Virtue seen essential for government

The concept of virtue had played a significant part in European social thought since the 16th Century. It developed amid the civic humanism of Renaissance Italy, and subsequently served as a component in the educational philosophies. It was also an integral part of the political thought of 18th Century neoclassicism. According to Montesquieu, the French philosopher, virtue was the underlying principle of republican government. Because two sorts of virtue existed, there must be two sorts of virtue. Whereas essential virtue is required of the virtue in the form of moderation and restraint, democratic republics required virtue in the form of public spiritedness.

Athena was necessary to sports, in the exercise of her virtue," he wrote, "as steel is to fire in the production of fire." The American colonists had not been ignorant of virtue as a social

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SAC's credibility is gone

by MARK LOCKER

There is a fraud being perpetrated on the students of this campus. The fraud is that the Student Affairs Council represents the students of this campus and that the governing of this campus is conducted in a democratic fashion. SAC is made clear by its endorsement of one of the most wastefully resolved motions in the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) at its last meeting that it doesn't care to take a strong stand on any issue and would rather compromise to the "w"th degree.

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Fred Heston, Architecture and Environmental Design representative, first asked SAC to endorse a resolution that called for formation of an ad hoc committees to look into the matter of HEP.

HEP, a federally funded program under the Department of Labor, is scheduled to be forced off campus July 1, under university plans to change HEP's building, the Air Conditioning Auditorium, into a faculty office building.

The Department of Labor informed the university that if HEP was taken off campus the program would be terminated. This, in spite of the fact that several state college have expressed a desire to pick up the program, according to Antonio Garcia, HEP director.

SAC unanimously endorsed the formation of a committee made up of representatives that will look into several alternatives that SAC has followed. SAC members felt the Department of Labor could be made to change its rigid stance or another building could be found somewhere in town, or on campus. The formation of the committee was easy, SAC loves to set up committees because that way nothing gets resolved, there are no conflicts and the nice, easy country club atmosphere can roll right along.

Now came the "controversial" part of Heston's motion. He asked of SAC that SAC state that it "is in support of all efforts initiated to maintain HEP in San Luis Obispo and after all possible alternative have been exhausted, that SAC is in opposition to the removal of HEP from this campus, if such action means termination of the program."

The sensibilities of many SAC members were offended. They were a great program but faculty office spaces are more important.lee Stang, Architecture and Environmental Design representative, said he was going to take care of my old age." He added that he was going to make sure that SAC state that it "is in support of all efforts being kept here if all else failed or it would say "Well; sorry, a great program but faculty office spaces are more important..."

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Alan Napier, more known as Batman's butler, Alfred, talks to a Cal Poly theater class about his acting career. Photo by Chris Van Ry.

Butler opens door to acting

by LINDA GENTRY

The actor who was directed by George Bernard Shaw in Heartbreak House 83 years ago visited Cal Poly on Friday to talk to students and lecture to Professor J. Murray Smith's Introduction to Theater class.

Alan Napier, probably best remembered by students as Alfred the butler on television's Batman series, said he is directing Heartbreak House at the Jolly Roger in San Simeon at the invitation of Peggy Webber, an old friend. He is also playing the parts of Captain Recover in the play.

Napier said Smith and Max Demski, a Cal Poly English instructor, invited him to visit the university. Both faculty members have parts in the play. Napier said Heartbreak House, which was written during World War I, is set in England just prior to the war. As a symbol of the wrath to come, said Shaw introduces his first character, an air raid known to men by German lightener-than-air dirigibles.

Napier praised the work of George Bernard Shaw and called the playwright a preacher who preached funny sermons because he realized that people would not listen to dull sermons.

Of the Batman series, Napier said, "I did it for the money and it took care of my old age." He added that he was going to make sure that SAC state that it "is in support of all efforts being kept here if all else failed or it would say "Well; sorry, a great program but faculty office spaces are more important..."

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New attorney will back ASI

It took a closed door executive session to do it, but the Student Affairs Council held unanimously Wednesday night to approve a U.S. Attorney in the new ASI attorney.

ASI named the Brown Act, which permits an executive session to be held when personal matters are before it, as a way of keeping the public and press were not aware of what SAC was doing. SAC chambers for half an hour as was done.

According to a source who wished to remain anonymous, the session was held to clear up what the sources called "unsubstantiated charges as to the lawyer's possible performance."

None of the members had any specific information as to possible shortcomings of the new attorney, said the source. It was the question before SAC Wednesday night and the members did a masterful job of evading it. Said Greg Fowler, ASI Chief Justice, "We would be establishing a precedent for setting up ad hoc committees."
Participants should fund their groups

SAC's credibility

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People are needed for stage crew duties, costume, and technical and lighting direction, the student directors said.

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Social virtue needed

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more realistic, however, and after the Revolution they referred repeatedly to the experimental nature of their scheme.

They knew a diamond should be cut and polished, rather than left in its natural state. And they had to ask themselves hard questions, such as whether a "mixed form of government" combining elements of monarchy, aristocracy and democracy (the inherited dogma of a century past) was really compatible with republicanism.

In 1786 an English radical called their efforts "the greatest experiment ever tried in human affairs." Early the next year Franklin informed an overseas friend: "We are, I think, in the right Road of Improvement, for we are making Experiments."

John Adams used the same language in 1787, as did authors of the "Federalist Papers." Madison, Hamilton, and Jay, in 1776-86.

Why, asked Madison, "is the experiment of an extended republic to be rejected merely..."

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Debate team hosts annual tournament

College students from throughout California will gather here Friday and Saturday, March 31 and 23, for the seventh annual Mustang Invitational Collegiate Debate Tournament. Competition will be held in traditional and Lincoln-Douglas debate, readers theater, and four individual events: oral interpretation, and persuasive, expository and extemporaneous speaking.

The Lincoln-Douglas debate and readers theater will be open division events. The other events will have novice and championship divisions.

The tournament, sponsored by the Speech Communication Department and the Debate Squad, is expected to draw 180 participants.

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Social virtue needed in U.S. government

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come to terms with the cynical Enlightenment observation that the heart of man is by turns both a sanctuary and a sewer. Some re-orientation was required if the crisis of confidence and oral government were to give way to order and restraint. "Control" and "government" became especially prominent in the Founders' vocabulary new. They and Adams they knew they would have to re-establish republican virtue to fit it compatible with the unalterable diversity of their interests.

They knew they would have to put greater reliance upon constitutional sanctions and constitutional restrictions. And they knew they would have to strike a proper balance between rights of individuals and needs of society.

How to find the correct formula? The solution might lie in revolutionizing a "science of politics." So, in 1787, they went to work and began to build the Founders' model. They thought in terms of a perpetual virtue library.

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Blood drive

A blood drive, sponsored by Block "P" and CANPER, will take place April 16.

Appointments to donate blood can be arranged in Chumash Auditorium during registration, March 22-24, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

All blood will go to the Cal Poly blood bank to be used by students, staff, faculty, and dependents.