The Cartoon Man Talks
About Cartoonland

Photo by Tony Hertz  See story on page 4
For students accustomed to a steady diet of one-page mimeographed course handouts handed out during the first week of class each quarter, the idea of introducing innovative teaching techniques to the curriculum might seem a pointless exercise in the esoteric, but judging from the reactions of students and administrators to the efforts of one faculty member in attempting such a process, more and more students are convinced that such efforts are worthwhile. And, judging from the ultimate product of the educational process—the intellectual growth of the individual—Venerable's innovations are all the more remarkable when one considers the environment in which they are undertaken.

Venerable's innovations focus not on the traditional classroom, but rather on the minds of the students through innovative teaching techniques. Taken all together, the key to Venerable's success, apart from the obvious structural changes to the traditional classroom approach, is his ability to develop the minds of the students through teaching students the art of thinking. This is often the person with the obvious skill who is hired over the individual with the hidden ability to think. In an educational institution which places high premiums on learning to do something, learning to think may not be at the top of the university priority list, but the graduates are sure to get jobs.

It is sad to contemplate the fact that teaching students the art of thinking should be considered an "innovative" idea on this campus but it is. When thinking and the teaching of students to think are no longer innovations, then this institution will truly deserve the title, university.

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VENERABLE'S OUTLINE OF CHEMISTRY

The venerable "Outline of Chemistry" seeks to introduce innovative teaching techniques to make the students take an active part in the course. It is a collection of questions and answers that is intended to stimulate the students' thinking. This is separate from the obvious structural changes to the traditional classroom approach, and is his ability to develop the minds of the students through teaching students the art of thinking.

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Brandon F. Seay

"I'm going to be a hard game if it gets any smaller!"

Ronald Reagan's Impromptu Speeches Against Panamanian Treaty

Ronald Reagan's impromptu speeches against the Panama Canal Treaty are an affront to both in Justice and to the Republic of Panama. The, or any of his pundit suppositions, would consult any American history textbook, the good Governor would find that the isthmus of Panama was ripped off from Colombia, by all of the people, the United States.

Bunau-Varilla was a French citizen who stood to gain control of the forty million dollar New Panama Canal Company, but only if the United States could secure the construction right on the Isthmus. To insure this, he personally invested one hundred thousand dollars in procuring a very revolutionary army (largely made up, by the way, of members of the Panamanian Fire Department). An introduction was instigated; the United States Navy physically denied the Colombian army permission to cross over onto the Isthmus; the Republic of Panama was proclaimed with Bunau-Varilla, still a French citizen, as President; Teddy Roosevelt got his Isthmus of Panama; and Colombia got the shipment.

No matter how one looks at it, United States' collusion with Bunau-Varilla was a combination of gun-boat diplomacy, meddling in the internal affairs of a sovereign state, and highway robbery. I think the Panamanians have read their history and believe that they are not demanding rights that are any more high-handed than the high-handed way the United States treated Colombia in 1903. Burr Holley

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KCPR Goes News For A Day
by JIM SWEENEY
Daily Associate Editor

It was hectic and trying, but at the half-way point yesterday Cal Poly radio station KCPR's 12-hour all news program was running much as planned — a success.

At 2 a.m. yesterday, there were a lot of tired heads, red glass eyes and sore hairs frantically trying to keep what slight sleep the station claimed was the first college radio news day ever, on schedule.

The four organizers of "News 91," broadcast journalism majors Rick DeBruhl, John Burguess, Mike McCanham and Joe Herings, had been at the station since 6 a.m. and were scheduled to stay at least until the 12 hours expired at 8 p.m.

All four had directed a "dry run" until 2 a.m. of the same morning.

Outside of a problem with a malfunction of television station KSBY's microphone which KCPR had planned to use, Herings said everything was following schedule. He attributed the success to three weeks of extensive training and a lot of help from almost 80 volunteers.

Herings said the emphasis of the program was on local and regional news with only as much national news as necessary. He said the purpose of the effort was to show the journalism department that the radio station is a valuable educational medium.

"We are trying to show the department that KCPR can be used as a journalistic tool and that we don't just play records every day," Herings said.

He said the station also would use the program as a springboard to expand news coverage next year.

At the halfway mark, Herings said KCPR hadn't received any campus or community response, largely because the station's phones were busy collecting news.

"We realize we are not cornering the market on ratings," said Herings, "but we are accomplishing our goals.

Everyone is getting the feeling of pressure and what it is really like on a news station."

The idea for the program grew out of a broadcast journalism field trip to an all-news station in Los Angeles, KFWB, which broadcasts news 14 hours a day.

KCPR's program was scheduled from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. yesterday, broken into 20-minute segments with alternating anchors.

KCPR newsman Rick Hessey. (Daily photo by DeBruhl (left) and Dee Dan Courtois)
Conrad: Watchdog Of National Integrity

ELENA-MARIE KUSTER

Daily News

"It's their privilege to comment on my work. I only object when it comes in bad taste."

For Conrad, being placed on the opinion page isn't an opportunity to express his own views, but to express his opinion about other people's opinions.

It also affords him the luxury of reporting the facts in the form of opinion.

"Background more than anything else is what a cartoonist needs. I don't need two sources before running my material like other reporters do, all I need is one. That is why cartoons often precede the news story," Conrad said.

Conrad enjoys his ability to predict. During his talk he displayed a cartoon he had drawn long before the final outcome of the Watergate scandal. It depicted Nixon's resignation in a spider web that included all the names of the men who were eventually in- volved in connection with the affair.

Conrad said new meanings to old American thoughts in a blather campaign by Jefferson, Franklin and Adams.

"Does the press heard around the world refer to the Concord Bridge or someone taking a shot at the president? Does 'One if by land, two if by sea' mean offshore drilling, strip mining or both? Would a new Boom Tea Party force school hours into the ocean in lieu of real tea? If Patrick Henry were to speak today he would be saying 'Give me liberty or an indeterminate sentence' he asked.

The just decade of American politics, according to Conrad, has been so longer than life that the illusions of Alice in Wonderland would have had trouble surviving it.

"Where are the watchdogs? The platforms of the candidates for the presidency are absent of any references to what has past. They are setting as if it would all go away if no one speaks of it. Still there is a funny recollection that something went terribly wrong.

"If it were not for Woodward and Bernstein and their book 'Final Days' and the recent movie "All the Presidents Men" based on their earlier book, the memory would be lost," Conrad said.

The answer, as Conrad sees it, is in the work of reporters as individuals to keep the public well informed. It is up to the citizen to be informed and to inform others, he said.

For background, Conrad daily reads the L.A. Times and the New York Times and any other thing that will feed his mind.

"I don't attend editor conferences. They all fancy themselves as cartoonists," he said.

Conrad said he initially trusts his ideas on the Times' staff. If the majority of the people in the newsroom can't see his meaning to one of his cartoons, he reworks it. He said he has the greatest job in the world, but, like the average American, he still works the standard 40-hour week.

"Work the typical nine to five. I forget my work at night and on weekends. Sometimes I can dream up an idea in a split second. I've drawn some as fast as 15 minutes, but don't tell Ollie Chandler," he said.

Conrad readily accepts the criticism that his readers give him.

"It's their privilege to comment on my work. I only take it when it comes in bad taste," he said.

Criticism Conrad has received include a two pound package of horse manure and a metallic box filled with dog feces. The latter was exploded in the parking lot of the L.A. Times.

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The seminar will be held in the University Union Room 201.

For questions pertaining to the seminar telephone 541-1181.

Candidates Forum

The League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo will sponsor a candidates forum throughout the coming week. Today and Sunday at 6:00 p.m. on KVEC radio, the third Supervisorial district candidates will be featured. Candidates of the 29th Assembly district will appear on Channel 8 Public TV on Saturday, May 29 at 12:30 p.m. The candidates from the 17th Senatorial district will be featured on Saturday at 6 p.m. on KSBY TV, channel 6.

Jazz Is Back

The 50's jazz music is back with drummer Louis Belson. Tonight at 8 p.m. Belson will perform in the Casa Cupido Auditorium with the Casa Cupido Ensemble.

The event will benefit the Jazz Ensemble's fund to perform in the Montreux, Switzerland International Jazz Festival in July, 1978.

According to Warren Ralfmir, director of the Casa Cupido Ensemble, Belson, a profile composer, sent his music arrangements.

Hurtado Vows To Veto ASI Budget At SAC-Tonight

by STEVEN CHUHM
Daily Associate Editor

Associated Students Inc. Pres. Mike Hurtado in a last Wednesday's Finance Committee meeting Monday said a 60 per cent cut in the ASI Children's Center budgets by the Student Affairs Council is unacceptable and he will veto the 1978-79 budget of $10,100 cut out of the Children's Center proposed budget of $5,650 before approving the budget by a vote of 16-7.

But in his memo Hurtado said he talked with the Center's directors following last Wednesday's meeting and they told him that budget cut would be "detrimental" to the Center's future. The $1900, plus the $650 SAC trimmed from ASI Tutoring Program's, budget added up to a budget increase of $2600 for Women's Recreational Athletics (WRA). Hurtado, however, in his memo said the WRA budget increase is not "justified." He added he will urge SAC to give the $1900 back to the Children's Center and the Tutoring Program.

Dr. Fresno Pellassi, head of the Women's Physical Education department said she was just "kicking" when she heard about Hurtado's intentions.

"I don't think he (Hurtado) wants to lose what the money will be spent on," Pellassi said.

The money, according to Pellassi is needed to fund pre-season housing and meals for the Women's volleyball team in September.

But according to a high ranking ASI source the intent of Hurtado's memo was only to inform Finance Committee he plans to veto the budget. The source said, the Men's Athletics Budget, not WRA's, may be cut to inform the Children's Center depleted budget.

Hurtado was in Los Angeles yesterday and was unavailable for a comment at 7:15 p.m. in U.U. 220.
Women Will Use Budget Increase For Scholarships

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