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Poly: coming to terms with Title IX

BY MAURA THURMAN

Cal Poly, along with many schools and universities, has progressed toward compliance with Title IX's provisions. Cal Poly's vice president for academic affairs said Monday, the first day of National Title IX Awareness Week.

"West said Cal Poly compares favorably to other campuses in support and implementation of Title IX, despite the fact that a Department of Labor statement issued Sept. 9 upheld discrimination complaints of women faculty members. The women had declared that they were denied promotions because of their sex.

Another student complaint of Title IX violations was filed last year with the Department of Education, but has received no answer, West added. The- 

Improvements continue

Improvements toward equity for men and women are still continuing, he said. He cited recent changes in the university's Master Plan to better accommodate women athletes as evidence of Cal Poly's commitment.

University planners decided to tear down Orandel Gymnasium and construct a new building which will house dressing rooms and other facilities equal for men and women. West said other changes toward equity in facilities are desirable, but that capital outlay funds make them impossible.

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Reactions to Assassination

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, a friend of Egyptian Vice President Hosni Mubarak, said Tuesday he is confident the Middle East peace process will continue in the wake of the assassination of Anwar Sadat.

Interviewed by CBS-TV at San Francisco International Airport during a stopover en route to Singapore, Vance said his successor, will follow in Sadat’s footsteps and remain aligned with the United States.

Vance said the road to peace will be harder without Sadat "because he is so vital to the process. But I think the Egyptian people and the Israeli people both want to see the peace process go forward."

Vance called Sadat "a marvelous friend. Once you were his friend, you were his friend for life."
ALASKA!

Tale of 13 Poly students on a northern adventure

BY SHERRY HEATH

We’d heard tales about the Alaskan wilderness and the grandeur of the glaciated mountains, but none of us expected the beauty that awaited us when we reached our humble summer home. Homer, Alaska, population 2000 on a good day, was literally awesome. The infamous “Homer Spit,” was a narrow, five-mile long arm of sand jutting straight out into an ocean bay. On one side of the bay were snow-covered mountains that looked like they belonged in Norway. On the opposite shore was a rolling bluff that could easily have been mistaken for California.

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Novice birdwatcher nestles in...

BY ROBIN LEWIS

I park my bike against a tree near the Hazard Canyon trailhead in Montana de Oro State Park. I’m supposed to meet a birdwalk group here for my Outdoor editor Ralph Thomas, but there’s no one here. I’m never first anywhere so I’m immediately paranoid.

Okay, there’s no walk. Ralph’s got me out here in the mist and the fog at nine on a Saturday morning for nothing. Funny guy, that Ralph.

Then people begin to arrive. An older man and woman from Santa Maria who can play a whole game of bridge in their heads, kids and all; two UC Santa Barbara students in a bird class: a young woman from Los Osos; and another woman who admits she knows nothing about birds. I begin to feel better, now we can all go kill Ralph.

Then the guide arrives, with big binoculars, like an alligator, around his neck and three bird books in his pack. Steve Schubert has a masters in biology from Cal Poly, now student teaching in Arroyo Grande and giving birdwalks for the Morro Bay Natural History Museum.

He tells us he was once a marine biology major, then he took an ornithology class and the birds “converted” him.

Birds? Converted by birds away from marine biology? Fish, lobsters, crabs and coral are infinitely more interesting than birds; birds are all the same. At least as a marine biologist you might get to dive with Jacques Cousteau, be on television and have Rod Serling say what a brave guy you are.

Versatec plotter

Immediately a brown creeper is spotted, our first bird, which I never see. As we head down Hazard Canyon toward the shore, I get a good look at an international submirial birdwatchers, or “birders.”

“There’s a yellow warbler,” Steve says, pointing.

“I see it. It’s fat,” I respond, a slow roller coaster.

Pelicans...are not without a grace all their own. Stand on a rock and watch a line of pelicans glide past you, each rising and falling one behind the other on the same air current, like a slow roller coaster.

The fog is not lifting, and when we reach the beach the mist is heavy drops.

“Is this rain?” asks the older woman from Santa Maria. I give her my descending-native-who-is-slightly-at-chef-funny-tourist look. “No, this is just fog. Sometimes it gets hard to tell.”

“Oh. Thank you,” she smiles.

I turn away, looking first at the sky and then at the drops on my arm. Is this rain? I wonder.

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The mist, however, has not discouraged the weekly play of the common Central Coast surfer, who is all over the place. We see some on the trail and more in the water. We also see: chickadees, white-crowned and song sparrows, dowitchers, black and matled turnstones, godwits, a black oyster catcher, common terns, sandpipers, ring-billed gulls, Heerman’s gulls, western gulls, willets, whimbrels and terns.

Now, get this, because it’s bizarre and may surprise you. They’re all different birds. Some are big, some are small; some brown, gray and chestnut-backed, some have short legs, long legs and yellow legs and some have straight bills while others have curved bills. And, some burst into beautiful feather patterns when they lift into flight.

It’s not like “all those brown birds you see at the beach.” Now, it’s “Hey, catch that oyster catcher.” Or, “Looky, a yellow warbler,” or “You damn dog, stop chasing those poor sandpipers!”

Not only that, but they don’t all live in the same habitat,” a tough word. It means “where they can live in comfort.” You don’t find a brown pelican looping through willow branches with a yellow warbler. Warblers are quick, small birds that would wrap a pelican around a tree in a race.

Pelicans, though, are not without a grace all their own. Stand on a rock and watch a line of pelicans glide past you, each rising and falling one behind the other on the same air current, like a slow roller coaster. You don’t get a headache.

Of the beach birds, like the sandpipers, gulls and plovers, the black oyster catcher is the best. He squares black against the rocks so you can’t see him. Then he turns his neon orange bill to the side and it’s like watching a light saber cut through the fog. PHOMMATTITII and James Earl Jones dub in: “I’ve been waiting for you Oyster-One.”

I kick myself for not bringing binoculars. You can’t see the birds well. How am I supposed to tell that’s a whimbrel or a godwit? I can’t make out the face? A whimbrel’s bill turns down in a curve. I borrow some for a minute.

Birds, I decide, are like kids at the beach. Sandpipers. small sandpipers, will follow a retreating wave all the way to the trough, stand there pecking in the sand, eating whatever it is they eat, while keeping an eye on the water for the next wave.

“Harry, watch the water,” one tells another.

“But, I did it last time.”

“Just do it, okay?” And so twenty bills dip into the sand. The water rises into another wave. Harry watches.

“It’s almost here, guys, let’s go.”

“Wait, just one more...” Please see page 8

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Outdoors
Alaskan adventure teaches Poly students lessons of life

From page 2
so hard for so long, we rea-
ly started wondering why
in the world we were pack-
ed there on an overgrown
trail of sand.

"Walking down the road in
fertilizer" and a down-
head in the middle of a
rainstorm in July when I
would have been laying out
on a sunny beach—and get-
ing back to camp to find
my sleeping bag and
clothes all soaked really
made me wonder," said
Terri Fortina, a sopho-
mores biology major.

By the end of salmon
season, we were ready to
hang up our rain gear for
food. We were ready for a
nice soft bed to sleep in.

But there was something
magical about that spot,
that town, those simple,
honest people. When we
packed up our camp, we
realized that we weren't
leaving this experience
behind. The hardships we
endured, the times spent
with special people we'll
probably never see again.
The freedom we had to
learn about society,
ourselves and God—
they're not gone, not in
the least.

"Freedom's not so much
a point we get to," said
Harper. "It's a way of
traveling. What's next?"

Watching birds at Montana De Oro
From page 5
"GUYS!" Aid Harry tears back up
the beach in a sporting blie of Little
Satara. The others follow, almost next to him.
The wave fans out behind them, and
they turn to look and follow it back down again.

After an hour-and-a-half, we head
back up on the sand.

I am wondering about myself now. If I
didn't have to be out here, would I? Am
I missing the beauty I see they seem uninteresting? What would I have
missed? A birdwatch? Who goes on bird-
watches? Little old men and
women who can play a whole game
of bridge in their heads?

How much, wonder, is a good pair of
binoculars?

Signature drive
against Watt
is successful
SAN FRANCISCO
(AP) - The Sierra Club
announced Tuesday it
has just about succeeded in its
goal of collecting a million
signatures from people
who want to see Interior
Secretary James G. Watt
resign.

"I think we've got it
now," said John Hooper,
the conservation club's
public affairs specialist.

"But we're not going to
stop. We're going to get
more names.

When the campaign
started in mid-April, the
club said the initiative
was to present copies of the
petition to Congress in
hope lawmakers would
pressure President Reagan
to firing the axe in his
most controversial
appointment.

The club's report came
as the Wilderness Society
and the Audubon Society
announced this week their
own campaigns against the
man who oversaw more
than 770 million acres of
government-owned lands.

In addition, the Audubon
Society said it has
announced the administra-
tion's environmental policy
is general.

Hooper told the Associated
Press this week that there
was a certain that documenta-
tion shortly would confirm
that 1 million people from
cost to coast have signed
Sierra Club petitions to get
rid of Watt.

The secretary has engag-
ed environmentalists with,
among other things, its
high-profile stance in favor
of accelerated sale of off-
shore oil and gas leases, its
virtual wig out on the
department's mining en-
fourt program, and its in-
creased industry access to
wilderness areas for drill-
ing, mining and explo-
ration.

Watt drew more wrath
from his critics when he
put the brakes on purchase
of additional lands for
public parks, and moved
to convert a long-established
federal fund to buy new
public parks, and moved to
the federal fund to buy new
parks, and moved to
the club's signatories.

It succeeded in its
San Francisco
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Sadat's death may have global effect on politics

BY JEFF LELY

Candle in the darkness

The death of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat Tuesday will have a wide range of impact in world politics according to Joseph Weatherby, a Cal Poly political science profes­ sor.

Sadat's death makes it more likely that the Israelis will not vacate the West Bank in April, when the accords dictate it be done, he said. They will probably ask for an ex­ tension of their possession of the West Bank.

Weatherby said he believes Israeli officials will discontinue any negotiation with the Egyptians. The Israelis will think they are the only stable country left in the Middle East, he added.

According to Weather­ by, it is possible that the United States is partially responsible for Sadat's death.

"He was being sold out by the United States," he said. "He took a chance that we would continue to support him, and we lost interest."

Weatherby said it "would have had the elections, and Carter was losing," said Weatherby, "and the hostage situa­tion.

"The risk he lost was with us and with all the Arab nations."

The other Arab nations never liked Sadat because of his dealings with the United States and Israel.

Most of the Arab world thought Sadat was just a "tique of the U.S. and Israel," Weatherby pointed out.

I thought he was a good man," Weatherby stated. Sadat didn't like him: I think he thought of Egypt first. He was pragmatist but not other Arab national leaders," he added that Sadat was, "good for Egypt, but not for the Arab cause.

Spokesmen for the Palestine Liberation Organization have expressed their opposition to Sadat's death. But Weatherby believes it will have an important effect on Arab policy.

Weatherby said he does not believe they should be so happy. Without the sup­ port of Egypt, the PLO does not stand a chance, he said.

The Saudi Arabian will not doubt be affected by the assassination, said Weatherby. If the United States does not sell AWAC's to Saudi Arabia, which is probable, the Saudis may start to sell

their oil elsewhere, he said. Weatherby believes if this happens oil prices may go up andstagmatics may start working.

When the Sandin lose faith in the United States, other Western nations will be making their own deals in the area. This could lead to a breakdown in relations between the United States and the entire NATO countries, Weatherby noted.

In Jerusalem, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin said he hoped the U.S.-sponsored peace pro­ cess would continue "as President Sadat would have wanted with all his heart. I have lost not only a partner in the peace pro­ cess but also a friend."

From page 1

Reagan said the assassination was an act of "cruel, cowardly infamy." Today, the people of the United States join with the people of Egypt and all those who long for a better world in mourning the death of An­ war Sadat.

In Beirut, one caller told news agencies that the In­ dependent Organisation for the Liberation of Egypt was responsible for the at­ tack, but few knowledgeable people in Lebanon had heard of the group before.

Reagan: America has lost a close friend

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Delta not ready; judge gets $208,000

CHICAGO (AP)—A retired judge and his wife complained that Delta wasn’t ready when they were, and a jury awarded them $208,000 for being bumped from a flight—by far the largest award ever made to airline passengers denied their seats.

A Circuit Court jury on Monday agreed with former Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kluczynski and his wife, Melaina, that they suffered "invasion, indignity and outrage" when they were told all seats were filled because of overbooking on their Delta Airlines flight to Florida on Feb. 19, 1976.

The award against the airline, whose advertising slogan is "Delta is ready when you are," was more than twice the amount requested in the lawsuit.

Delta said it would appeal the award, which the Civil Aeronautics Board says is only the second jury award for airline bumping. CAB guidelines currently require that airlines provide bumped passengers with an equivalent flight for free within two hours of their planned departure time.

The Kluczynskis had been invited to job) Alberto-Culver Chairman Leonard Levin at his Florida farm to witness the birth of a horse.

Attorneys for Delta and Arrington Travel Center, the agency that obtained the reservations, said the couple was offered another flight scheduled two hours later, but chose not to accept.

Arrington was found not liable, but Delta was ordered to pay both husband and wife $100,000 in punitive damages and $4,000 compensatory damages.

"These people ruined their own weekend. They had alternate transportation that would have gotten them there two hours later," said Delta lawyer Cornelius Callahan.

"There is no question" that the "absurd" verdict will be appealed, Callahan said. A: upheld, he added, it would prevent "the whole process for the possibility of the situation being repeated.

"As a citizen, I wanted to be heard." said the 78-year old retired judge. "I wanted to give them a lesson."

Bill Jackson, a manager of public relations for Delta, said in Atlanta that the airline felt the punitive damages "in particular are improper because punitive damages are permitted only when the defendant’s behavior is proven outrageous and irresponsible."

The case is only the second time a bumped passenger has been awarded damages by a court, according to James Weldon, legal assistant to the director of the CAB’s Bureau of Compliance and Consumer Protection. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader sued Allegheny Airlines in 1972 for bumping him off a flight from Washington. Nader was awarded $25,000 in punitive damages by a federal court. The award was eventually overturned and Nader decided not to pursue it further.
BY TOM CONLON
Sports Editor

"We made too many mistakes," Mustang head coach Joe Harper said in describing his team's latest setback—a 34-10 loss to Cal State Fullerton Saturday.

It was the third straight defeat for the Mustangs who suffered losses of 35-3 to Reno and 39-21 to Cal Poly—Pomona in their previous two outings. If the present "trend" continues Harper might think of recording his post game comments for future use. "We continue to be frustrated and we hope to lose our frustrations against Santa Clara (Poly's next opponent)," said Harper. "We are still planning to reverse our trend."

But the losses are starting to take on a familiar pattern: the Mustangs play a tough first half holding their opponents to 10, 13 or 14 points while scoring a few of their own. Then the second half starts and the team finds new and inventive ways to throw the game away.

In the Fullerton game Poly played the Titans to a 10-10 tie in the first half with one yard touchdown dive by tailback Brian Burrell and a 52 yard field goal by Tom Vesna.

While the Mustang defense contributed to Poly's point total with a key interception and a 28 yard return by linebacker Marvin Jackson, the offense made its share of errors leading to Titan scoring.

Quarterback Lloyd Nelson fumbled a Carl Gillberg pass with the Titans recovering on Poly's own 44 yard line. Six plays and 44 yards later Fullerton had its first score and a 7-0 lead.

Punt returner Steve Mitchell fumbled away a kick on the Mustangs 12 yard line. After a strong defensive stint by Poly the Titans had to settle for a field goal.

In the second half, offensive things went from bad to worse; defensively good to bad.

Nelson was intercepted twice by Fullerton free safety Rod Weber on two consecutive possessions. Both steals led to Titan touchdowns. While the defense gave up 192 total yards to Fullerton in the half, including a 47 yard reverse run for six points.

Burrell was the Mustang's leading ground gainer for the third time this season with 68 yards in 18 carries. Back up tailback Jim Colvin picked up 52 yards in nine attempts.

The play of wide receiver Damon Johnson drew some praise from his coach. "I think he made some fine catches," Harper said.

Johnson headed in two throws for 35 yards. Linebacker Steve Booker led the team in tackles with 11.

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Cross country finishes seventh

The men's cross country team finished seventh among 27 teams at the Cal State San Diego Invitational Saturday.

The defending national champions and top ranked University of Texas, El Paso won the tournament, followed by Arkansas.

There was only a 20 point difference between the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh finishers.

Dong Avrit led all Poly runners finishing in 20th place with a time of 23:10 for the 10,000 meter course. Carmelo Rios finished with a time of 23:30, but was running unattached due to an academic suspension received during the spring quarter. Andy D'Costa and Mike Landshoff finished 40 and 41 respectively.

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Tinkering

When a person notices his or her wristwatch is not running well, he or she takes it down to the jewelry store to be repaired. That person does not simply throw out the time piece unless it would cost more to repair it than to buy a new one.

Similarly, the Long Range Planning Committee of the Academic Senate has recently detected that Cal Poly's current quarter system is working properly. But instead of tinkering with that system to correct its problems, the committee is studying the possibility of tossing out the quarter system completely and adopting a semester plan.

The committee is justified in their claim that the present quarter plan is sorely in need of repair. Classrooms sit idle all summer and professors must often squeeze 20 weeks of facts into a short 10-week period. But these, and similar problems, can be solved by modifying the existing quarter system.

The committee contends the decrease in summer enrollment would be reduced by switching to a trimester system. With more classrooms filled, money wouldn't have to be wasted on custodial care for rooms rarely used. But Cal Poly would save more money, and energy, if wings of buildings—and perhaps entire buildings—were shut down during summer quarter when student population is low. The Long Range Planning Committee's argument that a semester system would more evenly distribute students over each session misses a vital point: most students don't want to be redistributed. Many want to take the summer off to find a temporary job or just relax.

A major fault of the university's quarter system is that sometimes professors try to cram too much material into too short a time period. Consequently, a student may only receive a superficial understanding of a detailed and important subject. This is a curriculum problem, not a problem inherent in the quarter system itself. Each department faculty should examine its curriculum to decide which courses cannot be adequately taught in a 10-week span and expand those courses which don't pass this test from a quarter system to a semester. It would be a little tinkering is all that is needed. The committee says, because most students would not want to go to school 16 weeks a year. One professor would take one session off each year to find a job or relax. But the student who is willing to miss a quarter of the school year might not be as willing to miss a third of it. Also, the number of absent students might not be uniform from semester to semester as hoped. Because there is less than one percent vacancy rate in San Luis Obispo, if the committee's assumptions prove wrong, there will be many homeless people.

But the main disadvantage of the trimester system, or any semester system, is that it would completely disrupt the curriculum. Previously required courses would be dropped, new ones would probably be added. Therefore, students who were hoping to graduate in another quarter might be in for quite a surprise.

The Academic Senate should be commended for studying ways to improve the current quarter system and for bringing some of the quarter system to light. But the quarter system need not be revamped just because it is not working properly: a little tinkering is all that is needed.

President Ronald Reagan rode to power last fall largely on his condemnation of the Carter foreign policy, which he called weak and vacillating. Curiously, then, to see him offer such a bland welcome to Jose Napoleon Duarte, president of El Salvador, Reagan should have been in office.

Duarte arrived in the United States early in September to beg yet more military aid for his beleaguered regime. He has already gained over $45 million dollars of aid since Reagan has come to office. Along with the help of some 50 military advisers. This has been an effort to stop up what seems in the administration see as the democratic center in the Salvadoran political spectrum.

The tragedy and shame of this perspective is that no political center exists in today's El Salvador. Duarte, once the enemy of generals and the champion of liberal democracy in his country, has been reduced to the apologia for the uniformed gangsters that hold the true power in his country. He is a hollow shell, whose Duarte has selected to maintain the façade of civilized rule.

Duarte's career may be coming to a close, however. He came off rather poorly from his speaking tour last month. He had no explanation why the murder of four American women in his country last fall still goes unsolved. He couldn't decide why the butchering of civilians by the army goes untold. He didn't seem well rehearsed. His evasive and sham answers left even staunch supporters winced. Afterwards, Reagan refused to meet with him on a one-on-one basis.

Duarte's career has become an embarrassment. The recent Latin American tour by U.S. Ambassadors is a U.S. Jena Kirkpatrick holds a chilling significance for him. She praised the success enjoyed by the military governments of Argentina, Chile and Uruguay and commended their style in dealing with leftist upsurges in their own countries. Duarte may be looking over his shoulder, expecting those who pull the strings to yank him.

Is Reagan tired of dealing with even the shadow of democracy? Is it time to let President Duarte fall by the wayside and let the de facto leaders—the generals and their right-wing business allies—step up to the podium?

Perhaps Reagan is of the opinion that, without the hindrances of nominal civilian leadership, the military could dive in with both feet and win in short order, even if they have to crush the life out of their homeland in the process.

Anything, he seems to believe, is preferable to landing an ear to the grievances of the Democratic Revolutionary Front, the coalition fighting the Duarte government.

Reagan should join Mexico, France and other democratic powers in supporting a negotiated solution to the war with outside supervision. His plans for "free" elections for next year bear an absurd ring in a nation where right-wing death squads eliminate potential opposition. Popular faith in Salvadorean institutions is totally lacking. Their restructuring, with the help of the conscience of the military could well be undermined before any elections can be free.

Yet chilling omen suggest that Reagan is anything but ready to take the sensible, sober course. Tunnel vision anti-communism compels him to travel further down the dead-end street of his El Salvador policy, and thus precludes any possibility of peace. All the while, he continues to isolate the U.S. from world concerns on the problem of El Salvador.

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