It's ASI Election Time Again

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Political Playdough

Money is the mother’s milk of politics and unless someone has a pocketful of money it’s hard to get very far in the political world today. Presidential candidates are always trying to get their names known and spend money on campaigns. In fact, the White House reports that the President has "reservations." If President Ford does veto this bill, against the advice of his own party leaders, fuel will be added to the argument that the President is not trying to improve his opponents while he is sitting pretty.

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FDA Warns Against Darvon

Darvon, the third most often prescribed drug in America, will continue to be dispensed at the Health Center despite a recommendation by a Food and Drug Administration Advisory Committee for stricter control of the painkilling drug.

Presently, the popular drug is excluded from the Controlled Substances Act because it is not an addictive drug. However, new evidence indicates thousands of deaths may have been related to Darvon overdose over a period of years.

In response to the committee recommendation, Darrell Bennett, pharmacist at the Cal Poly Health Center, said problems are bound to occur with such a popular drug as Darvon.

"The problem was that it was so popular and used so widely all over the world that eventually adverse reports began to be heard," said Bennett. "But people lose the perspective of how many have not had adverse effects and have benefited from the drug."

Darvon, a nonaddicting drug similar in strength to morphine, has been prescribed since it is only an analgesic, and mon.

The FDA has agreed to the recommendation of the committee to label Darvon as a schedule IV drug, the least potent of the five classifications, rather than to continue to be victimized by state action."

San Luis Obispo is the fastest growing county in the state, Kupper said, and has urban problems such as a severe housing shortage and a continuing sporadic growth sprawl which is affecting agriculture.

In the past, the state has "tackled" the problems, Kupper said, and the state has no official planning policy for the urban areas and this committee will serve to channel money and help local government plan their growth.

"Historically, local government has simply responded to the market by accommodating any increase in population without a great deal of consideration to the consequences," Kupper said.

The next meeting in Sacramento, May 18, will cover housing, transportation, energy and urban form.

PG&E Customers Get A Break

The State Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Tuesday ordered Pacific Gas and Electric Company, resulting in a credit of $6 million for PG and E customers.

Individual customers will not receive refunds or have money deducted from their bill, but the money will offset the cost of fuel rate increases over the next three years, according to a spokesman for the PG and E News Bureau.

PUC's decision, which affects customers from the Oregon border to Solvang, will change the way fuel-adjustment rate increases are made.

"In the past, fuel-rate increases were forecast, based on averages from the previous 10 years," said the PUC. "Now they've basically said is buy the oil, use it, show us the bills and collect."

The decision, which means $74 savings over a period of three years for PG and E customers, may result in erratic changes in utility bills, according to the spokesman. Because of the effect of wet and dry years on hydroelectric generation, fuel bills may also go up and down.

"Since the PUC can wait as long as they want, we may be charging for more fuel used in a dry year than the following year, which may be wet," said the spokesman.

Dry years are determined by lack of available water, which is available for hydroelectric generation. When this happens, more fuel is needed, which is more expensive than hydroelectric power, the spokesman said.

PG and E has not overcharged its customers claim the spokesman. "This so-called overcollection wasn't something we did. We were just capturing the rate the PUC said we should charge."

PG and E customers may begin to see changes in utility bills, according to the spokesman. The spokesman added the PUC can make changes at any time.

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ASI Campaign: Six Men To Fight For Top Spots

Analysis

The three candidates for the office of vice-president are all current or former members of the Student Affairs Council. They include Ray Davis, chairman of the Student Affairs Council; Fred Heaton, Student Affairs Council representative from Architecture; and Ole Meland, chairman of the ASI Finance Committee.

Scheduled for May 11 and 13, the general election would seem to present a broad spectrum of opinion for students to choose from.

But political philosophy aside, everyone hopes to avoid the hassle which characterized the current role as top money-man for the ASI.

Presidential election last year when five candidates engaged in a bitterly contested race, marked by charges and countercharges of voter harassment and ballot box stuffing.

The eventual winner, Mike Hurtado, was forced into two run-off elections by challenger Rob Chappell before a majority vote for Hurtado could be achieved. Hurtado defeated his opponent, by a 486 vote margin, 206 to 110.

Without a doubt the most prestigious and powerful position in the ASI, the office of President has attracted three candidates who have successfully traveled up the ranks of the student bureaucracy.

Meland, chairman of Finance Committee, has risen from being a minor member of the committee to his current role as top

More importantly, perhaps, Meland is from a major school—Agriculture—a seeming prerequisite for an effective campaign.

Concerned with the formulation of the ASI budget, Meland regularly deals with the various and sundry groups which make up the primary clients of student government.

Meland works closely with ASI Business Manager Ray Gersken and is responsible for making recommendations to him on important financial transactions.

If successful in his bid for the presidency, Meland would follow the footsteps of former ASI President Robin Baggett who, perhaps, first in history, eliminated student bureaucracy.

Everett, currently chairman of his student council, is a former Chairman of Poly Roy Committee. During the 73-74 school year, Everett was responsible for coordinating the activities that took place during a SAE exhibition.

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Are Student Loans Now On Borrowed Time?

by KATIE REEVES
Daily News Writer

There are almost as many ways to pay for college as there are students, but one of them, borrowing money, is getting harder to do.

Student loans are increasingly hard to obtain, according to Mary Ryker, Cal Poly Financial Aid advisor. She lists two different types of loans: National Direct Student Loans and Federally Insured Student Loans as being more elusive this year.

Ryker says most funds for the direct student loan were given out full quarter. She feels this is because the amount of money available to students through the loan, which is based on need, has not increased while the number of students has.

The Federally Insured Student Loan, which Mrs. Ryker says are not based on need, are arranged through a bank, which lends the money to the student. The federal government then pays the bank back, and the student returns the loan in the government nine months after graduation.

Claudia Tatum, in the Financial Aid Office, says the banks are not granting as many Federally Insured Loans as in the past because the government is not paying back the loans. She says students are not repaying loans either after graduating.

Tatum says 13,176 federally insured loans have been processed by the Financial Aid Office since July, 1978, although some of them have not been granted. Loans range from $800 to $5,000, but most average about $4,000.

Bank of America, which traditionally makes many federally insured loans that any other bank in town, has cut back on loans, according to Marlene Heintz, student representative. The student loans are still available but less money is available than in the past.

Many banks are completely going out of the student loan business," says Heintz. "It's pretty hard to get a loan, mainly because kids are not repaying loans."

Heintz says Bank of America is changing regulations, and will not be giving loans until their branch gets the new policy this week.

United California Bank is not making loans to students unless they were started in college by a loan from the bank, says Lynn Bevar, loans officer. at UCSC. She says the federal government is not paying the loans back quickly enough.

"Many students can't get loans because they're through school, so they're not paying the loans back," says Bevar. "A small percentage of students are defaulting and have forgotten about paying them."

Security Pacific Bank has also stopped making student loans, according to Brenda Holman, except for those students who received loans from the bank when they first started school and are now completing their education. Holman says the decision to cut back student loans was made at the branch level and she does not know the reason for it.

Jerry Rublefeld, loan officer for Crocker National Bank, says the loans are still giving out to students. If the student or parent has had an account with the bank for twelve months, "It's no harder now than it was in the past," says Rublefeld. "The loans are guaranteed by the federal government so there is no reason to stop giving them out.

Four years ago it was easy to obtain student loans says Jim King, an architecture major who has had no trouble finding the stamina to stay in school for eight years, the time to study while working, or a rich grandparent. He says the biggest problem with student loans is the time to study while working, or a rich grandparent. He says the biggest problem with student loans is the time to work.

"It takes six weeks after school starts to get the loans, and I needed the money at the beginning of the quarter. What I've had to do was take on a personal loan at my bank at home, and then pay them back when the other one comes in."

Steve Mathews is another architecture major who has had no problem taking out loans. He says he had probably borrowed $4,680 in federally insured loans since he came to Poly, but has had work at the same time.

Mathews sees a relationship between more students at Poly and less money available:

"I received $9100 a month for the school year, I took summer jobs, and only had to work at school a little."

During the school year, Fleming worked as a janitor and warehouseman. He also worked every summer. For the past year he said six hour day, he has been a security guard. His hours, until recently were 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. five days a week.

"Last year, for a time, I wasn't getting very much sleep," says Fleming. "When I got home from work, I would call my roommates and start the single life. When I was over to my girlfriend's house. Then I would just have to go to work."

Last month, Fleming started working a different shift, from 4:20 to 12:30 p.m. daily, but in his new shift, he said he had had to work while others were supported by full grants.

"I haven't had problems finding time to study or been forced to take time off because I work, I just can't go in as many social functions."

Fleming graduated in June. He's hoping he will be able to get a job related to his major. After all, that is what these six years have been about.

"When I applied for a loan in 1973, I got $1,500 for three quarters. By 1979, the lady in the Financial Aid Office told me it should be $800 for one quarter, but when I went to the bank, they would only give me $780. They told me this was so they could give more money to more people, but instead, they are actually giving less money."

What is the answer if loans are not available? Bank personal suggest possibilities such as working a year, then going to school a year, working and attending school at the same time, or borrowing from a grandmother. Dropping out of school maybe the only alternative for the student who has trouble finding the stamina to stay in school for eight years, the time to study while working, or a rich grandparent.

More students are filling out these forms but less are getting loans (Daily photo by Bill Faulkner)
Spying On U.S. Citizens Reported

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Intelligence Committee reported Wednesday that abuses of power by U.S. intelligence agencies have violated the constitutional rights of millions of Americans.

In a 151-page report titled "Intelligence Activities and the Rights of Americans," the panel said the CIA, FBI, IRS, National Security Agency and Army intelligence violated privacy, lawful assembly and other rights by break-ins, wiretaps and bugging.

"These activities have undermined the constitutional rights of millions of Americans," the report said. "Too many people have been spied upon by too many intelligence activities and too much information has been collected," it said.

"The government has often undertaken the secret surveillance of citizens on the basis of their political beliefs, even when those beliefs posed no threat of violence or illegal acts on behalf of a hostile foreign power."

Other statistics covered hundreds of thousands of surveillance files within the other agencies.

The report made it recommendations which two members—Sen. John Tower, D.-Tex., and Rep. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz.—considered so sweeping that they refused to sign the document. They also had refused to sign a report issued Monday on U.S. foreign and military intelligence.

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Faculty Is Tested About Final Exams

Faculty attitudes on final examination policy is the subject of a survey being conducted by the Academic Senate. The survey is part of the Academic Senate Intelligence Committee (ASIC).

ASIC Chairman R.J. Griffiths said the survey is being taken to discover if final examinations are still self-reliance, physical fitness and companionship as basic values. The survey will determine whether faculty members are satisfied with existing final examination policy. He said no proposal for changes would be considered. The survey will also ask faculty members to determine whether faculty members are satisfied with current examination policy and the examination schedule.

In addition to being asked their degree of satisfaction with current examination policy and the examination schedule, faculty members are also being asked their opinion of possible changes.

ASi Elections: Three Vie For Top

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office of vice-president is that of Chairman of the Student Affairs Council. In this role, the vice-president can exercise tremendous influence in directing the discussion of the Council.

Davis, a leading candidate for the position of Student Affairs Council chairman, said he would seek to maintain communication with students and academic affairs.

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Middle East: 'Unchanged'

The shaky peace prevailing in the unstable Middle East received no verbal reinforcement from a Middle East expert who spoke Tuesday night in Cal Poly Little Theatre.

Dr. Alfred Lilienthal, a noted political scientist of self-proclaimed Jewish origin, told a sparse audience that the "powder-horn" situation especially along the West Bank remains unchanged.

"I have just returned from the Middle East and despite the negotiating efforts the situation boils down to a simple problem," the Middle East expert said. Lilienthal, a graduate of Cornell University said the Arabs want heavy concessions from the Israelis before a peaceful settlement can be reached.

The talk was sponsored by the Arab Students Association, Political Action Club, International Council, Iranian Students Association and the Muslim Student Association.

Dr. Lilienthal speaks to a sparse gathering. (Daily photos by Ellen Banner)
Women Softballers Set For Regionals

Cal Poly's women's intercollegiate softball team will take a strong pitching staff to Southern California Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Regional playoffs at Cal State Sacramento this weekend.

Last year Cal Poly placed fourth in the regional. This year the team hopes to improve upon that, based on the confidence it gained after a 2-1 win over Cal Poly Pomona April 17.

"Pomona placed second in last year's competition," Mustang coach Mary Stallard said. "When we best Pomona we began to realize that our chances of success in the regionals were better than we had anticipated."

"With the strengths we have in our pitchers and our good infielders, we stand a good chance in the regional and could qualify for the nationals," she added.

The pitching staff is made up of junior Kim Graham, a sophomore pitcher from last year's team, and freshman Laura Eddo. A backup pitcher from last year's team is Yvonne Cardillo, who is now playing in the outfield. She had a .91 record last spring, while Graham was 9-1.

One problem coach Stallard hopes she won't have to deal with is an injury to the team's only experienced catcher, Lee Ann Britz.

"We have a backup catcher, Nola Ellizarraraz, who is prepared to step in in case something happens to Lee Ann, but Nola has never caught under the stress of competition, only in practice," Stallard said.

The competition starts Thursday at 11 a.m. Cal Poly's first game will be against Cal State Chico at 1 p.m. Also involved in the double elimination tournament are U C Berkeley, San Diego State, UCLA, Cal State Sacramento, Cal Poly Pomona and University of Nevada at Reno. The top two volleyball teams from the Northern and Southern California leagues will be competing for the title of Collegiate State Champions.

Representing the South will be Cal State Northridge and Cal State Fullerton. They will be playing against U C Davis and San Jose State.

The first match of the day will be between Northridge and Davis, playing the best of five games. Fullerton will be taking on San Jose at 8:10 p.m., with the losers from each match going on to play a consolation game at 9 p.m.

The playoffs between the two winning teams will be held at 11:10 p.m. to decide the state champion at the college level.