**Double Opinion**

Are people making too much of a fuss over students boozing? You decide.

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**Sports**

Men's soccer gears up for another season.

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**Nationally known prof addresses diversity**

Monday night, more than 300 people gathered in Chumash Auditorium for a presentation that's been three years in the making.

One of the nation's leading diversity advocates and Prop 209 critic, Ronald Takaki, Ph.D., gave the final lecture of a three-part series sponsored by Cal Poly's ethnic studies department.

Takaki has gained national recognition since he attended a White House meeting with President Bill Clinton last June to advise him on a major speech about race.

Takaki drove down to Cal Poly from U.C. Berkeley to present "The Coming Multicultural Millennium."

The introduction

Bob Gish, Cal Poly's ethnic studies department director, delivered an introductory speech to Takaki's presentation.

Gish discussed the nature of his own work here at Cal Poly.

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As a native of Albuquerque, a city with an ethnically diverse populace, Gish remarked about his past. "My world was multicultural. The faces of my friends I looked into were multicultural."

He continued, "I know I've indulged in such a long-winded discussion, but it's taken three years to get (Takaki) here."

The statement evoked a chuckle from the audience.

When Takaki took the podium, the audience applauded.

**Takaki: A Multicultural**

Takaki began by thanking Gish and then giving a brief biography about how he came from and how he came to be who he is today.

Thanks, Dr. Gish, for such a poetic and passionate introduction," Takaki, the son of Japanese plantation workers, said. "When I was a teen I wasn't academically inclined. When I was a teen I used to be a surfer."

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Legislators call for tuition roll back
A group of California legislators unveiled yesterday a proposal to direct excess state revenue of more than $4 billion into higher education. The group would like to roll back the $1.3 billion in tuition and fees students at California public universities and colleges pay each year. The California State Student Association announced its support of the effort to eliminate tuition led by Senator John Vasconcellos (D-Santa Clara).

Surfrider announces meetings
Surfrider, a nonprofit environmental organization dedicated to the preservation of the world's waves, oceans and beaches, is meeting today. Surfrider has general meetings every third Wednesday of the month at the Excellent Center at 1101 Grand Avenue in Grover Beach. Today's meeting is open to everyone. The meeting topic will be Oceanography. Surfrider also has a hotline at 549-6781.

AmeriCorps looking for members
AmeriCorps of SLO County — the domestic Peace Corps — is looking for a team of people who can work with high-risk youth. Members receive a small caseload of teens and work with them for an entire year, helping them decrease negative behaviors and increase successes.

AmeriCorps service starts Sept. 9, 1998, and ends July 31, 1999. Members must be at least 18 and have a desire to work with high-risk youth. Leadership, team-working and bilingual skills are also desired. Call 549-7890 for more information.

Assemblyman to amend assault weapons ban bill
State Assemblyman Don Perata from Alameda announced Tuesday that he intends to push a state assault weapons ban that is "easier to explain and enforce," by amending a simplified version of his original assault weapons ban bill. The language in the new bill will be condensed and will address Gov. Pete Wilson's concern about the complexities of the first bill. It has the support of key Republican legislators.

"I believe that Governor Wilson and I share a common goal," Perata said in a press release. "We want to pass and enforce a law that will take these weapons of war away from street gangs and our children. At this point, I am not interested in political exercise or a moral victory. We need to get a bill signed before this statewide epidemic of assault weapon-related violence claims another victim."

Cal Poly Student Wins $400 from Pepsi vending machine
paid advertisement
"I didn't believe it was real," said James Ayala who won $400 when he purchased a bottle of Pepsi from a vending machine in the Business Building. "You always get stuff that says you've won when it's really just the first step of some contest you'll never win, but I called the number anyway. Boy, was I shocked when they told me to come in to pick up my $400 gift certificate!" James is a Senior Business Major with one more year of classes. He says the gift certificate will come in real handy for books and school supplies.

Anyone purchasing 20 ounce Pepsi products from vending machines on campus may have a chance to win free books. If the vending machine dispenses a bottle with a "contingent" of soda, bring it to Campus Dining customer service, in the Air Conditioning Building to redeem for a $400 gift certificate to use at El Corral Bookstore. Campus Dining is placing one

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"A lot of what ITS does is work with vendors to try to put the very best technology in the hands of students," Hanley said. "But what seems to happen is that we end up getting yesterday's technology from the vendors are selling the newest technology at full market value. This is very different... The people from Sun were very helpful in making this work for you students."

Kathleen Luce, operating systems analyst, said ITS was in the process of purchasing older technology in August when she contacted Sun Microsystems. Technology vendors typically don't provide educational price breaks on their latest equipment.

"I told them that I felt like it was inconsistent with their company's goals," Luce said. "Students are the ones who are going to be making the purchasing decisions just a few years down the road.

Sun responded by offering a special educational deal. Luce said. At full retail price, the new workstations would probably cost about $8,000 each. Luce said Cal Poly will pay about $5,000.

The new workstations will run speed-intensive programs such as Pro/ENGINEER, a solid-modelling program, and Java 3D. "Since we're ITS, this lab is meant to be for all students," she said. "It's also available to professors who want to schedule a class in here."

The new lab is in the Air Conditioning Building (Building 122) from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. The new workstations replace six-year-old computers that were given to the computer science department.

Luce said a top priority in upgrading the lab was to provide access for disabled students. The lab used to be on the second floor of the Air Conditioning Building, which doesn't have an elevator. The lab was moved downstairs to allow wheelchair access.

"Students need this lab," Bailey said. "It represents unique access to the UNIX environment. This is an ideal solution."

Hanley agreed, saying the new lab will improve educational opportunities. "Before, if you were in a wheelchair, you literally couldn't graduate from this campus with a computer engineering major I said, 'This has to stop.' Hanley said as he cut the final ribbon around the new workstations. "And now it has stopped.'"
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Then the students would have to write their own weekly letter.

"Dr. Nishi" would make marks in the margins of my letter," Takaki said. "Sometimes he would write 'interesting,' and every once in a while he would write, 'insightful.'"

Takaki said one day Dr. Nishi offered him a chance to go to the College of Wooster (Ohio), a liberal arts school, adding that he wasn't all that interested in college at the time. Besides, Takaki said he thought the school was too far from his home in Hawaii. Dr. Nishi inquired about Takaki's Wooster-enrollment on his behalf anyway.

A few weeks later Takaki received a letter of acceptance from the college.

"The dean of the school just asked me to complete the attached application," he said. "They weren't offering me preferential treatment, they were offering me the opportunity for equality of education." The audience applauded this remark.

Then Takaki gave a brief account of his first experience at the College of Wooster, where he eventually completed his undergraduate studies in 1961. He said this was the first time he really felt like a minority.

"I would walk through campus and have people ask me questions like, 'How long have you been in this country?' and 'Where did you learn English?'" he said. "These are questions still encountered by many Asian-Americans today."

He further recalled: "One day I stepped into my college professor's chambers. My professor asked, 'How long have you been in this country?' I said, 'I'm from Hawaii.' Again he asked, 'How long have you been in this country?' How do you tell your professor Hawaii is part of this country? This anecdote was greeted with audience laughter.

TAKAKI'S MESSAGE TO CAL POLY

Takaki urged Cal Poly to consider changing its current multicultural pluralism requirement to coincide with its general education (GE) curriculum. This request comes at the heels of a current plan to reorganize GE classes into four units from three.

Takaki first spoke briefly about U.C. Berkeley's multicultural pluralism requirement, established at the university in 1989. Then he compared its requirement to that of Cal Poly, even though Cal Poly's requirement differ from ours," he asked. "Do you have a U.C. cultural pluralism requirement. Your requirement is separate from the GE requirement. What we did was... we folded the multicultural requirement into the GE requirement... This requirement has revitalized the social sciences and humanities."

U.C. Berkeley currently offers 225 courses which can be taken to fulfill both the multicultural pluralism requirement and GE requirement, according to Takaki.

Berkeley requires undergraduate students to complete a seven-course multicultural pluralism breadth requirement which covers several different categories. Each course is worth four units of credit.

Berkeley offers incoming students credit in some of these areas based on past high school courses which relate to the subject matter. The number of units required may also differ by department — some may require more work to be done than others.

He continued: "Your requirement is different. Your U.S. cultural pluralism requirement is out here (an indication illustrated by hand gesture), outside the GE requirement."

Cal Poly currently requires undergraduate students take one course, from a list of several, to fulfill its multicultural pluralism requirement.

"Multiculturalism has an intellectual purpose," Takaki said. "What I'm suggesting is to integrate the U.S. cultural pluralism requirement into the GE."

He then addressed the need for such a curriculum change.

"Cal Poly admitted 117 African-American students last year," Takaki said. "Fifteen-two were admitted this year maybe 12 will show up."

The reason for this, he explained, is because students of color may not feel comfortable attending a university which doesn't represent and reflect them in its curriculum.

He said that if an African-American engineering student had a choice between attending Cal Poly and attending Berkeley, he or she would most likely choose Berkeley over this school.

"Develop a curriculum that includes (underrepresented students)," Takaki said. "Give them a playing field that is level. The best way to do that is to overturn Prop 209."

A question and answer session followed the presentation. The first question came from George Lewis, a current member of Cal Poly's GE governing board. He asked Takaki how Cal Poly practices multiculturalism differently than Berkeley.

"The cultural pluralism requirement won't be folded into the GE requirement... Where do you get that?" Lewis asked.

Takaki reiterated his earlier statement about how Cal Poly's requirement is separate from the GE curriculum.

"If this university (Cal Poly) is committed to multiculturalism, it's going to have to do some funding in it," Takaki added. "We (Berkeley) rejected 800 African American and Hispanic students with 4.0s — they didn't have competitive SAT scores."

Another audience member asked: "How do you change admission standards to get 'insightfulness'?" She was referring to Dr. Nishi's confidence in..."
Uncle Sam isn’t a peacekeeper

Editor,

I wholeheartedly agree with Alan Dunton that nuclear weapons should not be in the possession of the governments of India and Pakistan. Both governments are displaying their shortsightedness while ignoring the immense consequences that come with the possession of a nuclear weapon. Given the volatile nature of the region, nuclear weapons can escalate local conflicts to world-wide destruction, especially in the hands of two of the most corrupt governments in the world.

While agreeing that countries with nuclear weapons should voluntarily cease and desist with their programs, I don’t believe the United States government is in any position to make such recommendations, either by diplomacy or force. This is the nation, after all, where Henry Kissinger had to introduce the concept of both the former Soviet Union and the U.S. producing a set yearly limit of nuclear warheads because the arms race was escalating uncontrollably. Recommending that the governments cut back on research and production of nuclear weapons wasn’t even considered, since Kissinger knew that both nations were engaged in a “one-upmanship con-
test” that wasn’t bound by rational thought. The U.S. set the standard for what we see now. This is the nation where a beloved former president, Ronald Reagan, remarked that the U.S. had collapsed the Soviet system because the U.S. had simply outspent them on nuclear weapons.

And furthermore, I don’t think Pakistan is much persuaded by the U.S. anymore, ever since the Congress, in a slow of stud­

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macy or force. This is the reason why our oil is supplied by Mexico, Nigeria and other states not even remotely close to the Middle East. Since the Monroe Doctrine, widespread illegal intervention in virtually every Latin American coun-

try does not make a peace-keeper.

Nabel Sultan is an electrical engineering junior.

Some facts about testing nuclear weapons

Editor,

Just for the betterment of your read­

eresice about the current nuclear weapons. According to some CNN briefs, the 1970

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0 nuclear non-proliferation treaty, which restricts and limits the spread of nuclear technology, is observed by 185 countries. The Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), which prohibits any nuclear weapon test explosion, was adopted by the U.N. in 1996, but never went into force, pending ratification from country members. Neither India nor Pakistan have entered any of the above treaties, arguing it would freeze the advantage held by the five nations that had already tested and refined sophisti­


cated nuclear weapons.

Three nations are U.S., France, Britain, China and Russia. Although India had its first nuclear test in 1974, it was always considered only a “thrust-

old” nation. Not until after five of its suc­


cessful nuclear test blasts earlier this month, had India effectively become the world’s sixth nuclear weapons power. Immediately following those tests, India announced a conditional offer to negoti­

ate the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT) as a nuclear weapons state. In comparison, China, an established nuclear weapon state, and India’s largest neighbor, had entered CTBT only after carrying out its own test during the last one to two years ago.

Thanks but ... be careful please .

Editor,

Kudos for the front page coverage of America Reads (May 18) at Cal Poly. I enjoyed the article in general and the copu­

ous quotation in specific. Feed me humble pie, but I love find­

ing my name in the paper.

However, I was disconcerted to notice an error in Ms. Niland’s transcription of our conversation that afternoon. While I did find many of the stories presented to be amusing and a human interest, I did not consider them to be anecdotal (as I was quoted) in nature. I wanted to see Ms. Niland was that I saw the perform­

ance of literature to be the “perfect antidote” to the ill of mass media consumption.

Thank you again for the forum and your enlightened front page coverage. The event was a gale of fresh air in a twenty-four seven of isolated, electronic storytelling. While the oral tradition of passing stories may have skipped a generation or two, or my involvement in this event has initiated an enthusiasm so intox­

icating that I wish for no known anecdote.

Jin Bailey is a liberal studies senior.

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Our tame little campus isn’t so tame after all

Binge drinking is becoming a problem at Cal Poly, especially in the dorms

By Jessica Niland

I never thought I would consider Cal Poly to have a problem with drinking. Anyone who has partied with our neighbors to the south in Isla Vista knows that what goes on here in the way of alcohol consumption is comparatively tame. Still, recent events at Cal Poly suggest otherwise.

According to an article in the Telegram Tribune, drinking arrests on campus have soared from five in 1996 to almost 30 in 1997. The article also reports that three students were carted away from the dorms in ambulances in a period of six weeks recently, all of whom were arrested for drinking alcohol.

This points to the fact that there is a problem with alcohol consumption among Cal Poly students, particularly in the dorms.

Many students come to college with the impression that it is one huge party to drunken debauchery. Then they get to Cal Poly and are told to drink responsibly on campus is a big no no.

According to a magazine, research suggests making alcohol illegal may give it an illicit thrill for younger drinkers. It becomes like a challenge to some to see how much they can get away with. More get away with drinking on campus than are caught, I would venture to guess. Compounded with the fact that many college freshmen don’t do a lot of drinking in high school and before you know it, you’ve got people being carted off to the hospital.

According to Time, America’s 12 million undergraduates drink 4 billion cans of beer a year, averaging 5 6 six-packs a week. It also spends $446 on alcoholic beverages, more than they spend on soft drinks and textbooks combined. I’m pretty sure half of that was consumed by Cal Poly students at Wildflower this year.

"Are we supposed to turn a blind eye at the supermarket when we walk down the beverage aisle and see the fluorescent lights shining on the liquor and beer?"

The college life and drinking are practically synonymous. Even on so-called ‘dry’ campuses, it’s naive to think that drinking doesn’t occur. But does requiring a student to drink and then to drink make a campus truly ‘dry’?

I’m not suggesting that every student at the institution is a drinker, but the majority of students do occasionally decide to have a few drinks. If a student at this particular ‘dry’ campus gets caught drinking on campus, they are required to attend alcohol training and counseling, discuss their incident with the campus police and write a five to seven page report on their experience and what they learned from it.

Does that effectively teach a student that the campus is dry, or that drinking irresponsibly is a dumb thing to do?

The truth is, a student’s drinking problem starts before he becomes a student. They get away from the nest for the first time and just go nuts. They meet new people, want to fit in, and decide that the only way to do that is to drink when others are drinking.

They don’t know their limits and wake up the next morning in the hospital, with their breath smelling like ‘Liquor-Chas,’ and a hangover the size of Mt. Rushmore. It is only after this that they are acclimated to their R.A.s and the campus police, and are told that they need to learn to drink responsibly, which supposedly they will learn by writing a paper. How does that help? Are they going to learn anything the next time their roommates pass them the bottle? They’ll do it. Being from a European family, I was taught at a young age how to drink responsibly. I had an occasional beer or glass of wine with dinner and learned my limit at a young age. If I wanted a beer, I would just ask my parents if it was okay. Sure, if they were positive that I was going to stay at home, they were okay with it. Not to say that I didn’t have the occasional irresponsible night, or didn’t wind up in trouble because of drinking, but with the help of my parents I learned how to be responsible about it.

The only way to teach someone how to drink responsibly is to let them drink. It may sound hypocritical, but the best way to learn your limit is to find your limit. And the only way to do that is to drink.

Is there a preconceived notion by the administrators at Cal Poly that when they call a campus ‘dry,’ students are supposed to believe that there isn’t alcohol around? Are we supposed to turn a blind eye at the supermarket?

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Alcohol ban isn’t a reflection of the real world

Gimme a break Cal Poly, there’s no harm in a few drinks here and there

By Mark Hartz

Wouldn’t such an attitude cause students to go even more buck-wild when they finally locate drinks?

I’m not suggesting that anyone under age go out and get someone to buy them a twelve-pack and get just a little bit, but if they are in a safe environment, say a dorm room, and absolutely refuse to drive anywhere, what’s the harm? Have someone stay awake and play babysitter to make sure no one passes out and chokes on their own vomit.

Another misconception about college drinkers is that some people view college drinkers as ‘bongs’ drinkers, or people who imbibe more than five drinks in one sitting. That’s a ridiculous statistic. This makes it seem as if everyone who goes to a bar or hangs out at a kegger is a binge drinker. I view a binge drinker as someone who gets completely blitzed every time they decide to have some drinks.

I might drink more than five drinks in one evening, but does that make me a problem drinker? I go to class, I’ve been on the Dean’s List. I’m of legal age to drink. So if I chose to live on campus, I would have to drive to the bars to have a drink, run the risk of a DUI or possibly injuring another person? (Okay, that wouldn’t be responsible drinking, but I’m trying to prove a point.)

Just because it is a ‘dry’ campus, that doesn’t mean you can’t handle the beverage aisle and see the fluorescent lights shining on the liquor and beer."

Prevention is what needs to be focused on. Also, if people were dancing they would have some drinks.

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Takaki’s academic ability, as indicated by his comments on his papers to me, was elite. Number two, don’t award defacto placement courses. "I thought his ideas were timely for Cal Poly," English senior Henry Trotter said. "What (Takaki) is doing by educating us — I think reacquaints us - that this is a multicultural nation, and there’s no need to rely on Eurocentric prestige that we’ve built up - you know, columns of grandeur to our own learning."

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Women's basketball recruits
Australian power for point

By Christine Lawler
Daily Staff Writer

A 21-year-old point guard from "Down Under" will join the Cal Poly women's basketball team in Fall 1998.

Kristy Baker, from Newcastle, Australia, is the newest addition to the team. She will begin her time at Cal Poly next fall on a full ride-scholarship as a point guard or off guard and a psychology major.

"Kristy is a great decision maker and a great shooter," said Faith Mimnaugh. Cal Poly women's basketball coach. "She will definitely find her way on the court."

Mimnaugh has had her eye on Baker since the late 1980s when she was playing basketball in Newcastle. Mimnaugh said Baker was accepted straight into the University of Technology, Sydney Institute. Mimnaugh said the Institute is one of the most prestigious basketball teams in the country. Mimnaugh said the Institute is like a training camp for the Olympics, and Baker played many exhibition games while she was there.

While playing for the Institute, Baker also took time to study at Deon University part-time.

"I was impressed not only by her athletic ability but her studies and academic ability," says Baker page 6

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TRACK AND CROSS COUNTRY

The Cal Poly Track and Cross Country teams already excel over their competition. The Mustangs have signed another student-athlete to add to that strength.

Gary Passamini from Aptos High School will compete for Cal Poly next year.

Passamini won the 3,200 meter event at the Arcadia Invitational with a time of 9:09. That time is currently the best mark in the state and the third best in the nation. He also ran the 1,600 meters in 4:12.3, the second best mark in California and the 65th best time nationally.

BASEBALL

It has only been one week since the Cal Poly baseball team season’s officially ended, but they never put down their bats.

The Mustangs are already adding to their roster for next year by signing uppersclassmen with some experience.

Mark Riddle, Kyle Allbright and Tim Nelson are three of Cal Poly’s recruits for next year.

Riddle, who plays catcher, is transferring from Chabot College. In 1998, he hit .461 with 15 doubles.

Allbright, an outfielder, is transferring from Palomar College. He earned first-team All-Pacific Coast Conference. He was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 1997 Major League Baseball amateur draft.

Nelson, originally from Canada, is transferring from Allen Hancock College. He holds single season records in home runs with 19 and RBH with 54.

Clash Coming

The San Jose Clash MLS soccer team is coming to Cal Poly’s Mustang Stadium on Monday, May 25 at 5 p.m. to take on the Central Coast Roadrunners. Tickets are on sale now. Call 543-1588.

SPORTS

Men’s soccer gears up to be No. 1 in 1998

"Our conference is an interesting one. It’s the toughest one in soccer, I think."

—Wolfgang Gartner
Head Coach Cal Poly men’s soccer

By Mark Harts
Daily Staff Writer

The Cal Poly men’s soccer team officially begins its season Sept. 2 at Mustang Stadium against Cal State Los Angeles. But that doesn’t mean they are taking it easy until the summer.

Last weekend, the Mustangs hosted a seven-on-seven tournament at Mustang Stadium where 15 teams showed up to compete. Teams included current players, alumni, local talent and even a few 10-ah players.

The money raised for the tournament, one benefit Cal Poly soccer fund-raisers — goes to both the men’s and women’s soccer teams to pay part of the salary for the assistant coaches. Other titles include a clay-pitch camp and a youth camp.

A lot of players came back to play with their old schools. Head coach Wolfgang Gartner said Gartner has been coaching the Mustangs for 15 years.

We looked out of this tournament we had good weather and it was a nice social opportunity around with athletic athletes. We said getting together to see the strength of the Central Coast is key to recruiting Gartner added. He said that some players go out there to see scholarships because Cal Poly doesn’t lack scholarships.

"We take a certain amount of money which is the equivalent to four scholarships, and we divide it among 20 players," he said. "Sometimes it means you lose a recruit or win a full ride on another school, but at the same time, the school is still affordable.

He said that Cal Poly’s lack of a lack of money is understandable.

"In college sports there are many more ingredients to winning and being successful than money. You will always have a little less than the other guys," he said.

The soccer camp each summer brings out-of-state kids ages 7-15 to the area and contact teams a little bit of Cal Poly’s “team by doing” philosophy.

Anything that helps on the recruiting side getting out the name of the Mustangs has been big for us, he said. It also provides a little money for our scholarship," he added. But some players come in the summer on scholarships and get a full ride.

Cal Poly held 10 morning practices to graduate last year, but Gartner said this year’s team will do well.

The mix of relatively-seasoned players plus some outstanding freshman recruits, there are some exceptional players, will make for a very exciting team," he said.

"If we lacked something last year, it was a little size," he continued. "But I don’t think size is significant in soccer, but you can’t go without any.".

The list of incoming freshmen this year average a little over six feet and 150 pounds.

Another factor that Cal Poly has to deal with is its schedule.

"Our conference is an interesting one," Gartner said. "It’s the toughest one in soccer. I think. It may be the

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