Library architect talks on concepts and design

Construction of our new campus library is in the planning stage and the architect who designed it will be coming here today and Thursday, according to Dave Pollack, a coordinator of the project.

Architect Bob Marquis will be speaking at 1:30 p.m. in the architecture gallery. Marquis is a partner in the firm of Marquis & Baker, Architects and Planners of San Francisco.

Marquis will be giving an informal discussion on the concepts behind the library design. The presentation is sponsored by the Student-Architects of the American Institute of Architects.

A frequent guest lecturer for the architect students of this campus, Marquis has gained a reputation of being very willing and open to talk with students. He has been an active listener to student opinions, which aren't always about architecture, according to Pollack.

by JOYCELYN WILCOXON

A final grade in a class seems to be permanent, yet in many cases this finality is based on long ago if it took some students to convince an instructor to alter the grade to one that will boost his grade average.

One student's transcript revealed that he graduated with a grade average of 3.8 in all of his courses. This grade was changed to a "C+". That student was not alone. Records show that some 4,700 grade changes have been made, out of 110,000 grades from the fall of 1974 to the summer of 1975.

The descent of the seven schools became concerned with large changes and began careful observation of the schools' grading systems and the college's grade change policy. The deans brought their concern to the attention of the Instructional Committee of the Academic Senate. The committee consists of instructors on the campus and one ARI representative, Rick Hayden.

The Academic Senate advises the Academic Senate that an investigation and review of grade change form policies and grade change forms is necessary to determine the reasons behind the grade changes.

The deans dislike grade changes and procedures for several reasons. Hayden was quick to explain. Allowing grade changes involves not only additional paperwork, but can allow special academic reconsideration to some students while others don't get this benefit.

Hayden pointed out that there have been cases where students had an "F" grade in a class and convinced the instructor to reverse the established grade to a "A" grade and the instructor's revision of grade point average.

In bringing this change before the Academic Senate, Hayden said that some deans reported sending grade change forms back to the instructors because the reasons for altering the assigned grade were not valid or acceptable.

Most instructors' reasons for changing grades were listed as a clerical error in the grade book and transcription of numbers, an error in the calculation of the grades, completion of additional work by the student, or the instructor's reconsideration of point distribution for the class.

The deans believe that the change of grade form should be studied and possibly revised. Presently, there is no provision included in the form which specifies a reason for a grade change. The instructor only has to sign the form approving of the change, and there is no copy available for the department that the class was taken in.

While investigating the situation it was discovered that several instructors are pressured and threatened to change grades. Pressures upon faculty range from "eligibility requirements for participation in intercollegiate athletics to personal problems and charges of sex bias and racial discrimination" as cited by the Instruction Committee.

Reports of the committee.

(Continued on page 4)
Wright not on wrestling team

Editor:

It is not my intent to slander, in any way, Steven Wright, candidate for SAC from the Physical Education Department, but only to correct him. He is not in any way involved with the Cal Poly Wrestling Team; nor has he been for two and a half years.

It helps to see someone try to obtain office on false credentials. Haven't there been enough behind the menace activity in our student government already without adding it to even before election?

Effective government must be open and truthful; start at the poll!

Head resident makes a point

Editor:

I read with great interest the article (Feb. 16) on the residence hall questionnaire. The article asked that there be only one male head resident on campus. I would like to point out that two of the three head residents of the men's South Mountain Halls are male myself and Fred Edmondson of Sequoia Hall. And of the five North Mountain Halls where there are no head residents, all the resident managers are male.

Bob Dougl

Attacks hide weak logic behind technical jargon

Editor:

Warner Chabot's excellent exposure of a dangerous and ill-conceived nuclear power plant recently came under some attacks that have attempted to hide their weak logic behind technical jargon little understood outside the engineering department. A semantic play becoming increasingly common in the overspecialized world of today's higher education.

To get at the heart of an issue it's often wise to use a basic test and to refer to familiar green textbook at Cal Poly, Miller's College Physics. I would like to draw attention to a statement on page 686 that admirably exposes the issue: "Some of the advantages of nuclear power plants are..."

We advise those who would like to check this interesting student textbook out that it's sometimes hard to find. Specifically, the book's use of the ASI officers. Finance Committee member Joe Martinez, a SAC rep noted, if it failed it would die with the outgoing officer.

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Columnist probes secret

by BARBARA FLYNN

The man who recently released information about secret government meetings was sent into hiding after the trial of a new secret from San Luis Obispo on Feb. 10. Jack Anderson, newspaper columnist and former protégé of Drew Pearson, was briefed by campus "intelligence" on the details of the latest expose and decided to get to the root of the problem.

The affair began in the summer when Anderson was contracted to give a speech by a group of individuals representing Speakers Forum.

In September the contract was reconsidered because the appearance would be during Black Heritage Week.

Instead, Speakers Forum decided on Warren Widener, the black mayor of Berkeley, and Anderson's contract was officially canceled through his agency.

The plot began to thicken when Pres. Robert Kennedy's office received a call from a college in Riverside informing Kennedy that Jack Anderson had just left on a plane for San Luis Obispo.

Members of the ASI Business Office rushed to the airport to confront Anderson and explain the affair.

After thorough briefing, Anderson called the agency to check whether his secretary had been informed of the cancellation.

The agency told him that no such letter had been received.

Described as "extremely composed," Anderson decided to accept the mission, and left on the next plane to Los Angeles confident he would uncover the secret of this affair.

Debate limited

Washington (UPI)—The Senate voted today to limit further debate on a fair employment practices bill, ending a southern-led slowdown that began at the start of the session last month.

The vote was 73 to 11-16 more than the two-thirds majority required.

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Baroque music lauded

by EVAN DAVIS

There were no noisy-boppers—just real music and a huge audience that came to hear the Niggemann Chamber Ensemble. It was Sunday night’s Fine Arts Concert of Baroque music. There were several pleasant surprises in store for the audience.

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NOTHING IS SOMETHING

PHOTOS BY R. CUTHBERTSON

When Dr. Benjamin Langham in the Art Department shows his students work with the "Nothing" machine, they are amazed. The students watch as the machine does its work, creating a colorful propeller that spins andzzzzz (hypnotic sound). The machine is a product of the ideas and creativity of Dr. Langham, who is known for his innovative and out-of-the-box thinking.

Steve Tucker's creation is an emergency vehicle so fully completed that it is almost totally worthless.

The "Witmer-VanDerWerff Electric Stage Driven, Non-concentric, Inconsistent, Reciprocating Hydro-transfer Do Nothing Machine" was created by Mike Witmer and Pete VanDerWerff, both Industrial engineering students. The machine very efficiently passes water from one can to another and has possibilities as a Martini mixer and little else.

"Nebulous II" by Richard Warren consists of hypnotic pinwheels, a colorful propeller, and various levers and gears that are similarly functionless.
A Plimco Beach clammy affair this weekend

One hundred thousand people will crowd the town and beaches of Plimco Beach for the Clam Festival this weekend—at least that's what Jean Cole, chairman of the affair, expects.

Leading off the festivities will be a parade. Anyone can enter, according to Mrs. Cole. The grand marshall will be McDonald Carey, presently featured as Tom Horton on Days of Our Lives.

The festival originally took place on New Years Day, where the men showed off their clamming abilities. After a few years the date was moved to the present weekend and turned over to the Chamber of Commerce. A prize for the largest clam recorded all year will be given at the festival. The largest clam recorded to date measures seven inches.

The largest clam ever recorded is ten inches, according to Bruce Retroviky, storeroom manager. The Outings Committee will be using the equipment.

Money collected from back-pack rentals will be used to maintain the equipment.

Graduate aid available

Students enrolled in or planning to enter a California graduate or professional school may apply for competition in the State Graduate Fellowship Program.

Since the present program terminates on June 30, students who would normally renew their State Fellowships must re-apply if they wish to compete for the new State Graduate Fellowships.

Unlike the old aid plan, the new State Graduate Fellowship competition is open to students pursuing a variety of professional degrees. Students will no longer be required to declare their intentions to teach in higher education in California.

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Model U.N. class: Raps on issues, views creates better citizens

by SANDY WHITCOMB

Once a week in the Ag building, representatives of about 35 nations meet to express their views on current issues and vote on various resolutions.

These are not foreign students, but the group which makes up the college’s Model United Nations. Far Western Model United Nations, not associated with the National MUN, is an affiliation of the seven Western-most states. Any college within this area can become a member and must send representatives to a general conference near the end of the school year.

“About 100 schools participate each year,” said Dr. Joseph Weatherby, social sciences instructor and advisor to the group. Every school is assigned a different country to represent. “The countries are allotted according to the schools’ past performances at the conference,” said Weatherby. “Cal Poly has done exceptionally well. Last year we acted as Poland delegate, representative of the Communist satellite, and the year before that we were the U.A.A. This year we were given France.”

According to Jeff Strobel, chairman of the MUN here, France is one of the best countries to represent. “France is one of the big five, she is on the security council, and involved in most of the committees.”

Students invited.

Another indication of the outstanding ability of these students is the fact that they have been invited to participate in the National MUN in New York for two years in a row. “Only the top five schools from the general conference are asked to attend, but so far Cal Poly hasn’t been able to send their representatives because of finances,” Weatherby said.

Weatherby believes that the reason the students from this college do so well is because the members work at it in a serious fashion for one year. “Most of the other schools participate in the MUN as a part of another class and prepare for the main conference for about the last two months.”

Here, all interested students register for the class Fall quarter and those interested enough to continue register for it Spring Quarter. Unit credit is given at the student’s request. The class meets one night a week all year.

“They learn more working consistently throughout the year than they could by working extraordinarily hard for the last two months,” Strobel explained that during the first quarter United Nations rules and procedures are reviewed and explained. Mock sessions are begun soon after that. “Each student is assigned a country,” said Strobel.

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basis of the real United Nations, each student is forced to participate in the proceedings. The class participants get a lot of practice speaking to a group,” said Weatherby. “They have more confidence in themselves and are not afraid to participate. They tend to exercise more influence at the general conference because the others stay quiet.”

Preparations.

“The members of the class will attend a regional MUN in Los Angeles on March 11. This practice session will help the students prepare for the main conferences to be held in Seattle, Washington in April,” Strobel said.

“They are researching whole issues,” Strobel said. “We are finding out how the countries feel about each issue and we are forced to understand a country’s viewpoint whether it agrees with personal opinion or not.”

Weatherby believes that the greatest benefit students gain from the class is the ability to divorce personal opinion from the subject involved.

“You learn to be dispassionate about political issues,” he said. “You can take Governor Reagan’s policies, for example, and look at what he is trying to do instead of how you feel about his actions personally. It can make better citizens out of us.”

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TEN-YEAR DYNASTY

Another wrestling title

The California Collegiate Athletic Association Wrestling Championships held Monday contained a couple of surprises for astute observers of the mat sport. The Mustangs lost two individual championship matches.

Otherwise, the event was dominated by the Poly grapplers, who captured their 10th consecutive CCAA crown. They amassed 111 team points to runnerup Fullerton's 96. Also-

ranks were, in order of finish, Cal Poly Pomona, San Fernando Valley State and UC Riverside.

The surprise losers on the Mustang squad were Gary McBride, defending National Collegiate Athletic Association champion at 118, and Pat Farmer, a 1973 NCAA runnerup. Farmers' opponent, Jay Carrol, was named Most Valuable Wrestler in the tournament for his efforts. Both Poly men took runnerup honors.

The remainder of the team took individual championships. They were Guy Greene, Mike Wassam, Larry Morgan, Denny Johnson, Allyn Cooke, Frank Laude, Joe Nigos, and Keith Leland.

The Mustangs were victorious in their last dual meet of the season Thursday, winning a lackluster decision over Fresno State, 34-7.

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Time to get the lead out?

Washington, (UPI) — The government Tuesday proposed tight restrictions on lead content of gasoline in a move to protect public health by sharply reducing air pollution caused by automobile exhaust.

Because lead ruins the catalytic exhaust cleanup devices planned for 1978 model cars, the regulations would require most service stations to offer lead-free gasoline by mid-

1974 and to ensure under threat of a $10,000 a day fine that no leaded gas Is pumped Into cars equipped with catalysts.

To protect the public from lead poisoning caused partially by car exhaust, the proposed rules also would require that higher octane gasolines for older cars gradually reduce their lead content, starting Jan. 1, 1974, and climaxing Jan. 1, 1977.

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