Senior Projectitis

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Bell a 'Moderate?'

When isn’t a liberal a “liberal” but merely a “progressive” and when isn’t a conservative a “conservative” but merely a “moderate?” When it’s selection time, of course.

Cal Poly students who are totally confused about these legislative categories should give themselves an education today and go vote a man who is running for the Republican nomination for Senate and bills himself as a moderate.

That man is Congressman Alphonso Bell, a veteran of 19 years in Washington D.C. and one of the few Congressmen who dares to assure Californians that California has in the House. He is running hard for the nomination because he has long been a campaigner for the Republicans. But, when it comes to genuine issues and genuine thinking, he seems to be in line to be a Senator.

Bell is, for the most part, an honest man. He has never been involved in any real serious political scandal and has never been swindled by a political leader. He is one of the few Washington politicians who has never been bitten by a dog. He has been running for several years. But, when it comes to genuine issues, he seems to be in line to be a Senator.

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Some of the critical things said about Carter by his opponents—among them the following—have been misinterpreted by the press.

Robert Kennedy said that Jimmy Carter was not a liberal. This is not because he is religious—but in fact he shows no signs of religiosity. Beyond that, people wonder about his many political values. They have no sensitive sense of the man.

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The Jock Dorms Here Are Real Weaklings

by BURKE WHITE

Daily Staff Writer

This plane. They don't make things like they used to. I don't even remember standing in the test of time. Jefferson and Haron Halls, the oldest dormitories on campus, are two well-worn examples. Long ago in the Mustang Mustang Building the halls now house 163 students on each floor, with very little athletic. The strength of the structure, however, not as hall and hearty as the patrons who live there.

Inside the dorms visible signs of age already have a healthy load over the campus maintenance crew. Paint peels from the walls like an old woman removing a mod pod. Pipes leak from the ceilings, and hang out symptomically non-melodies at night. But for the residents, complaints are few. After all rent is always.

One Jefferson resident, Mark Delto, a freshman on a basketball scholarship, told of the night a steam pipe in the room leaked. "A pipe broke and steam filled the room. The door was stuck and I couldn't open the dresser drawers. When I finally got my clothes on I was nervous."

The rooms are small, and the pipe clogs, but it doesn't really bother me. I can't complain—it's free.

Appearance and convenience aren't the only problems with the aging buildings, nor the most important. It's safety. Strength is vital in a building. There are thousands of students for both liability and safety reasons.

In 1980, the two halls both failed to meet the 1988 Field's act, a state law that regulated construction of public schools, according to Executive Dean Douglas Gerard. Not being a public school, the structures didn't have to.

"These buildings are in pretty bad shape, and we know it," admitted Gerard. "Money is in bad shape, too, right now. In both halls the heating is shot, the lighting is poor, and there's no elevator access for the handicapped. The safety of the buildings should there be an earthquake is critical enough that we've continued asked for funds to correct the problem."

Both halls did— and still do— comply with the fire code, however, Gerard estimated the cost of strengthening the two buildings at $71,000 each, in order to meet the standards of a more recent, and less expensive building code. When the repairs are eventually made, the dorms will be remodelled into offices, space and be used as a career center.

Cal Poly is not alone in the dilemma of what to do with decrepit buildings. Other states universities face the same problem, and it is a costly one. The 1989 total budget request from the schools for structural repair was $4.3 million. Gov. Edmund G. Brown, however, denied Cal Poly's request of $80,000, which was intended for preliminary drawings to repair the dorms.

If and when the buildings are repaired and converted into office space, these students as housing scholarships will have to find somewhere else to live. Gerard said it would reduce the number of housing scholarships of.

Vic Buel, director of Residential Services page 7

Nuke Engineer To Speak

Dale Bridenbaugh, one of the three nuclear engineers who recently resigned from General Electric because of concern over the safety of nuclear power, will speak Friday at Cal Poly.

Sponsored by the Ecology Action Club of Cal Poly, Bridenbaugh will talk about his twenty-three years of experience with nuclear power plants in Chelan Auditorium from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In a letter dated Feb. 7 to General Electric, Bridenbaugh explained his reason for resigning from the company:

"I am no longer convinced of the technical safety of nuclear power and I fear the high risk of political and human factors that will ultimately lead to the mishandling of the product, he stated in the letter. "Nuclear power has become a 'technical monster' and is not clean, if anyone, is in control."

In my recent assignment as the Project Manager of the Mark I Containment assessment, I have become increasingly alarmed at the shallowness of understanding that has formed the basis for many of the current designs.

"It is probable that many more problems will emerge with severe consequences, impacting either the safety or the economic viability of the nuclear power program."

"It is hard to find the money to comprehended the immensity of the power contained in the relatively small problems and the cost associated with it."

Bridenbaugh contended, "In the past we have been able to learn from our technical mistakes. With nuclear power we cannot afford that luxury."

"Much has been entrusted to the corporate and regulatory decision makers and the tremendous cost, schedule, and political pressures these humans experience have made unbiased decisions, with true evaluation of the consequences, difficult to achieve. This is not meant as an indication of any specific individual; it is just a statement of human imperfection which leads, ultimately, to the imperfection of the complex technological system."

At the end of his letter to General Electric, Bridenbaugh states his decision to resign:

"This makes is impossible for me to work in an objective manner in my current position and I, therefore, have decided that my only choice is to get out of the nuclear business."

I also must tell you that I have become so convinced that nuclear power is not right for this country or for this world, that I have decided to volunteer my time for the next several months to work in support of the California Nuclear Safeguards Initiative," the letter states. "Bridenbaugh had 16 years of experience with nuclear power plants before giving up his current two months to work full time for the passage of Proposition 15, the Nuclear Safeguards Initiative.

While he was employed with General Electric Company from 1969-1975, Bridenbaugh was responsible for the systems connected to the Building Water Reuse equipment.

For 16 months prior to his resignation, he was on special assignment as Manager of Mark I Containment, a special project formed to evaluate the safety and adequacy of the primary containment of nuclear power plants in the United States."

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by JULIE DROWN
Daily Staff Writer

Students may view the mandatory senior project as one to three copies of written chaos but faculty members often glory in and exalt the benefits of this traditional endeavor.

Dean of Students Everest Chandler is highly in favor of senior projects. "If not only they've worked hard but I think you'll find employers will find them valuable," Chandler said. "Alumni say that as little as they hated doing them they found senior projects worthwhile. People in the business industry think highly of them, which means quite a lot when you're looking for a job."

According to Chandler, senior project depends on the students who do it.

"At its best, it's the synthesis of what you've learned in your curriculum. For others, I'm sure it's just a term paper," he said.

Assistant Dean of Student Life and Instruction David Cook explained senior projects have been a requirement at Cal Poly since the 1940s, when the only majors were agriculture and engineering.

Cal Poly is the only university in the California State University and Colleges system (and one of the rare few in the United States) to require a senior project for a bachelor of Arts or Science degree. English instructor Robert Huot sees the senior project as a chance for a student to show off a little bit more creativity than an ordinary paper.

"I think the senior project can be a meaningful experience for the student," he said. "It need not be drudgery. It may be seen as just another task to graduate, but a little more creativity should go into it than an ordinary paper."

Huot disputes a learn-by-doing atmosphere connected with an English senior project.

"Senior projects are a traditional aspect of Cal Poly. They're meaningful at Poly Royal time when other majors can create something physically which can be displayed," he said. "But English, history, and political science majors, for example, are not mechanical. Most English senior projects are research, literary criticisms, or interpretations."

Huot does not see English senior projects as an aid to employment.

"Many English majors are going to be teachers. I doubt very much that their project would be used as criteria for employment," he said. "I'd like to think it did but it doesn't."

Huot doubts that the reports are often looked at once they're turned in.

"I see the report and the department sees it but I think it ends there," he said. "They just seem to collect dust."

The essential thing about senior projects is that they are a valid learning situation for students in the literal sense it's a research project," he said. "It's basically a scientific exploration with research assistance. I could count on my hands the senior projects from my department which only consisted of research from books."

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Car Events

The Cal Poly Sports Car Club is sponsoring two events this weekend. An "Around the Town" fun rally will be held on Friday, April 8. Registration will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, at the Autoscope in downtown San Luis Obispo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and cost $10 per car. On Sunday, April 10, registration will begin at 8 a.m. for the Autoscope competition. The cost is $20 per car, or $10 per car for members. Helmets, seatbelts, and headlights are required. Leafer helmets will be available. Trophies and cash prizes will be awarded. Drivers should meet at the baseball diamond parking lot at the designated registration times.

Garage Sale

An automotive garage sale sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 9. "Auto parts will be sold. The sale will be located at 1801 Rocha Vista St., San Luis Obispo."

Children's Art

A children's art activity workshop will be held April 11 for anyone involved in children's art activities. The workshop will begin at 9 a.m. at Johnson Avenue Presbyterian Church, 920 Johnson Avenue. Materials will be donated by the Craft Center. For information contact Shari Barnard, 775-4518.

Thai Concert

Students from Payap College of Chiang Mai, Thailand, will present a concert of vocal and instrumental music at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 11, in Room 116 of the Harold F. Davidson Music Center.

Dance Concert

The Cal Poly Scheduling Club is sponsoring a dance on Friday night, April 8 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the University Union Ballroom.

Softball Game

The American Society of Engineering Technology has updated all 67 students in softball games April 11 at 1 p.m. The games will be held at Meadow Park between Barnard and Riggs and refreshments will be provided.

Florida Team

A flower judging team from Cal Poly will compete in an intercollegiate flower judging competition at Texas A&M University on Friday, April 8.

Design Contest

Design Cal Poly's Rose Float for the 1977 Tournament of Roses Parade, and win $600 in tickets to the 1977 Rose Bowl Game. Rules for the contest, which closes on April 19, are available at the Activity Planning Center. The team for the float is "The Good Life." Entries will take place on April 19.

Fingerprints March

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The FBI Wednesday said it has identified fingerprints taken from the toe of a former police examine in Houston, Texas, as being identical with those of billionaire Howard Hughes.

The FBI said it made the fingerprint comparison at the request of Treasury Secretary William E. Simon.

New York Again Faces Bleak Future

NEW YORK (UPI) — A gloomy forecast for New York City's fiscal future revived default fears Wednesday and drove prices sharply lower along broad front in moderate trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which lost 1.44 points Tuesday was in a late session selling, closed behind close at 888.35. The closely followed indicator had been behind only one point until early afternoon when New York Stock Exchange, closed two points until early afternoon when New York Stock Exchange, closed two points.

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The Cal Poly baseball team got six hits and scored six runs in the sixth inning Tuesday to smash the University of Santa Clara 7-3.

Cal Poly's scoring attack began in the sixth inning when Joe Budiselich walked and Mike Ongarato hit a double to right field. Dennis Martindale then hit a single, scoring Peters from second.

Budiselich then walked to load the bases again and Ongarato singled to drive home Smith. Lasplna then lined to center field for the final out.

In the seventh inning, Walorinta tripled to right field and Mitch got a single to get the final Poly run.

"It's our best performance of the year," coach Berdy Harry said of his team. "We hit real well, had good defense and we concentrated on our hitting the whole game."

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The Cal Poly tennis team departed this morning for Los Angeles to compete in the California Collegiate Athletic Association tournament.

This five-team round-robin affair will comprise the first half of the conference season. The Mustangs will host the second league tourney in early May.

Play begins at 1 p.m. with Cal State Bakersfield.

Senior Rudy Von Solingen will start at the number one singles slot. He will be followed by Ken Peet, Tom Zurn, Chuck Doeben, Jeff Magin, and Jim Holst. Either Tim Foecklin or Craig Paar will be the seventh man.

Before leaving, Poly confidence that his squad would extend its 35-game conference winning streak, extending over two and a half years, and ultimately win its fifth straight CCAA title, said. "At this time I feel the team is playing as well as it has all season."

Cal State Bakersfield should give Cal Poly its stiffest challenge. "They're stronger than we've been in four years," Jorgensen said.

Earlier this year the Mustangs, playing without their number three and four men, dropped a close one to Bakersfield.

The Mustangs currently show a 6-7 non-conference record, mediocre by Poly's standards. Individually, though, Jorgensen has been pleased with the way his players have been progressing.

"Peet's comeback win (against Santa Monica last Friday) was great," Jorgensen remarked. "He showed a lot of determination. Probably most guys would have cracked."