An informal rap-session was held in the city council chambers last night to discuss ideas that could be used in making the downtown area a better place for the students and the community of San Luis Obispo.

The informal discussion was led by retiring city councilman, Donald Q. Miller, and was attended by the Downtowners, a businessmen's organization, the Chamber of Commerce, Young San Luis Obispo businessmen, and interested students.

"Cities are scandalously neglected and not properly planned," was Miller's opening remark at the rap-session. He cited four areas where cities should improve: 1) "Perceptual Stress," a reduction of noise and confusion with a plan to improve the air; 2) "Visual Identity," the need for activities and functions for downtown area to be used in making the downtown area a better place for students and the community; 3) "Citefitting," the need for students and the community to improve the city; 4) "More Open Spaces," utilizing more of the open spaces and green areas of the city.

Miller stressed the need for more student and community interest in San Luis Obispo. He cited the proposed gas station at Santa Rosa and Pachulia as an indication of the interest that the community is taking. He feels that the city should adopt the wisdom of knowledge that this school has.

"You have a City and Regional Planning major at the school. Why wouldn't we use their talents to improve the urban problem of San Luis Obispo? Go to the young people, they want results and they get results."

Miller also said in the future San Luis Obispo may have to prohibit cars from the downtown area. He suggested that the downtown area be similar to Santa Cruz in its makeup. That is, one way streets that casually wind around the various shapes utilizing "art, landscaping, and open spaces" to give it a unique and sensuous quality rather than a sterile and concrete one.

He pointed out that large chain stores are already leaving the city to go out to the big shopping centers because of the parking problems in San Luis Obispo right now. Most of the downtown stores don't have alleys or parking facilities except for the street parking directly in front of the building.

In order to have parking, the city must tear down old buildings and construct parking lots, which in turn destroy the beauty of the city.

Councilman Donald Q. Miller urges better city planning at a student-community rap session.
Meet on Vrana

Editor:

Mr. Ralph Vrana (Physics Dept.) may not be teaching at Cal Poly next year. He was denied tenure. I have not had Mr. Vrana as an instructor but am concerned over the possible loss to this college and community if he leaves. I do not know as a fact, but have heard from others who have, that he is a very good teacher. I do feel sure that he has the ability to stand in defense of the environment. He proposed a five-minute commentary on the building of a second nuclear power plant at Diablo Canyon based on scientific evidence showing the area as potentially hazardous. We students have witnessed other, perhaps similar situations at Cal Poly. A teacher feeling a moral obligation, whether it be for peace, ecology or the anti-draft movement, has taken an active role in community affairs only to find himself without a job. There are obviously more than one factor involved in decisions to not retire an instructor. But any possible loss will not remain because of extra-curricular involvement must stop. NOW!

Possibly, Monday, Feb. 8, at 11:30 a.m., Room 409 (conference room) of Administration Building. Pres. Kennedy will meet with people interested in keeping Mr. Vrana at Cal Poly. Concerned persons are urged to attend this meeting.

John Mosen

Supports week

Editor:

The purpose of the Black Heritage Week is to celebrate a national holiday in this country. This holiday has never been celebrated at Poly. The Black Students Union is in the process of starting this new tradition at Cal Poly. It hopes to bring about a better understanding of the Black man and his world at Cal Poly. Since the goals and objectives of the MECHA and MECHA are similar, MECHA wishes to pledge its full support to all Black Heritage Week activities. We hope that the reminder of the student body will promote the functions during this first Black Heritage Week at Cal Poly.

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She turned her ski so that it was facing west, have you home called lately, she asked. No, my education comes first, I replied. Where's home for you, she asked.

Three days hard riding, past the ridge, I said. How much longer before it's over, she asked. Three and one half months, minus two days, I said.

Did you think that it would go on this long, she asked. No, they said it would be quick, I said.

Then you didn't make plans, she asked, No, my wife remarried last week, I said. You're dripping blood on the snow, she said, it won't be much longer now, I said. I dropped the flag across her tips as I fell. War is heck, isn't it?

Ian McCabe

Editor-in-Chief


eSSAYs due

All Engineer's Week essays must be submitted to OCB 118 before Feb. 19. First prize in the contest is $100 and second prize is $50 in each of the two divisions. The title is how to "Improve the Quality of Life."

BLOOMING SALE

trims daffodils

The Ornamental Horticulture Department is developing Saturday, Feb. 6, to daffodils. A "daffodil day" sale will be conducted by the students in flower classes and the OH club. The sale will begin at 9 a.m. and continue to 5 p.m. The prices will be 50 cents a dozen as compared to the usual 75 cents. About 1400 daffodil will be available to the public.

The daffodils were donated by a flower grower from this community. The proceedings will go toward the flower classes and the OH club.

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Truce violation calls for voting

Robert "Bob" Hapgood, student candidate for city council, urges all students 18 years old or over to register or re-register to vote in the upcoming San Luis Obispo city election, April 10.

Hapgood is encouraging members of the League of Women Voters to set up some registration tables here on campus. If this can be done he will announce the date they will be here to allow ample time for planning.

Hapgood is a third-year Social Science major with a Political Science emphasis. He feels that community concern about ecology is necessary and needed to a stronger degree than already exists. However, he stresses that a decision on ecology affects all other aspects of the community as well.

"Housing, transportation, conservation, tourism and a growing business community all play into the scheme of things and must each be considered individually before a decision can be made on any one of them or ecology," says Hapgood.

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Coffee and jam

A Jam session is planned for Sunday, Feb. 7 at the Coffee House below the clock tower. The session will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is free to those that bring their instruments.

Enrollment will be handled by those bringing their instruments. Last quarter there were two similar jam sessions which were very successful, according to Mark Norris.

Truce violation

Laos (UPI) - North Vietnamese troops overran six government positions in Laos Tuesday night, one of them the key town of Muong Son on the Plain of Jars.

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Kazoo band will tootle at Pismo Beach Festival

Recently returning from a highly successful road trip that was their local fame, but little fortune, the Muir Hall Muckamuck Kazoo Band will strike again by participating in tomorrow's Pismo Beach Clam Festival Parade. Winning the Chairman's Award in the 1970 Cal Poly Homecoming Parade, the 10-member band is currently preparing a new supply of songs.

The band, dressed in colorful blue and orange Muckamuck shirts, will be led by Maestro Frederick Culp. After winning the award in the Homecoming parade, the Muckamuck Band played at halftime festivities at the football game.

Along with playing patriotic red and blue classics, the band features unicyclist Tom Dutton and Del Boardman while all of the band members will wave miniature American flags.

"We were a great success at homecoming," said Randy Donovan, Muir Hall head resident, "and we are very confident that we will again be popular."

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SPARTANS TONIGHT

Michigan ties Matmen

The Spartans will throw several wrestlers that have excellent season records. "Wrestler of the Week" McBride will have the toughest bout on his hands as he faces Michigan State's national champion, Greg Johnson. Oakley appears to have a tough match also. He faces the owner of a 10-3 record, Gerald Maleoek.

Tim Kopitar will challenge the undefeated but twice tied record of Ben Lewis, the Spartan's heavyweight. Kopitar has won twice as many bouts as Lewis and should prove to be a major roadblock for Lewis and his record. Kopitar's record is 15-3 while Lewis' is 8-8.

Weariness from wrestling and traveling the two previous days may prove to be the Mustangs biggest foe when they take on Southern Illinois tomorrow. In common opponents both teams have lost to Oklahoma State. Southern Illinois has also lost to Michigan State, the Mustangs' opponent tonight.

The Mustang wrestling team, possibly thwarted in its bid for a high national ranking, drew 15-3 with the University of Michigan at that eastern school yesterday afternoon.

"We wrestled very poorly," said Coach Vaughn Hitchcock after the match. "Our wrestlers did not perform up to their abilities."

Against the Wolverines Gary McBride was decisioned 4-0 on a take down in the final five seconds. Glen Anderson drew his opponent down 4-4 and Larry Morgan won a 14-4 decision to tie the match 8-4.

Steve Gardner won a 15-4 decision at 148 pounds, before Lee Torres lost 8-4. John Pincho lost a tough match at 149 and when Frank Oakley dropped a decision the Mustangs trailed 8-14.

A 7-4 win by Gary Hall, 111 pounds, before Ben Lewis had an exciting match at 142 pounds, before Lae Maleoek won a 124 decision to tie the match 14-14.

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