From the heart

It’s a sure bet that when Adela Rogers St. John sits down to write a story, that it will come from the heart.

Whether it be a courtroom drama, a Hollywood scandal or a murder case the famous William Randolph Hearst employee and personal friend will be as accurate and fair as any reporter at the event—and without notes.

Addressing journalism students and faculty at the C U yesterday, Mrs. St. John reminisced personally important events with a performing expertise few professional speakers possess.

Recalling great news events such as the Hauptmann-Lindberg kidnapping trials, she surprised her audience when she said that she didn’t take notes. It was during this famous trial that Mrs. St. John, along with Damon Runyon, wrote the lead stories for all the Hearst newspapers. Mrs. St. John talked happily about the days spent at the trial, and the enjoyment she received reporting it. “From one journalist to another” she emphasized the need for the journalist to get involved in what he is reporting, so that reporting can be from the heart, not from a notebook.

Since the talk was given to a class on press laws, Mrs. St. John, who has never been involved in a libel suit, quickly covered the subject. “It is impossible for a good reporter to commit libel, truth is always a complete defense.”

With loving memories of the days when she was working for the Hearst papers, she also talked about the times when reporting was beating the other guy to the press.

In remembering a story when she went to a press conference for England’s first labor Prime Minister, she made arrangements before hand to have a boat transport her from the Prime Minister’s ship. The idea was to beat the other reporters to the press— and beat them she did. Of course, Mrs. St. John’s story of a typical circus race for the scoop brought laughter from a more conventional group of journalists.

Now living at the Madonna Inn, Mrs. St. John appeals to all kinds of journalists. Her fun loving, hard working attitude seems to be right out of a 1930’s movie. But one thing is sure, Mrs. Adela Rogers St. John is very much in today’s world. And I mean it from my heart.

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Strike clogs U.S. rails

WASHINGTON (UPI)— Railroad signalmen striking for higher pay stopped almost every train in America Monday night, stranding thousands of commuters and threatening quick and widespread layoffs in industry.

Saying the economy could not tolerate a strike, President Nixon yesterday urged Congress to order the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen back to work immediately, but today appears the earliest lawmakers can act.

Although one of the smallest of rail unions, the picket lines set up by the 15,000 signalmen at 8 a.m. local time were immediately respected by other railroad laborers. The result was snarled city commuting, threats of fast layoffs in the auto, steel and coal industries and an embargo on long-distance bulk mail.

From his Key Biscayne, Fla., vacation home, Nixon called for joint congressional resolution to keep the men on the job until June and to reopen the negotiations that collapsed Sunday after 91 months of haggling over a new contract.

Sen. Jacob K. Javits, (R-N.Y.), introduced Nixon's proposal in the Senate with the hope that it could win congressional approval by last night and thus end the strike during its first day.

But Chairman Harley O. Staggers, (D-W. Va.), of the House Commerce Committee scheduled a hearing on the measure for 10 a.m. EDT today. Staggers said he did not foresee any major opposition to the measure, but his scheduling meant that the legislation could not be ready for Nixon’s signature before sometime today at the earliest.

An auto industry spokesman in Detroit said plants which depend on rail shipments for parts faced early shutdowns if the strike continued.

In Pittsburgh, a spokesman for U.S. Steel Corp. said operations at its facilities not stocked with raw materials would close within 48 hours. A coal industry spokesman said all major mines in West Virginia would close by tomorrow unless the strike ends.

Postmaster General Walter M. Blount announced an embargo on bulk mail—mostly publications, advertising and parcel post—to be carried more than 300 miles during the course of the strike.

But under U.S. Postal Service contingency plans, Blount said all domestic, first class, air mail and registered mail would be delivered. He also said, all military mail addressed to army and fleet post offices overseas would be delivered.

In the New York metropolitan area alone, some 36,000 commuters had to find other ways to work and midtown hotels were “swamped with calls” for persons seeking to avoid the afternoon rush-hour crush by staying in the city.

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Daily Capsule

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Inchelina—South Vietnamese troops have begun their long-planned push into the A Shau Valley, and commanders said that the North Vietnamese troops entrenched there intended to “stay and fight.”

Key Biscayne, Fla.—The White House has stepped up its campaign against the reduction of U.S. forces in Europe.

Washington—the government reported more trouble for the dollar—a trade balance deficit of $3.5 billion on 1971’s first quarter.
Letters to the Editor

Former Prof sees ‘emancipation’ election

Dear Mr. Evana and Mrs. Dale:

May I congratulate you most heartily on your recent victory in the Cal Poly Student Body election. As a fifteen year observer of Cal Poly politics, I find in your election a long overdue emancipation process; a change to democracy in substance, as well as in form. Even though there are those among the faculty as well as among the students who still prefer to be led by the proverbial brass ring in the nose, let’s hope that the next fifteen years will add more backbone to attitudes in eliminating the still prevailing patronizing system.

You had the courage to challenge the “Father knows best” technique, and won. This fact will be a landmark in Cal Poly history.

Wishing you the best of luck in your endeavors, and assuring you that I shall always remain interested in the welfare of Cal Poly students I am.

Most cordially yours,

Dr. Michel N. Franck
Retired
Dept. of Social Sciences

Election logic questioned

Editor:

I spent a large part of the weekend trying to figure out when and where the run-off elections were held for ASI offices. I finally know. When I voted, I was told rank the candidates for each office “DO NOT vote for the same person twice.” Legally, this meant the votes would somehow be weighted.

NOW I find out over 5000 students were told, in effect, “If your candidate were to lose, who would you vote for in the runoffs?” Instead of taking run-off votes only for the defeated candidate and adding them to the first round votes, it appears that all the second round votes were tallied.

How logical is this? How would you vote for U.S. President if you had your choice of two squares to mark and knew that after all votes had been tallied, the candidates would flip a coin for position on the ballot? It is as logical as voting in a run-off election before the candidates have been determined.

Approximately 500 votes (9 per cent of those cast) were for an ineligible candidate. In an election as hot as this one, who is going to be irrational enough to say these people wouldn’t have voted anyhow. It is more likely more students would have voted in a run-off election.

My assumption is based on experience, particularly at San Fernando Valley State College. In a 4-way race for President, a record number of voters didn’t elect anyone. In a separate run-off election, even more votes turned out to elect the President.

Give Poly a FAIR run-off election.

Sally Wittbrod, Graduate.

Responsibility to keep up on our education

Editor:

There are many trends and themes happening at Poly right now. I want to talk about one of them. In my campaign I tried to expose the thought-control that President Kennedy and the holding company have been exercising over us. Academic freedom does not exist at this school. Poly isn’t really a college, but essentially is a mental institution where people are first retarded and then programmed to fit thoughtlessly into that great economic institution called middleclass American life. The administration—especially Archie Higdon and George Haaslein—are trying to keep this school an intellectual island in time.

In the final analysis, It’s our education and it’s our responsibility to keep on top of our education. Our education should help us to open our minds, and explore and probe and grope. Why? Because it’s life and life is like that.

Skip Kelley

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Photos by Catherine Phoenix and Richard Newman
New SAC officers named after four day delay

Final election results determining next year's members of the Student Affairs Council have been tabulated by the Election Committee. The school of Business and Social Science will be represented by Kirk Hoffman and Steve Leger who each received approximately half of the 586 votes cast. Science and Mathematics' elected Daniel Cook and Elizabeth Duprey with 488 total ballots cast.

Members of the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities cast 443 votes to elect Kathleen Beasley and Budd Dreusler. Engineering and Technology with a total of 542 votes elected Tom Giel, John Cidler, Robert Weidmuller and Jim Wiedmuller.

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Mustang Daily Staff Comment

Vietnam -- oil or ideals?

by Candi Irving

While our troops are fighting and dying overseas in Vietnam, American oil companies are vying for the right to drill for oil offshore. The Thieu-Ky government is offering 10-year leases for offshore oil with terms highly favorable to the oil companies. It is now public knowledge that Standard Oil of New Jersey, Gulf, Continental, Cal-oil, and other American companies are vying for these leases to drill for oil in the troubled waters off Vietnam.

Since the early 1960's our government has declared its interest in the rich oil and other natural resources of Southeast Asia. The United States not only gave major support to the French military efforts to control the wealth of Vietnam ($1 billion the year before the French were defeated at Dien Bien Phu), but have supported puppet regimes in South Vietnam since that time.

The oil-rich island of Sumatra, Java, and Borneo have long attracted American oil companies. But it was not until the overthrow of Sukarno who was seeking to retain for his country control of their own resources, that the door was open for a major oil boom in Southeast Asian offshore exploration.

What I would like to know is what has all this to do with the recent escalation of the war in Cambodia and Laos? Also, has the Nixon Administration given "assurances" to the oil companies that it will maintain the Thieu-Ky regime in power until work in the offshore fields has been completed? And, are these "assurances" the reason President Nixon refuses to set the date for the withdrawal of all troops from Indochina?

The really important question is: How long are we going to put up with this squandering of men's lives? Everyone has a chance to make democracy work. Now is the time to make your voice heard. We should all want an answer to the question: Are our men dying for offshore oil? If each of us sends a letter, or postcard, to Washington asking for public hearings in this question we could all be contributing to the democratic process.

Write to Senator J. William Fulbright, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C. 20510 today. Each letter received is tabulated. Yours will count.

Don't let the same black sticky oil from offshore drilling, which is killing our shore birds, continue to clog the ears of our leaders.

Three industrial tech students awarded grants

Three industrial technology majors have been awarded $50 grants by the American Institute of Plant Engineers (AIPE).

Announcements that the awards would be given to Glenn E. Chapman, Russell E. Berkey and Thomas D. O'Kelley came during a meeting of the campus chapter of AIPE.

The student chapter, established on this campus last year, was the first one in the nation for AIPE. Larry G. Talbot, chairman of the University Liaison Committee of AIPE and a member of this school's Industrial Technology Department faculty is adviser for the campus chapter.

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Hayden arrested during riot for 'peoples park'

Political activist Tom Hayden, who recently addressed members of this student body in the College Union, was arrested last Saturday, May 15, in a second "people's park" riot in Berkeley. This second speech resulted in the arrest of 41 persons, including Hayden, who is one of the Chicago Seven defendants and founder of the Student for Democratic Society. He was charged with participating in a riot.

In the latest encounter, police fired tear gas and putty-like crowd control pellets in a five-hour, bitter battle with 500 demonstrators. Trouble erupted during a rally to mark the May 15, 1969 riot over the disputed land three blocks from the University of California campus. The violence spread from the park near Telegraph Avenue, where store windows were bombarded with rocks and bottles.

Mayor Warren Widener, who has been criticized for being out of town during violence, defended the city's new efforts to "cool it." The city's new mayor added, "I don't think we should have had the expectation of doing anything but that's where we are being handled correctly."

Hanley said the renewed violence showed that both the liberal and the city's first black mayor, and the three new radical members of the City Council have "no more control over the street people" than the previous administration.

"I don't know what he (Hanley) would have had us do," Widener said. "My philosophy is to act ahead of the problem." He added he would work to get the park open for immediate use as a recreation area.

Widener and radical coun­cillor franc Simone had left the city Friday to attend a meeting of elected black officials at Carmel, Calif.

Widener said he had felt secure about leaving the city because "everyone is working for a peaceful demonstration on the anniversary."

The newspaper previously called for young people to sail the park Saturday, but it later changed its appeal urging everyone "cool it" during the ceremony.

Simone told newsmen, "We possibly could have controlled the situation if we had been there. We worked with many of the demonstrators during the election campaign."

Bad weather, rate increase can't stop mail

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Residential rush

It's home for our fish

by John Hambury

And then Dr. Frey said to Thurston, "you should’ve seen the one that got away." Sounds familiar? No way baby. The two "fisherman" in this case, Dr. Dennis Frey, professor of biological science, and Neil Thurson, animal husbandry major, have more than a seafood platter in mind when discussing fish. They threw around terms such as Brachygobius nunus, Anopllchthys jordani, and Acanthophthalmus semilinc-

"All my life I've been interested in ichthyology (study of tropical fish)," he said. "I heard of Dr. Frey's experiments and asked if he needed any help. He did—and I became his assistant.

"In the beginning we only had two—30 gallon tanks, plenty of moss and duckweed—but no fish. In fact, few facilities at all. But after getting to know the biology technicians, I soon discovered that equipment could be gotten." Neil's first acquisitions were two five gallon tanks from Surface Mine in Los Padres National Forest.

"Later we gathered more from the local—(San, Lula Oakes) streams, such as Specified Dace," he added.

"We had to install our own air system," Neil said, "because the campus system couldn't stand up under constant use. All in all it was an extremely slow process getting all our equipment together. But thanks to certain people donating material, plus finding some old equipment laying around the campus, we finally got it all together!"

Describing the lab, Neil said:

"The greenhouse roof is covered with polyethylene to block out the direct sunlight—to help control the growth of algae. The temperature remains around 80 degrees Fahrenheit a day. We keep the lights on a timer so they fade slowly into twilight. To shut off the lights usually tends to scare the fish and there’s a shock to their system. We have numerous tanks, of various sizes, as well as cleaning equipment and food."

Neil prepares to place a Green Sunfish into a smaller tank to the left, in order to observe their aggressive and territorial rights behavior.

Among the variety of fish in the 100 gallon tanks are Blue Gourami, Channel Catfish, Convicta and Sticklebacks—a some of a myriad of color.

"One of the reasons for the cascade of colors in tropical fish is for mating purposes—to attract a mate," Neil explained. "Colorful they are. For example the Giant Gourami. Neil has a picture of one of his at wall at home (WHAT DO YOU EXPECT A PICTURE OF IN THE HOME OF AN Ichthyologist?)! The Giant Gourami, like most tropical fish, come from India. It has a green central fin outlined by orange, a blue dorsal fin outlined by red, a tail of orange with green spots and the rest of the body striped green with a background of red-orange.

The fish are ordered directly from hatcheries in the Simi Valley, although the ELO area supplies many species, such as the Sunfish.

"But now we have a direct fish line to the Orient," Neil added.

"We get their food from West Germany, and feeding time is twice a day—40 per cent of the food being protein," he said.

A big problem in the lab is keeping the fish in their tanks. "The Blue Gourami, the ones that we are experimenting with, are jumpers—they take the leaves of absence from their tanks," Neil said. "For this reason I keep water running on the floor at all times. If one jumps and lands in the water, he can survive just as long as water passes through his gills and his body is kept moist."

During the three days of the interview, five fish were discovered on the floor—two of them dead.

Neil's house resembles a miniature Steinhart Aquarium (San Francisco), with tanks of fish overflowing from the bedroom and stilling over into the livingroom.

"I'm breeding Lyre Tail and Black Mollys in my home in three-22 gallon tanks, three-30 gallon tanks, and numerous spawning tanks," he said. "The fish number into the hundreds. Speaking generally on tropical fish, Neil said:

"It's rewarding work, but hard. Tropical fish are extremely delicate. You just can't leave them unattended. Disease is always prevalent, with Ich and Fungus the main ones.

"If you take care of your fish, and under perfect conditions in an aquarium, they could live as long as four years on average. In the wild, the same fish could live as long as 20 years."

"Fish have their own personality. They get to know you just as you get to know them. Let a stranger walk into a room containing tanks, and nothing happens. But let their owner walk in and they go wild. You recognize, somehow, that you are their feeder and just your presence signifies food to them."

When you get as many fish as Neil does, you are talking big money.

"Prices are fairly steep," he said. "Blue Gourami, bought from a typical fish store, cost about 90 cents each. I bought some Oscars for $1 and now, because of their size, are worth $20."

"If you plan to begin an aquarium, you should start with scavengers and Algae Eaters," Neil states. "Scavengers are generally a docile, mellow fish which stay on the bottom and keep it clean. The Algae Eaters are mainly vegetarians and the fish age accordingly."

"But watch out! Fish are ruthless. They will eat another's eggs. Whatever you do, don't spawn fish in a community tank."

"If anyone sees me in the lab, just drop on in and I'll be glad to explain what's going on." For those interested in working in this field, there will be a class offered in Summer Quarter entitled Biology 07- Ethology.

Researchers fix fish fight for fun and profit

NEWHALL, BACK AT THE LAB

Dr. Dennis Frey is conducting experiments concerning aggressive and territorial behavior between fish. This is his fifth year of such experimentation—one at this college.

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In the territorial rights experiment, the fish are placed in 100 gallon tanks, which are marked off into 12 quadrants. The fish are watched at 15 second intervals, for 30 observations, for a total of ten days. It is noted in which quadrant the dominant fish is located—and which fish is the leader. For aggressive behavior, two fish are placed into a small tank with a divider keeping them separated. The divider is removed and the aggressive behavior (fighting) is observed.

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Round One! In the top photo two Green Sunfish show aggressive behavior as the center divider in the tank is removed. The two fish may fight for as long as an hour before settling down. For a breeder, the bottom photo shows both fish rest and conserve their strength. They will fight until one becomes completely dominant, one submissive.

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Dick Nolan, coach of the San Francisco 49ers pro football team, indicated with his hand the number of years his new contract with the 49ers will run. Lou Spadola, left, president of the 49ers, signed Nolan to a new 5-year con-...
Fullerton's depth stops Cindermen's crown string

Depth won over quality. That's the way it was this past weekend as Cal State Fullerton took first place in the annual CCAA track. The Titans outdistanced the competitors by 21 points to place 1-2 at Cal Poly Pomona. The meet was won over quality.

In the track meet, Fullerton secured the top status by taking victory in three out of the seven events that were held. The Titans captured the 100 yard dash, the 440 yard dash, and the 880 yard dash.

The Titans' victory in these events was attributed to the performance of Mike Simmons, who took first place in the 100 yard dash with a time of 11.5. In the 440 yard dash, Simmons took second place with a time of 49.1. And in the 880 yard dash, Simmons took third place with a time of 1:55.5.

In addition to Simmons' success, the Titans also secured victories in the 440 yard relay and the 880 yard relay. The 440 yard relay team, consisting of Jim Kinsman, Mike Simmons, Dave Hamer, and Mike Craig, took first place with a time of 3:19.8. The 880 yard relay team, consisting of Mike Simmons, Dave Hamer, Mike Craig, and Jim Kinsman, took second place with a time of 3:22.1.

The Titans also secured a victory in the mile relay, with Mike Simmons, Mike Craig, Jim Kinsman, and Mike Deitchman taking first place with a time of 6:23.6. This victory was attributed to Simmons' strong performance in the mile, where he took fifth place with a time of 4:31.1.

Despite the Titans' success, there were a few disappointments. Mike Craig could only finish fifth in the 100 yard dash, as he was outdistanced by the competitors. Mike Deitchman also fell short, finishing seventh in the 880 yard dash, as he was outdistanced by the other competitors.

However, Fullerton's depth was evident in the number of athletes who secured victories. On the relay teams, Mike Simmons took first place in the 880 yard relay, while Mike Craig took second place in the 440 yard relay. In the 440 yard dash, Jim Kinsman took first place, while Mike Simmons took second place.

In the 880 yard dash, Mike Deitchman took first place, while Mike Simmons took second place. In the mile relay, Mike Simmons took first place, while Mike Craig took second place.

Overall, Fullerton's depth proved to be the key to their success, as they secured victories in three out of the seven events.

Correction

An error was made in the Monday issue of the Mustang Daily. The story "Royal Bummer" by Bobbi Busch, page 3, line 10, should read: "The one effort that made the Mustangs will have a few disappointments."