Pomp And Senioritis

Photo by Bill Faulkner

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Reagan's Threat

The Nebraska Republican primary returns have proved that challenger Ronald Reagan is in a strong position that had new for those who had hoped a little unity would return to the making of America's foreign policies.

Reagan has pushed hard on his allegation that America is number two to Russia militarily. He has forced President Ford to work like mad to save the chance of who can raise the sore loser.

That Reagan can be taken seriously by the voters is one indication of Reagan's ability to misrepresent the facts than of any gallbladder on the part of the voters. Ever since the frustrating end of the Vietnam war was brought by the representatives of the U.S. in the eyes of our allies, American votes have been on the lookout for simple answers to complex problems. Reagan is offering them plenty.

Unfortunately, the Panama Canal is a good example. The U.S. shouldn't give up the canal, says Reagan, and he doesn't discount guerrilla warfare as a possible solution. The Canal is just as sovereign a part of the United States as is the Alaska territory, he claims.

The fact is that the U.S. does not have sovereignty control over the area, a fact which was acknowledged when it was first built. In fact, the U.S. pays rent for the canal.

Extreme rhetoric like this has had one result that leaves the Democrats jumping for joy. The Republican party has been split in two and wonders of all wonders, Barry Goldwater and Nelson Rockefeller are unsure in their opposition to Reagan's stand.

Ford has indicated that he is willing to compromise on the issue. Unfortunately, he has been forced to the right in order to meet Reagan's threat and his negotiating powers have been diminished. He feels it necessary for him to try as hard as he can to stop America's foreign policies from suffering.

Because of these treaties the Republican party is being made to look like a figure out of the old war. President Kissinger is being shown overhead to appear the right wing and that is ridiculously news for those who believe in a calm approach to foreign policy.

A party which can claim the allegiance of only 19 per cent of the registered voters can't afford to embrace a man who is a minority of a minority.

Reagan looks and sounds persuasive as long as you don't think about what he says. Once voters begin to analyze his positions, they may begin to see that a former movie actor who wants to play the part of a Yankee Indian with nuclear weapons is no man fit for the White House.

Goldwater puts the problem squarely. "Unless we come to some agreement with the Panamanian government, there is going to be a guerrilla war."

Reagan accepts such a conclusion and ignores the certainty that such a war would place the whole of Latin America against the United States. If this is the price a rational American leader will pay for control of the Panama canal?

Kissinger: What He Didn't Tell Us

Despite widespread acclaim accorded to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger for his address in Lusaka, Zambia (the Times of London called it a "beautiful document"), the secret statement of policy on Africa ever made by an American leader," I find his remarks somewhat disappointing. The speech was important—yet as much for what he did not say as for what he said.

Certainly, the most significant spoken portion of his speech was the promise that the United States would support early black majority rule in Rhodesia. Toward that end, Kissinger made a number of "proposals," the most important of which were:

—That the 15-year-old economic and diplomatic sanctions against Rhodesia be tightened.

—That America would give economic aid to those black African nations which have suffered as a result of the sanctions.

—That Kissinger would make personal effort to secure repeal of the Byrd Amendment and the United States to impose Rhodesian chrome in defiance of United Nations sanctions.

Welcome proposals all—but Kissinger went no further. He did not, for example, pledge economic or military aid to Rhodesia's black liberation movement. On the other hand, his silence was a clear signal that the United States would not do what many black African leaders had feared; it might—provide military assistance to Rhodesia's minority white government.

In essence, then, Kissinger's unspoken position is that America will not intervene directly if racial warfare breaks out in the continent's southern region. Obviously, this is the secret hope, as most Africans do, that white Rhodesia's introduction of black rule be broken down first. He also seems willing to accept black leaders' assurances that bringing Rhodesia to heel will not precipitate a substantial Soviet or Cuban aid. Unfortunately, Kissinger may be disappointed on both counts.

Warnings from the United States are not going to intimidate the Ian Smith government, which has defied world opinion and mining American Congress—the monolithic Kissinger carved out in Lusaka may be the only option he sees.

It need not be so. America might forestall both protracted racial warfare and large-scale Soviet and Cuban intervention by adopting a bold new initiative: pressuring Great Britain, which still claims official sovereignty over Rhodesia, to suppress the Smith rebellion.

This course is not as far fetched as it may initially seem. After all, Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda offered his nation as a

economic sanctions for a decade. Even severe pressure from South Africa, Rhodesia's indomitable ally, has failed to force Smith into a negotiated settlement. Nor is it likely that black guerrillas will be able to achieve an acceptable rapid victory without significant outside help.

Given these realities, two consequences are probable: a long and bitter war that can only damage the West's position in Africa, or another massive injection of Soviet and Cuban aid for the insurgents.

Either eventuality presents the United States with a "win-win" situation that arises given the mood of black Africa—and of the post-Vietnam American Congress—the non-compatible Kissinger carved out in Lusaka may be the only option he sees.

Indeed, there exists a possibility that America's huge investments in South Africa may some day be used to justify an expanded military presence. That would be most unfortunate. America's capital has a role to play in South Africa—but only if it encourages the evolution of racial justice a goal that conforms to modern African realities and our own national spirit.

Nurturing that evolution will require more than the calculatedism of Kissinger's Lusaka speech. For the United States, Southern Africa poses a moral and political challenge that cannot be met in the pursuit of silence or vague platitudes.

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Meland, Davis Easy ASI Victors

BY PETE KING
Daily Editor

Ole Meland and Ray Davis have swept to easy first-ballot victories in the race for the two top positions in Cal Poly's 1976-77 student government. Meland captured 1,481 votes during the two-day election period which ended at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday to become the Associated Student Leader-presidential-elect. He easily disposed of his two opponents, Steve Everett and Fred Henson, who managed only 179 and 30 votes, respectively, behind him. Davis, meanwhile, received 1,890 votes to win the balance of office, a victory that left Joel Kastner, with 596 votes, and Larry West, with 508, lagged behind.

A student affairs appeals committee also revealed when the counting ended and the election results were posted in the Union Annex at 8:00 p.m. last night.

Neither Meland nor Davis seemed surprised with the final outcome of the election. But the ease with which they won was a bit unexpected.

"I thought it would be a bit closer," said Meland, between congratulations hugs and handshakes in the University Union, "and I wasn't sure it would be the best in the race.

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Sick As A Senior

in BETSY SUSMAN
Daily Staff Writer

There is always a chance at Cal Poly that doesn't receive much publicity. Epidemics occur each spring and students are reported throughout the year.

The disease: Senioritis.

Senioritis strikes students of any age, race or sex. The only qualifications for infection are that the victim be a senior, within throwing distance of graduation.

A case of senioritis in the spring months may be incorrectly diagnosed as spring fever.

"At first I thought I had spring fever," says Peggy Nesler. "But it could be senioritis. It has the same symptoms."

Nesler has been at Cal Poly four years as a journalism major.

Actually, spring fever is just a complication of senioritis, which goes much deeper than a change in the weather.

Senioritis is caused by a longing to get out of school, and reluctance to leave the safe routine.

Joan Cioni, a nurse practitioner at the Health Center, says a few students often come in with "problems in the stomach" thinking they have a medical problem.

"Some students get a vague anxiety in leaving the school environment," she says.

Sometimes all the students need is a counseling board, says Cioni, and after a talk they feel better.

What are the symptoms of senioritis?

"Not being required to do your homework," says Ross Breel, a mechanical engineering major.

"I find myself daydreaming a lot," says Mary Reil, a city and regional planning major.

This breakdown in concern for schoolwork is due to increased interest in the world beyond.

"Part of the problem is that at the end of your senior year, you start looking for jobs," says Breel. "You spend more time going for jobs than going to class. When the jobs aren't promising, it's easier to keep with it."

Reil: "I'm trying to put together all the definite details of a car, apartment, job and wishing the weather were better so I could go to the beach rather than go to class."

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...And One Of The Victims

Although a traditional goal for students is to graduate from college in four years, thousands of college students are becoming well-known fixtures on campus. These permanent students return year after year, trying for a bachelor's degree. Others, unable to find a job, come back to school for graduate studies and a master's or doctorate.

A 1970 student persistence study of 247 first-time freshmen who entered Cal Poly in 1965 showed that only 15 per cent graduated with a bachelor's degree in four years. Twenty per cent had graduated within five years and seven per cent were still attending through the fifth year.

To compile the 100 per cent, 27 per cent transferred to another college, 10 per cent fell to academic dismissal, 15 per cent withdrew in good standing and 8 per cent withdrew with a low grade point average.

"I can finally see the end of the road," says Gary Linnegan. Linnegan attended Gurna College for two years before coming to Cal Poly for the six with. He hopes to graduate in the fall with a bachelor's in industrial development. He explains some of the reasons for such persistence.

"It could be a financial problem. Students may have to work and can't take summer units. A change in major can slow you down. I was a junior in history before I changed to civil engineering. Being involved with student activities takes a lot of time, but part of college life is becoming involved.

Kane Breel, who will graduate this June after a five-year sabbatical at Poly in mechanical engineering says:

"The only way to get out in four years is not to do activities, or to work your tail off with overloads. A four year graduation plan also can be thwarted by attempting to transfer just one or two credits by Cal Poly's own or other registration procedures which make it difficult to get needed classes.

A small percentage of students manage to graduate in less than four years. By taking heavy loads of 16 units or more, students can get out of here in three years. Why would anyone want to follow such a course?"
Pottery 6 Entries On Show

by KATIE KEEVL Daily Staff Writer

Entries in Pottery 6, a statewide pottery contest went on display in the University Union Gallery Monday night. $50 pieces were submitted by both student and professional categories and 92 were chosen as entries, according to Roger Bailey, the art faculty.

This is the sixth year for the show which was originated in 1971 by Bailey and members of Poly's Pottery club. The exhibit has been held at Poly every year, and is sponsored by the Art Fine Arts Committee and the art department.

"I started it in a selfish way," says Bailey. "I brought it here because this is the greatest exposure for our own people.

"Bailey feels Poly students have done well in the contest.

"We're competing with some of the best schools in the state, although I don't consider the competition the most important thing. Students from Cal Poly and graduates have done as well as these schools."

Seven pieces by Poly students and graduates are among the entries in the show. Pieces by Paula Teplis and Stanley Students, hit, gave out two purchase awards and Harry may display. Clagmone nudged two pieces and one work exhibited have been at Poly every year, and is sponsored by the potter's chosen for juror's award.

"You have to have someone to get behind it and keep it going," says Bailey. "Also, we've had top jurors every year."

This year we have one of the best known in his field in the United States."

Junior juror for this year's pottery show is Daniel Rhodes, listed on the program as potter, sculptor, basket maker, and author. Bailey says Rhodes, from Davis, Calif., has written three pottery books which are "the three best used books by potter's today."

Harry and a student from Mills College in Oakland, feels it was an honor to have two of his pieces chosen for Pottery 6.

"This show has developed quite a reputation," says Heman, who is working towards a master's degree in fine arts. "It's known as one of the better shows in the state."

Bayley says the show has been open nationally in the past, but this year is limited to California residents. He feels California has the best potters in the country, and Pottery 6 is a better show than previous national ones.

"This year is a much superior show. In my mind, California is where it's all happening. Here the people are more progressive in thinking and living. Since pottery is something foreign to tradition, this is more of a fine arts show."

La Fiesta: The Beauty, Excitement Of Old Spain

Color, costumes and festivities are promised this weekend in La Fiesta de San Luis Obispo. The annual event honors the old mission and the country for the beauty and heritage of Old Spain and Mexico.

Opening ceremonies of the "Heritage of Two Centuries" will begin Friday at noon to be followed by four days of celebration and entertainment. Festivities will include costume and decoration judging, dances, carnivals and the La Fiesta Del Encanto Parade which will number over 100 entries.

Floats, marching bands, drill teams and reenactment groups from all over the state will color the streets of the town. Special games personalities serving as parade marshals will be actors John Ireland and James Walewright. Also in the parade will be Ben Dunin, Honorary El Presidente; the 1971 Queen of La Fiesta, the mayor and other civic leaders.

La Fiesta goers will have a chance to dress in costume for the two dances during the festival. Western apparel is appropriate for the Western Dance on Friday night at the Veterans Memorial Building. The Poro River Band will provide music for the dance.

Chairman Irene Van Weenen urges everyone to attend the El Presidente Ball in the attire of the people in their favorite era of American history.

A new event at La Fiesta will be an obstacle and game events, which includes three leg contests, peanut dunking and wheelbarrow ride hopping, will be held from noon to dusk on Saturday and Sunday.

Another happening will be a brand judging contest Friday in the Cazador Hotel.

More entertainment will be offered in this year's talent competition called the "Entertainment Showcase. The showcase will be comprised of signatures from various amateur and professional productions in the country.

The bright spectacle of the burning Zozobra—"Old Man Gloom"—will provide excitement somight at Madonna Plaza.

The exhibits, arts and crafts and food delicacies will also crown the Mission Plaza for all visitors, shoppers and nibblers. Larger features, including the famous chicken barbecue and tasting of your Mexican dinner, will also be served during the celebration.

A variety of entertainment at La Fiesta may just be the way for you to "Burn your gloom" this weekend.

Well Day: Terry M. Nelson takes charge in health care packages. (Daily Photo by Dan Courtoise)
Blood Drive

The annual Blood Drive sponsored by Block P and C.A.I.H.P.R. will be held today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donors should not eat for four hours before giving blood. All blood goes to the Cal Poly Blood Fund, and is available for patients, staff, faculty and dependents of those in the Cal Poly community. Blood donation can be made in Chumash Auditorium.

Back-Packing Exhibit

The Central Coast's first Back-packing and Bike Touring Exhibit will be held here Saturday in the Creamery. The exhibit will include local women reading their own poetry, singing, music, and a puppet show. The exhibit will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 570 Higuera at the Creamery. For more information call the Women's Resource Center at 944-9313.

Third Hughes Will Filed

WILL—A third purported will-week Hughes will be filed in court Wednesday—this one naming Richard R. Hughes, who claims to be the son of the late billionaire as the sole beneficiary of his $2.5 billion estate.

The third will differs from the first two handwritings which were previously believed to be inauthentic in that here it was the signature—12 lines of type on a single page—and it was written in a different hand. Everything to the mysterious young Hughes, whose parent whereabouts are unknown.

Richard Hughes, 30, is wanted by federal authorities to charge unlawful flight to avoid prosecution on fraud charges in San Nicolas County, N.M. He failed to appear for a February trial on embezzlement in what was fraudulently represented himself as the handwriting of his father, from whom he got $15,000 from a couple whom he told he needed the money to obtain access to a supposed trust fund.

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Corporate payoffs are widespread especially among drug and oil companies, and other reflect upon the integrity of management, the Securities and Exchange Commission said Wednesday.

After probing the payoffs for two years, the SEC said it was "unable to conclude that instances of illegal payments are either isolated or aberrations limited to a few unscrupulous individuals."

"The problem of questionable and illegal corporate payoffs is, by any measure, serious and sufficiently widespread to be a cause of deep concern," it said.

The commission called for federal and state investigations of "known" payoffs and proposed that the "agency" for management be "actively interested in the quality and integrity of management."
Women in Nationals Today

Cal Poly's women's track and field team ended its two-year varsity existence at UC Irvine, leaving Cal Poly without a women's track team.

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Athletics Cuts: Sports Will Die

by DENNIS HALLADAY

Daily Sports Editor

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The three relay teams have also broken the school records. At UCLA April 10, Debbie Pitcher, Carol Heer, Roada and Barbara Moore ran the mile relay in 4:08, breaking the year-old school record by 3.5 seconds.

Pitcher topped last year's 1:33.4 record with a 1:51.1 timing.

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Opinion

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Pottery: Display Open

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Evidence that the pottery can be considered fine art is the varied nature of the terrain. Rogers says. Entrants were awarded $2,750 in prize money and 15 pieces on display are valued at $500 each.

Not all pieces are on sale but those that are can be brought to the ANI business office.

Petty will run through June 6. The Cathedral is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to midnight. Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. and Sunday from noon to midnight.
Athletic Cuts: How?

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finance such entertainment (remember Montserrat) will be picked from the pockets of the 11 men's athletic teams on campus.

Such a thieves from an already impoverished program will have the results of dropping and/or cutting back many sports, the loss of quality opponents, diminished spectator attendance, and, ultimately, death of the program as a whole.

The men's program was budgeted at a modest $14,435 for this year. Of that total, $67,094 was for travel alone. Another $20,000 went toward such items as communications, scholarships, dues, recruiting, and salaries.

According to Men's Athletic Director Vic Buccola, there is no room in the existing budget which would allow trimming.

"There's not enough funds in the budget proposed for this coming year," he said. "The cost of travel, meals and insurance has gone up. It will be difficult to maintain the present program period... much less with a 20 per cent cutback.

"I don't like the prospect of having to cut back all sports or drop a few either," he said. "I don't think either is the answer, but with the existing budget which will allow trimming.

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Looking at the mammoth amounts that goes into travel, one might think it a likely area for cuts. Such is not the case. (Estimated at $55,083. The grizzlies were expecting a $11,000 PROFIT and above their costs, but Buccola noted that they did even better than anticipated.

Any money made by a team in profit are returned to the A.S.I. in much the same manner as profits would be turned over to a business owner.

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An income sport is one such as football, basketball or wrestling, which takes its own money through spectator admission charges to defray or exceed the costs incurred during its season.

Wrestling, for example, worked on a budget of $23,510 this year, but had projected income revenues of $18,023. Basketball was budgeted at $16,100 and had projected revenues of $11,700.

The total bread-winner of many cases right now we're just paying people for gas money. We're spending as little as we possibly can.

Scheduling a preponderance of home contests until thus cutting out the amount of traveling they're out of the question also.

"Other schools wouldn't do it," Buccola explained. We would have to give such large guarantees money.

There is no room in the existing budget which will allow trimming.

"Schools don't want to play at your place if you won't come back and play at theirs the next year," he explained.

Measures such as dropping the junior varsity sports teams would not remedy the situation, either, as they would account for "Perhaps one per cent of a 30 per cent cutback," according to Buccola.

In the total picture of a cutback, the athletic director says that it would "Reduce the program as a whole to such an extent that we would not be able to recruit the outstanding high school athletes; we would not receive any national or international recognition; attendance would drop off, and the program would deteriorate.

"We would be reduced to playing a schedule consisting of the local-name schools and junior colleges," he said.

"I think that the school has got to decide whether they want athletics or not. We have an outstanding program for the modest amount it costs."

Winning team members (I-r) are Paul Pietrangelo, Bruce Welch and Matt Scholteberck. (Daily photo by Dan Courrier)

Mechanical Engineering students from Cal Poly were awarded trophies for overall winner of the 1978 Mini-Baja Races at a meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers Tuesday night.

The five member team designed, constructed, and raced a recreational vehicle built around a 125 cubic engi-