Enrollment reductions, fee hikes loom

BY TWYLIA THOMAS
Staff Writer

Cal Poly will have to reduce its expenditures by $31 million for the 1982-83 fiscal year, a cut in light of the $50 million estimated to be lost if state revenues and unexpected additional expenditures are not realized.

The action, ordered by the Chancellor's Office, is in compliance with a request by Gov. Edmund G. Brown for state universities to cut their budgets by 5 percent.

According to a CSUC Academic Senate report, the budget cut would mean that 1,900 faculty positions and 25,000 students or a $1.165 tuition.

Cal Poly history Professor Max Riedlisperger, who is a member of the state Academic Senate, said the CSUC Board of Trustees will meet later this week with the senate to consider measures of how to deal with the cuts.

"The cut is final. How it's achieved is still to be seen," said Riedlisperger.

Current CSUC President Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) and the Academic Senate report said that the cut could have been implemented at the midway point of the fall quarter to save $1.1 million.

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Student loan eligibility to have new provisions

BY TRACY JACKSON
Staff Writer

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Revolution hope of Nicaragua, says nun

BY MICHAEL WINTERS
Staff Writer

Post-revolutionary Nicaragua, Sister Joan told the audience, is a "model for what can happen when people care about people."

Joan Uhlen, a Maryknoll nun on a working "furloough" from her duties as a missionary, spoke to an audience of almost 100 Monday night in Chumash Auditorium. With seed bordering on evangelical fervor, she painted a picture of a people bloodied and brutalized until they rose up and redeemed themselves by the ritual sacrifice of revolution, going on to forge a new society based on dignity for the common man.

As she began her slide-lecture presentation, Uhlen greeted the audience: "It gives me great hope for peace and justice in the world in the sense that so many of our financial resources have been used for the war mongers, and I really didn't expect this."

Uhlen returned to the United States in May after nine years of work among the poor of Nicaragua, and 30 years before that in other furloough locations.

She witnessed the Sandinista revolution of 1978-79 in which the Somoza dynasty of 60 years was toppled, and she has taken part in the subsequent reconstruction of that nation under the Sandinista government.

Sister Joan Uhlen, who has been working among the poor in Nicaragua for nine years, said the revolution gave dignity to the Nicaraguan people.

"I have been working within the revolutionary process," she told the audience. "Revolution means change, she said, and no one should be put off by the term."

Uhlen, recognizable as a nun only by her close-cropped hair and the large crucifix dangling from her neck, felt compelled, she said, to compose her audio-visual presentation before she returned to the United States. Honored with the prestigious Joseph Cardinal Strazza prize by the United States bishops, Uhlen said, was not tolerated in any respect, and the uncompromising attitude of the nun as she drove the people to desperation.

Somoza's tactics

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Senator defends coup warning

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — State Sen. John Schmitz, defending his statements suggesting a U.S. military coup, said he was just warning the Soviet Union to "be alert, remain calm," warning "waiting for the chance" to defeat the United States.

Schmitz told Monday in a KRCB television interview in Los Angeles that if Reagan administration policies fail, the nation will be in "real bad shape" and a military coup is "the best we could possibly hope for."

"If I am wrong," he said Wednesday, "I will go back to teaching at Santa Ana College and I will look upon it as a period of insanity. If I am right, I am looking upon as a leader whose time has come."

The Newport Beach Republican, a staunch John Birch Society member who is seeking his party's U.S. Senate nomination, said he is surprised his television comments kicked off "that kind of fuss."

State redistricting plan pushed

SACRAMENTO (AP) — A Republican congressman proposed a reapportionment initiative Wednesday that would shift votes from heavily minority Democratic districts to largely white Republican suburbs.

Rep. William Dannemeyer, R-Patterson, is the author of the proposed state constitutional amendment. Secretary of State Mark Fong said Wednesday the measure has been cleared for circulation to qualify it for the June 1982 ballot.

Dannemeyer said in a recent interview that Republicans would control because of the California Legislature if his proposal were law today.

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Soviets charged with distortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan accused the Soviet Union on Wednesday of trying to disrupt Western allies through "gross distortions" of his nuclear strategy. He bluntly told Moscow that he would "regard any military threat to Europe as a threat to the United States."

Reagan assailed as "an outright deception" any suggestion that America might consider limiting a nuclear conflict to Europe. "We regard any military threat to Europe as a threat to the United States itself."

The president said his remarks were prompted by "several propaganda statements" by the Soviet Union in recent days that seek to drive a wedge between the United States and some of its closest friends in Europe.

But his statement also served to clarify some of his own positions on a broader nuclear strategy, which prompted jitters among NATO allies.

NATO backs nuke deployment

GLENEAGLES, Scotland (AP) — The Western military alliance Wednesday endorsed plans for deploying new U.S. nuclear missiles in Europe despite growing public opposition in the five countries where they will be based.

In return, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger pledged the Reagan administration would continue to try to reduce missiles in Europe to the "zero level" during forthcoming arms limitation talks.

The endorsement came at a meeting of 18 NATO defense ministers confirmed a December 1979 agreement to deploy 972 cruise and Pershing 2 nuclear weapons in West Germany, Italy, Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands beginning in 1983.

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Co-op Education gets largest grant in Poly history

BY TRACY JACKSON

Acousting Cal Poly's theme of "learn by doing," the Cooperative Education Program has been granted a $11.15 million grant by the federal government to expand its educational program.

The grant, awarded by the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest grant ever to be received by Cal Poly.

"It will fund our proposed three-year comprehensive demonstration project, which we hope to serve as a model to other universities in the United States," said Fred Abitia, director of Cooperative Education at Cal Poly.

Abitia predicted the program will cover a three-year period and "radically, we cannot reach our objectives in any less time. As a matter of fact, three years is stretching it," he said.

The goal of the Cooperative Education Department is to expand the university's current co-op enrollment of 600 students to 2,000 by 1984, and to increase the number of participating employers from 424 to over 500.

To increase the size of the program, staff positions must be formed to accommodate increased student involvement, paperwork and consultation time. New positions will be open for three program coordinators, two federal government program evaluators and three clerical staff persons. Abitia will also recruit a faculty member from each of the seven schools of Cal Poly to help with coordination and recruitment procedures.

To reach the proposed 1984 goal, the $11.15 million will be disbursed for salaries and benefits for the new staff positions, travel expenses for staff and public relations efforts.

Three hundred of the 600 students now involved in the Cooperative Education Program are from the School of Engineering and Technology. This figure is expected to triple during the comprehensive demonstration project.

"Engineering and Technology has most of the students contributing, because it is the biggest field of demand," said Abitia. "We are also going to try to recruit and develop students in English, journalism, social science, political science and recreation," he said.

Two years in the planning, Abitia applied for the grant due to the recent and "future" state funding cut by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. in the areas of education.

"The university can't get the monies that they used to, but we still have the responsibility to continue our educational programs," said Abitia.

"Cooperative Education is an academic program where students may work with someone in their own field and gain first hand experience, so that when they interview for jobs after graduation, experience will be their credentials," said Abitia. "Cal Poly as a whole, is trying to use wisdom in matters of education and finances, and we're going to have to find new ways of helping ourselves."
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The Cal Poly Sports Car Club is holding a glitzy gala "Million Mile Away" through San Luis Obispo on Friday, Oct. 23 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Registration is at 7:00 p.m. in the Library parking lot. The driving begins at 7:30 p.m. Drivers should bring a navigator, pencil, paper and a flashlight. The cost is $5 per car.

Cafeteria Meeting

The student section of the California Parks and Recreation Department will meet Thursday, Oct. 22 at 11 a.m. in Science E-47.

The meeting is for new members, review the Tommy Lee conferences and announce upcoming events.

The Disabled Students Unlimited are sponsoring the annual Awareness Day on Tuesday, Oct. 27. The day will include displays, films, a wheelchair obstacle course, a blind walk and speakers. All people interested in participating and/or volunteering, please contact the DSU at 544-1296.

The Campus Quack Club will sponsor a free clinic to help improve the skills of club members or anyone else interested. The clinic will be open Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 to 11 a.m.

Seniors Needed

The School of Human Development and Education needs a new ASI senator. Apply at the Activities Planning Center or to the University Union Desk. For more information call Donna at 543-8534.

ASI Films

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Last Saturday morning, while most students were still recovering from Friday’s end-of-the-week celebration, Cal Poly’s Food Processing Club was having a jam session.

Their newest release: 600 jars of strawberries.

About 20 club members, under the supervision of instructor Tom Lukes, spent four hours working on the jam project.

They mixed, heated and canned two batches of jam—each requiring 270 pounds of strawberries and 210 pounds of sugar.

All those who helped received a free jar of jam. (A jar of their new release may be picked up at the Campus Produce Store.)

The project was one of the club’s quarterly fundraisers, the profits going to benefit the club.

Their next project will take place in November—smoked hams.

At right, Mike Brainard, a Food Processing Club member and co-chairman of the jam project, stirs sugar and strawberries. Lower right, club members check the vacuum pan where the berries and sugar are cooked. Lower left, a group on the assembly line packages the jam in jars.

Photos by Lori Ortiz
Student loan requirements revised

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Grace period

Another major change in the Guaranteed Student Loan procedure is in the area of continuous post-deferment grace periods.

"Under the Education Amendment of 1980, the student was entitled to continuous grace periods," said Ryan.

The financial aid officer said the 1980 Act allowed a borrower to stop repaying the loan and ask for an extension in case of financial difficulty. At the end of this extended period, the borrower would receive another grace period ranging anywhere from six months to 20 years.

Under the new law, the borrower may request extension periods, but will not receive an additional grace period until loan repayment is begun. This five percent fee is taken by the federal government to reduce the cost of government subsidies of student loans, according to Ryan. "This origination fee went into effect Aug. 23, 1981, before the rest of the provisions took affect," said Ryan.

"Our biggest lender is Chase Manhattan Bank," said Ryan, although as of September 1981, they restricted acceptable applications to second time borrowers," said Ryan. "We had to redirect students to other lenders," she said.

California now has 90 financial institutions which allocate money for Guaranteed Student Loan programs, "although no lenders are processing at this time, until the U.S. Department of Education sets up some guidelines determining financial need and government benefits," said Ryan.

"Everyone's in a holding pattern until the dust settles," she said.

The last stipulation made by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 allows for the federal government to tax and withhold the first five percent of the amount borrowed for what is termed as a Loan Origination Fee.

Economy holds mid-year dive

WASHINGTON (AP) — The faltering U.S. economy slipped again at an annual rate of 0.6 percent, the government reported Wednesday. The second consecutive loss was the worst evidence yet of a national recession.

In such a recession, the eighth since World War II, would be the second in as many years. But the current downturn, by all accounts, is much shallower than last year's.

The broadest measure of economic activity — "real," or inflation-adjusted gross national product — fell 0.15 percent in the just-ended third quarter, or at an annual rate of 0.6 percent.

"Real" GNP had fallen at an annual rate of 1.6 percent in the April-June quarter. And the two consecutive declines meet the most common benchmark for deciding when a merely sluggish economy has slipped into recession, a period of production cutbacks, worker layoffs and slow or falling sales.

After the new report was released, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige told reporters that "real GNP in the fourth quarter is likely to show another decline" before turning up in the first half of next year.

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EVELYN WOOD READING DYNAMICS
Experience the key to success, journalist says

BY JIM WITTY

"The key to making it in the field of journalism is experience," said Laura Diaz of KSBY TV. Speaking in the University Union on Monday, May 26, in her speech Diaz outlined the path her career has taken since graduating from Cal Poly in 1960 with a degree in English.

Diaz served two different internships. The first, in 1979, was with IBM in Rochester, Minnesota, where she served as a technical writer and produced the company's daily newsletter. Her second internship was with KSBY in San Luis Obispo, which Diaz claimed she landed by sheer persistence. This experience paid off and upon graduation she was hired as a full-time general assignment reporter for the station. This, too, was a great learning experience, according to Diaz, "As a small station you have to do it all." "Doing it all" includes lugging 30 pounds of camera gear everywhere, shooting illegible pictures, and learning to write for a television newscast.

"Writing for television is to the third grade level," said Diaz. "It's very difficult to take something expansive and narrow it down to the bare bones."

Diaz added that there are certain things that the English Department at Cal Poly couldn't possibly have taught her, such as the mechanical workings of a camera.

After being a reporter, Diaz moved up the ladder to bureau chief and then to her present position as producer and co-anchor of the 11 o'clock newscast for KSBY.

"To break into the field of television news," Diaz stressed the importance of learning to write as a journalist.

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Nicaragua joins Christianity, revolution

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jointed the Sandinistas in growing numbers throughout 1979, in response to Fidel's tactics. In the end, popular resistance was so great that Sandinistas fled the country, taking with them the majority of the national treasury, on July 12, 1979. He took up asylum in Paraguay, only to be arrested and killed by unknown gunmen last year.

With the departure of Sandino and his guards, Nicaraguans were ready to become "architects of our own destiny," as the Sandinista anthem says. A coalition government made up of communists, church leaders and peasant organizations set about the task of clearing out their enemies.

Part of the effort involved a mass mobilization for social welfare. This included a Peace Corps-type campaign in which 60,000 young people traveled the countryside teaching the peasants to read. Adapting the terms of warfare to social conquest, the volunteers organized themselves into "brigades," carried out "offensive" and claimed "victories.

According to the figures of the Sandinista government, 460,000 people learned the rudiments of reading and writing in five months, while the university population grew up 50 percent. A massive housing project was begun and 250 elementary schools and 18 high schools were built.

Nicaraguan today. In the eyes of Ushua, Nicaragua today lives by a unique, hybrid gospel of Sandinism and Christianity. Despite the communist ideology of many of its leaders, "Nicaragua is a Christian country," he said.

In fact, Christianity and the revolution gain inspiration from common sentiments. "Out of the love I feel for the poor and my Christ, I reject this revolution," a process, she explained, that still concludes.

The melding of the revolution with Christiani-
sity is partly symbolized by one slide Ushua showed and the black banner of Sandino draped across the entrance to the Cathedral in Managua, the capital of Nicaragua. Inside, the priest, bending, as priests of all ages and times have done, to the political reality of the day, celebrating the new "masses campesinas," or peasants' masses, a pro-
duct of the new social consciousness born of the revolution.

Sponsored by the Campus Blood Coalition, Ushua's presentation Monday night was one of about 40 she has given throughout the United States since she left five months ago.

The message to the audience was to "storm Congress with letters" in support of the revolution and in opposition to U.S. military involvement with Central American dictatorships.

In her presentation, she said, to "get our names on the line and speak out for justice.

Student caught exposing self

A male Cal Poly student was cited for indecent ex-
posure in the C-1 parking lot Monday morning, said Wayne Carmack, public safety officer. He was later released.

The student has a prior conviction for the same misdemeanor. If convicted again he will be guilty of a felony.

That is very common," Carmack commented con-
cerning repeat offenders. This arrest for indecent exposure is in the first one of its kind this quarter, he said.

"We nearly always get three or four of them a quarter," Carmack remarked. "We usually don't catch them.

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Spikers take on UCSB

Since the beginning of the season the Cal Poly women’s volleyball team has been headed in one direction: to the top. Ranked No. 3 this week in the NCAA coaches’ poll, the Mustangs are faced with a weekend of top-competition starting Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the UC Santa Barbara Events Center.

The UC Santa Barbara Gauchos are ranked No. 6 but have been struggling as of late, having lost three out of their last four matches. No. 1 University of Hawaii beat UC Santa Barbara last weekend while the University of Pacific upset the Gauchos during the week.

The coaches consensus No. 1 pick at the beginning of the season, Santa Barbara is off to a frustrating 13-6 start.

"Some people said they have 10 of the best volleyball players in the nation," Mustang coach Mike Wilton said. "They have a lot of good big athletes, but that still doesn’t mean they have the best. It’s how well they play together."

Cal Poly, now 27-5, is coming off a three-game win over Fresno State last Saturday night in Fresno. The Mustangs had a relatively easy time beating the Bulldogs 15-4, 16-10 and 15-9.

Wendy Hooper and Alison Semenson topped Poly with 11 kills apiece. Sharr Walker followed with nine kills as she led the team with a game-high attack percentage of .760 (9-0-10).

Tina Taylor buried seven service aces followed by Monica Park with five.

"If they’re playing good and we’re playing good, it’s going to be a doozy," said Wilton. "It’s a very critical match for both teams. The Mustangs will have no time to savor victory or regroup if they lose because they take on No. 16 San Jose State in the Poly Gym on Saturday, 7:30 p.m. The game will be the low Mustang home match for the next three weeks.

San Jose sports a 9-0 season record and a 2-2 mark in the Northern California Athletic Conference.

Poly beat the Spartans in the San Jose State Tournament earlier in the season, but according to Wilton, "they have a good team and a lot of potential."

The possibility of a Mustang letdown after the Santa Barbara game has not escaped Wilton’s attention. However, any plans for an emotional victory will have to wait.

Right now I’m mainly concerned with Santa Barbara," Wilton added.
Autoxross results
The first place finishers in the "Octoberfest IX" Autoxross held on Oct. 15 are as follows:

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“Oktobefest Run”
The third annual "Oktobefest Run" will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25—the day of the Baywood Park Oktobefest—at 11 a.m. Runners will start at the boat dock in Baywood Park, at the foot of 2nd Street, and will run the same four-mile course used for the Run for Youth and the Oktobefest Run last year.

Registration for the race will take place by the starting line from 10 to 11 a.m. on race day. Those wishing to compete in the race can also register by mail by sending their orders to South Bay Advocacy for Youth, PO Box 6135, Los Osos, CA 93402.

There is a $6 registration fee or a $4 fee that includes an Oktobefest T-shirt to those under age 18, small, medium, large or extra large.

For more information call Tom's Sporting Goods, 528-6633, or Dave or Marilyn, 528-2278 evenings.

Dairy Team
Cal Poly's student dairy judging team capped a successful fall campaign by finishing second out of 36 teams at the national Intercollegiate Dairy Judging Contest at Madison, Wisc., on Sept. 30. The University of Minnesota won the championship with the University of Illinois third, Virginia Polytechnic Institute fourth, and Iowa State University fifth.

Westinghouse
Recruiting on campus October 27 and 28, Westinghouse Elecric Corporation will host a pre-interview orientation meeting featuring pizza and beer at the Crest Pizza, 179 N. Santa Rosa at 7 p.m. on October 26.

Engineering and ET seniors who are interested in a career of field service engineering are invited to attend. Discover a surprising variety of challenging experiences ranging from the installation of advanced computer control systems to the installation of large steam turbines and generators, for power generation.

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Students go for speed record

Planes for an attempt to establish a new land speed record for human powered vehicles have been announced by student members of the Cal Poly Human Powered Vehicle Project. The attempt will be made on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 24-25, over a 200-mile course on the main runway at Vandenburg Air Force Base, 45 miles south of San Luis Obispo.

Dubbed "Phoenix," the bicycle-like vehicle that will be used in the unofficial record attempt was built by project members under sponsorship of the university chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

The Cal Poly students placed in the top three, using the "Phoenix" during the 1981 International Human Powered Vehicle Speed Championships last month in England. On that occasion, the Cal Poly team was narrowly defeated in a 54-mile road race and finished third in the 200-meter sprint. Both races were won by the commercially sponsored Vector team, which is based in Los Angeles and uses professional riders.

Cal Poly mechanical engineering students will climb on the wings of the human powered vehicle Phoenix in an attempt to break the human powered land speed record.
Opinion

Rethinking energy

Without a doubt, nearly all Americans would like to see the country permanently solve its energy crisis. Accordingly, the last four presidents to reside in the White House have sought solutions to this problem.

However, the policies of the current Administration pose serious stumbling blocks to not only solving the energy crisis, but achieving economic recovery as well. Reagan's energy policy is fairly simple and straightforward. The president says that decontroling energy prices and reducing federal regulations should spur conservation and encourage the nation's oil companies to search for, and produce, enough oil to meet America's needs.

Keeping with this philosophy, Reagan wants to reduce or remove the government's role from virtually all other energy-related activities, including the development of alternative energy sources and promotion of energy conservation. Except for promoting increased usage of nuclear power, the Reagan plan relies mainly on allowing the free market to supply America with its energy.

Although the marketplace can “work wonders” in productivity, as Reagan says, energy analysts inside and outside the government view this approach as short-sighted and perhaps misguided. Among the problems overlooked:

- The United States remains highly dependent on Middle East oil. Although America's energy usage is dropping, dependence on this source of oil has nearly doubled in the last ten years.
- The current surge in domestic oil exploration is not expected to significantly improve supplies. The Department of Energy reports, in fact, that domestic oil production will be lower in 1990 than it is today.
- The United States is obligated to share oil with other industrial nations in case of an emergency shortage.

In addition, the Reagan program almost entirely overlooks a government role in energy conservation. Analysts agree that a federal program designed to curb energy use through efficiency standards, tax credits and other incentives would cost far less than one designed to boost supply to meet demand.

More efficient use of energy would also allow more growth in the economy. Recent studies by such groups as the Malon Institute, Princeton University and the National Audubon Society have concluded that America can easily cut its energy consumption during the rest of the century while maintaining a healthy growth rate.

By considering these factors and re-thinking his current policies, Reagan can not only lessen America's energy problems, but also take a very big step toward economic recovery. And that, it seems, is something very much on the President's mind.

Letters

Accurate journalism

Editor: In his editorial of Oct. 16, James A. Alger attacks the three-part series “Diary of A Blockader.”

Calling author Andrew Jowers' first-hand account of the events that took place at Diablo Canyon petty, overtly dramatic, unoriginal, and synthetic, Alger sends out a heart rending plea to all for hope.

It is apparent from your article, Mr. Alger, that you have only a limited knowledge of what actually occurred at Diablo Canyon. An occasional glance at a newspaper or a trip to the front gate of the power plant would certainly have cleared up your numerous misconceptions, had you truly been interested. Had you bothered to do either of these things you would have undoubtedly seen that the events concerning Diablo Canyon happened just as Jowers portrayed them: no exaggeration, no misrepresentation, just good accurate journalism.

May I suggest that instead of a plea for honesty, we make an appeal for an adequately informed student body?

Patricia Voss

Letters

Fair admissions

Editor: I want to present an alternative viewpoint to the recent editorial praising the new Cal Poly Multi-Criteria Admissions policy. This policy does great disservice not only to the students it rejects, but also to those it admits.

The education of all people is their full potential is indeed a very noble goal. To end our California State University and college system is a shining example, one of the best in the United States. However, when a school such as Cal Poly is so popular that not all applicants can be admitted, the best and fairest method of selection is by lottery.

The evils of our present method of discrimination by Grade Point Average and Scholastic Aptitude Test are very evident. The student body at Cal Poly is a very narrow slice of California society. It is frightening to imagine the possibility of an even more isolated cultural, racial, ethnic, and political “purity” than we already have. However with the new Multi-Criteria policy, our students must not only have a high GPA and perform well on the unfair SAT, but they must have served on the student council, been a football player or cheerleader, worked part-time in their father’s business, and helped out at the Rainbow Girl’s roller-skating rink.

This type of discrimination certainly assures the SLO community that no “ riff-raff” will be admitted, but at the same time it denies the students here the right to learn the social skills of living together with people who are different. Prejudice and bigotry can comfortably become accustomed if we grow in such a sterile environment.

A lottery drawn from a pool of all qualified applicants is an easy, money-saving, and fair first step toward social integration of our campus.

Our admissions office should not be allowed to investigate and select the "personal consciousness and ethics" of incoming students. It’s time to protest such a policy, not to praise it. Finally, I propose that we maintain our university prestige not by admitting only the "best" students but by offering the best education to all who attend.

Richard Nureu

Clear the air

Mustang Daily

Editor: I’ve been reading Stanley Pryla’s letter to the editor for a couple of months now, and I feel it is important to start clearing the air of his misconceptions.

Pryla thinks it takes more energy to build a solar device than the device will displace. This is not true. For example, studies indicate that a well designed solar water heating system will displace the embodied energy in the system in about two years. Over an average life of 20 years the solar system would displace ten times the energy that was required to manufacture it. That frees up enough fossil fuel to build nine more similar systems and so the transition to solar grows.

Pryla believes that the conservation and renewable energy emphasis is advocated by the hard-headed businessmen of the Harvard Business School would carry us back to the pre-industrial era. I would urge him to open his mind, just a crack, so that he can read their book, Energy Future. Maybe he will understand how the soft path can provide more energy and jobs through investment in conservation and renewable energy than the capital intensive hard path can provide through investment in power plants which burn fossil fuels. The soft path requires the waste electricity, when attitude would be more realistic what is needed.

Tom Kashi