Women champions

Track team No. 1

BY VERN AHRENDES
Sports Editor

A wary but elders band of Cal Poly students drove into San Luis Obispo early Monday morning with a tall tale to tell. But take heed because this tale is not of the big whopper that got away but a tale of Cal Poly’s first AIAW National Championship.

After five days in Pennsylvania, the women’s track team came back home as upset champions. There were no screaming throngs of people heralding their triumphant return nor television cameras waiting in the parking lot at 8 a.m.

Nevertheless, nothing can take away from what happened in Pennsylvania. The women, under second year coach Lance Harter, racked up 69 points outdistancing second place South Carolina State, 51.

A week ago Harter figured to finish in the top five at best. Today he is the reigning Division II national championship coach and he is ecstatic.

“This year, the whole season, has been fantastic,” a weary Harter related over the telephone. “Winning the national championship has only been the icing on the cake of an outstanding season.”

The Mustangs only had two individual champions during the three-day competition but it was their overall depth that paved the way to the title. Former Olympian Karin Smith easily won her specialty, the javelin, in poor weather with a heave of 204-11, which was well off her national best of 211-10 set two weeks ago at the Southern California Athletic Association conference championships.

The other lone winner was senior Eileen Kraisner who cruised to a 4:37.89 in the 1,500 meters. Teammate Amy Harper finished seventh in the event with a time of 4:36.6.

“We didn’t have the big guns, outside of Karin and Eileen, but to amass 69 points you have to have depth and that has been our forte all year,” said Harter.

“The only event we didn’t score in was the high hurdles.”

Student to take part in Poly foundation process

BY MICHAEL WINTERS

Starting this week decisions made on issues such as El Corral Bookstore policies and on-campus food prices will be influenced by the input of a student.

Cathleen O’Farrell met for the first time with Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors Monday. She was joined by a second-year architecture student, Lance Harter, a 1968 system-wide rule requiring student representation on university governing bodies, because it was established before that time. Board members suggest that the move is merely to enhance their ability to serve students and provide an education opportunity to the student board member.

“Dr. Baker went through a considerable amount of effort to find someone,” said Al Amaral, Foundation executive director. “We interviewed a number of qualified prospective candidates, he said.

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“Student representation on university boards is a tremendous opportunity to the student board member,” said Baker.

Enz’ concert split into raucous rock and slick pop

BY TOM JOHNSON

Friday’s Split Enz concert served as a porthole through which both the past and the dismal future of new wave music could be viewed.

New wave’s predecessor, punk, begun as a product of adolescent frustration. In general, it protested society’s rules and mores which enslave man. Its offspring, new wave, with its driving rhythm and iconoclastic lyrics, condemned the bland, processed music of the day. As the market became glutted with new wave groups which died almost as quickly as they formed, bands became more cautious and tried to gear their music to mass appeal. Thus, today there are groups like Pat Benatar, the Cars and Blondie which don’t give a damn about the purpose or the message of new wave; they subvert and transform it into pop to make money.

Both the old and new faces of new wave could be seen on the Split Enz.

For much of the concert, the Split Enz were simply brilliant. Lead guitarist Neil Finn and bass player Nigel Griggs laid down an infectious rock beat which beckoned many out of their seats and into the aisles to pogo or slam.

Songs like “History Never Repeats,” “No One Takes Me Seriously,” and “I Got You” succeeded because the Split Enz replaced their studio tricks, which tended to sap energy from the music, with some good guitar work. Life was breathed into numbers which on their first album, True Colors, sounded lifeless. Even though these songs still had a pop feel to them, they were raucous enough to at least capture the essence of new wave music.

The music was aided by the antics of lead vocalist Tom Finn. Finn was keenly aware that the vocalist

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La Fiesta Queen Crystal Carlson waves from the back of a car during the Saturday morning parade. The 19-year-old Cal Poly journalism major tried over the three days of activities.
Cancer takes famed writer's life

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — William Saroyan, the writer who tried "to express the individuality of people" in such works as the Pulitzer Prize-winning play "The Time of Your Life" and the novel "The Human Comedy," died of cancer Monday. He was 72.

Saroyan's death at the Veterans Administration Hospital was announced by his physician, Dr. Robert Adan. Funeral arrangements were pending.

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U.S. tries to halt Mideast clash

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — U.S. envoy Philip C. Habib, seeking to avert a Syrian-Israeli clash over Syria's missiles in Lebanon, flew to Damascus Monday. But even before he arrived, Syria indicated there was little hope his 11-day-old mission would succeed.

"Syria is only listening to the American envoy Habib to get acquainted with the real aims of the mission, and is not ready to accept what the mediator considers a suitable solution," said the official Syrian newspaper Al-Beath.

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Newsline

Coal strike talks stalled again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Efforts to end the 71/2-week-old United Mine Workers strike against the soft coal industry faltered again Monday over the issue of job security and the union broke off bargaining for an indefinite period.

An hour after negotiations resumed following a weekend break, chief industry representative Bobby B. Brown told reporters the two sides were leaving the table with no date in sight for their return.

Union President Sam Church confirmed he had asked for the recess.

In intense bargaining over the last several days, the parties have remained deadlocked on the volatile issue of how much work the coal companies can subcontract to non-union operations.

Church told reporters that "We weren't sure what they would come back with today, and their proposal was the same." Because of that, he said, union negotiators decided to leave the table to confer with the UMWA's full 36-member bargaining council.

He said it probably would be Wednesday or Thursday before the council could be assembled at the UMWA's international headquarters here to assess the situation.

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Speech festival

The Speakeasy Club will sponsor the first annual Cal Poly Speech Festival on May 30 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Registration will take place in the English Foyer on May 20 at 12 p.m. There will also be awards and free refreshments.

Crops banquet

The 26th Annual Crops Club spring banquet will be held Saturday, May 30, at 7 p.m. at the San Luis Obispo Country Club. There will be no host cocktails at 6 p.m. and dancing following the banquet.

Career Day

The Educational Opportunity Program is sponsoring Career Day today from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. in the Career Development Center. Professionals will be on hand to answer questions on professional education, training, and career opportunities.

Track meet

The Intramural track meet will take place at 3 p.m. on May 28. Sign-ups are being taken in the Intramurals Office through May 18.

Art works

The Alpha Rho Chi Fraternity will sponsor "The Other Side," the first annual display of works by faculty on the School of Architecture and Environmental Design. The event will occur Wednesdays and Thursdays this week from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Architecture building gallery.

Volleyball

The Cal Poly Intramurals/Honda Volleyball Classic Tournament finals will be held May 22 in the main gym. The first two games will take place at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

CRP instructors

The San Luis Obispo American Red Cross is looking for qualified CPR instructors to teach classes. Interested persons may call 543-0696 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Marketing meeting

Harold Larson of the San Luis Paper Co. will speak today at 11 a.m. in the Business Building, Room 201 during a meeting of the American Marketing Association.

NAMA banquet

Tickets for the NAMA end-of-the-year banquet are available by calling Dave Lewis at 7 p.m. in Science North 215.

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Unknown venereal disease strikes 1,600 students

The county health department handles an average five cases of herpes a week, including both new cases and recurrences, said Connie Kenney, communicable disease investigator for the county. Herpes is transmitted when contact is made with open sores or can be contracted at very early stages when the virus is present but sores have not surfaced yet, said Ralston.

The symptoms surface between three and seven days after exposure and include a cluster of sores, or lesions, on the genitals, and sometimes headaches, fever and muscle aches, said the doctor. Ralston said the symptoms may last two to three weeks at first, but because Herpes is a deoxyribonucleic or DNA virus which can penetrate the nucleus of a cell and spread through cell division, it remains in the body. This creates a constant chance of transmission and recurrence of symptoms. But, although the virus remains in the system, it is possible for a person not to have a recurrence of the symptoms and not transmit the disease, said Ralston.

“Still, you must assume it’s transmissible,” said Ralston.

Physically, herpes is more painful for women than men, but psychologically both areas must deal with the knowledge that they have contracted a venereal disease and could pass it on to future partners. For some people, it poses a difficult problem, said Ralston.

“It’s like saying I’ve got the plague,” he said.

A 27-year-old Cal Poly student speaks of the problems herpes has caused for her.

“There always is a question of when to tell the person or should you tell the person,” she said.

The student described her initial reaction of anger, shock and self-depreciation when she found out she had herpes. The student said she had a severe case of the symptoms and at one point couldn’t urinate because of the pain.

“It’s mind boggling that such a little thing could cause so much pain,” she said.

She said she received treatment at the Health Center which included creams and ointments and some experimental drugs. Eventually the lesions, fever and aches she experienced went away.

Although health center pharmacists said they knew of no experimental drugs being developed, they said several different remedies from neutral red and other dyes to standard vaginal preparations are being tried in hopes of finding something to ease the pain and kill the virus. As of now, there is no permanent cure for herpes simplex I or II.

“I think I would have amputated myself from the waist down if they couldn’t have helped the pain,” she said.

The student said she had had recurrences since she contracted the disease herpes. The student said when she found out she had got herpes from her boyfriend, the relationship soon ended.

“It made me very leary,” she said. “It will be a long time before I get in another serious relationship.”

The woman said she now jokes about it because that is the only way she can deal with it.

Dr. David Ralston, Health Center physician, said that while few people know about venereal disease herpes, it afflicts about 10 percent of the Cal Poly student body.

As a result, the woman said she is a lot more “in tune” with her body since she contracted the disease. The student said when she found out she had herpes from her boyfriend, she was “very free of it” and there’s nothing you can do to get rid of it, she said.

For a 23-year-old male Cal Poly student, having herpes has not caused many problems, but he said he feels lack of education about the disease is contributing to its spread.

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TV programming brings Fleetwood Mac to Poly

BY KATIE SOWLE

Fleetwood Mac will be performing at Cal Poly next quarter. But there will be no long lines to wait in and no crowded gym to suffer in, because this concert will be part of TVP, the ASI-funded Television Programming.

Dave Chiappone, electrical engineering student and chairman of the TVP, has been on the committee for three years and expects next quarter’s programming to go as smoothly as this quarter’s. “This is the first year we have had each quarter booked solid,” he said. “It used to be that the programming was only every other week.”

Students tended to forget the television was even there, with previously sporadic programming, and the viewing audience was accordingly small. “Now with every week filled,” Chiappone said, “the programming is only going to go as smoothly as this quarter, though it normally leaves the last week open for the increased school work of the six committee members.

“This sudden increase in programming seems puzzling, especially since the ASI Filmas subcommittee’s $4,000 budget of last year was cut in half this year. ‘While $2,000 is certainly a big difference,’ Chiappone said, ‘we haven’t had too many problems, mainly because of the better package deals we can get.’

Chiappone explained a package deal as when TVP rents a whole batch of tapes for one lower price, and in effect receives a discount on each one. Picking the tapes and voting on them from a catalogue, TVP rents from film company subdivisions such as Filmas Incorporated, and Video Tape Network. “We usually rent four tapes per quarter from these companies,” Chiappone explained. “We program one comedy, one concert, one documentary, and so on.”

In the case of the Fleetwood Mac concert, it was originally priced at $250 — far beyond the TVP policy of spending nothing over $150 for any single tape. “We got them to throw in a few more tapes, and got the average value down to $130,” Chiappone said.

The tapes are run from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Monday through Friday, and are from 45 to 50 minutes long on the average. TVP will run for all 10 weeks of this quarter, though it normally leaves the last week open for the increased school work of the six committee members.

The extra weeks are not booked by any companies are filled out from various groups, Chiappone said. “The he three or four weeks advance notice, we will run almost any tape a group wishes.”

The six members of the committee are from many majors, everything from business to architecture. “We are just people with a desire to learn,” said Chiappone. “The committee is part of that learning, the ‘hands on’ program, which allows the group to use the three color cameras in the visual department, and make their own films.”

“We’ve filmed the ‘Global 2000’ speech and the Division band,” Chiappone said. “We would like our own video equipment, but the $200,000 cost is slightly out of reach,” he added with a laugh.

One project Chiappone wants to undertake is when he had the equipment, would be a small news spot placed at the end of each tape. “It could be a ‘what’s-coming-up type of thing,’” he explained. “Just a chance to say that we need to find someone willing to be in front of the camera, and not just behind it.”

Because of this possible new programming Chiappone is looking for new members.

“We are not set jobs.” Everyone just does everything.” Chiappone advised anyone interested to ask for more information at the Activities Planning Center in the Union, room 217.

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“Through all the sex education that I received in high school, herpes was never mentioned as a venereal disease. You were always taught about gonorrhea and syphilis, but you never heard about herpes. A lot of people don’t know what they have until they have it,” he said.

The student said he got from a woman who had it in the initial stages and did not know she had it. He said the relationship ended right away, but he feels it would have ended for other reason anyway.

He said there are en­counter groups in Santa Barbara for people who have had this disease and want to talk about, although he is not aware of any in town. “I don’t really need the support of others to take care of it,” he said.

The student said he had a difficult time telling his current girlfriend, but she took it well. “She knew the risk was there, and eventually she got the same thing. Although he said his girlfriend experienced resentment at first, they worked it out.

“Everybody has problems to some extent, whether it be herpes or something else,” he said. “I have it. I’m gonna live with it. Hopefully, it won’t bother me and if it does that’s life,” he said.

He said he feels that’s the best attitude to have. “Life goes on. You can’t just stay in a cave and pull a rock over it,” the student said.

Although the student said he’s had recurrences since he first contracted herpes two years ago, each time the lesions are less severe and fewer in number.

Raischen said that herpes causes special problems for women during childbirth. If there are sores present at the time of birth, a C-section section must be performed and there is a chance the child could con­tract the disease.

Although condoms may help prevent the spread of herpes, they are not 100 percent effective, said Raischen. He said the only sure-fire method of prevent­ion is abstention.

Casual sex and the more liberal attitude toward sex of young adults has contributed to the spread of herpes, said Raischen.

He stressed that it is im­portant for sexual partners to know each other and be able to talk openly about things like herpes.
Volcano has quiet birthday

TOOTLE, Wash, (AP) - For loggers, collection, May 18, 1981, timber it was business as usual. But for scientists who have been intensely watching the "volcano since its catastrophic blast a year ago, Monday was a day of quiet reflection over what they have learned and assessing what could happen next.

Drilled splattered on hundreds of loggers and grooming logs trucks worked at the gray, ghostly terrain. Now one seemed nervous that the mountain might repeat its May 18, 1980, eruption, which left 60 dead or missing.

Robert Kalista, 49, of nearby Toledo sat at the wheel of his rig and shurgred: "The mountain can't do much more. It already blew everything to hell here.

Many workers removing ash-covered logs from the mountain's shadow knew they were spared by fate. The volcano erupted on a Sunday, when relatively few people were about.

"There probably would have been less than 10 percent of the workforce left if it had blown Monday," said Kalista. More than 400 people would have been working, he estimated.

Bill Mattos, 31, of Centralia said he doesn't give much thought to the possibility of another eruption.

New wave past, future recorded

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must play the role of the actor in addition to that of the singer. He played the actor part well. He introduced each number as if he were a hack Shakespearean ham, concluded the song with five pushups in which he had executed earlier in the show. To prove the 1,000-

Tim Finn was at his best in "Nobody Takes Me Seriously" as he stumbled about the stage and drop­

While the Split Enz altered between strong new

But like the girl in the nursery rhyme with a curl in the middle of her forehead, when the Split Enz were missing. The Next Two Years?

senior with interests in getting a dead end.

If you're a Cal Poly senior with interests in getting into the practical art world, overseas, maybe you should talk to Peace Corps campus representative Ed Jenks in Rm 242, Ag. Management Dept. Or, call Ed at (805) 546-1320.

What Are Your Plans For The Next Two Years?

Coed joins foundation board

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Acceptance of O'Farrell is not a "reluctant welcome," said board president and Executive Vice President Dale W. An­

drews. "The only reason is to enhance student ser­

vice... It's a marvelous opportunity for Katy Cullen," ASI President Willis Hugo gave much credit for the student position to Jeff Shaapio, a veterinary science major and one-time assistant to former ASI President Rose Kranz.

Hugo sees the appoint­

ment as more than an op­

portunity for the board and O'Farrell. Up to now, board meetings have been filled with an ASI non-voting observer at meetings. Hugo said the new change has the potential to be signifi­

Hugo expressed hope that student scrutiny of con­

troversial foundation mat­

ters like food service prices and book store policies would be facilitated with the new student input.

"But," said Hugo, "Presi­

dent Baker wants that per­

son to stay as apolitical as possible." A low-key sta­

tance on most issues will be encouraged from above, said Hugo.

Such observations seem born out by board presi­

dent Andrew's "Having a student on the board won't be greatly different than before," said Hugo. Most of O'Farrell's time will be devoted to routine func­

tional matters of board operations, he said.

Asked about any possi­

ble student advocacy crusading, O'Farrell said "I'm restraining judgement for now."
Men claim league, again

BY ANDY BERGER

Sports editor to the Daily

As expected, Cal Poly's track and field team walked away with the 1981 California Collegiate Athletic Association championship this past weekend in Cal Poly's field house. What was unexpected was the way that it did.

The Mustangs showed no mercy on the conference's six other schools in racking up a grand total of 220 points in the two-day competition. Cal State Northridge was an extremely distant second with 153 points.

Pol'y's numbers were staggering. Nine conference champions out of 21 events, nine lifetime bests, a school record, and 27 out of 28 athletes scoring in the meet. And it was the Mustangs' fourth consecutive conference championship.

"It was a great meet," said winning coach Steve Miller. "It was a certain intense. Any time you put all your eggs in the basket, it's intense."

The competition was no competition. The rest of the AAC showed up for the second place trophy, and although Northridge made a strong first-day showing, the 50 or so fans that braved the windy weather weren't on the edge of their seats on day two, wondering who would win. By how much was a better question.

Jumper Ron Waynes best typified the Mustangs' performances. Entered in the triple jump, which is not his strongest event he was hoping to jump long enough to qualify for the nationals.

On Waynes' first jump of the competition, in the first flight of jumpers, he logged 50-7/8", which was a personal record by more than a foot, a national qualifying mark, and better than anyone else in the field had done. On his second jump he fouled, and then passed on the rest of his jumps. He had one effort remaining in the preliminaries, and he had all his jumps in the finals. Waynes then put on his sweats, sat down by the runway, and watched as no one else could better his mark. Assistant coach Ron Richardson called the conference triple jump champion "One-Jump Waynes" after the event.

Junior sprinter Pat Croft was a different story. The versatile transfer from Las Medanos Junior College biased his way to 21-200-meter mark and a school record 46.03 400 in the finals. And he didn't win either event. Croft finished second in the 200 behind teammate Mark Kent (20.90), and, in the meet's most exciting race, was barely nipped in the quarter by Demetriss Cook of Cal Poly Pomona, 46.02 to 46.03.

Both Croft and Cook took command early in the race, with the San Luis Obispo entry a step or two ahead at 200 meters. Cook caught Croft with 100 meters to go as they came off the final turn, and the two ran stride for stride in the home stretch, with Cook hanging a fraction of an inch more than Croft did.

"I knew he'd be there. I wasn't worried where he was the first half of the race, because I wanted to make my move the last 100 meters when the wind was behind me. The key for me was relaxing, keeping my head in the race."

"I thought it was a great meet," said winning coach Steve Miller. "It was a certain intense. Any time you put all your eggs in the basket, it's intense."

The men's track team added another title to its long list of accomplishments over the weekend. Leading the conference win were Carmelo Roso (right) and Kevin Jones in a one-two finish in the 3000 meter steeplechase.

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“I knew that we had won that meet after the 400 meters,” he said with a chuckle. “Dropped into the 440 in the last 100 yards, met the night before in Lomita.” Forgive and South Carolina should have won the meet with 64 points. We were already second with 63—that is if the meet would have gone the way it was supposed to on paper.

On Friday night we had a team meeting and I told the girls that we would finish in the top three and maybe even higher depending on where the points would fall.”

The talk must have done wonders because the Mustangs went out and scored 65 points on the final day to pull the title out of the fire. But it was won once more.

For example, Eloise Mallory ran a 24.4 in the 200 preliminaries and a 24.2 in the semi and a 24.2 for a school record in the 4x100 relay. Liz Douglas, who was not seeded to place in the open 400, came out of the open 400, ran a 56.1 in the preliminaries, then ran a 56.2 in the mile relay prelim and ran a 55.7 in the finals.

When Douglas snacked in for a third in the open 400, Harter knew that the title was Poly’s.

Other outstanding performances came from Teri Enquist who landed a 17-feet-3 jump in the high jump with a 10.01 6 6 was not expected.

The 400 meter relay scored a fourth and a new school record (Liz Ogrod, Doug, Mallory and Cathy Jones) at 43.2. Sue McNeal picked up a second in the high jump (5.9-5.9). Dana Henderson finished sixth in the shot (42.7-710). Laura Held was seventh in the hurdles at 82.06. Irene Crowley fourth in the 4000 (16:51.6) and Chris Dubba finished second in the heptathlon with three personal bests in her first four events, at 4,543.

The 3,200 relay team (Kris Allyne, Janice Kelley, Emily Whitney and Esther Scheringer) added a fourth at 9:09.2 and the relay (Kris Allyne, Held, Jones and Douglas) an eighth at 8:49.7.

Poly Mustangs returned from Penn Relays with All-American honors for placing in the finals of their respective events. By winning their individual events, Alaina and Smith are eligible to compete in the AIAW Division I track meet in Austin, Texas on May 28-30.

“It was just great and a bit of fun,” murmured a drained and bleary-eyed Dana Henderson.

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“I’ll go into that race to win,” Croft said.

Then there was the expected. Brian Faul took the shot put, Rob Riley won the javelin, and Mark Kibert won the pole vault by a full foot.

In the steeplechase, Mustangs Carmelo Rios and Kevin Jones won 1-2, but not without some stiff challenges by Riverside’s Brian Perkins. Rios was timed in 8:57.0, while Jones and Perkins ran 8:58.2 and 8:59.1.

“We’ve come to expect Rios and Jones to win,” said Miller. “The pressure’s tough on a guy whose expected to win, then does win. I’m really proud of both guys.”

Middle distance star Vernon Sallaz experienced both ends of the spectrum in the finals. In what was essentially the feature race of the meet, the 1500, Sallaz squandered out in last place, and worked hard for the first two laps to keep his spot. Riverside’s Frank Assum, a solid third in the mile, kept the national championship at the distance, pulled away from the field just as Sallaz made his move out of 11th place. Assum

Still, Miller will point out that the meet and the whole season have been team efforts.

“We won nine out of 21 events, almost everyone scored, and we dominated great,” he said. “Maybe there were a few cracks in the armor from time to time, but hell, we accomplished an incredible number of goals this season.”

The final goal to be accomplished this season will be May 26-30, the Division 11 National Track and Field Championships in McComb.

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Another conspiracy?

Advocates of peace who recognize the futility of war are having a tough time in this old world of ours. Some, like John Lennon, having a tough time in this old world of ours. Some, like John Lennon, have struggled to make the world a better place through nonviolent means. And then there were those who simply wanted “to give peace a chance,” like John Lennon.

Now they are dead...

Now this kind of terror is not restricted to American shores. Neither is it restricted to political figures. Last week it was the pope who was the victim of assassin’s bullets while running the risk of a new kind of ‘escape attempt’—the shot—Mehmet Ali Agca—and his travels, funding and affiliations.

According to a columnist for a Turkish newspaper, Refik Erduran, Agca was a “confirmed neo-Nazi who imagined himself as a swashbuckling hero with a mission.”

Agca was arrested in 1979 by Turkish police for the murder of the editor of Erduran’s newspaper, the Daily Milliyet. According to Erduran, it was the right-wing Turkish National Action Party—of which Agca was a member—that paid Agca for several killings and then helped him escape from prison and out of the country.

After escaping from prison, Agca traveled extensively in Europe (France, West Germany, Spain, Quetta, Italy and possibly Bulgaria, Hungary, France and Switzerland, according to Rome police. At this time he was spending $100 a day—the source of this bankroll (and possibly the persons behind the assassination attempt) is unknown.

Furthermore, early press reports indicated a second gunman was fleeing St. Peter’s Square after the shots were fired.

Turkish officials have warned that “the persons who accommodated and fed Agca” during his travels in Europe “might stage another escape attempt for Agca.”

There are other similarities between the shooting of the pope and Agca’s assassination:

Number of shots. As was the case in the assassination of President Kennedy, there is controversy concerning the number of shots fired. Initial reports said there were three bullets which struck the pope. Now Italian police are saying two.

Number of aliases. Lee Harvey Oswald used such aliases as O.H. Lee and Alex Hidell. Agca used the alias Faruk Ouz on a falsified passport.

Placing blame on the left wing. Oswald, an anti-Soviet fervently anti-American, in his connections with American Intelligence, was portrayed as a left-winger and a communist after Kennedy was killed. Agca, a right-wing terrorist, is now claiming to be a supporter of the left-wing Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine. (Decade ago, meanwhile, and attempting to make a Libyan connection in the pope shooting.

Official insipidty. Turkish police had warned Italian officials that Agca had been sighted in Rome. Furthermore, Agca had threatened to kill the pope during the pope’s visit to Turkey in 1979. The Italian police apparently took no action. Neither, apparently, did Interpol, the International Police Organization, which had files on Agca. (Interpol has right-wing connections of its own. During World War II, the police organization was dominated by Nazis.)

Just who was behind the shooting of the pope cannot now be determined. As more information is collected on Agca and his associates, however, the theory of a lone assassin becomes less and less viable.

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Federal government encourage with guarantees the support of synfuel plants or more efficient automobiles?”

"If the political will of the U.S. dictates the narrow choice of one strategic nuclear weapons force, should it be land- based or seabased ICBM’s in order to maximize world stability?” “If we are given only a modest amount of money, should we encourage more money in active solar, passive solar, or weatherization?”

My main point is this: We live in a complex technical world where the tradeoffs are indeed not always very pleasant. If we refrain from learning even the basic physics and algebra concerning these tradeoffs, then we are captive to the last salesman that we talked to. Several decades ago C.P. Snow indicated that man must learn both the humanities and the sciences or he would ultimately pay a broader price. The old adage “he who does not study history is doomed to relive it” should be broadened to include the phrase “and he who does not learn the sciences will be unprepared for the future.”

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Respect the graduation ceremony

Graduating Seniors:
You will soon be completing your studies, donning caps and gowns, and receiving your hard-earned degrees before proud parents, spouses and friends. A distinguished editor will be addressing you, and musicians, faculty and CSUC officials will be there to honor you. The president of the university will preside over that happy occasion. Out of respect for those parents, spouses and friends, we of the faculty hope you will treat that occasion with the respect it deserves.

Those of you who have attended graduation the last few years have been disturbed to see growing year by year a rowdiness of spirit that has all but destroyed the beauty and honor of that occasion. No one minds a cheerful tossing of caps at the end of the ceremony, or lusty cheers at appropriate moments in the action, but last year it really got disgusting to see cap-and-gown graduates swilling from liquor bottles while on the march, while seated in the infield, while standing to have their degrees conferred. It was boastful indeed for some participants to bounce beach balls and other inflatable toys around which the president was speaking, to break into the musicians performances with explosions, and insult the visiting speaker with similar interruptions. Let us not spoil our ceremonial a spectacle of grossness.

We of the faculty, who are proud at graduation to welcome you into a fellowship of the learned, urge all of you: Please treat graduation with respect.

If on the other hand you have no respect for your degree, for the education it represents, for the faculty or the institution, for the feelings of your parents and friends, please just pass up the ceremony and depart without leaving a bad taste in everyone’s mouth.

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