away jurors in his murder trial toured the Brentwood murder scene.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito escorted a motorcade of 12 jurors, the judge and an entourage of police and attorneys as they visited other key sites in the case.

As the jury bus passed, people stepped out of their bus with smoke-glass windows and were escorted in groups of four in and around Ms. Simpson's condominium.

One said: "Free O.J."

Security was tight. Streets were barricaded, airspace was restricted to keep news helicopters at a distance . . .

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Mexican army pushes into rebel zone

By Alice Snow

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mexico — Government soldiers pursued guerrilla leaders into the jungles of southern Mexico on Sunday, sending dozens of peasants fleeing. No new violence was reported.

The government is trying to avoid confrontations, and Guatemala promised to assist the Mexican army by preventing rebels from crossing the border.

"In no way is this being treated like a war," the Mexican Interior Ministry said in a statement.

The government has portrayed its troop movements as a police effort to enforce an arrest warrant, but military roadblocks prevented the entrance of medical supplies and food to impoverished Indian villages.

Human rights groups expressed concern that the army was planning a major offensive against the rebel Zapatista National Liberation Army.

"We think that the army is preparing an offensive, that the soldiers are circling the Zapatistas with the intent of eliminating them," said Roger Maldonado of the human rights group Copaz.

Transport trucks and light armored vehicles began rumbling into rebel territory in the southern state of Chiapas after President Ernesto Zedillo announced Thursday that he had ordered the arrest of top rebel leaders, including the masked Zapatista spokesman, Subcomandante Marcos.

Zedillo said authorities had discovered that the Zapatistas "were preparing new acts of violence and terrorism in the state and other parts of the republic." One military officer was killed by an unidentified gunman after the army began its advance on Thursday.

On Sunday, in the isolated village of Nueva Providencia, helicopters landed and soldiers patrolled the brush that has been Zapatista territory for most of the past year.

Some peasants in the village, about 90 miles east of San Cristobal, said they decided to stay. "If the army is going to kill us, better that they kill us in our own homes," said Hernando Vazquez Hernandez.

The Zapatistas began fighting on Jan. 1, 1994, demanding rights and services for the region’s impoverished Indians. More than 145 people were killed before a cease-fire was declared 12 days later.

The guns have been silent since then, but peace talks have faltered and Zedillo has come under increasing pressure by the military and investors to resolve the conflict, which has been blamed in part for the nation’s financial crisis.

Iranian officials say Gingrich’s call to overthrow their government is ‘stupid’

By Asghar Pansari

Nicosia, Cyprus — House Speaker Newt Gingrich’s call for the overthrow of the Iranian government was "stupid" and showed a "lack of mental equilibrium," Iranian officials said Sunday.

The idea of attempting to change the Islamic system of government in Iran is stupid," the speaker of Iran’s parliament, Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri, was quoted by the official Islamic Republic News Agency as saying.

Mahmoud Mohammadi, spokesman for Iran’s foreign ministry, said Gingrich’s remarks betrayed a "lack of mental equilibrium," according to the news agency, monitored in Cyprus.

Gingrich said last week that the United States should ultimately aim to topple the Islamic fundamentalist regime in Tehran to combat the Islamic extremism spreading through the Muslim world and threatening the West.

The United States lists Iran as a rogue state that sponsors terrorism and is striving, with limited success, to isolate it economically to curb a major rearmament program under way. "Publicity is important and when the posters are not allowed to be hung, it cuts back on the number of people who will see them," Gingrich said.

Harris said pamphlets with the art also were distributed throughout campus and inside buildings. But the U.U. was the only place that objected to the art.

"I am just concerned about the welfare of Women’s Week, Harris said. "I don’t want to take away from the event and its message."
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**Cal Poly picks up big victory against UC-Riverside in first weekend double-header sweep**

By Anthony Pedrotti

Cal Poly's two highly recruited freshmen pitchers picked up big victories in Cal Poly's weekend double-header sweep against UC-Riverside and Stanford.

Freshman pitcher Kelly Smith pitched a one-hit shutout and struck out five as the Mustangs beat the Cardinal in the first game of a Sunday double-header.

The second game was much the same, except it was Cal Poly's other talented freshman, Denise Knipper, on the mound.

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**Mustangs struggle against winless Matadors, but keep an eye on the AWC**

By Jeffrey Jen

Northridge women's basketball regular season home game.

By Jeffrey Jen

**Baseball splits first two against SJSU**

Cal Poly split the first two games of a three-game series against San Jose State in San Jose this weekend.

After winning 5-2 on Friday, Cal Poly could not manage three hits against Spartans' pitcher Jason Simichatou in their 5-1 loss Saturday.

San Jose State built a 5-0 lead in the sixth inning after scoring runs in the third and fourth inning.

Simentachou struck out six and allowed one hit in his complete-game victory.

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**Men's basketball loses eighth straight**

Cal Poly fell to Sacramento State 75-66 Saturday extending its losing streak to eight games. Damien Edwards led the Hornets with a career-high 29 points as Sacramento State (6-15 overall, 2-1 in the America West Conference) had its biggest margin of victory since they defeated Mississippi Valley State by 23 points in 1999.

The Mustangs (1-21, 0-4), who committed 34 turnovers, lost their second consecutive game to Sacramento State.

The Hornets got their first lead at a jumper by Vincent Stewart midway through the first half. It was a lead they would never give up as they outscored Cal Poly 44-33 in the second half.

Freshman forward Brian Hyde led the Mustangs with 12 points and seven rebounds as guard Damian Lesavou had 11.

**Baseball splits first two against SJSU**

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