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Search for Utopia

Advantages might accrue not to the English nation but to someone else. As he eloquently phrased the matter, “This enterprise may say the Spanish king from flowing over all the face of that vast Armament of America, if we went and plant there in time.” It was a bold suggestion; this was before the defeat of the Armada and Hakluyt was urging the English nation to take on the world’s super-power. Opposition to Spain wrapped national pride, financial gain, and religious faith into a single glorious enterprise.

As Hakluyt put the matter, planting in America would enable the English “to spoil Philip’s navy, and to deprive him of yearly passage of his treasure to Europe, and consequently to abate the pride of Spain and of the supporter of the great Arch-bishop of Rome.” The New World would be the fruitful by which England would raise itself in greatness in the Old.

Thus it is clear that European perceptions of America were from the beginning very much shaped by European national rivalries. Although the Spanish claimed a monopoly on the entire New World, in fact they effectively controlled those accessible portions of South and Central America where precious metals were readily available. Englishmen, enormously frustrated by this fact, of necessity focused their attention elsewhere in America.

Gradually Englishmen came to realize that their portion of the New World could produce other forms of wealth besides gold. The fisheries yielded the first genuine profit. Pulling fish from the North Atlantic, on of the world’s most fishy grounds, was scarcely a glamorous business, but it was a business for gentlemen-adventurers. But the fisheries came to be greatly appreciated, both as nurseries for seamen and as a supply of food and trade to other nations.

The forests, another great natural resource of the northern parts of the New World, soon were equally appreciated as a boon to England’s national defense and economic self-sufficiency. What Englishmen did not appreciate initially about America was that in the long run, truly enormous wealth would be derived from certain agricultural staples which could be cultivated there. The most important staple proved to be sugar, a product of the Caribbean into by far the most profitable of the Old British Empire.

Another was tobacco, and Englishmen in Virginia were soon able to prove, despite many assertions to the contrary, that its was indeed possible to “found an empire upon smoke.” Other products proved disappointing. It took experience and experimentation, but gradually Englishmen in America were able to realize the hope that the New World would give forth wealth to the Old.

You got a letter from home and there was just a letter inside.

You owe yourself an Oly.

Pomona glee to perform

Pomona’s Men’s Glee Club, Women’s Glee Club, and Blue and White Quartet will present a public concert at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4, at the Cal Poly Little Theater.

The 8 p.m. performance features Pomona’s Men’s Glee Club, Women’s Glee Club, and Blue and White Quartet—directed by William F. Russell.

Tickets for the concert, sponsored by Cal Poly’s Music Club, are $1 for adults and 75 cents for students.

Liz Currie

Faculty strikes a bargain deal?

Did you ever wish that you, as a student, could go on strike? In my opinion, students have as much right to strike as any other group.

Students have the same right to strike as any other group. It sounds a bit crazy, but just stop and think about it. Why do people usually go on strike? If other forms of negotiation fail, a labor group will go on strike. Working conditions or unfair labor practices.

Don’t students ever have to put up with those problems? The whole idea has become more relevant recently. This year, a collective bargaining bill will be introduced to the state assembly. The bill will allow for faculty representatives to meet with the administration to negotiated agreements over salaries and working conditions.

Collective bargaining is a good thing, but I question its place on a university, where the other group being affected (namely the students) isn’t equally represented. Supposedly the students will have some sort of input in any issues that come up, but is that enough?

The problem is that students might become the pawns for each side in any negotiations. As a last resort, faculty members could threaten to strike. And who would suffer in that case? the students.

What would students be doing all the time? Probably hoping that the issues would be resolved with as little disruption as possible. But, they should be more involved than that.

If students were to negotiate for a pay raise, one of the places the opinion might come from is to the student. Students might return to school and find their fees doubled. The administration might say that had done it to be able to pay for increased faculty salaries, but it would be coming out of the student’s pocket, never mind.

Another bad thing that could possibly arise from collective bargaining is that bad teachers would be likely to be the ones doing the complaining. They would blame the administration for the problems they would be having as teachers. Good teachers would be happier in what they were doing, and would receive more satisfaction from simply teaching well.

I’m not saying that teachers should put up with bad working conditions, or low wages or unfair practices. But students must have an equal say in what is happening. When it comes right down to it, the university is for the students. If we weren’t here, the faculty and administration wouldn’t even have jobs.

If you would like to take a collective bargaining bill to students for give the necessary representation in future negotiations, then that is what’s needed. And if students would have to go on strike, so be it.

The difference between negotiation at a university and in any other working situation is that students are going to be affected by anything that takes place. And I would guess that unless strong precautions are taken, students will not get to have a say on those plans for Poly.

What I hope to find, if collective bargaining is passed, is an increased awareness of the role students play in this college.
Smith's firing effects Poly

Editor:
In December 1974 a letter was sent to Brad Smith, assistant professor of physics at Cal Poly, notifying him that he was not going to be reappointed at the end of the 1979-80 academic year. As a result of this decision, many serious questions have been raised. As concerned members of the Political Action Club, we feel these issues have a direct effect on the student community here at Cal Poly. This leaves us with two alternatives. We can either accept the termination and processes involved or attempt to clarify the facts and issues so that the decision which has been reached is to the benefit of all involved. As representatives of a recognized student organisation, we choose the latter.

Committed to this decision, we therefore feel that a student group is necessary to investigate, with total fairness and complete objectivity, these issues surrounding the decision to terminate Brad Smith's teaching. We assume this responsibility.

To achieve this goal, it will be necessary to have the full cooperation of everyone involved; this includes students, faculty members and the administration. Without such cooperation, it would be impossible to achieve our goal of total objectivity. We now request this cooperation.

The questions raised are indeed serious. We assume this responsibility not because of any underlying interest in Brad Smith especially, but because we feel it is important for the students to be aware of the processes which ultimately determine their education, and to have a voice in these processes. Again, we hope that we will receive the necessary cooperation.

Bruce Orr
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Pressures limit Mustang freedom

Editor:
I would like to aim an attack toward the article claiming that live music at Mustang Daily is not being enjoyed. Many of us have been living all week, and many of us let it flow in a place where there is excitement and room to let it loose.

Readers beware of these articles as forms of student herein for the female problem has been ordering the Department of Defense to remove several restrictions to expedite the new female.enrollment. There are about a half-dozen women who enrolled at this time.

The ROTC Program was among the first in the nation to allow women, in the Fall Quarter of 1973. There were about a half-dozen women who enrolled at that time. Now, approximately one fourth of the freshman in the ROTC Program are women (12 in total). Why are women entering the military? Basically, for the same benefits men are after; career, opportunities, scholarships, a job after college and the appeal of being in the military.

The Department of Defense opened the ROTC programs of all services to women to provide equal opportunity for women to become military officers. The army removed several restrictions to expedite the new female enrollment. There are about a half-dozen women who enrolled at that time.

The ROTC Program has been significantly more popular in colleges and universities with ROTC programs open to women. Besides some teasing from the men, women have been well accepted in Cal Poly's ROTC Program, and the biggest problem has been getting special uniforms for the female members.

Without question, or because this Sense of equality affects all students, we can attempt to clarify the facts and issues so that the decision which has been reached is to the benefit of all involved. As representatives of a recognized student organisation, we choose the latter.

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Mustangs still alive; win 57-50

Gary Orgill hampered home two long jumpers and hit a clutch lay-in at the final horn and a half minutes Saturday night as the Mustangs held off a late Cal State Northridge rally for a 57-50 victory, keeping their CCAA title hopes alive.

The game was a typical Mustang victory, awesome defense combined with too much offense as necessary. Almost three times stepped before the Matadors could get off their first shot.

After Northridge opened the scoring with two free-throws, the Mustangs quickly opened an 8-lead, behind the long jumpers of Orgill and Gerald Jones, who led the Mustangs with 31.

'Led by Craig Nance and Tom Foullas, Northridge countered with an 8-point of its own, and the score was tied at 10 all.

With Northridge ahead 18-14, the Mustangs made a move. Jones hit a soft jocket jumper and came right back with a three-point play. Piccioni hit a 14-footer, and Cal Poly was on top by three, 38-35.

The two teams traded baskets and it was 53-50.

Mustangs, at the half.

The difference in the game was the Mustang defense and their performance at the foul line. While forcing 17 Matador turnovers, the Mustangs committed only 18. They also hit 7 of 18 free throws for the seven-point margin, as both teams had 30 field goals.

Wheeler emphasized the defensive play, but was also encouraged by his team's overall day.

"We hit the shots when we needed to. In the second half we rebounded a lot better. It was an important win, and there was a lot of pressure," said the coach.

Neither team shot well from the field. The Mustangs hit on 36 percent of their shots, while Northridge was while Northridge shot 34 percent.

"It's beginning to look more and more like the latter is the case. It was the third straight win for the Bears. We have previously struggled to knock off Pomona in five sets, but have dominated Hills last week in straight sets.

From the midway point of the first game it was all Cal Poly. They fell behind 3-0 early, but fought back to get ahead and finally took over for good at 11:10.

The next two games weren't even close as the Mustangs would run off and hide almost from the game. In the final set, Santa Barbara got in either match was 3-0. Then play began.

Preston said afterwards he felt his crew was a real contender for the CCAA title.

"If we always felt we were contenders and tonight we showed it. We played well."

"We played great defense out there and set the ball up real well. When you move it around and set it up that's when you win games and that's what we were doing tonight," said Preston. The Mustangs next game will be here against Pomona-Pitzer Wednesday night at 8 p.m.

Big weekend for grapplers

The Cal Poly wrestling team showed how to finish and start the month right as they came away from last weekend a double winner. Friday they defeated U. C. Berkeley at home, 3-0. Without skipping a beat they moved to Fresno Saturday, and on the first day of February came away with a sound 46-2 win.

The Berkeley Bears proved little competition as the Mustangs did not lose a match in their 11th win of the season.

The high point of the evening was Roger Wagner's 185-season win, nor in Bruce Lynn's well deserved pin. It was the finisher Ron McKinney wrestled a draw with the Bear's Brrt Jasino Jactine was last year's Pac 8 champion and was rated first in the state going into the evening. McKinney has improved steadily all season and Friday was the culmination.

The 4-4 score was misleading. Officially it was a tie, but for the Cal Poly it was a win. Ron McKinney has come of age.

Fresno found the Mustangs in fine form as the Poly matmen won Gary Reinhardt in a superior decision, 126-12, with an 6-2 apart of Ita own, and Foulda, Northridge countered with a 26-22.

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