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.

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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 McPhie, 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 McPhie'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," See ALCOHOL page 2
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 upstairs in Mott Gym.

"It's not a booze 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 reception in a room that's carefully managed and controlled and run responsibly.

Booster 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 this was an oversight on the club's part, adding that it never happened again.

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

"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 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 we had 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 win and serve wine)," he said. "It's something that patrons of the arts are able to get when they go to world-class facilities, and I think it's fair that this is a facility 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.

"The president 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 unuly 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 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 in the general public you are clearly not a dry campus," he said. "I'm in favor of returning Cal Poly's traditional position or stance of keeping this campus free from the sale of alcohol to the general public.

ASI Board member Amanda Bailey sat on an ad hoc committee fall quarter that researched the alcohol policy and its relationship 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 student representatives, 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 they 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 toward alcohol."

--Cal Poly President Warren Baker on his decision to reject a request to sell alcohol for a Poly Royal barbecue in 1980.

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Bailey agreed with Baker. "The mission of the university is to teach, not to provide alcohol," he said.

"I think (the policy) was fine when nobody knew about it and it wasn't an issue. By opening up the PAC, and the whole amount of publicity it's gotten, it's a different issue now. By opening up the PAC and the whole amount of publicity it's gotten, it's a different issue now."

"The PAC is operating on a day-to-day license from the Alcohol Beverage Control Board and has applied for a permanent license. A hearing is scheduled and protests can be heard there.

Griffin said that if the permanent license is rejected, then Baker will evaluate whether Cal Poly will alcohol, in fact, continue to be served.

O n other campuses such as Stanford University, alcohol policies aren't so strict. In fact, Assistant Director of Student Affairs Heather Dunn said that students at The Hollywood Bowl, a coffeehouse in the student union that sells wine and beer and operates under California state law. Dunn said alcohol consumption in the coffeehouse is relatively popular among students but isn't a heavy focus.

"I think students are adults and can make responsible choices," she said.

At Saint Mary's College, a private Catholic school in Moraga, students are allowed to have alcohol in their dorm rooms 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 can be unique in that it has alcohol served in general public in a bar or pub on campus, but many people, students and non-students, find that type of business unnecessary."

"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.

In heaven there is no beer, that is why we drink beer here."

Anonymous folk song

Tomorrow Mustang Daily will present the second part of its series on alcohol with a look at drinking in the dorms.
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.

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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 can you call us AOD, all our friends do.

Party question 2: Where have you been all my life? We're located downstairs in the Health Center and you've always welcomed to stop in and see us.

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? 756-5252. Feel free to call us any time - between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., that is.

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.

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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.

COLUMNA

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Keep us dry — it's the principle

POIN

I'm taking a speech 201 class this quar...

To address the issue of alcohol use and its impact on college campuses, I will discuss the role of alcohol in the daily lives of students and present various viewpoints on the topic.

Julian McPhee in 1901, and without a doubt was designed to include everyone related to the university with a heartbeat, and President Warren Baker, too.

Lately lines have been drawn dividing this issue. On one side you have a bunch of screaming sober students demanding equality, and on the other there lies the drunk and jolly boozers that rationalize their actions because they so thoughtlessly contribute to the funding of this school.

To resolve the issue fairly we must look at the mission of this university and its interpretation of these valid issues relating to campus sobriety: consistency, policy and principle.

We can immediately rule out consistency as an argument, unless you're talking about fire increases and road detours. And policy doesn't hold much ground considering Baker has the right to make his own, which he illustrated in 1989 when he allowed faculty events to be catered with beer and wine. But it would be a grave mistake to rule out principle.

Unfortunately, it seems lately principle doesn't go too far.

I just want to know when Baker and the rest of his administration decided it was ethical to overlook principle. And I mean this in the sense of practice what you preach. If public safety and the administration are going to stress "no tolerance" to students, then the same should go for anyone else on campus aching for the juice.

I commend the student body for their tolerance of a dry campus. I also commend them for waiting until they are off campus to tap the keg. An informal survey of 85 students conducted by an ASI ad hoc committee showed that the majority of students were against the permits at the Performing Arts Center and Vista Grande.

Cal Poly has been defined "dry" since the days of our ruling forefathers, such as Obispo. Upon your first sighting of college life, you are in a state where 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 night of college students, say a group of freshmen menagerie down Foothill Blvd., I would bet that at least half of the group is intoxicated. The other half of the group is pissed off at the drunk half because they drank all the beer at the first party, which is why they're walking around trying to find the next party or the newly opened karaoke bar.

After observing the effects of alcohol on minors, and unexperienced consumers of the social sauce, you decide to navigate your vehicle to a place where drinking serves a dual purpose. You pull up to a fraternity house.

Fraternities, long aged, dedicated huge portions of their dues to the scientific research regarding the effects that alcohol specifically has on the females of our population. Fraternity boys, along with becoming intoxicated themselves, except of course on Christmas, desire to intoxicate women in an attempt to lower the girls' inhibitions. The tricky part, and this is where the bulk of their money was spent, was in trying to figure out how much alcohol it takes to get a girl drunk enough, but not too drunk where she will become a vomiting mess. I do apologize if any of this offends anyone in the greek system. Please understand that I am not in the greek system, do not have any desire to be in the greek system 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 way to make the awkwardness stemming from interactions with the opposite sex seem less severe. Students at Cal Poly, unlike alienated 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 UC 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 you 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, 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.

Matt Berger is Mustang Daily's Arts Weekly editor.

Alcohol: the unifying bond for college students everywhere

COUNTERPOINT

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 rilll3 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.

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

By Jennifer Cork
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 new fee charged to all cars entering Southern California's National Forests.

"We 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 last 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 Enterprise Forests. 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 $30 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 made 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.

Greeks under fire: Fraternities find codes infringing in many ways

By Melinda Marks
The Daily Californian (UC Berkeley)

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — More than five years ago, a hit-and-run on a campus touched off a fire that ravaged the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house, killing two Berkeley police officers.

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 houses. Phi Delta Theta compliance was Feb. 1.

"The ordinance has been resisted," said Paul Buras, 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 non-compliant, according to Youngson, who has been the fire chief for Lucky Thomas.

The fire department sent letters to the Greek chapters Friday, cating them for the violations and requesting that the houses seek extensions or take immediate action to install the sprinkler systems. In April, fire marshals plan to inspect houses that have not responded to the violation notice, demanding that the fraternity members comply within 15 days or vacate the establishment.

Fraternities cited for non-compliance include Alpha Epsilon Phi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Delta Sigma Phi, Delta Upsilon and Phi Delta Theta. Pi Kappa Phi, Phi Upsilon, Sigma Pi, Theta Xi, Zeta Beta Tau and Alpha Delta Phi also failed to meet fire safety guidelines.

The fire department is granting extensions to fraternity houses, demonstrating that they are taking steps to comply with the guidelines.

"They have to submit a plan of compliance to the fire department," Youngson said. "Actions they are going to take to install the fire extinguishing system, "

"Timelines for having plans drawn up and the date for installation have to be considered reasonable," Youngson said.

Besides making sprinkler systems mandatory, the fire department also requires establishments to have fire alarms. Fraternity houses, due in part to lack of funding, are the only houses left in the area not having units falling short of these guidelines.

Some fraternity members have installed those features in their chapter houses. University cooperative housing units have also passed fire compliance guidelines.

Chealsea Hart, spokesperson for the University Students Cooperative Association, said that many of the homes inspect cooperative housing establishments twice a year.

"Some fraternity members are saying that lack of funding, rather than carelessness, prevents them from complying with the guidelines."

"I just hope that the Greek system doesn't look irresponsible," said David Friedman, house manager for Alpha Epsilon Phi.

"We've known about this for five years, but when you're paying rent for living there, you can't expect to tack on the costs of the sprinkler system to the guys living there.

Sprinkler systems can cost over $10,000, according to Friedman, and the costs of putting in fire escapes and alarms. Installation of sprinkler systems at fraternity houses, which are often old buildings, is expensive because ceilings must be torn down.

Friedman said that his fraternity has already filed for an extension and is currently in the process of complying with the guidelines.

The estimated cost of AEP's sprinkler system at $20,000, saying that the fraternity has kept up to code on other fire codes in the past. Safety fixtures in the house include fire extinguishers and a chemical sprinkler system in the kitchen to douse grease fires.

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"Fraternity houses are usually seen as safe," Friedman added. "I just hope that the Greek system doesn't look irresponsible."
DeKlerk does not deserve law school honor, Yale students say

By Karen Kim

The Yale Daily News (8/3)

U-WIRE: NEW HAVEN, Conn. — For years South African death squads had sparked a controversy over this year's Harper Fellow. Protesting the Law School's decision to give former South African President F.W. DeKlerk, University fellowship, outraged students are meeting with the School's Name Lectures Committee today to ask administrators to reconsider.

DeKlerk is "responsible for the worst crimes against humanity," said DeKlerk's fellowship are亏损 financial aid committee, founded law school alumni to oppose DeKlerk's visit.

The Law School could get in serious trouble if their initial efforts to revamp the program aren't successful, Goodman said. Other students said they will contact the administration by staging protests if their initial efforts to revamp the program aren't successful.

Committee questions medical use, decides to make drug illegal

By Jennifer Kerr

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — An assembly committee, rejecting a lawmaker's proposal to make the drug "liquid ecstasy" totally illegal, instead excluded 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.

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Dutch city searches for entrepreneurs to open private owned pot shops

By Jenifer Chao
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands - Wanted: marijuana merchants to open new drug cafes. Restaurant officials in Purmerend 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, Purmerend 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 tighten control and prevent sales to minors.

In the Netherlands, soft drugs such as hashish and marijuana are technically illegal, but authorities allow privately owned "coffee shops" to sell small amounts for personal use without fear of prosecution.

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 Purmerend, 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 to authorities 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," he said.

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 gained notoriety recently by openly selling coffee shops under City Hall-sponsored marijuana cafés.

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CIA warned Army in 1991 of possible U.S. troop exposure to nerve gas

By Suzanne M. Schufer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The CIA warned the Army in 1991 of possible U.S. troop exposure to nerve gas when they blew up an Iraqi weapons dump, but the Army ignored the warning, the Pentagon acknowledged Tuesday.

A mistake in identifying the Gulf War unit involved caused the delay of nearly four years, the Pentagon said.

The U.S. National Institute of General Medical Sciences issued preliminary findings 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 examined portions of two CIA documents that have been placed on the

OOPS! Correction from Monday's Daily

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Mustang Daily regrets two errors. The name of the U.S. District Judge speaking on Friday, February 28 at 1 p.m. at Castra College is for the culmination of Black History Month is not John Wayne, it is James Ware. Also, Dr. Geoff Grisier will be speaking on Wednesday, Feb. 26 in building 52, room E-26, not Tuesday Feb. 25.

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cheaper than sorority houses, which are also huger," said Clayton. "They usually have 70 members and fraternities have about 30.

Friedman noted that national chapters often own sorority houses, while fraternity homes are leased. Thus, alumni donations funneled to the sorority houses are spent to install sprinkler systems and comply with fire guidelines.

But Thomas said if fraternity members cannot rely on alumni support, they must seek funding from outside sources. Otherwise, the chapters face termination.

The intention is to try to work with the fraternities to help them comply," said Thomas. "Our purpose is not to shut them down.

A trend of fraternity blazes in past years has spurred the fire department's crackdown on safety ordinances.

During Christmas vacation, 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.

Psi Upsilon President Chintu Sharma said the fire hit before the fraternity members had time to raise enough money and to take proper precautions to prevent the blaze.

"We were in the process of raising money for a sprinkler system," said Sharma. "We had been sending out a newsletter generating money to install the sprinkler system and gather the money, but it was too late."

According to Burastero, fraternity parties present many fire hazards.

During these events, exits are often blocked, protruding objects impede passageways and guests are often exposed to flammable materials.

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

"Then, they try to make a setting, like 'This is hazing,' he added. "They bring in palm branches that are untreated and very flammable. Than they line the walls with black plastic, which burns with the intensity and energy of gasoline. Imagine the flame and the smoke as you bring in palm branches that are untreated and very flammable."

Burastero said these hazards pose dangers to Greek members' and guests' safety.

Although the fire department does not typically make inspections on Friday or Saturday nights, when most fraternity parties are held, they may inspect establishments if alerted to possible violations.

"The house president could be held financially and legally responsible," he said. "People don't understand this is a life-safety issue. In the fire department we do everything we can. There's no alteration to the code. We will shut them down."

If a fraternity is unsure whether декорируют церемонии для пожарной безопасности, guidelines, members should arrange to have a fire mar­shal visit the premises before holding a party, said Clayton, who is a member of Acacia.

"What (Acacia) does, and I suggest other fraternities do, is to call up the fire mar­shall and the party and have them come out to make sure fire retardants are sprayed on furniture," he added. "This way, your party won't get shut down."

Kathy Chu of the Daily Californian contributed to this article.
NFL may try replay of instant replay

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. - The NFL is again trying to find a way to make instant replay part of its games. The league's competition committee, meeting in Tampa in preparation for the general meet­ings in two weeks, is studying the results of an experiment during the exhibition season last year. It would apply only to out of bounds and scoring plays.

It's also studying a broader proposal submitted by the Washington Redskins that would apply to all possession plays. But the Redskins have submitted a replay proposal since the system was voted out after the 1991 sea­son and it has yet to be approved.

Replay was in effect for six seasons (1986-91). It was dropped largely because teams felt it lengthened games and left offi­cials tentative as a result of the decision and scoring.

Last year, there was no vote on replay either by the owners or the seven-member competition com­mittee. But with the agreement of the committee, commissioner Paul Tagliabue instituted an experi­ment with a limited replay sys­tem, that was tried in 10 national­ly 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.

The system now being reviewed by the competition com­mittee could be broader than that. It needs approval by 23 of 30 teams to go back in, meaning only eight teams have to oppose it.

"We look at everything that's being proposed and try to find the best combination," said George Young, general manager of the New York Giants and the commit­tee's co-chairman along with Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren.

Young has been the most con­sistent opponent of replay since it was first proposed two decades ago.

"I'm just one vote," he said. "If the owners want to put in a sys­tem, they'll put one in."

Andrew Young to assess Nike factories

Associated Press

BEAVERTON, Ore. - 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 can result in growth and opportu­nity for the communities around the world where they operate."

Nike said Young will evaluate the code of conduct and determine if subcontractors are complying with it.

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 Nikes are operated by subcontrac­tors, 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.

There have been widespread allegations, particularly at Indonesian and Vietnamese facto­ries, that the workers are poorly paid, forced to work long hours and treated brutally by managers.

Max White, coordinator for the Portland-based Justice Do It Nike organization, said he cautiously approved of Nike's decision to work with Young.

"I'm a longtime admirer of Andrew Young, although I'm not very familiar with his organiza­tion," White said. "I consider it a positive move that he be involved in the issue."

White said he hopes Young is able to make an independent review and does not simply con­clude what Nike wants him to conclude or see what Nike wants him to see.

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site in 1996 and "conclusively identified debris ... that was char­acteristic of chemical munitions," the report said.

Because the Army did not fol­low up on the 1991 CIA report the information was put aside for four years.

The two CIA reports were released earlier this month on the Defense Department site on the Internet.

One of the reports said U.N. investigators, inspecting a part of the Kamisyah site, "littered with demolition were the 37th Engineer Battalion, not the members of the 24th Infantry Division.

The Pentagon official in charge of the investigation into Gulf War illness issues, Bernard Robles, said last week that a follow-up message seeking information went to the incorrect 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 we get a couple of guys that think if everyone stays healthy 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 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. His dad is "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 lies a motivator or hero in whom 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."

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Together, they have a pact to keep runners from stealing bases. Novi said that while he keeps runners close, Priess has a strong arm to gun them down if they try to steal. Novi added that Priess made sure Novi was aware of the 20 pounds he added in the off-season, which Priess told him would assure them a trip to regionals.

One who talks a lot, is fun to be around and is a good friend. Judging by his teammates’ remarks, others find him just the same. "He is a great motivator," Novi said. "He's a great guy to be around."

Outfielder Ryan Brennan echoed Novi.

"He's flamboyant, a fun character. I like hanging out with him."

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.

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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," Priess said.

Priess is in his senior season, but has one year of school left to complete his civil engineering degree, but doesn’t plan to use that degree immediately following graduation.

"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 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.
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"I liked hockey better when it was more violent."
Priess steps up as leader on the diamond

By Jennifer Cornelius  
Daily Sport Editor

The count is two and two, and catcher Matt Priess is at bat. Priess takes ball three and heads down to first base. However, in baseball, you need four balls to get a walk — something Priess momentarily forget at a game earlier this season.

All Priess could do was laugh at himself as he headed back to home plate, knowing full well he would get an earful once he returned to the bench.

"They get 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 making mistakes. Rather, he is the one others look to for help. According to teammates, Priess has really stepped into a leadership role this season.

"He helps out pitchers and helps out younger hitters and talks to them about other pitchers," said sophomore pitcher Mike Zirelli. "He's also a good motivator."

Priess' experience behind the plate is also important to the success of the young pitchers Cal Poly has.

"He works well with the young pitching staff," said senior pitcher Jason Novi. "Without Matt, the pitching wouldn't be as good."

A true compliment to someone who only "learned to catch" his senior year in high school. Priess said that prior to his senior year, he had just been back there," but didn't really know how to catch.

"Water polo had been his most successful sport for four years at Bren-Olinda High School in Bren, Calif., but he decided he liked baseball better. "I've always wanted to be a professional baseball player since I was a kid," Priess said. "So I followed 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.

He was headed to U.C. Irvine, but he decided he liked baseball better.

"It turned out to be the best decision I ever made," Priess said.

When Priess started, however, the team looked nothing like it does today. In 1994, Cal Poly was still in Division II. The Mustangs, like any other Division II team, played a Friday game and a double header on Saturday. Then they played Friday, Saturday and Sunday. "The division II teams had one good pitcher," Priess said. "Division II lineups, that swing it versus seven or eight guys that would swing it in Division I."

"They won the league, but were denied a shot at regionals, which Priess said is one of his most disappointing moments in baseball."

In 1995, Cal Poly baseball was a number of changes, all of which Priess witnessed. Rich Price replaced Steve McFarland as head coach. Mustangs entered Division I and the Western Athletic Conference (WAC). The suspension stemmed from NCAA violations committed by McFarland.

"Priess said there were a lot of older guys on the team that didn't know what to expect with the new coach and conference. "Price is personable and easy to get along with. He brought a lot of energy into the program, and brought good practice skills," Priess said. "He prepares us to play as good as you can be prepared for. He's the best at that."

Basically, we started over," he added. "We knew we couldn't just play and we had to prove ourselves all over again."

"We're not very far away from the Mustangs' first season in the WAC," Priess finished. "With impressive sweeps over the University of Hawaii and San Diego State, we finished 21-29 with a 285 batting average with 10 doubles and 24 RBI."

But Priess felt they just didn't have the depth they needed to replace injured players, which was a result of the recruitment suspension. The team had to deal with the repercussions of the previous staff's actions, which made it difficult on the current team.

"It's unfair to a player's standpoint, but it's to an administrative standpoint — setting rules, because if you let one go, you're kind of saying what will happen in the future," Priess said. "We've been laid down hard once, nobody will break it."

The 1996 season was a huge success for the Mustangs. They finished third in the WAC with an 18-12 record, 20-23 overall, in just their second year in Division I.

Priess finished with a .253 average, seven home runs and 35 RBI. The 1997 season has once again begun with change. The Mustangs entered the Big West Conference, one of the most competitive baseball conferences in the country.

"Now we're in the position to get a chance to prove to the world that we are the best of the best," Priess said. "We have that chance because we're in the number-two power rating in the U.S. and we do get to play the best like Long Beach and Fullerton."

The Mustangs are currently 14-2 and have had sweet series with St. Mary's and Univ of San Francisco and had a big win over Fresno State. Unlike Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly doesn't play big names like USC and Florida State in pre-conference games. Price said Cal Poly needs to build its reputation before teams like that have a need to play the Mustangs.

"They have big reputations but it all comes down to how good you are that year," he said. "We don't have that reputation yet. This is the year we'll get that reputation."