Alumni claims food used as tool in fight for peace

by CONNIE PITTS

Food has always been one of the basic needs of humanity and, as such, has been the key to man's survival and physical growth. Without food, man could not exist.

Food is now used not only as a weapon of war, but also as a weapon of world peace, according to Vern Bailey, Western representative for Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz.

Highley, a 1966 graduate of Cal Poly, was a visitor to his alma mater Nov. 1. He discussed the world food situation.

"Food is a political problem," Bailey said. "It is important in the nation's fight against inflation. It is the only commodity that you can produce in a domestic market and out-compete with the rising prices. Food is not a barrier of automobiles, textiles or steel. Exporting our food brings in dollars. The more foreign dollars we receive, the less impact foreign goods have on our economy," said Highley.

Highley is a Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who currently is on a world tour for peace, will be attending the two week world food conference in Rome. Representatives from several countries will discuss the inability to feed the growing population of the world.

"The conference will attempt to solve the problem of the diminishing ability to feed the world. This is a real problem in our world population by 80 million people a year. At this present rate, the population will double by 1986. The big problem is that the current rate is not an arithmetic rate (1-3-6-9-18), but the population grows at a geometric rate (1-3-6-9-18)," he said.

Highley stressed the importance of farmers being able to produce food without government interference. He said food markets are monopolized, preventing the federal government from staying out of the farmers' business.

"It is a battle to keep food production at a reasonable level. A good profit, a profit, brings the workers, the farmers, to the table to help the world. At one time, the farmers could not produce certain portions of society. Now, the farmers, the government, has now removed these restrictions and the farmers' profits have increased," said Highley.

Highley became employed with the United States Department of Agriculture in 1970. With his Cal Poly education in journalism, and his previous employment in publications, it was only a matter of time before he became involved in the underdeveloped countries of the world. He was appointed as Deputy Secretary of State for Peace in 1972. Two years later Highley became Chief Western representative and moved from Washington D.C. to San Francisco. His region includes California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah and parts of the Trust Territories.

Speaker talks of technology and our lives

There is time to reverse the trend toward a dehumanised society, according to James Spencer, C.B.B., of Detroit.

"We're not yet a dehumanised society, but we're racing toward it at space speed. At a new campus lecture on Tuesday, Spencer will speak on the subject, "Our Thinking and Our World."

"We are becoming more and more dehumanised, more and more mechanised, more and more a community without charge."

The talks is sponsored by the Sigma Xi fraternity, who will receive all proceeds from the talk.

The annual audit for the San Luis Obispo and the University Union has been completed. Results of the audit will be presented at the ASI Business Office, in the Activities Planning Center of the University Union and the Library.
Present queen selection method questioned

Editor:

Last Thursday I was present at the Queen's Homecoming Pageant, held at Cal Poly. I was somewhat surprised at the five young ladies who were selected for this year's homecoming court. First of all, this year's new method of selecting six or eight judges who are not presently students, plus a queen and her court for 14 thousand students is quite absurd. It should be the students themselves who choose their own homecoming court. After all, the homecoming court is representing the school, and the students are better qualified to pick the court because only the students know who should represent them. Not only was it wrong to let judges who are not students, plus the queen, but the method of asking questions in front of an audience was not particularly a good idea. Not only can the question and answer period take the pageant girl and make her look bad, but the questions that were asked Thursday were absolutely the worst I have ever heard. One girl was asked a question about virginity as if she were a family trail, as well as the particular question, "What is your opinion of yourself?" Questions like those that were asked during the pageant did not reveal anything about the girls, and probably embarrassed them immensely in front of the audience. It is my opinion that the old method of selecting a queen by letting the student body vote should be reinstated.

I understand that this method has its own problems, but at least it will be more fair to the school and the young ladies who are running for queen. I think there are many students that feel the same way as I do and by the time next year's homecoming rolls around we will hopefully go back to the old method, and let the school pick the queen.

R. Clark Jarrett

Bicyclists, drivers cross others’ path

Editor:

With 14,000 plus students and 1,700 faculty and staff, the bicycle, pedestrian, and pedestrian traffic on campus is a continuous flow. At 8 o'clock, noon and 5 o'clock, it becomes butt congeestion—everyone in a rush to get on and off campus. Some are not thinking of much else but where they're going. Consequently, bicyclists and pedestrian cross front of on-coming cars without looking. Cars cross intersections and turn corners unaware that bikes and people are in their paths.

As one who drives on campus, I've provided at least two solutions with a "bash with death" when they left their bicycle path and without signal or turn of head, pulled directly in front of me to cross the street only to look back at the sound of screeching brakes and blonding horns with a "What's your trip?" expression. I've rounded corners to find myself on top of students legally standing on the corner, or bottom on the street rapping with each other.

Won't everyone take a bit more notice when driving to their destinations? Bicyclists please stay in their provided bicycle path, use appropriate hand signals and look around to see if it is safe before turning. Pedestrians please follow the same suggestion. We in our care aren't "lost on the road" either. A little defensive driving goes a long way without too much loss in time. Another Cal Poly death would be a very sad thing and I, for one, do wish to be the responsible party because someone didn't bother to take the time to look around to see me coming. I'll make the extra effort to do my part, how about everyone else? After all, we're at Cal Poly to work, learn and enjoy our campus—not to meet our deaths.

James Brockeridge

Letters

Autocross beneficial to driver awareness

Editor:

I am in reference to an article published last Friday about car freaks. Maybe this will make a few people more understand just what it is, and by the time next year's homecoming rolls around we will hopefully go back to the old method, and let the school pick it's own queen.

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Motor sports gets blamed for fuel crisis

Editor:

Motor sports are to blame for the present energy situation. As far as the other things you talked about in the article, I will agree with you fully. I believe that Americans today should put their high compression ration, high speed, and those small, light aerodynamic sports cars with the safety benefits of a more compatible with the environment In the street and become Joe Hot Rod rather than wasting gas while looking down the center line or standing in the street rapping with each other.

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Fortunately, Mr. Cox is one of the few people with the insights to realize that not only are those fossil fuel powered vehicles that are to blame for the present energy situation. The Europeans have already been practicing energy conservation for a number of years by using cars of small size and weight. Look around today and see how many Cadillacs and Lincoln Continentals and Chevy Impalas you see being driven. Not a few, but many. Just think, if everybody drove a small car we wouldn't have to drive at 70 miles an hour to save gas.

Bob Ken

BICYCLE ACCESSORIES DISPLAY

EL CORRAL Your campus bookstore
Flash Cadillac brings back 50's in concert

by BLAIR HELING

From the moment they strode on stage with defiant gestures and somewhat scruffy appearance, it was clear that Flash and the Kids were back to bring a bit of 50's nostalgia to the masses.

The band is comprised of Barry (lead singer and rhythm guitarist), Sparkey (lead guitarist), Jarry (drums), and Flash (bass). Their setlist included hits from the 1950's and early 1960's that were popular during that era. The energy on stage was contagious, and the crowd responded well to the classic rock 'n' roll music.

Sparkey, lead guitarist for Flash Cadillac and the Continental Kids, boogied during Kids concert here Friday night.

Staff Comment

No freedom in choosing texts

Instructors at Cal Poly are not allowed to select textbooks for their classes because, in the words of Prov. Robert E. Kennedy, "it is not considered appropriate to delegate to the individual faculty member the authority to make the decision about the textbooks that are to be used in his class."

Instead, book requisitions must be approved by the department head and, if there is a change in text, by the school dean.

This rule is in section 3.11.1 of the Campus Administrative Manual (CAM) and last spring five faculty organisations questioned its validity.

Prof. Kennedy replied that the "faculty member is not up against himself" and must go with the way of collegiate opinion. He hinted that the maverick professor is playing "power politics in the guise of academic freedom."

There are more of this species a logic in a Foundation Board suggestion, made in the winter of 1973, that textbook buying resistance and sagging Cal Corral bookstores profits were the result of individual faculty freedom in text selection.

The fact that the individual faculty member did not have text selection freedom then, as now, did not defeat the Foundation Board in its allegiance. The Committee on Textbook Selection of the Social Science Department saw the time that "a closer analysis of the financial troubles of the bookstores be undertaken to ascertain a correlation between a 1 per cent profit and textbook selection practice."

In addition, requiring department head and dean approval imparts a neo-hum uniformity to Cal Poly education that sets it below that of the more nimble universities in California.

And of course this lack of trust in our faculty by the administration must raise legitimate questions for the student. If the authorities cannot rely on our instructors to select an appropriate text for a course, how can they allow impressionable students behind closed doors with these deviant rascals?

ATTENTION ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY STUDENTS

There will be an organization meeting for the new Cal Poly chapter of AABCT - American Society of Certified Engineering Technicians, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 14th, in room 74 of Engineering West.

This meeting will be for the purpose of presenting the aims and goals of this organization and to get ideas from you, the Engineering Technology student.

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Flash Cadillac brings back 50's in concert

Opening production is 'The Front Page'

The days when a newspaper reporter would do anything for a story will be recalled at the Cal Poly Theater Wednesday night with the opening production of "The Front Page" by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur, "The Front Page" is the play opening the production of the 1974-1975 theater season.

"The Front Page" is a classic story about a few legal rascals. It was first produced on Broadway in 1928, revived in 1941 and again in 1966. It was greeted each time with tremendous acclaim and packed audiences.

The authors of the play were former Chicago newspapermen both and main characters, Burns and Johnson, were based on real life figures that they recalled ten years after they left Chicago. Burns was a rough tough, roistering managing editor, determined to get his scoop, and Johnson, aPageant is set for tomorrow at 9 a.m. in the University Union. All interested students and faculty are invited to attend and select the Black Students Union president Gerald Jones.

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Quick start-faster finish

Mustang running back Gary Davis (35) high steps his way past some University of Nevada, Reno defenders on the second play from scrimmage Saturday night. The Mustang gallop was good for 30 yards—his longest of the night. But while Davis was a fast starter, the Mustangs saved their fireworks for the finish when they scored 20 fourth quarter points to boot the two goals in the final two minutes and adjust to their 1st place standing in the district. It was the outstanding stretch.

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He opened the final half by scoring three quick goals to put the Mustangs ahead 8-6, then scored late in the fourth quarter to give them an 11-10 advantage with just two minutes to go.

Cal Poly’s defense seemed to relax after that, however, and Northridge took advantage of the opportunity to hand the Mustangs a fourth quarter, 1st place advantage.

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Last minute goals kill poloists

Cal State Northridge scored two goals in the final two minutes Saturday to hand Cal Poly’s water polo team its first home loss of the season, 13-11.

Cal Poly carried a 9-4 lead into the fourth quarter, but its conservative play in the final stanza finally led to its downfall, as the visiting Matadors prevailed by outscoring the Mustangs 9-3 down the stretch.

Larry Conry, the game’s top scorer with six goals, scored the winning goal for Northridge with just seven seconds left in the game. It was his outstanding scoring which sparked his team’s comeback.

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