Benson: Hot and classy
Is this justice in America?

U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica has finally concluded the protracted list of hearings and controversial denials on charges thatSend the Richard Nixon Empire to the grave.

By imposing the sentences on convicted ex-president John Ehrlichman, H.R. Haldeman and John Mitchell, Sirica successfully deal with the Watergate. But many have been cut from one to four years. The denials make Ehrlichman eligible for parole in 28 years and Haldeman and Mitchell eligible June 31.

For helping to destroy the honor and
government of the most powerful nation in the world, these men will probably get off with a one-year sentence. The question of whether or not this justice will linger in the minds of our country's citizens long after the prison gates have closed and long after Nixon's good has been lost to sight.

The convicted men's sentences were reduced after the otherwise-previous Sirica ruled that the sentences of prisoners from one to four years. This denial makes Ehrlichman eligible for parole in 28 years and Haldeman and Mitchell eligible June 31.

Soon they are to be set free, like school children, who throw the endpoints at the kid sitting next to them, having spent their time in the corner of the classroom. But is one year enough for these inmates? Will these prison sentences act as a deterrent for future public officials who must bear the weight of the presidency? It is a great irony.

But low and behold, the three may rise. And laugh. And while Administrators run for cover and hide to avoid the public's laughter and anger, they put away their golf clubs, pack up their manuscripts and head for Washington.

There is little satisfaction in knowing that they are elegantly remunerated.

Carter's covenant:
Sincere or just PR?

President Carter, in order to make the world a better place in which to live, recently signed two covenants. If ratified by two-thirds of the Senate, the documents will enable the United States to protect a wide range of human rights.

The covenants, already ratified by 33 nations, will establish a charter that must be observed or else the United States will be forced to comply.

The first agreement involves civil and political rights, recognizing a nation's obligation to protect its citizens from arbitrary detention and imprisonment. The second agreement involves civil and economic rights, making the signing nation's obligation to protect its citizens from arbitrary detention and imprisonment.

Carter is taking on a herculean task. The U.S. Constitution has promised some new rights for over 200 years and they are still denied to many Americans. An agreement between nations is not going to change people's opinions toward each other.

If we are to make progress in the face of the United States' vast powers and influence, the world must be made aware of the United States' vast powers and influence.

Ellis is 52. Haldeman is 51 and Mitchell is 66. None are getting any younger. All have defied the United States justice system. These are men-Americans once trusted with the well-being. They have failed and frustrated U.S. citizens and foreigners alike. They have served this country a great injustice.

They were sentenced to serve their prison terms in country-style-life prisons. But as it looks now, they may- have checked in for only one year and will soon be free to roam the streets and make deals with their publishers.

These three men, as most others involved in the Watergate affair, are laughing behind the back of Sirica and Unter Sam. The children have played their dirty tricks and had their hands slapped.

As most students are aware, an extensive fund raising drive has been going on for more than a year in an attempt to raise funds for the renovation of Mustang Stadium. When completed, the renovation will expand the capacity of the stadium by nearly 4000 seats. The increased revenue from football alone will greatly aid the Associated Students' (ASI) efforts to fully fund all of the ASI's 95 programs. With increased usage of Mustang Stadium already occurring for other sports, community activities and concerts, the ASI will be even more able to fully fund programs.

Currently, there are several fund raising projects underway. One of the more extensive projects is the Jog-A-Thon. This Jog-A-Thon is not only a good opportunity to increase funds for the stadium, but it is also an excellent opportunity to raise funds for a group, club or organization. One-half of the money raised is passed on to the group, club or organization. One-half of the money is used to support the ASI's 95 programs.

Information, entry forms and sponsor sheets are available weekdays from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the lobby of the physical education building, or at the University Union Information Desk. — Paul Cardis

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'Rally' supplies school spirit

by ALAN BOOTH

Singing heavy buckets of concrete and while paint up a hill on Saturday afternoon is not most people's idea of fun. Dances, parties, barbecues and beach bonfires probably sound more appealing to students interested in joining Rally or wishing to offer ideas are urged to attend either the executive meeting, held Wednesday at 6:00 p.m., in the University Union room 216, or general meeting, which follow at 7:30 p.m., in Casmah Auditorium.

Rally members spend some of their working hours on projects such as Poly "P" reconstruction. (Photo by Alan Booth)

Rally members are responsible for providing spirit at Cal Poly sporting events such as football, basketball and wrestling. At home football games Rally members decorate Mustang Stadium with banners, chalk the field lines, lead cheer and songs, support the band, bring out the victory bell and air horn, and make sure the Poly "P" is presentable.

After a Mustang victory, Rally lighting rounds out "C-P-V" on the hill behind the dorms.

The Rally Committee is an ASI-funded organization, but the Rally Club raises money by ushering ASI events.

Rally Committee requires a pledging period of one academic quarter. Football season makes Fall term a busy time with perhaps 70 or 100 pledgers getting involved with Rally.

However, Rally Committee Chairperson Linda Colley predicts the number of pledges that continue to be active in Rally usually dwindle to about 25 by winter quarter.

Colley isn't sure if people are apathetic or just afraid of being embarrassed to say they're involved in a spirit club.

"People are sometimes afraid to join Rally for fear of people jeering at them," she said. "Even though the club is not like a high school pep club."

Besides the advantages of being able to meet new and different people, the frequent parties, and the trips to such places as Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland, Rally operates on a point system whereby active members can earn a green wool Cal Poly blanket.

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Benson brings some jazz to Poly

By TONY TRANFA
and STEVE THORN
Daily Staff Writers

Cal Poly's Music Club put on a lot of fast drumming and mellow piano playing, but the highlight of the evening was when a fellow named George got up and played a guitar.

But this was no ordinary guitar. And this was definitely no ordinary George.

George Benson graced the stage of the Cal Poly Main Gym to play to a capacity crowd of nearly 4,000.

Jazz group Caldera opened the show with its brand of electric jazz, employing seven Latin-rhythm-minded musicians. Caldera played well, and it was one of those concert situations that seemed to reach the core of “Okay, the opening act was hot. I hope the top billing act stand up to it.”

George Benson stood ten feet tall. Coming out in his usual three-piece leisure suit, Benson brought with him some top studio musicians, including keyboardist Ronnie Foster, an outstanding solo performer in his own right.

Foster opened the second segment with “Look Inside,” where he might have been biding his time for a solo. But Benson didn't take the stage until 10:20 p.m. After playing guitar, drums, bass and Denny Davis took the group on drums.

Once Benson took the stage, it was nothing short of magic. Often reverencing a cross between a Las Vegas nightish bar and a small, cruddy jazz club jam, Benson thrilled the crowd continuously.

After opening with a Niel King Cole tune, Benson countered with the swinging "Six to Four" off his "Breezin'" album. If any one was disappointed with the first song, and there might have been a few, they could have been wowed with this one.

Benson starts with "Breezin'"s impact by playing "Affirmation," a jazz Feliciano composition. The most intimate moments of the concert were definitely those that spotlighted Benson without the backing of musicians.

Several times throughout the night, the musicians would stop playing and the hot white light would hit Benson. Then would exciting responses from the crowd.

Benson went through his long list of songs: "Everything Must Change," off his "In Flight" album. "The World Is A-Ghost," perhaps the most exciting song of the night; "Lady Blue," "Lena Russell" tune, and "Lady," written by Ronnie Foster.

Near the end of the show, Benson thrilled everybody with his latest single, "The Greatest Love Of All." A song that might be interpreted as a bit corny, it was done with soul and balloting great Mohammed Ali.

Benson's vocals were excellent here, just as they were in "The World Is A Ghost," hitting the high notes like some early 60s gospel singers. From there, he meshed the 70's record of the year, "This Masquerade," into the previous song. That did it.

The immediate roar went up from the gym when he began his by now famous doo-doo-doo while playing the same notes simultaneously on the guitar. His knack for placing notes on the guitar and matching it with his voice is a talent few have.

"Masquerades" brought the house down. Benson bowed, kissed the fanatically smiling and left the stage. The audience would have none of this. After 30 seconds of deafening applause Benson returned and said, "We're going back you all again." And breasa he did.

After the concert, Benson dutifully answered a barrage of questions from members of the San Luis Obispo media.

The success of the Grammy-winning "Breezin'" album "fulfilled a lot of dreams," said Benson. "It has changed my life around. I have to have new goals because all my old ones have been fulfilled." "Sound, difficulties aside, Benson was pleased with his first performance on the Poly campus. "I enjoyed the audience," said Benson. "They were up and ready for us."

Benson spoke fondly of his brother as a major influence on his musical career while he was growing up in Pittsburgh. "I started playing the guitar when I was nine," said Benson. "My stepfather gave me my first lessons and he made my first electric guitar. It was a real handymen."

Last week was a busy one for Benson. Besides the Poly show, Benson performed in an exclusive engagement at The Roxy in Hollywood. The Roxy gig was recorded for a future Benson live LP.

"Basically, the album will be new stuff with a few old favorites added and revised. There's a lot of hard work involved in the production," said Benson.

Benson has always maintained the reputation of being a fine guitarist, but his smooth, strong singing caught the public off-guard. "The truth is that Benson has been singing throughout his career. "I had been up and pieces of my singing on earlier albums. When I started out I was just a singer who strummed the guitar," he claims.
SLO council appointee gives views

By Richard Price
Daily Staff Writer

"I am an advocate of open government," he said. "I signed a statement to that effect before the election, and I meant it. I want to keep communication with the public open."

For Dr. Allen Settle, Cal Poly professor who was elected last week to San Luis Obispo City Council, the initial declaration represented more than the surrounding words of a political winner.

"It is true, they meant to smooth over what might be modestly described as a rough road to victory," he laid. "But Cal Poly is not as familiar with it as the complex right across the spectrum. The not in the city limits on doing," he said.

ButSettle admits the election was controversial, marked first by Mayor Ken Schwartz's efforts at restricting public out of the vote to fill Keith Garnett's vacant council seat.

The mayor's call for a closed vote was effectively squashed by the arguments of Councilman Jorgensen and a petition signed by five of the candidates, including Settle: "It really wasn't Ken's fault, a lot of people don't know. The simply isn't as familiar with as his own townships as Jorgensen says.

Settle, a 34-year-old San Luis Obispo native, intends to devote his time for the next three years to the city council. He said he would "investigate these opportunities for federal help." The Mine way that cooperation apathetic to the city and the county is important. But, because they are separated, I don't see a conflict as being necessary," he said.

Settle's message to Cal Poly's population consisted of a plea to live up to the "learn by doing" credo.

"And that should include faculty," he pointed out.

Settle disagreed, with the frequency that Poly's students are unusually apathetic: "Actually," he said, "his school is politically more representative of a community than most schools. It is composed of a unique cross-section."

Commenting on a list of tentative community needs compiled by the San Luis Obispo City Council, Settle said he would work to fill the needs by expanding organizations which already exist.

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Spikers drop two

The roller coaster ride continues for Cal Poly volleyball coach Sally Kent.

Friday night the Mustangs played their absolute best when they needed it, digging a hard fought, four-game match to a superior Cal State Northridge team. The scores were 13-15, 4-15, 15-13 and 15-13. Saturday night in Pomona they ran into a cocky, unbeatable Northridge. The Mustangs fell by 13-15, 8-15 and 13-15 scores.

But first the good news:

"We played tremendous ball," said Kent of her squad’s Friday performance. "It was a total team effort. We fought to the finish."

"I was just incredibly pleased," Northridge, which is ranked high in the national ranking, was expected to offer the stiffest competition of the year for the Mustangs. Poly responded with a top-notch level of play which wasn’t for them, but left them feeling good. Kent couldn’t ask for a more successful performance.

Kent lauded junior Susan Forte for her efforts as a setter, hitter against the Matadors.

And now the bad news:

Against Pomona-Poly the Mustangs were "totally flattered," according to Kent with all aspects of Poly’s game failing apart.

Friday the Mustangs will be on the road for another conference match, this time against Cal State Los Angeles in a 7:30 p.m. contest.

Globetrotters visit

Before the strain of studying for midterms, why not take a break tonight? The Harlem Globetrotters are playing at the Cal Poly Gym. Yes, it’s true. The famed Globetrotters who have thrilled the world with their comedy on the court will be playing at California Chaffey at 7:30 p.m.

The event, sponsored by the Associated Students, Inc., will not be the Harlem Clowns. Another basketball team that spreads comedy throughout the land. This game will feature the real, real Harlem Globetrotters.

Playing at Poly will begin the team’s touring of the California, and work their way down to Mexico and Central America.

Being known as the "ambassadors of good will," the Globetrotters have been everywhere but far East, which they will visit soon.

"We have played in North and South America. After the Far East, we will have covered the world," Harrison said.

"Whenever they get a space shuffle, we are the first basketball team to play on the moon,"

There have been times when the Globetrotters would rather not have played some of those times. Harrison noted, was in a jungle in the Philippines.

"One year we played for a leper colony. They had us scattered throughout the game. Meadowlarks. Lemon-kept anything all during the game, but it was all psychological," Harrison said.

Even though the team was secret, Harrison said, that they were glad they won and represented the United States in the way of playing basketball.

There are two teams that make up the Globetrotters. One is a national team, the other international. The international-national squad will perform here.

Harrison, an active member of the team for 30 years said that the team does four shows a day an audience. "One, to make them happy; two, high, keep them guessing everyday problems; and four, see some guys do with a basket. Whatever they do with a coconut."

"The best we can do out and laugh a little? After that, all's well."

Tickets are on sale at the University Union Ticket Office, Harrison and King and Queen Electronics, both located on Higuera St. Prices for general admission are $4 for Cal Poly students and children under 12, and $5 for all others.

"One, it makes them happy," said Miller about his team’s performance. "They have a higher lever of competition, the Cal Poly team, and new father last weekend."

The Stanford field will ease some strong teams and many strong Division I teams, most notably power house university Texas, El Paso.

Olympians Mike Bolt and Duane McDonald give their meet an international flavor. "It will be very interesting and we do against a caliber of greatness," Harrison. How does he feel? "He is an indicator of how we’re proving."

"One other team which Miller feels that Poly has advantage is Western Illinois. Miller feels that they are taking against tougher competition.

The Mustangs’ showing in the Long Beach race out that Poly is the favorite for the conference championship....
Reno overpowers Poly

By CORKY BRITTON
Daily Sports Editor

It was a final moment for both the fans and football players. As they crossed the field, the Wolf Pack and the University of Nevada at Reno's football teams were playing an intense game.

In the end, the Wolf Pack emerged victorious, with a final score of 41-29. The game was a test of both teams' abilities, with the Wolf Pack showcasing their strength and deterrence.

The Wolf Pack's strategy was to keep the ball away from their opponents. They were successful in maintaining possession for most of the game, which allowed them to score multiple touchdowns.

The game was not without its challenges. Both teams made mistakes, and the Wolf Pack had to work hard to overcome them. However, their determination and teamwork ultimately led to their victory.

The crowd was electric, cheering for both teams throughout the game. The atmosphere was charged with excitement, and the fans were enjoying the thrilling game.

In the end, it was the Wolf Pack who emerged victorious, but the game was a testament to the skills and determination of both teams.
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