Learn to learn:

by LINDA GENTRY

The brochure said, "Learning assistance is a supportive service for students and faculty that attempts to help students learn more with greater ease and confidence."

Scanning the rest of the pamphlet, I found that the Learning Assistance Center (LAC) serves students who want to acquire, improve, review or maintain personal learning skills. This included time management, task organization, study-reading, listening, note-making, examination strategies, writing skills, computational skills, memory-concentration, reading speed, flexibility, comprehension and retention.

I glanced at my jumbled notes and decided to visit LAC in the library, Room 208-A, to see what the center's counselors could do to help me improve my listening and note-taking skills.

When I arrived at LAC, I was greeted by student intern Irene Ruiz De Esparrza and center supervisor Patricia Stewart.

Ms. Stewart explained that LAC uses the "systems approach to learning." The rationale involves a diagnosis to see what skills are lacking and where a prescription is given to correct the deficiency.

"Our center is for the student as well as the F student," Ms. Stewart said.

After diagnosis, I was prescribed a tape program that consisted of deep relaxation and meditation. A workbook was included. Ms. Ruiz De Esparrza explained that the relaxation program would help me get rid of session that I may be suffering from. This way I would be prepared for the next set of tapes, which would deal with listening and note-taking.

"My listening and note-taking (continued on page 4)

The Learning Assistance Center officially opened its doors for business at an 11 a.m. dedication ceremony on Friday, Feb. 26.

Dean Everett Chandler opened the ceremony saying that new center is concerned with the human element, above all else. He stressed that the Learning Assistance Center's programs are for all students, and are not remedial programs.

Chandler said the theme of the new center was best expressed by the words of a poster on the wall, "Cautions—Human beings. Handle with care."

The Learning Assistance Center is for the student who is having problems as well as for the one who just wants to improve. Chandler added.

President Robert Kennedy told the group he was pleased to see that his had been accomplished at the center and recalled reading about the initiation of other such centers in the 1960s.

Kennedy further commended the staff and advisory board for accomplishing so much with little money. "You did it without funds. You did it through cooperative effort."

New Poly service puts study back in students

Instructor seeks city post

Webre criticizes council

by MERRILL McCARTHY

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"A specific problem of students is the matter of rent and deposits. "A set of guidelines should be drawn up in the form of city ordinances. There have been several cases where students have been given very bad deals. The suppression of housing construction to limit growth is an idea Webre does not support. "The only way to control growth is to control new industry and therefore jobs," he said.

San Luis Obispo needs a policy on growth, said Webre. It is now growing nearly four times faster than the state. He proposes that the city may grow at the same rate as the state plus the percentage contributed by Cal Poly.

"When Cal Poly expansion ends in 1980, the goal of the city would then be to grow at the same rate as the state. If Cal Poly wants to expand after that, the city would have a right to insist such growth if it didn't fit with the policy," he said.

"At the present there is no basis for the city to call a halt to Cal Poly growth because it has no policy," Webre said.

On the TG issue Webre is a little less certain. He expresses hope that The Graduate San Luis Obispo's new night spot, will solve part of the problem. He also feels that the Cal Poly administration should furnish concerts and other programs on late Friday afternoons.
Letters

Pro Gurnee

Editor:
As a former Cal Poly student body president (1971-72), I would like to share some thoughts with you. Shortly before my election in 1971 my friend and fellow student, Keith Gurnee, was elected to the San Luis Obispo City Council on a strong environmentalist program of priorities. His election was a serious setback to the traditional power groups in the community, as mine was to those on campus. He has since proven his campaign pledge of service to the average citizen, those who desire a better environment through wise planning. His unflinching opposition to those who propose rampant growth without regard for the consequences other than the acquisition of personal wealth, has rarely been easy or popular. Along with Neil Webre, another council candidate I heartily endorse, Keith was a defender in a $10 million damage suit because of his role in stopping an illegal development at Lake Nacimiento. The case was considered baseless by the judge and our guys won!

Gurnee is the author of a local ordinance that is probably the stiffest municipal campaign reform act in the nation. He has consistently protected the interests of society's disenfranchised senior citizens, students, ethnic groups and the poor. His concerns with ecology and environmental problems is public record - and benefits all but those who wish to line their own pockets at our expense. He was one of the founders of our new bus system that benefits so many people here. His adamant adherence to a policy of planned, controlled growth versus the irresponsible exploitation by vested interests has been a continual safeguard against the destruction of our unique community.

But for Keith Gurnee, our town would be covered by prosaically described trellis, one 800-unit park proposed by developer W. Danley, now a candidate for mayor! If you can't fix government, the next best thing is to go government," was stopped by Gurnee in a special referendum he initiated.

Gurnee has also attempted to alleviate our critical housing situation by working closely with Cal Poly in reference to its fairly rapid growth, which not only results in a shortage of housing and more rental rip-offs, but also represents attendant problems in the quality of education. To these worthy problems President Kennedy has taken his usual hard-line stance and refused to cooperate. Kennedy's reaction was to gather support from business interests, like W. Danley, Steve Pettersen, etc., Kennedy reminds them of how much money his students spend here every year for gas, clothes, food, etc., and takes their money from their pockets. They gladly support Poly's rampant growth so they can inundate this area with more plastic apartment houses and taco stands (and Kennedy may be chancellor yet!). It is any wonder they want Gurnee out?

Keith Gurnee represents honest, competent and open government; not by empty promises at election time, but by four years of action. Give our community a break, don't let our vote help turn this city into another 'San Jose' - help re-elect Keith Gurnee!

Keith Gurnee!
I ask you also to vote for Neil Webre as the most qualified candidate for the remaining council seat. And Ken Schwartz is obviously the more responsible candidate for mayor with his sixteen years of activity in local government.

Pete Evans

No questions

Editor:
Despite his attempts to unanimous the crowd by proclaiming his faith and trust in young people, I found Mr. Fitzsimmons to be cold, vicious and racist in his attack on Caesar Chavez. Not surprisingly, a large portion of the crowd reacted favorably to his words. I find it difficult to believe, even at Cal Poly, that people who display such narrow-minded views of other human beings are cheered and applauded.

My ballot reached a climax, however, at the conclusion of Mr. Fitzsimmons' prepared text. Despite a promise at the outset of the speech that ample time would be allowed for questions, the gathering was hastily broken up and the Fitzsimmons was escorted from the stage. A number of people, including many of the demonstrators, had waited 40 minutes to ask questions only to be turned away with the shallow explanation that time had run out. I find it hard to believe that this maneuver was not planned by the administration to prevent any disturbances which might tarnish the image of Cal Poly - "the gem of the system'.

Bruce Albert

News briefs

WOW will conduct a workshop Saturday, March 1, at 10 a.m. in Orland Gymnasium.
This workshop will be required for all those interested in becoming WOW counsellors next fall.

Precheduling for all students planning to attend spring quarter will be held Thursday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m. Consult your department office for information on meeting locations.

Organizing their meet and the writing of A.B.I.-recognized by-laws was the business of the new Cal Poly Campus Scouts meeting Feb. 26. The group consists mainly of former senior girl scouts but is open to any interested student. There is a $12 membership fee.

The Campus Scouts plan their own activities. They help younger girl scout troops and work on such projects as the Fiesta Parade on May 10. The group has tried since October 1974 to organize, but now was unable to get a faculty advisor. Dr. Corwin Johnson, head of Crops and Science Department, is advising the Campus Scouts.

Scandinavian Seminar, in cooperation with the Getzer School for Athletics, is offering a three-week coeducational program. The program will involve sports, gymnastics and studies in health, nutrition, awareness and fitness.

Cost of the program, including round trip transportation from New York to Copenhagen, local transportation in the school, room and board, insurance and all program activities is $1320.

Further information can be obtained by writing to Scandinavian Seminar, 10 East 26th Street, New York, New York, 10010.
Dream of utopia fades into reality

Leaders attempted to describe their new sense of self

Pious pioneers bad need for earby utopias

Come, therefore, pious pioneers had no great need for earthly utopias.

Temporary perfection was fit work for the myopic God's children looked ahead.

There was no concept of an evangelical perfection also had compelling reasons to doubt the perfection of this life.

In 1784 John Adams speculated in his Journal that the United States had "a nation in some degree made up of the sons of those who were the leaders of the Revolution."

By 1776, however, there is strong evidence to support Benjamin Franklin's "The free white inhabitants of the United States, parties to the American confederation...shall be entitled to all rights, privileges, and immunities of the citizens in the colonies' sense of identity.

Eventually the "American farmer" acquired connotations of patriotism and ethnic consciousness broad enough to include the grievances of the American farmers and the colonists in defense of their privileges.

The provincial states began to believe in themselves and their future, and wonderfully but insignificantly, the states had become provinces.

Their touted disadvantages now made no sense if not, indeed, as virtues.

Evolutionary philosophers assure us that evolution is true, even though there are many counterfactuals. If we ask for proof, however, they equivocate.

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Mustangs sweep USC

National champs shocked

by JIM SWEENEY

The king has fallen. The apparent heir to the throne, the Cal Poly Mustangs, knocked off the USC Trojans Saturday at Recreation Field, doubling USC's homecoming doubleheader from the king of college baseball.

It was a fluke. The Trojans beat the Trojans at their game, solid fundamental baseball. Pitching dominated the two-game set.

Sophomore Outi Smith was the Mustangs clutching edge. For the day, Smith was less than spectacular, picking up two hits in seven plate appearances.

His two singles, however, combined with alert, intelligent base running, provided the scoring. The Trojans captured their fifth straight NCAA championship.

With two out in the bottom of the fifth, Smith bouned a single up the middle. He stole second on the next pitch, and went to third on a wild pitch. Mike Ongarato waited, and with a 1-0 count on

Ted Bailey, broke for second. The throw bounced in front of the bag and got past the second baseman. Smith scored easily when the shortstop's hurried throw to the plate sailed to the outfield.

Fresburg picked his best game of the season, scattering six hits and not allowing a Trojan past second. In recording his third win against USC, he struck out six and didn't walk a batter.

Overall, the Mustangs were hit 14 to 11, but the difference was on the base paths. The Mustangs ran without fear on the three Trojan catchers who...