U.S. history series opens with look at utopian spirit

by ROBERT C. ELLIOTT

The great magnet which for 500 years drew people from distant lands to America was the dream of a life richer, freer, better than any they had known before. In the world's imagination America was utopia come true. Archibald MacLeish's "Song of the Garden," America was promised.

So it had been from the beginning. Columbus in 1492, reassured by the sentences wrote from his ship, "assures Ferdinand and Isabella that he had discovered the Garden of Eden."

Earliest visions pictured it as a land of surpassing beauty where nature produced bountifully without the labor of man, where climate was uniformly benign, where simple natives lived peaceful lives in harmony with nature. Remains of the Golden Age of which Greek and Roman historians had written were still survived in this remote part of the world. The peaceful life was there for the taking.

Reality soon overtook these fantasies forever. The landscape that Columbus had said was shaped like a woman's breast, the simple forming the earthly paradise, turned out to contain snakes and malaria and fiercely primitive Indians. Although a few Spaniards found the wealth they sought, for most colonies there was neither gold nor a Golden Age. This was an iron time all over again: men found they had to clear and dig and plant and toil to make the earth yield a harvest.

But throughout, the association of America with some form of the American Dream held fast. Like the Garden of Eden, America became a land free of the tyranny and corruption of old Europe, a land where people could be more. That image, often unattained, continues on page II.

The news at a glance

PARIS (UPI) - Two men escaped hostages fire Monday at El Al airliner taking down a runway at Orly Field for takeoff with 124 persons aboard. They missed the Israeli jet but hit a Yugoslav airliner that had just discharged its passengers. Only airlifted El Al officials spokesman Bob Citron said he had no doubt the plane was aimed at his plane.

The Italian-made plane had just been refused and that it had been home for 10 years. The ruling could lead to distribution of the Rocky Mountain brew through channels of a Yugoslav Air Transport DC-8 and exploited outside under a wing, injuring a Yugoslav steward and a French police officer standing guard.

WASHINGTON (UPI) - The Supreme Court Monday agreed to rule on whether a hearing is required before Social Security disability benefits may be cut off. The case is one of a series of welfare-related appeals that have come to the High Court in recent terms.

The court ruled in 1975 that benefits received under Old Age Assistance and Aid to Families with Dependent Children may not be cut off without first giving the recipient adequate notice and an effective opportunity to defend against the action. Lower courts have disagreed over whether the same reasoning applies to disability cases.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Federal Trade Commission judge on Monday ordered Encyclopedia Britannica Inc. to stop misrepresenting salesmen as company salesmen to distributors. The ruling could lead to distribution of the Rocky Mountain brew to beer lovers around the country.

The ruling could also be used to cut off the flow of illegal goods to distributors to sell the beer only within a designated territory.

Car pool parking could be helpful for student aches

by DAVID RICH

After suffering through five hours of class, I had only one thought running through my mind, a nice cool beer and some well deserved relaxation. Leaving class in a cheerful mood, I arrived at the student parking lot to find an empty space where my car once was. I knew I had parked illegally but everybody does and why had Security pointed on me and my illegally parked vehicle.

I found that in addition to having to bail my car out of the impounding lot, I must also pay a parking ticket.

According to George Coctriel, chief of the university police and fire departments at Cal Poly, one of the major problems on this campus is that of illegally parked vehicles. Although few in number, parking places are available that do not require the $10 parking permit. Illegally parking as well as coin operated, on a daily basis, parking lots can be found.

It is not the general practice for the campus police to tow away illegally parked vehicles. During this quarter, an average of three to five vehicles have been towed away daily for being illegally parked. Vehicles that have been towed away were towed because they were parked in staff or handicapped student parking spaces.

Individuals that get parking tickets and casually toss them aside unpaid are in for bigger trouble than they think. Unpaid fines result in a higher fine and in some instances the disappearance of a warrant issued for the violator's arrest. Money received from citations on campus are divided equally between the county and the university. Money from fines is used for the maintenance and improvement of existing parking lots. Students may get around paying fines for parking by either buying a parking permit for $10 per quarter, parking on the street, or forming a car pool with other car owners. Two or more students can form a car pool to defray the cost of a parking permit. Permit pools are valid in all "E," "S," students and "K," student parking lots. Participants in a car pool can obtain a single "parking permit" permit from the University Cashier's Office for $10 and pay an additional $1 for additional vehicles owned by participating students. Only one vehicle of the car pool is allowed on campus at a time.

Home ec program starts soon

A new program entitled MATCH will provide a management approach to the teaching of consumer education. It is being introduced in the Home Economics Department at Cal Poly.

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Teaching will provide a management approach to consumer education. Students in consumer economics will be divided into groups, and student economists will be assigned to each group. The groups will be divided into three parts: teaching, research, and planning.

The ruling said the company recruited salesmen through the use of three techniques: teaching a consumer approach to economics, recruiting pupils in economically depressed areas and providing occupational training in home economics.

Soon to be in the home economics classroom, the curriculum, MATCH will be required of all students graduate with home economics teaching degrees.

MATCH is a form of books containing modules that will be used as guides in teaching high school economics.

The program was started in 1971 and has been funded with close to $300,000 from the Office of Education.

Although presently at the printers, it is expected that Project MATCH will be a regular part of the home economics curriculum by Spring Quarter here.

Student rights: access to files

Dealing directly with access to and content of student's records, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 may be beneficially important to many students.

Provisions of the law require public notice of the act and the university's compliance with it. It requires that the act be filed on campus and that an official be designated to work with students in regard to it.

A version of the act prepared by the staff of the Chancellor's office and modified slightly to fit this campus states: "All student records of the California State University and Colleges including the California Polytechnic State University—San Luis Obispo, are kept in accordance with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974."

A student may request access to those records which personally identify himself and may challenge the accuracy of the record or the appropriateness of their retention. Student consents are needed for the release of records to outside parties, for example, prospective employers, except for those agencies entitled to access under the provisions of the act for example, campus officials, federal officers and requests in con...
Rodin article called 'rude, insensitive'

Editor:

After reading Mr. Rodin's article Friday, once again I felt ashamed and embarrassed to have once believed and taught those same doctrines. It is so tragic to see homophobia denounced without any understanding or insight into human sexuality. I know it is pointless to argue the non-mutualness of a God, the validity of the Bible here, it would take too long. I often have to fight the temptation of things to ask of Mr. Rodin and other fundamentalist Christians.

First, please stay out of this affair. Unless you remain silent in front of Christians because we have no common ground to argue or agree on. But this time, Mr. Rodin, your influence is very damaging to human beings.

Several years ago I fought to get a Campus Crusade on another campus. We were not persecuted as Christians. In actuality you are doing the same in the gay studies on this campus. I would remain silent, but I can't stand to see a twelfth century mind set human rights back 100 years. Homosexuals have been persecuted and alienated by the church and society for thousands of years. As of late our society has begun to accept human sexuality for what it is, an important and natural segment of human sexuality.

I really think an apology is owed to the gay students on this campus for the audacity of this man to write such an article. Although he has every right to air his views, the article was unneccessary, rude and insensitive. It is obvious to me that this campus is in need of a Gay Student Union to educate and help others with a more real view of human sexuality.

Steve Johnson

P.S. Mr. Rodin, I have taken several children with cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy to Kathryn Kuhlman. She couldn't heal a hang nail. It's distressful for me to see pathetic souls trying to heal a hang nail. It's distressful to me to see pathetic souls trying to heal a hang nail.

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Women in Army to be discussed

A symposium on the subject of women in the Army, sponsored by the Women's Collective (formerly known as Sisters United), will be presented Jan. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Ebert Agriculture Building, Room 841.

The guest speaker will be Major Donald Bina, assistant professor of military science at Cal Poly.

The title of the talk will be "Women in the ROYCl" but is not to be intended for recruiting and will cover topics of interest concerning opportunities for women in the Army, non-discriminatory equality practices in the Army, and how the Army has made it easier for women to join the Army.

The symposium is open to all and there is no admission charge.

Women are invited to bring their friends and participate in this informative and answer period following the presentation.

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In the next set of articles Professor William Goode of the University of Texas in Fort McClellan, will review the impact of utopian attitudes on selected economic, political, and religious institutions of the nineteenth century.

Professor Jay Martin of the University of California, Irvine, will analyze how well-upon ideas have survived the great crises which have tested this country in the present century.

Robert Penn Warren, whose poems and novels (“All the King’s Men,” for example) often grapple with the historical themes which are at the heart of this course, will present the final two articles, reflecting on the record.

Because “utopia” bulks large in this course (a reflection of its importance in American history), something should be said about the word itself and the influence of the book from which it comes.

The word “utopia” was coined in the early sixteenth century by Sir Thomas More, the brilliant lawyer-scholar-diplomat whom the Roman Catholic Church made a saint. More was a man of wit, and the word he coined, “utopia,” was the kind of joke—a serious joke. “Utopia” comes from the Greek word for “nowhere” or “no place.” It is also the Greek word for “good place.” Thus More’s famous book “Utopia” is about one of an entirely imaginary “no place at all,” a pure fantasy world, and at the same time about an ideal country, a “good place” whose customs and institutions are set up as models for European countries (especially More’s own England) to follow. The two aspects of the word are necessarily entangled in all subsequent usage.

“Utopia” was published in 1516. Fifty years after Columbus first sighted the Bahamas.

More puts Utopia in the New World the good place.

Capitalizing on the heady excitement of the new discoveries, More situates his fictional island of Utopia in the New World and he makes his chief character, Raphael Hythlodaeus, a voyager with Amerigo Vespucci. In Utopia, the “good place” that Hythlodaeus discovers, private property doesn’t exist; poverty and social hierarchy are unknown. “Though no man has anything,” says Hythlodaeus, “we all are rich.” Against this, Hythlodaeus denounces the social and economic injustices of England: “so help me God I can see nothing else but a kind of conspiracy of the rich” to manipulate the law in order to cheat the poor.

Many of those who in later years shipped out to America would have felt in their bones the brutalizing social conditions in England that More describes.

Even those who had never read More’s book would have had a world of hopes opened to them by the mere existence of the new country. The chance to get away from the cruel and dreary past, to move into the future in a land where all was possibility—that must have seemed utopia, inevitably the dream was disappointed; in one sense, utopia is always “nowhere.” But disappointment or no, the dreams remained potent, their function indispensable as America sought to create its future. Without a vision, without a myth of its own being, a nation founders.

More puts Utopia in the New World the good place.

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Students with questions regarding the act should see the Director of Judicial Affairs in Rm. 315 of the Administration building.
Women hoopsters lose two of three in tourney

By CONNIE PITT

The Cal Poly women's basketball team didn't exactly go down swinging in its 1975 season opener against CSU, as it lost two of three games at a Chico State tournament last weekend.

The Mustangs, coached by Bob Blodgett, beat Humboldt State 84-56, in their second round game on Friday, after losing to Chico State, 68-60, in the opening match. In the consolation round Saturday, the Mustangs were beaten by San Jose State, 51-39.

In Thursday's loss to Chico State, the Mustangs fell behind 30-20 at the half. The strong Chico crew never let up and easily breezed to the 40-point final margin.

Junior forward Cindy Estrada was high scorer for the Mustangs with seven points and added nine rebounds. Center Chris Sotul, a 6-4 sophomore, scored six points and pulled down a dozen rebounds.

In Poly's victory over Humboldt State, guard Sherry Ferriotta scooped the nets for a game high 30 points and added three assists. Kork was right behind with 19 points and swept the boards for 10 rebounds. Forward Kathy Biemer chipped in with five points and Estrada corralled 10 rebounds.

In Saturday's game, the Mustangs ran into a strong San Jose State contingent. The Spartans took a 10-9 lead at halftime and increased it to 51-39 at the final buzzer.

Ferruola was again high scorer for the Mustangs with 12 points, the only player in double figures. Estrada again led in rebounds with 10.

San Jose State won the eight-team tournament by beating Long Beach State in the finals.

The Mustangs will host a two-day invitational tournament starting Friday at Cal Poly Gym. Cal Poly will play the opening game against De Anza at 5 p.m., followed by Hayward State meeting Stanislaus State at 7:40 p.m.

On Saturday, De Anza will meet Stanislaus at 10 a.m., with the other game between Cal Poly Pomona and the Mustangs set for 2:30 p.m.

The Mustangs fell behind early losing the first game 6-16, but came back to take a 12-10 lead over Hayward in the last game of the tournament at 3:30 p.m.

Vietnam vets will get first shot at jobs

The Federal government will give special consideration to Vietnam-era veterans and all disabled veterans for public service jobs recently created.

Under a provision authored by California Senator Alan Cranston, 180,000 of the 500,000 jobs created by the passage of the Special Employment Assistance Act of 1974, will go to veterans.

Cranston, who serves on both the Labor and Veterans Affairs committees, said the provision will bring "immediate relief to one of the groups hardest hit by recession-deflation."

The senator said 340,000 Vietnam-era veterans are currently out of work, with the unemployment rate for those 30-34 years old running at 14.5 per cent. The unemployment rate among minority veterans in that age group is 30 per cent.

Cranston said estimates of unemployment among the 800,000 Vietnam-era veterans, who were disabled in service, range from 16 to 18 per cent.