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THE DRY CAMPUS DILEMMA
Part one of two

By Shoshana Hebshi
Daily Staff Writer

"I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me."
Sir Winston Churchill, 1947

The Utilidor project's abundant orange fences aren't the only new and confusing changes at Cal Poly. The alcohol policy that once enforced a completely alcohol-free, or dry, campus has been revised within the last year and prompted uncertainties and disagreements within the university.

When the university, community and individual sponsors joined to build the Performing Arts Center (PAC), they asked Cal Poly administrators to change their existing alcohol policy. Investors wanted wine and beer to be sold at performances and at Vista Grande restaurant across the street on Grand Avenue.

This request sparked serious evaluation and controversy over the policy and its effect on the campus.

But Cal Poly hasn't been a completely dry campus since 1980, and students and administrators researched the history surrounding the existing policy. They discussed what would happen if the policy changed to permit the sale of alcohol at the PAC and Vista Grande restaurant.

According to Robert Griffin, associate executive director of Foundation, Cal Poly marked itself as a dry campus from its beginning in 1901. Julian McPhee, Cal Poly's first president, held strong feelings about alcohol and didn't allow any on campus property — especially hard liquor.

A law was later added to the California state penal code prohibiting liquor sales within a certain radius of the campus. The law has since been modified to no longer include areas outside of campus.

Griffin added that up until current Cal Poly President Warren Baker came in 1980, all the previous presidents remained consistent with McPhee's dry campus policy.

Baker changed the policy to allow exception to the general prohibition for private catered functions on campus.

Baker said that with this amendment, organizations that previously left campus to hold functions now had the convenience of entertaining and hosting events on campus — and they could serve wine and beer.

"The committee recommended to me that we adjust the policy, (so) that through approval, alcohol could be served on campus at functions," Baker said. "It would have to be done on a case-by-case basis to recognize guidelines that were put in place."

In order for any alcohol to be served at a function, the president or his designee must personally approve it.

Over the last 17 years, Baker said that the alcohol policy has allowed an average of two to three on-campus receptions a month for alumni, faculty and other meetings and dinners.

"The campus was dry in a sense that we never applied for a license to sell alcohol to the public," he added.

Not many people knew or even today know that these catered events on campus serve alcohol.

Ben Beesley, associate director of the alumni relations, said that the alumni association hosts three events on campus each year that serve alcohol. For their homecoming pre-game festivities, they join the athletics department in a roped-off beer garden-type gala near Mustang Stadium.

Beesley said that the alcohol "enhances the atmosphere. If it's wine it might make the class level of the environment a little higher. It's never been taken advantage of, and it's very much monitored through campus catering.

"It's something that's a part of the culture and might be expected."

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The Mustang Athletic Fund, also known as the boosters, is composed of alumni, parents and friends who donate financial support to Cal Poly athletics. Like the alumni, they also hold pre-game festivities upstairs in Mott Gym. Each evening before a home men's basketball game, as many as 200 boosters gather and beer is served. Chris Del Conte, Mustang Athletic Fund director, said only about 50 beers end up being popped open during each reception.

"It's not a bazaar thing," Del Conte said, as he sat in his office lined with cases of Coors beer. Daniel Howard-Greene, executive assistant to the president, said the boosters received approval to serve alcohol at this year's and next year's receptions.

"The alcohol is in a room that is set apart from the athletic contest itself," he said. "It's a formal event. It's an event that's carefully managed and controlled and run responsibly.

Boosters members can also bring one guest with them to each function.

Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutcheon said the boosters' receptions are closely monitored.

"We have people at the entrance to the room who are there to verify ages of people coming into the room," McCutcheon said. "They check people (for identification) who look as if they are not of age."

But a source, who wishes to remain anonymous for employment security, said that he attended a boosters' reception in December as a guest. The 20-year old student was not checked for identification before he drank a beer with the club.

"The reception was filled with a bunch of adults," the source said, adding that it never got out of control. "People were just hanging out."

McCutcheon said that was an oversight on the club's part, and such situations don't usually happen.

Besseley added that underaged people don't attend alumni functions, especially if alcohol is present. But there is no check-point for identification at their functions.

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"The president did say to me that he made a gentleman's agreement with the community that the administration wouldn't stand in the way if an application was received to sell alcohol to the public at the PAC. The president is clearly between a rock and a hard place."

-ASI President Steve McShane

A third revision to the alcohol policy was made in June 1996 to incorporate sales at the PAC and Vista Grande restaurant. The policy now reads, "Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on the campus is prohibited. Exception to this policy may be granted by the president or his designee to allow the service (sale or non-sale) of alcoholic beverages under the established guidelines" (Campus Administrative Manual 270.1).

In another revision, Vista Grande has recently been excluded from offering the sale and the PAC continues the service for theater-goers.

Ron Regier, managing director of the PAC, maintains that alcohol usually accompanies performances at venues like the PAC and is more or less expected by patrons.

"In my eight years at the Cal Poly Theatre, no one ever asked me if we were able to serve wine at the intermission there," Regier said. "Nobody cared, and it was because it was a small college auditorium as opposed to a world-class PAC." Regier explained that the whole idea to sell alcohol sprung from inquisitive people who toured the center before it opened.

"They were really interested in (whether we would serve wine)," he said. "It's something that patrons of the arts aren't able to get when they go to world-class facilities, and I think that's something that fits into that category." Howard-Greene said that because of the unique partnership between the university and the community, the PAC has a regional mission and attracts special performances that normally would not come to the Central Coast.

"We have to look at (the PAC differently), than any other part of the university, he said. When the commission got the PAC off campus in 1984 to incorporate the service. President Baker viewed it in the context of a larger regional issue and determined that it was appropriate to establish that alcohol policy to help facilitate the operations at the PAC."

According to Regier, the alcohol sales at the PAC have been going smoothly.

"People seem to enjoy it," he said. "There haven't been any problems that have been reported to me. Nobody's been unreasonably upset as a result of (alcohol) or have been in any accidents."

Regier said the people who serve the alcohol are trained by Public Safety to recognize when someone is "inebriated" and also how to check someone's identification.

A request to serve alcohol must be administered at each individual performance. Regier said a request won't be approved if a Cal Poly student group puts on the performance, or if the expected audience primarily consists of students. He
College and Stanford sell alcohol on campus. Is Cal Poly of age to sell and serve?

estimated that out of the 70 total performances so far, about half have had alcohol served.

Regier said the PAC has set up specific guidelines to limit the amount of alcohol that patrons can consume. He said alcohol is only served during a 20-minute intermission and in that span of time it would be difficult for someone to wait in line, drink a few drinks and then get back into line before the intermission ended. There is also a two-drink limit per customer. Patrons also are not allowed to exit the building with alcohol during intermissions.

"If someone wanted to go out and get drunk they wouldn't pay $25 for a ticket at the PAC and then buy a glass of wine," Regier said. "That's not the point. It's not a bar."

McShane said he doesn't agree with allowing alcohol sales on campus.

"We believe that if you step over the line a little bit more and say that you're going to sell it to the general public you are clearly not a dry campus," he said. "I'm in favor of returning Cal Poly's traditional position of being a dry campus free from the sale of alcohol to the general public."

ASI Board member Amanda Bailey sat on an ad hoc committee last quarter that researched the alcohol policy and its relation to the PAC. Bailey said that after hearing McShane report negative student feedback on the alcohol sales, the committee set out to hear more student input. They surveyed all the college councils, including club representatives and general public, and found that 54 percent of the students stood firmly against the sales at the PAC.

"We also talked to people who worked at Vista Grande," she said. "They said that by not serving alcohol, their business hasn't been affected with the number of people going to the performances."

The committee also found that alcohol was not needed to encourage customers to choose Vista Grande before an event. "I don't think that people go to the PAC to have a glass of wine," she said. "It's kind of an added benefit."

Bailey recalled the time when students attended a performance at the PAC and she saw a "substantial" amount of people in line to get drinks.

"It is my position that our policy should be consistent with the educational mission of the institution and should foster responsible attitudes towards alcohol," said Cal Poly President Warren Baker on his decision to reject a request to sell alcohol for a Poly Royal barbecue in 1980.

"But there were a lot of people that didn't drink (on campus)," she said. "There were even people that I talked to that I don't want to drink (because) it's on campus."

Regier said that he has heard both positive and negative viewpoints from people concerning the alcohol sales.

"There's good logic on both sides," he said. "There are people with good intentions. Given the nature of this facility, given the limited amount of opportunity that's provided for people to consume alcohol here and given the fact that Cal Poly is not a dry campus as people have said, I don't see (selling alcohol) as a major deal."

McShane said he thinks that selling alcohol is a big deal to the university and to students.

"The policy says that alcohol possession and consumption is strictly prohibited on campus, yet they want to go so far as to say 'except for the people that can afford to buy a ticket or can go to the PAC and then pay for alcohol,'" he said.

Baker's ad hoc committee findings showed that an overwhelming majority of the students surveyed wanted "consistency in the university approach to sale and consumption of alcohol on campus."

"If it is to be served at the PAC and Vista Grande restaur­ants then the students should be allowed to consume alcohol on campus, although the majority of the students felt that alcohol should be removed from the cam­pus," the committee's report stated.

Bailey said that committee member Tiffany Marshall found a resolution passed by the Board of Directors in 1980 to allow the sale of alcohol at the Poly Royal Steak Barbecue in Poly Grove that was rejected.

Baker's reply to the resolution said that he was "opposed to the general policy of public sale of alcohol on campus."

He didn't approve the event and added that "it is my position that our policy should be consistent with the educational mission of the institution and should foster responsible attitudes towards alcohol."

Bailey said, "It's kind of the other way around now. President Baker is saying that we want to serve alcohol and the students are saying no."

Howard Dunn said the campus Director of Student Affairs Howard Dunn said that no alcohol is served to the general public in a bar or pub on campus. That's the rationale that goes back 25 years.

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The new Cal Poly sports examples is in the works, and Cal Poly has received large donations for it from indi­vidual donors like major league pitcher Ozzie Smith. Cal Poly is also working to become partners with the city in the operations of the stadium.

Baker will not allow alcohol at Mustang Stadium, Mott Gym and other big sporting events including at the sports complex.

"The sports complex is different in a sense that this is primarily about Rec Sports, the city and the university through private funds," Baker said.

Howard-Greene agreed that Baker has made it very clear that he doesn't view the sale of alcohol at the PAC as a precedent for other events on campus to sell alcohol.

"It's not a kind of event," Howard-Greene added. "I think the athletic events are more of a family-type crowd."

He said that no one had even requested alcohol at athletic events and that the event is an offshoot of a previous event that was never turned down.

At Saint Mary's College, a private Catholic school in Moraga, students are allowed to have alcohol in their dorm rooms, even as long as they're 21 years old or more. The campus also has a room that used to be called The Pub, but it has been converted into a cafe/restaurant that still serves beer and wine is "The Nugget."

Cal Poly may be unique in that the sale of alcohol is served on the general public in a bar or pub on campus, but many people, students and non-students, find that type of business unecessary.

"It's not appropriate for a university to have a pub open all day long and to serve alcohol to the general public," Baker said. "We don't want to do that.
**The Christian Right is neither right nor Christian. Discuss.**

**DAWN PILLSBURY**

We seem to be having Christian problems. Not with most of 'em, I'll grant you, but those that are troublesome really know how to ruin your day.

In Atlanta, we have the Army of God members running around blowing up things, and people, with nail bombs. First the Olympics, then an abortion clinic, then a gay and lesbian nightclub. All right, they claim to be running around blowing things up. We don't know if they really are or just want to take credit for it. When the FBI catches them, they'll probably change their tune and go all New Testament peace, light and happiness.

Then there's Duane Gish and the we-didn't-come-from-monkeys-we-didn't-we-didn't-we-didn't folks. They'll show up at the talk with a shovel and invite Gish to go out and bury dinosaur bones with me to deceive all the scientists.

Then there's the anti-abortion folks. They're upset because the government is telling women that they can take massive doses of some kinds of birth control pills as a morning-after method of birth control. They say it's just like abortion. Well, those types have never been much good at scientific, factual-type stuff. I recommended some interesting books to a fundie I met at Farmers Market. He held up his Bible and said, "This is all the reading I need." I still shudder to think about it.

Oh yes, "The God said it, believe it, that itcrowd" certainly has a way with the truth. My biology teacher is anticipating the righties objecting to our studies of evolution and has proof to come. One can tell he's had a lot of creationist troubles in the past. I think he knows that they've already made up their minds and won't consider any other options.

Yup, for them the Earth was created 5,000 years ago, witches should be burned at the stake and Pat Buchanan is a fine presidential candidate. Some of them put my sister-in-law to be, still think that Dungeons & Dragons leads to devil worship. Well, apparently the folks at TSR (the company that puts out D&D) had enough and took the demons and devils out of the second edition of the game. Apparently nobody got the point that the evil creatures were there so the player characters could fight them. Nowhere in any of the D&D materials that I've read (and I've been playing for 12 years) is there any description about how to worship them. The materials only describe their combat abilities, vulnerabilities, etc. Oh well, just another example that the Christian Right is neither.

**Dawn Pillsbury is a journalism senior and will be happy to receive any ranting or railing complaints at Mustang Daily. If you have anything intelligent to say, send it to the Opinion editor.**

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**IN YOUR WORDS**

**Drug and alcohol team wants your questions**

Hey students of Cal Poly, the AOD team news column is back. The former AOD Spirit is now Intoxicating News. It's a new year, new team, new title and new writers.

So, let's get this party started off with a bang. What is the purpose for most parties? To meet new and intriguing people, of course.

**Party question 1: What's your name?**

We're the Alcohol and Other Drugs Team, one of five teams of the Student Health Network. But you can call us AOD, all our friends do.

**Party question 2: Where have you been all my life?**

We've located downstairs in the Health Center and you've always welcome to stop in and see.

**Party question 3: What can you do for me?**

We can answer all your alcohol and drug-related questions. We offer a variety of brochures and workshops. And of course, there are the one-on-one consultations which are always confidential.

**Party question 4: What are your digits?**

Now that you know a little bit about us, we want to learn about you. We want to hear all your questions pertaining to alcohol and other drugs. Yes, this monthly article is dedicated to you, the Cal Poly student, to answer all your questions and concerns. Don't be shy, we're students also and know that alcohol and drugs are an issue that concerns everyone. Our goal is to provide you with information about side effects, partying smart, the law and much more. We are not here to lecture, we get enough of that in class. Our main concern is to keep you aware and... dare we say it... educated. Okay, here's the deal. We know it takes a little incentive to motivate students to do any extra work, but we really want your questions. It's simple: write your question on a piece of paper, drop it in one of two boxes: the Intoxicating News box at the front counter of the Student Health Network or the "Letters to the Editor" box in the Mustang Daily office (just mark it AOD). We would like to keep the questions anonymous, but with some sort of identification. Why you ask? For that little incentive we mentioned earlier. The author of the question used in the next article will get a prize. Drum roll please...a one-year Ride-On Pass. To pick up this wonderful partying gift, we ask that you include the last four digits of your student ID number with your question. An envelope will be placed at the front desk of the Student Health Network, located downstairs from the Health Center, with your ID on it after the article is published. Just come on down and pick it up.

For those of you who are not aware of what a Ride-On pass is, it's your ticket to a safe ride home. Thursday through Saturday, a small bus will pick you up anywhere in SLO and take you to the address on your card. With this pass, you can get free rides home for a year. And for all those who don't have the award-winning question, you can buy your pass for $6 at the ASI ticket window in front of the Recreation Center.

Well the party is over for this week, but there will be another party here next month. Remember, you're all invited and we hope to hear from you soon.

**Jennifer Dyer and Marie Stahura are members of the AOD team.**

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**INTOXICATING NEWS**

**Should campus be wet or dry and why?**

"Wet because it offers the campus a variety of money-making opportunities."  
**Ryan Bow, Biology junior**

"It should be dry. I think there should be a separation between studies and partying."  
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"Thanks Friends. I was looking forward in seeing the house come down."  
**Sean O'Donnell, Film**

"Fraternity, let me give you a hint. I'm not giving the gift of alcohol to you. This is just a way for me to try to teach you to drink in a responsible way.

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**Keep us dry – it’s the principle**

**POINT**  
Matt Berger

I'm taking a speech 201 class this quarter. In fact, tomorrow this commentary will double as a speech of argument so if you see any organizational errors be sure to write me a letter! I have noticed a common theme that occurs when my classmates get up to deliver a speech. The nervousness seems to taper off with a few beers. Just head over to Buckstake Pizza for some dollar draft specials to settle the nerves. I'd have to say the speeches would probably improve, or at least become a little more entertaining.

Unfortunately this scenario would not be as successful if it were applied to the students enrolled in agricultural systems management 141, introduction to tractor driving. I don't know if I would want to be filling the same fields as an accelerator-happy agriculture major with a few Budweisers under his belt.

So this brings us to the difficult but necessary question of where we draw the line when it comes to serving alcohol on campus. This dilemma encompasses more than just classes and the daily lives of students. It applies to every VIP guest, booster, preferred donor and theater goer that steps foot on our campus (and that's suggesting the tolerance of a dry campus. I also commend the University of California on the east, a University of California on the west coast, or any one of the zillion state universities everywhere else, alcohol is a part of your life. There's no erasing the fact that alcohol, in a beer, wine or liquor state is the driving factor behind 99 percent of all social situations found in college environments. Don't argue with me, it's true. Need proof? Okay, on a Friday night, find a sober driver and cruise around our model college town of San Luis Obispo. Upon your first sighting ofoga and students, say a group of freshmen meandering down Foothill Blvd., I would bet that at least half of the group is intoxicated. The other half of the group is pissed off for that matter — if alcohol was even available at all. For students, the campus is dry, unless they are of the age and planning to attend the Victor Borge concert in March, or they get the opportunity to schmooze with the boosters before a basketball game. For the lucky alumni who actually feel obliged to donate to their alma mater or attend sporting events it's not a dry campus. And for the pseudo-sophisticated theater goers forking out top dollar at the PAC, it's only dry because the lines for drinks at intermission are so long you don't have time to get loopy.

In the end, we're all hypocrites. I know my experience so far at Cal Poly has not been very dry, and I'm sure many students can agree, but I'd like you all to imagine what school would be like — or your liver for that matter — if alcohol was even available at all.

In reality, Cal Poly was designed as a learning institution, and students are here to learn, to compete as a group and do not know all of the benefits and privileges one gets from being greek. I merely am writing about what I personally have observed at this school and others like it. Alcohol, in the college setting, is used as a medium to relieve stress after a grueling week of finals, to celebrate an "A" on a midterm, to somehow bring friends closer together as a release for the awkwardness stemming from interactions with the opposite sex. Students at Cal Poly are different from students at any other school, we all drink and we all have our own reasons. Personally, I drink in moderation, except of course when visiting friends at U.C. Santa Barbara where the student population is more concerned with keeping their college among the top five party colleges in the nation, rather than selecting majors and graduation dates.

Matt Berger is Mustang Daily's Arts Weekly editor.

**Alcohol: the unifying bond for college students everywhere**

**COUNTERPOINT**  
Alan Dunton

I don't care what college or university you go to. Whether it's an Ivy League back east, a University of California on the west coast, or any one of the zillion state universities everywhere else, alcohol is a part of your life. There's no escaping the fact that alcohol, in a beer, wine or liquor state is the driving factor behind 99 percent of all social situations found in college environments. Don't argue with me, it's true. Need proof? Okay, on a Friday night, find a sober driver and cruise around our model college town of San Luis Obispo. Upon your first sighting ofoga and students, say a group of freshmen meandering down Foothill Blvd., I would bet that at least half of the group is intoxicated. The other half of the group is pissed off for that matter — if alcohol was even available at all. Alcohol, in the college setting, is used as a medium to relieve stress after a grueling week of finals, to celebrate an "A" on a midterm, to somehow bring friends closer together as a release for the awkwardness stemming from interactions with the opposite sex. Students at Cal Poly are different from students at any other school, we all drink and we all have our own reasons. Personally, I drink in moderation, except of course when visiting friends at U.C. Santa Barbara where the student population is more concerned with keeping their college among the top five party colleges in the nation, rather than selecting majors and graduation dates.

Alcohol doesn't entirely deserve a bad rap, though. We shouldn't allow some misuse to ruin its reputation for the rest of us weekend warriors. Wouldn't it be awesome if while watching Cal Poly's basketball team continue to climb the ranks the fans could suck down a nice cold one? I think if we get a bunch of rowdy, buzzed Poly students and jammed them into Matt Gym, crowd interest would skyrocket and as a result our team would play better. Also, think of all the extra money Cal Poly would generate from the sale of alcohol, we might finally be able to pay somebody to put the school back together again. If alcohol was readily available to us, do you think about how cool that would be.

In conclusion, it seems silly to call Cal Poly a dry campus, or any other campus for that matter, when just about everybody and their brothers drink while in college. I say let's discontinue this facade Poly has about its students and let the beer flow like wine.

Alan Dunton is a journalism junior and Daily staff writer.
**New forest user fee program will impact local recreation**

By Jennifer Ruck
Daily Staff Writer

During the past five years, many forest roads, campgrounds and picnic areas have been closed due to lack of adequate funding for upkeep. As a result, ASI's Escape Route is raising its prices to accommodate the need for forest maintenance. Forests are raising their user fees to charge all cars entering Southern California's National Forests.

"We'll have to raise the cost of our outings about $2 a person," materials engineering junior Steve Schueneman said. "The National Forests' budget is shrinking every year, so I understand that they have to do something."

The four Southern California National Forests, including Los Padres, Angeles, Cleveland, and San Bernardino, recorded an average 30 percent budget decrease in the past two years. Therefore, Congress authorized the Forest Service to implement a 30-month user-generated cost recovery pilot program.

According to Gina Thompson of the Santa Lucia Ranger District, the pilot program scheduled to begin in spring will test the feasibility of recovering the costs of providing improved recreation services by collecting an additional fee. The pilot will be effective through Sept. 30, 1999.

The four Southern California National Forests are participating in the pilot program as one test site, referred to collectively as the Angeles National Forest. These forests cover land from southern Monterey to the Mexican border, and can be accessed by more than 150 roads. Many of these roads are accessible through San Luis Obispo County, from Highway 41 south to the border of Santa Barbara County.

Locally, the Los Padres National Forest, which includes the Cuesta Grade, attracts five to eight million visitors a year. The third largest national forest in California, it attracts mainly day users for hiking, biking and outdoor vehicle riding.

According to U.S. Forest Service spokesman Jim Youngson, most San Luis Obispo residents visit the forest for recreational use, not big backpacking trips. Passes for the areas will be sold at Forest Service offices and local vendors for $5 per carload or $80 annually. There is no maximum number of people per car. Passes can be used at any of the four Southern California National Forests.

The program's goal is to get existing public services and facilities up to standard. The fees collected will be used for backlogged repairs, maintenance projects, interpretation, signs, habitat or facility enhancement and resource protection. In the past, all fees collected went to the U.S. Treasury. But a provision in the fee legislation calls for 80 percent of the new fees to stay in the area where they were collected. The other 20 percent will be available for recreation improvement at the regional level.

According to Youngson, this is a radical idea. "It will have a direct impact on the visitors," Youngson said. "We want input from the public. We need to know if they are happy with the improvements being made with their money."

According to Thompson, visitors will be asked to respond to surveys asking for their thoughts on the pilot program.

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**Greeks under fire: Fraternities find codes infernal in many ways**

By Melinda Marks
The Daily Californian (UC Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — More than five years ago, a lit cigarette on a couch touched off a fire that ravaged the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house, killing three Berkeley students.

In the wake of the incident, the Berkeley fire department cracked down on fraternity houses that failed to meet fire codes requiring sprinkler systems.

As a result, the fire department instituted a set of guidelines in 1993 that gave fraternity and sorority houses five years to install sprinkler systems within their buildings. The deadline for compliance was Feb. 1.

"The ordinance has been resisted," said Paul Barasters, Berkeley assistant fire chief. "We gave them a five-year window of opportunity, but there are fraternity houses that still are not adhering to the codes."

Twelve of the 37 fraternities are currently in non-compliance, according to Thompson.

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- Mustanginfo Web site: $104,784
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- Mustanginfo: $40,000 price reduction from Systems and Computer Technology (SCT) Corp.

**WEB LINKS**

- Mustanginfo: http://www.mustanginfo.calpoly.edu
- Cal Poly Plan: http://www.calpoly.edu/~instudy/cp_plan/index.html
- Plan Projects: http://www.calpoly.edu/~instudy/cp_plan/projects.html

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- "I think it is awesome to have easy access to grades and schedules." Computer science grad student, talking about Mustanginfo
- "This is one of the most exciting, innovative, new and useful projects I have seen since I started at Cal Poly." Political science senior, talking about the degree audit project
- "It helps you every single class you need to take. I think it would be helpful for everybody to look at." Business administration junior, talking about the degree audit project
- "The degree audit should be the cornerstone of the university's advising processes." Tom Zuzar, Registrar

**STATUS**

- Up and running since last fall, the Mustanginfo site has been used almost 27,000 times. One student in every three has logged on to check class schedules, grades and other basic information. An upgraded Mustanginfo II should be ready soon, adding financial aid info, status of holds, links to the online university catalog, the ability to change address and other information, and more. 
- Pilot degree-audit programs are underway in Business and Architecture and Environmental Design, with other colleges to come soon. Students, advisors, and others with 'SIS+' access will be able to learn the up-to-the-moment status of a student's progress toward a degree—grades earned, courses taken, courses in progress, course needs. Students will get a printout every year.

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DeKlerk does not deserve law school honor, Yale students say

By Karen Kim
The Yale Daily News (Feb 8)

WIRE: NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Controversy over South African death squads has sparked a controversy over this year's Harper Fellow at the Yale Law School.

Protesting the Law School's decision to give former South African President F.W. DeKlerk, a Harvard Law School graduate, the fellowship, students are meeting with the Name Lectures Committee today to ask administrators to rescind the honor.

"DeKlerk is "responsible for several atrocious events," Kangas Ellis LAW '98 said. "He's clearly not anyone who merits honor."

Law School administrators said DeKlerk compensated for his early racist activities by helping to end apartheid.

"Of course it was known to everyone involved that DeKlerk had an at early stage in his political career, belonged to a white supremacist political party and had himself done, in the service of that party, what no liberty-loving democrat could approve," Law School Dean Anthony Kronman said. DeKlerk has said, at an early stage in his political career, that he knew about the operation of paramilitary death squads during his presidency. DeKlerk has denied those allegations.

"There's a fair bit of factual uncertainty about what he did and didn't know," Kronman said. Last spring, the Name Lectures Committee voted to name DeKlerk - who shared a Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 with Nelson Mandela - as the next recipient of a Harper Fellowship, which the committee awards to individuals who have made a distinguished contribution to their nation's public life.

Students who oppose DeKlerk's fellowship are organizing a campaign to inform students, faculty members, the community and law school administrators of the newest findings of the Truth Commission. Ryan Goodman G'91 said students have struck up a dialogue with law school faculty members who have many sympathetic to revoking the offer to DeKlerk, adding that professors and were shocked when heard of DeKlerk's acknowledgment of the death squads.

"The Law School could get in deep trouble associating with someone who's going down in history as one of the worst abusers in crimes against humanity," Goodman said.

The controversy has also mobilized law school students to oppose DeKlerk's visit.

Ruth Emerson LAW '50, whose name was one of the 14 that went to DeKlerk months before the Truth and Reconciliation Committee decided to honor DeKlerk's fellowship are launching a protest against the administration by staging protests if their initial efforts to revoking the offer to DeKlerk's fellowship unfruitful.

"Several students said they will award DeKlerk the fellowship instead doing DeKlerk's April speech.

Committee questions medical use, decides to make drug illegal

By Jennifer Karr
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO - An Assembly committee, rejecting a lawmaker's proposal to make the drug "liquid ecstasy" totally illegal, instead concluded it might have some medical uses.

The Public Safety Committee voted 10-0 Tuesday for a revised bill that would make possession of gamma-hydroxybutyrate or GHB a felony or misdemeanor except with a doctor's prescription. The bill moves to the Appropriations Committee.

This is not a recreational drug, said the author, Assemblyman Larry Bowler, R-Sacramento. "This is a terrible habit brew that kills." Two other bills to make GHB - a trendy drug used by easy and an aphrodisiac - illegal are pending in the Senate. GHB, a natural substance in the body, was synthesized in 1960 as an anesthetic and is a central nervous system depressant. It is an odorless, near-0 tasteless drug that produces a high, but can also cause vomiting, tremors and seizures. It is commonly consumed as a white powder or clear liquid that can be mixed into a drink.

In 1990, when it became popular among bodybuilders as a steroid alternative, the federal Food and Drug Administration declared it illegal to manufacture or sell GHB for any purpose. But it is not illegal to possess the chemical under federal or state law.

The FDA this month issued a consumer warning against the drug, saying it was blamed for dozens of hospitalizations and at least three deaths.

GHB is legally available in the United States for experimental treatment of narcolepsy, a sleep disorder, and of heroin addiction, according to the committee analysis. Bowler's bill originally would have put GHB under Schedule 1, a list in state law of drugs that have not accepted medical use and have high potential for abuse. Schedule 1 drugs are those that have medical use and can be prescribed and used by doctors under strict procedures.

The bill was amended, over Bowler's objection, to place the drug under Schedule 2, still making it a crime to possess it without a prescription.

This still deals with a very serious problem, and on the other hand deals with the point of view that there may be under proper supervision legitimate medical use," said the chairman, Assemblyman Robert Hertberg, D-Sherman Oaks.

The revised bill "will not provide police with the tools to deal with problems," said Assemblyman Kevin Murray, D-Calver City. "In my part of the world, people are dying from it on Sunset Boulevard."
Dutch city searches for entrepreneurs to open private owned pot shops

By Jennifer Oso
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands - Wanted: marijuana merchants to open new drug cafes. Restaurant experience and respect for the law required. Discretion a plus. Apply to City Hall.

Officials in Permerden are seeking entrepreneurs to run the city's two new drug shops, and said Tuesday they will run newspaper advertisements to find them.

Unlike the nearby Dutch capital of Amsterdam, where nearly 400 privately owned coffee shops openly sell marijuana and hashish, Permerden has an underground drug network in which a telephone hot line dispatches a courier to make pick-ups.

"We want to put a halt to that kind of trading," said City Hall spokesman Fred Beijert. The aim is to "push the business.

Authorities claim such coffee shops keep drug sales out in the open where police can better monitor and control the trade.

Beijert wouldn't say where the drugs will come from, and he stressed that the city will not get involved with the supply side of the business.

He said ads announcing the application process for the shops in Permerden, nine miles north of Amsterdam, would be placed in regional and local newspapers on Thursday.

Applicants must have "a plan of action" to minimize the noise and nuisance that usually comes with coffee shops, Beijert said.

They also must specify what kind of information they will pro­vide on users on the health haz­ards of drug use, and restaurant experience is required.

Beijert said a special selection committee will be established and the chosen entrepreneurs will receive an official letter from the mayor permitting them to set up shop.

Other than the two stores, the city will not authorize any other drug outlets.

Known for its tolerant drug policy, the Netherlands has been experimenting with unorthodox ways to keep users off the streets and away from dealers peddling hard drugs like heroin and cocaine.

Several other Dutch towns have granted permits recently to open City Hall-sponsored marijuana cafes.

OOPS! Correction from Monday's Daily

(hey, we're only human.

 Mustang Daily regrets two errors. The name of the U.S. District Judge speaking on Wednesday, Feb. 26, in building 52, room E-26, was incorrect. It is not Tuesday, Feb. 25.

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WASHINGTON - The CIA warned in a report in 1991 that U.S. soldiers may have been exposed to nerve gas when they blew up an Iraqi weapons dump, but the Army failed to follow up, the Pentagon acknowledged Tuesday.

A mistake in identifying the Gulf War unit involved caused the Army to stay more than four years, the Pentagon said.

Several U.S. investigators found evidence that American troops may have been contaminated by chemical weapons during the destruction of an Iraqi weapons dump called Kamisiyah in southern Iraq in March 1991. The information was relayed to the Army by the CIA in November 1991, a Pentagon report said.

"U.S. intelligence became aware of the (U.N.) findings in November 1991, but at the time this report did not result in identi­fication of which, if any, U.S. troops participated in demolition activities at Kamisiyah," the report said.

The Pentagon study concluded the CIA documents that have been placed on the Defense Department's World Wide Web site and the information coordinated by chemical weapons were at the site. This "led to the belief that the Iraquis were not telling the truth about their chemical weapons being at the site when the demolition occurred," the report said.

Only last year did Pentagon officials acknowledge that more than 30,000 troops may have been exposed to sarin, a highly toxic nerve gas, a gas that came after a U.N. team revisited the site.

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"Fraternities typically block a couple of exits, take furniture from the first floor and put it in other rooms or hallways, blocking doors," Burastero said.

"Then, they try to make a set­ting, like Tahrir," he added. "They bring in palm branches that are untreated and very flammable." Then they line the walls with black plastic, which burns with the intensity and energy of gasoline. "Imagine trying to put out a fire shut down the Psi Upsilon fraternity. The house's fire alarms were disabled at the time, and the building did not have a functioning sprinkler system.

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Andrew Young to assess Nike factories

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - Nike has hired former U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young as part of an effort to counter criticism that working conditions at some of the company's Asian factories are inhumane.

Young and his GoodWorks International group are to review a new code of conduct for the shoe and apparel company's overseas factories.

"As an advocate for human rights, I am involved because Nike has expressed its determination to be a leader for positive corporate change," Young said in a statement. "Their commitment to see real changes, particularly in Indonesia and Vietnam, is crucial to avoiding more controversy."

Based in Atlanta, where Young has served as mayor, GoodWorks International was developed to promote business involvement in developing countries and U.S. inner cities.

"Andrew Young and GoodWorks International will provide us with yet another level of input and oversight," Nike founder and chief executive officer Phil Knight said.

The factories that produce Nike's shoes are operated by sub-contractors, mostly from Taiwan and South Korea.

Nike developed the code of conduct in 1992 and a private auditor is charged with seeing that the code is followed.

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The league's competition committee, meeting in Tampa in two weeks, is studying the results of an experiment during the exhibition season last year. It would apply only to out of bounds results of an experiment during the regular season.

The Redskins have submitted a proposal that would apply to all possession plays. But the system, that was tried in 10 national televised exhibitions.

It was limited to scoring plays and allowed coaches two challenges per half with the referee making the decision based on his view of the play from a monitor on the sidelines. If the referee rejected the challenge, the team loses a timeout.

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U.S. crate that contained charges used by American demolition teams.

The CIA report notes that the agency was sending information to the Army "in order to take appropriate action as you see fit" because the risk of chemical contamination by 24th ID personnel is a possibility.

Pentagon officials have said the troops that conducted the demolition were the 37th Engineering Battalion, not the members of the 24th Infantry Division.

The Pentagon official in charge of the investigation into Gulf War illness alleged to have caused by nerve gas in the area, said last week that a follow-up message seeking information went to the incinerated Army unit, and no further action was taken.
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baseball programs. Fullerton won the College World Series in 1993, while Long Beach was a pitch away from the title in 1991. Priess is optimistic that Cal Poly will be able to compete.

"I think we'll be successful. I think if everyone stays healthy and we get a couple of guys that are at 90 percent, they'll be healthy by that time (beginning of league)," Priess said. "I see no reason why we can't be on top of the league."

Priess has every reason to feel confident. Growing up, he played with many of the players that are on Fullerton's team. He feels he has been at that same caliber of play, but now has a team along side him that equals the talent of other top teams. So now it's an even matchup, he said.

"It's flat out who plays better that day. That's the way it goes," Priess said. "He's (Price) recruited well enough to get us in that position. That's all you can ask for. It's his job to prepare us to play and then it's our job to execute. If we don't execute, we don't win. If we do execute, we do win."

With the talent level on the team, the Mustangs are looking to grab a spot in the top 25, and Priess is excited about knowing the team has the opportunity to do something special.

Building a leader

Behind every successful person lies a motivator or hero in whom that person learns from. Matt Priess is no different.

"My parents have prepared me for life - pretty much for everything," Priess said. "He's (his dad) his "hero."

"He keeps me strong, he gets me focused toward baseball. He always made sure that I've had every opportunity for anything in life, baseball, school."

"My parents get me to work hard to get me into school, getting me focused toward baseball. He has been at that same caliber of play that person learns from. Matt Priess is no different.

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Behind the plate

Two of the most important things a catcher does is play defense and handle pitchers. Many times, a good offensive catcher is a bonus, but Priess appears to be coming around in all areas, including offense. He is currently batting .360 with 17 RBI and four home runs.

"I focus on offense, but my strength and the strength of any catcher has got to be their defense," Priess said. "I think it's the most important spot on the field because you've got to control the game. You've got to control your pitchers."

Priess said of Priess, "What he does best is catch and throw. There is not a better catcher in California. He's got a professional arm."

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"I want to play professional baseball and give it my try - give it my shot. I've pretty much set my whole life on that," he said. "One thing I got from Cal Poly, though, is a chance to do something else I do enjoy, which is civil engineering. That would be after my baseball career is over."

Price sees no reason Priess can't succeed at that level.

"If he continues to make progress offensively, there is no doubt defensively he can play pro ball," Price said.

When in trouble on the mound, Novi relies on Priess' motivation to get him back on track.

"When I feel like I can't throw strikes, Priess says 'remember, you're the top guy here. Trust your stuff.'" Novi said.

Zirelli said that many times Priess' words helped him get more focused and get his head back into the game.

"I've been here a while and I know my pitchers, and that helps," Price said.

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baseball better.

"I've always wanted to be a pro-

fessional baseball player since I

was a kid," Priess said. "So I fol-

lowed my dream."

College baseball was the next step

in following that dream. But it was

more luck than anything that

brought Priess to Cal Poly.

Priess said there were a lot of

older players on the team that

didn't really know how to catch.

"They got a kick out of

watching me screw up," Priess

said. "They just laughed at

me.

As a veteran catcher of

three years on a young team,

Priess is rarely the one mak-

ing mistakes. Rather, he is the

one others look to for help.

"They have big reputations but

we're in a no-win situation," he said. "Now we're in the position to

give a chance to prove to the

world that we are the best of the

best."

"We know that because we're in the number-two position in the country.

...Cause if they play us and

we don't get nothing out of beating us,

we and we get everything," he added.

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Cal Poly is picked to finish last

in the league with Cal State

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UC Santa Barbara, all of whom

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attiend Robinson anniversary ceremonies

WASHINGTON — President

Clinton will mark the 50th

anniversary of Jackie Robinson's

major league debut by attending
ceremonies during the game

between the Los Angeles Dodgers

and the New York Mets on April

15.

Clinton will speak from the

field during the fifth inning at

Shea Stadium, baseball officials

said. Robinson, who played for the

Brooklyn Dodgers from 1947-56,

broke the major leagues' color bar-

rier when he played his first game

on April 15, 1947, against the

Boston Braves at Ebbets Field in

Brooklyn.

"On the evening of April 15th,

the president of the United States

will attend the Mets versus Dodgers
game at Shea Stadium which will

honor Jackie Robinson on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his first appearance

in the big show," White House

spokesman Mike McCurry said.

"Mrs. Robinson and other

members of the Robinson family are

going to be there."

Robertson, who died in 1972,

will be honored in many cere-
nomies around the major leagues.

Acting commissioner Bud Selig

and Rachel Robertson — Jackie's

widow — will hold a news confer-

ence in New York on Thursday
to announce the plans.

Te a m s will wear patches this season
to commemorate the breakthrough,
and they will use special balls
with a Robinson logo during their

home openers in April.

"Major league baseball is elud-

ated that the president has accepted its invitation to celebrate the lega-

dacy of Jackie Robinson," Selig said.

"It is an important day for the
game, as well as the nation, as it

signifies the breaking down of one of our country's most significant barriers.

ESPN is expected to broadcast

the game nationally, several base-

ball officials said. Network spokes-

dwoman Diane Lamb said that

while the network is interested, it

had not made a final decision.