Student resistance means lost revenue

by MALCOLM STONE

The unpredictability of students has been declared the major cause for the current test book hassle between instructors and the bookstore.

Both sides admit to seeing the other's viewpoint; neither side has a solution to the problem.

Instructors are upset because the book orders they placed through the campus bookstores for Winter Quarter were cut arbitrarily. El Corral personnel are upset because the bookstore took Fall Quarter when students didn't buy all the books that were ordered.

Mrs. Mary Lee Green, bookstore manager, said the bookstore has had an obligation to the students to make a profit, because all revenue from the bookstore goes toward a loan for construction of the College Union.

"In the past we have always bought as many books as instructors ordered," Mrs. Green said. "The problem arises Fall Quarter. There was a pronounced student resistance to test books.

When books are not sold the bookstore can do two things, but either alternative means lost revenue.

The bookstore can return 10 percent of the bookstore's cost. The cost of the books will be deducted from the total sales of the previous year. If that figure was $20,000, the bookstore will receive $2,000 in value. If there were no purchases from the publisher in the previous year there is no basis for a return. In addition the bookstore must make a combination of books totaling $20,000 in value. If there were no purchases from the publisher in the previous year there is no basis for a return.

The alternative is to sell them to a used book-wholesaler for about 10 cents on the dollar, or sell them to another college.

Mrs. Green said her staff attempts to estimate before placing orders how many books will be sold, and how many from Poly Phase, how many from other students, and how many students will share books.

Instructions contacted by Student Daily claimed there was no general hostility toward bookstore personnel, just over this specific issue.

Lloyd Bescher, history instructor, said he does not feel the conflict affects him the most, and faculty members this quarter will solve the problem.

"The conflict between the bookstores and the professor is not unique to this campus," he said.

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About 90 percent of all the landings made on the campus airport each year are made by the visiting parents of students.

The only other people who are allowed to use the airport are those involved in college business, such as contractors, employees, and agency officials.

Because the airport facilities are private, prior permission must be granted before anyone is allowed to land.

According to Charles P. Davis, department head of Aeronautical Engineering and also the manager of the airport, another fixed rule is that the "air traffic" of a plane cannot take off from the densely-populated area of the campus.

Although the airport provides a service to students of the college it also serves as a place of instruction of Aeronautical Engineering students.

The airport provides a place for engineering students to use for instructional only purposes.

The airport, which was built in 1972, had aided many people including the pilot of a Navy helicopter who made an emergency landing here two years ago. The pilot on his way from Oakland to San Diego was planning to stop in Vandenberg but due to strong winds was forced to stop here. Because there were no facilities for refueling, he had to be obtained elsewhere.

Flying lessons are not part of the curriculum but two clubs on campus, the Experimental Aircraft Association and the AAIA are trying to update the airport by leveling and planting grass on the airstrip.

Youth caucus convenes

"We are tired of war. We are tired of poverty. We are tired of civil rights. We are tired of being ignored because we are young. We now have the right to vote and with that right we now have the obligation to change the horrifying direction in which our country is headed."

So say the people who are putting together a National Youth Caucus to supply knowledge and tools for young people to organize a massive turnout of school delegates to the national convention.

According to Melissa Green, voting registrar, the National Youth Caucus on Jan. 22 will be held as part of the national conventions simultaneously in San Jose and Los Angeles.

"This will give youth the chance to get young people to become a voting block."

Registration for the Jan. 22 event begins at 8 a.m. and the actual convention will begin at 10 a.m. There is no fee.

The very first caucus of this type was convened in Chicago in Dec. of 487. 3000 youth descending on Loyola University from 41 states. They cut the rhetoric and organized the National Youth Caucus to get young people from every state as delegate just to the national nominating convention next summer and to publicize the efforts of the group, according to Miss Green.

"The caucus in San Jose will feature speakers of statewide and national prominence, including Senator Alan Cranston, Congresman Albert Lawrence, and Assemblyman Willie Brown.

Of principal importance will be the three workshops on the delegate selecting process, the new election laws, voter registration and the related laws, and on techniques of dealing with the local press. Meetings of the group will be held in the weekends of Feb. 13.

The Democratic Caucus to choose delegates for each candidate to go to Miami will be the weekend of Feb. 13.

According to Melissa Green, "some people say they don't want to register because of the size of it. Some people just don't know what's happening. The time has come to show them they do have a voice. It's an influence. Voting isn't all. Why not write your politicians and attend the caucus?"
Plush seats a memory

Editor:

This should be directed to those people that attended the movies last weekend. You’ll all know me. I’m the FT” three-hundred pound guy who sat in front of you. You must remember me, I’m the one who blocked out Carrie Bradshaw’s belly button.

Many students, as they squirmed in agony, remembered the comfortable seats in the Cal Poly theatre. This student wonders, as many others do, why these fine films aren’t shown in the vacant theatre. Could it be that the Drama Department doesn’t want to share the facilities? Or possibly it may be that the students of Poly must suffer through uncomfortable seats because we have a student union that must be used no matter what. I hope so, because I hope that we all pay into school a little extra for those fine seats that are simply playing games and that the whole set-up is meaningless.

Whether or not student government is a game seems to be a pointless question, however, when you consider the impact the actions of student government can have on every student.

Nearly one-quarter of the amount of money a student pays annually in registration fees goes to support the Associated Students, Inc., and the College Union. In the case of ASI fees alone, about $283,000 is collected each year and appropriated to support various programs. The way that money is spent should be the concern of every student at this college. Yet only a tiny minority of students are involved in the decision-making process of where money ends up.

Budget hearings to decide how the money should be spent next year begin Jan. 24. If any student has any complaints about the programs offered here and the amount of financial support those programs receive from the ASI, he should, as the saying goes, speak now or forever hold his peace.

Also, Student Affairs Council meets each Wednesday at 7:15 p.m. Every week far-reaching decisions are made that concern every student. The Academic Committee and Student Affairs Council can have little idea of student priorities unless they receive input from individual students.

It is student money being spent. Every student owns it all and it is the student’s right to find out how it is being spent and to initiate change if the decisions being made are not truly representative of the student body.

Historian comments on speech

Editor:

I would like to direct a few comments to the speech delivered by Dr. Grover Rich Tuesday morning, courtesy of the Military Science Department. While I do not deny that Mr. Rich is to be complimented for his knowledge of power policies in the world, he did lose sight of their implications.

He stated that “you can expect nations to do what is in their interest,” and then proceeded to imply that Russia would do anything short of war if it was in its interest. I do not doubt that. What Mr. Rich overlooked was the fact that this nation will, and has already been doing the same thing. He stated that the U.S. would not promote a solution to Middle East tensions because it was not in its interest. I would like to remind him that for eight years we have been embroiled in a war that was in our interest (or perhaps the interests of American industry, which is this country). Melvin Laird stated in late November of last year, with 444,000 men remaining in Vietnam, that we could pull out of Vietnam in 17 days. If that is true, then it is in our interest to make that happen. We still have, and still are in Vietnam because we would continue to make blood money. Seventy-three percent of the people in this nation have shown their disfavor of US foreign policy. However, Mr. Nixon has stated that “I cannot abandon my policies because of public demonstration.”

Mr. Rich concluded his speech with the statement that “the Military is an honorable profession. We are a great nation because we have paid attention to our military power. We have never lost a war.”

He also noted that a nation’s greatness was directly proportional to its military power, and that ours was declining with Russia’s increases. This, of course, will give our government the reasoning necessary to pour money into weapons, draft more men to defend the fighting, and spend as much on thePT. As a history major with an interest in World War II and all I can do is shake my head at that kind of rhetoric. I have read too many translated newspapers of Germany between 1933-1939 to believe we may not be traveling down the same T.W. Spoon.
Legal drug abuse discussed

The hazards of living in a pill-popping society and the misuse of legal drugs were hashed over by a panel of local professionals and interested students at Tuesday night’s Project 8 meeting.

With the topic of “Psycho-Pharmacology and Legal Drug Abuse,” Dave Bollinger from Sierra Vista Hospital began the discussion by introducing the four categories of misused drugs. Bollinger said, “There are the narcotics, which include the opiates; the sedatives, which include alcohol and marijuana; the hallucinogens, which include LSD and marijuana; and the stimulants, which include amphetamines, diet pills, and cocaine.

Bollinger commented that drugs are a common problem to people other than just the "hippies in the heights-Ashbury." Chuck Brewer from the Fair Oaks Pharmacy said, "Right now the state has control over the use of many drugs, and doctors can only prescribe those drugs which are legally designated by authorities." Brewer believes in the prevention of drug abuse but not in strict penalties. He thinks that one should try to change the law, not try to break it.

Darrell Bennett from this campus’ Health Center claims that, "People today definitely have a false security about drugs. They... think..." every ailment in their body can be cured by some drug, and will try almost anything to cure that ailment." One of the discussion members added, "The fact is that many of these abnormalities are in the head."

Jim Jones from Carpenter’s Retail said, "We need to take these in relation to their therapeutic value and not as a crutch so that they abuse the drug."

The group responded with applause for Brewer when he said of drugs, "No one knows for sure what he is getting when he deals with the street.

Bennett said, "Whereas most people believe a drug will kill all the bacteria in their body when, for example, they have a cold, the real truth is that the drug will only slow down the growth of the micro-organisms." He said that people have to make an effort to take care of their bodies, too.

Art scholarship offered

A $600 art scholarship in memory of Monica Zuchelli, daughter of journalism instructor Ed Zuchelli, will be awarded by the Santa Maria Arts Council this spring. Miss Zuchelli was in the threshold of a promising career prior to her untimely death last fall.

Entries for the scholarship competition include vocal or instrumental music, drama, modern or ballet dance, and two or three dimensional art. To be eligible the applicant must reside in the Allan Hancock College geographical area for at least the past two years.

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Bulldogs invade corral

Two winning streaks are on the line tonight as the Mustangs host Fresno State in a non-league basketball contest. Tipoff is set for 8 p.m.

Cal Poly's handling of its 1,000-point scorer Neal McCoy has been instrumental in their program's progress, Stoner continued. The highlight of the game is expected to come from a pair of All-American candidates—the Mustangs' Billy Jackson and Fresno's Jerry Pender. Both are averaging over 30 points per game and are sparkplugs in their team's offense.

Mustang-Fresno State battles are always close and tonight's promises to be no different. "In many respects the Bulldogs are very much like ourselves in that they start a pair of sophomores, two juniors, and a senior the same that we do," Stoner commented.

Fresno brings a 34-4 record over-all into the game while the Mustangs stand at 36-5. With each game the Mustangs play better as a unit. One of the reasons is junior center Robert Jennings.

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Hall of Fame adds three

New York (UPI) — Sandy Koufax, Yogi Berra, and Early Wynn all were named to the Hall of Fame today in the first multiple election by the Baseball Writers Association of America since 1962.

In the closest voting in the 45-year history of the balloting by the writers, all three received more than 80 votes. Koufax, with 341, received the highest percentage of votes and is the youngest player ever elected to the Hall of Fame.

Berra, receiving 329 votes and winning total of 861, is two short of veteran members of the BBWAA, by 393. He received 1,321 votes, followed by Giants' Hall-of-Famer Mel Ott in 819 and Bob Mize with 187.

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