Two Views On Kennedy

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The Nuclear Forum

An Analysis

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The fallout is settled. The bleachers are folded against the gym walls. Those who hoped for definitive answers, whether yes or no, at least temporarily disappointed.

Many whocate with their minds made up were left with even greater resolve. Yes or no, the Nuclear Forum held here this last weekend, was that it is only underscored the great confusion that underlines the nuclear question. There simply remains more decision: opinion and interpretation.

If the forum produced anything, it also showed the strength of the strident debates ever mounted since the issue became a part of the California election process.

But before anything else can be said, it is said to be useful to review each area of discussion and the arguments presented by both sides.

HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS:

Dr. Robert Komar, proponent, led off his speech with an urgent call for American's drastic new eating habits. He went on to say that 20 to 25 per cent of our diets are made up in ten years, and that measures to curb such wastes would not seriously harm the American standard of living.

Komar continued by stating that pre­ sent estimates of the health hazards could be much cleaner than now, but that the utilitians will simply spend a dime more than they are forced to.

He also questioned the severity of the health hazards. He stated, "I am not a doctor in this area of hazardous material." He said he believes that these kinds of radioactive material are the cause of cancer in the years which may come.

Dr. Cecil Comar, proponent, led off his arguments by stating that nuclear energy would not exist as a thing to pollute residential areas as it stands today.

Wolfe said that it is a problem of storage in deep salt mines, but that the public cannot understand how important it is to store nuclear waste properly.

He ended his speech by saying that the crisis were more emotional than scientific, and that the public must understand that nuclear power is a viable alternative to other forms of energy.

Dr. Leslie Grimm, opponent, began by stating that there were at least 1200 premature deaths due to pollution, not to mention the costs of cleanup.

Grimm concluded by pointing out an area which the government has not addressed itself to yet. She raised the question of what can be done with the nuclear reactors after their estimated 30 year use period is over.

She said that the reactors are so con­ tamined, they would be virtually im­ possible to dismantle. The only possible solution is for the reactors to be covered with huge tinfoil-like material of the same kind as that covering the nuclear waste sites.

ENERGY ALTERNATIVES:

In this area, the two speakers, agreed more often than not. Both men, Dr. Schipper and Dr. C. H. Wang, denied the worldwide prevalence of the American public.

Wang asked the audience what they would do if they could change energy savings to real energy. He answered, by stating that energy savings would result in higher employment, less pollution and more money for parking.

Dr. Wang said that there are a number of sources of energy and that solar, geothermal and fusion, and other solutions are all viable alternatives to nuclear energy.

He ended his speech by saying that future projections are very uncertain, but that in the next century, the government should use as many alternatives as possible to nuclear energy.

ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS:

Agreements are economics, the "dismal science," in a large part. The manner of how nuclear power is no exception.

David Comar, opponent, proposed his research on nuclear industry costs and the government's dependence on nuclear energy are in the future, although the res thing time table of these alternatives generates much argument.

But the questions of wastes and safety cannot be answered by hoping the "ex­ pert" will come up with some miraculous solution.

In fact, the government does not have a comprehensive plan for disposing wastes and that previous experience with nuclear wastes have failed. It is also a fact that these wastes, no matter in what volume, are not thus relatively harmless, and that we still now experience with fuel rods. Their dangers are very real, and that the consequences of storage and disposal cannot be answered by hoping the "experts" will come up with some miraculous solution.

The stakes are high. The responsibility to those who follow is immense. Until the nuclear industry can come up with workable solutions instead of empty promises, everyone involved is in a loss situation.

The letter is from an expert in engineering and science, who has not been found to be biased by political or industrial influence.

The solutions are interesting to see what happens.
Kennedy: do not have the final say in many instances.

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Again returning to your inaugural, you said: "I could not think of many people working together in this manor even a few—shall shape the character of this College in the future." You said this, yet at the same time, you have reversed advice from SAC, for example, on both the GUS and drinking issues and then gone out and taken the opposite action they requested. How do you justify this? Many people have worked together for a period of 75 years to create in this institution an educational program and a learning environment that has given Cal Poly an outstanding reputation. The students here today can enjoy the prestige of attending this university and can be proud of what they have done, but only because of what others have done who have gone before them. We have hundreds of alumni who have success in various professions and careers and as citizens in their respective communities have contributed much of the good reputation of this university. For 75 years it has not been considered a good idea to permit the drinking of alcohol on this campus, and despite the assumption implied in your question, I'm certain that I am not the only person on this campus who would object to a change in that position. In that same inaugural speech which you quoted, I said: "I have learned that we are the sum of what others have done who have gone before us."

What is your attitude toward collective bargaining? I have learned that there is no collective bargaining until there is an educational program and a learning environment that has given Cal Poly an outstanding reputation. The students here today can enjoy the prestige of attending this university and can be proud of what they have done, but only because of what others have done who have gone before them. We have hundreds of alumni who have success in various professions and careers and as citizens in their respective communities have contributed much of the good reputation of this university. For 75 years it has not been considered a good idea to permit the drinking of alcohol on this campus, and despite the assumption implied in your question, I'm certain that I am not the only person on this campus who would object to a change in that position. In that same inaugural speech which you quoted, I said: "I have learned that we are the sum of what others have done who have gone before us."

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The collective bargaining proposition which was introduced this year failed, but it will be revived in the next session. There were several reasons it failed, but one is that it lost the support of the faculty labor was not the Trustees at the management representative, but we understood that a new bill may attempt to return to the original concept of having the Governor as the only management representative. If it is, it is what we do not have the Trustees as the management representative and does not limit the bargaining issues to salary and fringe benefits, much of what we have known in higher education is "collective bargaining" involving consultation with faculty, staff, and students on all issues will be lost. In its place will be a systemwide approach with educational decisions made by politicians, not educators.

Turning now to the final issue—grievances! How big do you believe this university should be, enrollment-wise? No one really knows what the optimum size of a university is in terms of enrollment.

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Campus, SLO News

The mood of the student housing crunch in the San Luis Obispo area, and the possible solutions to it will be discussed tonight at 7 p.m. in Agriculture Building room 228 by the Public Interest Research Group (PIRG).

The meeting is free to all Cal Poly students and faculty. Further information is available by calling Carl Ludkin at 546-3142.

The Diversities Club and Industrial Technology Society will host a chicken barbeque Friday afternoon at Cal Poly from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. For $1.50 per person, participants can munch one-half chicken, garlic bread, a vegetable, dessert and beverage.

Activities will include baseball, football, volleyball and frisbee. Further information may be obtained through the Home Economics Office.

John Kerr, Cal Poly English professor will read selected original poems in the second Communicative Arts & Humanities Lecture Series Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

In the lecture, "American Voices," Kerr will capture the music of regional speech patterns in the U.S., an ability which has built his reputation as a poet.

Kerr's unconventional poetry can be found in "220 of the University Union." An article in the SLO News, "Mr. Kerr's Publications," explained how this collection was compiled.

Applications for two vacancies on the Student Affairs Council are now being accepted. The vacancies in the schools of Business and Social Sciences and Mathematics are to be filled as soon as possible.

For further information concerning the Business and Social Sciences positions contact Monica Aguilas at 541-4100. For Mathematics position contact John Miller and Wayne Wayne are prired at $1.30 for non-students and $1 for club members.

Poly Flags Patriotic Award

Cal Poly was honored yesterday with the presentation of the Bicentennial Certificate and Flag. The award was given to the university by the Committee for the U.S. Bicentennial.

To become eligible for the award, Cal Poly had to submit a program received an award.

President Kennedy accepted the award for the university. He said he had become interested in the Bicentennial activities when Mrs. Kennedy worked on the city's program.

"This campus is doing considerably more than other campus involved in the program. Because of the hard work by the faculty and students the certificate will be placed in the University Union," said Kennedy.

The main event of the ceremony was the raising of the Bicentennial flag. The color guard raised the flag in front of the students for the first time in campus history.

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Many know Dr. Robert Kennedy, president of this place of learning. But Em­

nies Blake—reined prince and former San Luis Obispo City Councilman—knows Bob.

Since he first met Kennedy almost 30 years ago, Blake has come to know many Bob, Bob the professor, Bob the political ally, Bob the university president. And always, Bob the pal.

"He's one of the people in this town I admire most," said Blake between thoughtful pulls on his pipe. "I'm proud just to be able to consider him a friend."

Because of friendship, the Robert Kennedy seen by Blake is different from the one seen by no-growth ad­

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He sees the man who turns to his General Electric hideaway for a relaxing weekend—who spends many a night home alone doing it for Bob.

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Kennedy: Most of the sacrifices in order to reach the planned enrollment ceiling of 15,000 have already been made.
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Cal Poly placed third out of five schools participating in the later division. UC Santa Crus captured the event. In the two*

Edwards Leads Record Effort

Cal Poly's Clarence Edwards, last year's CCAA athlete of the year, led off the United States gold-medal winning 400 meter-relay team in the Pan American Games earlier this week.

Edwards, Larry Brown, Don Merrick, and Bill Collins set a Games record of 38.31, barely short of the world record of 38.2. The U.S. just nipped Cuba.

Led by fine performances from their top three runners, Cal Poly's cross-country team raced to a fourth place finish at the prestigious Stanford Invitational last Saturday.

The hilly six-mile run held on the Stanford Golf Course in Palo Alto was dominated by a group of seven foreign runners attending the University of Texas at El Paso who easily claimed the team title. Texas-EI Paso was followed in the team standings by Stanford, the University of Nevada at Reno, Cal Poly-S.L.O., Fresno State, and U.C. Berkeley.

Senior barrier Tony Reynoso covered the course in 30:07 and led the Mustangs to a 19th place finish among a field of over 70 runners.

Foundations audit ready

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