New flaw discovered in Diablo plant

BY SHARON REZAK
Staff Writer

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has discovered a flaw in the design of earthquake safety equipment at the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant due to miscalculations by PG and E engineers.

This is specifically a "underestimation and overestimation" of the weights of steel braces that support safety-related equipment in the plant, according to the NRC. These include air coolers, piping and electrical waste ways - the design of which are also in question because of a flaw discovery a few weeks ago.

The errors were detected when PG and E engineers couldn't provide the commission data on how the weights of the earthquake supports were originally calculated during a commission review Friday.

When PG and E was asked by the commission to rerun weight figures on Friday, the answers did not match the original figures.

According to Sue Brown, spokesperson for PG and E in San Luis Obispo, the problem has nothing to do with the basic design of the plant. Brown said PG and E "overdesigned" the plant to start with.

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Fire doused after three-day fight

BY TWYLIA THOMAS
Staff Writer

A blaze that burned almost 1,600 acres of wilderness near San Luis Obispo was extinguished Friday morning after a three-day battle by 750 fire fighters.

Cause of the fire is still under investigation, according to California Department of Forestry representatives.

Professors of California, the group opposing the CFA in the bargaining issue last Thursday to a group of Cal Poly President George Clucas agreed with Crist saying CFA's bargaining approach is more efficient because of the bargaining unit must meet the standards of the NRC. Brown and others involved in the bargaining process say PG and E overdesigned the plant to start with.

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Mormon for ERA explains church feud

BY JUDY LUTZ
Staff Writer

Sonia Johnson, president and co-founder of Mormons for ERA, became a radical feminist because of her church's opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment, she told an audience of over 100 in the Veterans Memorial Building Oct. 16.

The Virginia mother of four, who was excommunicated by the church in 1979 for her pro-ERA activities, learned about the ERA when church elders began preaching against it. She told the predominantly female crowd she had no conception to women's rights before her family settled in Virginia—"a very, very unratified state"—in 1976 after a number of years overseas.

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The fire burned across 15 acres of national forest land before the CDF was notified. One-third of the fire burned public lands, while two-thirds burned on private property.

Cox said the fire, which started at 8:45 p.m. Wednesday, was contained by 6 p.m. Saturday and was officially over Sunday at 6 a.m. Mop-up crews have completed their work and gone home, he said.

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Amtrak delayed a second time

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The inaugural run of Amtrak's overnight service from Sacramento to Los Angeles was delayed once by a bomb threat and again when the train struck and killed a man walking along the tracks, the company said Monday.

The bomb threat was telephoned to the Southern Pacific station in San Jose around 11 a.m. Sunday, three hours after the train left Sacramento, said Amtrak spokeswoman Susan Dale.

The train was evacuated when it arrived in San Jose, but local authorities and Southern Pacific police found no bomb in a search that delayed the trip 45 minutes.

The fatality occurred at around 7:30 a.m. Monday near Rincon Point, a popular surfing spot at the Ventura-Santa Barbara County line several miles north of Ventura, Ventura County Sheriff's deputies said.

The victim, an apparent transient in his early 20's not immediately identified, but papers on his body indi­cated he was from New York State, they said.

Witnesses told deputies the victim had walked north on the tracks awhile, put down a pack he was carrying, then walked south on the tracks. The train sounded its whistle, they said but the man made no move to get out of the way.

Ex-Mormon explains her ERA support

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speech other than by reading an article in Poyget magazine, which Johnson called "that deservedly defunct little B-grade Reader's Digest."

"We had really come wanting to find some reassurance that­sound­ed so­long, Johnson said.

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"Patriarchal reversal explains practically everything," she said. "It's like a thermometer. As we see the mercury rate of rhetoric about women's equality rising, we know to beware. We live in a classic patriarchally rever­ sing time."

Johnson said Titles 9 and 7, Affirmative Action, CETA and food stamps are among the benefits taken away on a one hand while the rhetoric about women hav­ ing achieved all their rights continues.

Spiritual revolution

Johnson said she also underwent a spiritual revolution when she real­ ized she could not accept "that sexist old bar­ berian bigot of the Old Testament" as her percep­ tion of God.

"Man had given us God in their own image to keep con­ trol over us," said the Mormon woman who decid­ ed "to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Heaven" by considering the seldom-mentioned Mother in Heaven of the Mormon faith as equally powerful to the male God.

Twenty women carried the Mormons for ERA ban­ ner in the July 1978 march in Washington, D.C. to support extension of the ERA, she said. The amend­ ment, which only received ap­ proval from 35 of the 50 states required to amend the constitution.

The extension passed in the House and was sent to the Senate, where Sen. Birch Bayh suggested a subcommittee hearing in November 1978. Johnson, as a member of Mormons for ERA, was invited to testify to the commit­ tee. Her altercation with Utah Sen. Orrin Hatch, who is an elder in the Mor­ mon church, made headlines the next day.

The publicity resulting from their confrontation led 500 Mormoms to call her in the next three mon­ ths and offer their support. As a result, Mormoms for ERA became a nation-wide organization, she said.

Also in November of 1978, the leaders of the church told Virginia elders to organize the women in their area to oppose the ERA. Johnson said. The elders told the women not to admit they had been organized by the men of the church.

"When you boil that down, what's it saying is 'lie.' We said to him the ward leader who spoke to women in her ward) that he ought not to do this thing," Johnson said. "The men shouldn't be requiring the women to lie—those are our sisters, those are ourselves."

Johnson said the anti-ERA Mormoms would ap­ pear to legislators like a grassroots movement if theylobbed as private citizens. But the Mormon opposition to ERA wasn't the church's doing, Johnson said. It was the church hierarchy seriously and fal­ per doctrine, causing people not to take the church seriously and hurting the missionary ef­ fort."

Disabled awareness day scheduled

To make the public more aware of the abilities and interests of disabled per­ sons, Cal Poly's Disabled Students Services will sponsor Disabled Students Awareness Day on Tues­ day, Oct. 27.

Musical entertainment, equipment displays, wheelchair obstacle courses and blind orienteering will all be available to Cal Poly students.

The main purpose is to make the campus popula­ tion aware of the abilities and interests of disabled students. Too often just their disabilities are em­ phasized rather than a positive focus on their at­ tributes," said Harriet Clendenen, acting coordi­ nator of Disabled Students. According to Clendenen, a group comprised of facul­ ty, staff and students will spend the entire day in wheelchairs and vehicles designed for the physically impaired.

The program will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the University Union and will include blind orienteering and various sports such as basketball and volleyball, with the participants playing in wheelchairs.

How ex-Mormon helped to 'ratify ERA in Heaven'

"I am the woman who stormed the picket line at the Convention Center," said Sophia Johnson, anti ERA lecturer, author and the Mormon woman who, with 500 other women, created the organization "Mormons for ERA." When she realized that the Senate was about to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, Johnson decided to "ratify the ERA in Heaven.(Johnson, who compared the Mormon opposition to the ERA to a house with termites. "When the ERA failed to pass in Georgia, Virginia, Nevada, and other states, people would ask 'What happened?'" Johnson said. "We'll tell them 'You've got Mormoms.'"

Johnson was excom­ munication in December 1979 after a three-hour church trial which is she accused charges of preaching false doctrines, causing people not to take the church seriously and hurting the missionary ef­ fort."

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**Architecture Films**

The ABC/CLA is presenting two films Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the Architecture Gallery. Prior to the films will be a short club meeting. Ron Batterman of the faculty will be speaking:

**NIRM Meeting**

The NIRM Club will be meeting Thursday, Oct. 29 at 11 a.m. in Science B-16. Upcoming activities will be discussed.

**Halloween Dance**

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is sponsoring a Halloween Dance with different types of music. The dance will be held on Oct. 30 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Admission is $1.50.

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Thurs., Oct. 29

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**Plains for the Civil Engineers (SCE)**

The SCE will have its second, annual picnic at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28 in Orest Plaza. The bi-weekly meeting will be held during the picnic. Meet at the zero hangar at 6 p.m. Cost is $3 for members and $5 for non-members.

**Recreation Speaker**

John C. Williams, well-known author and leader in the recreation field, will be speaking at the San Luis Obispo Recreation Center on Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. He will be speaking on "Leadership and Motivation." The talk is open to the public and there is no admission.

**Car Wash**

Eta Kappa No. of the E/E/13 honor society, will be having a Halloween Car Wash Oct. 31 from 10 a.m.
to 2 p.m. at Calomen's Union at 1340 Taft (where California Blvd. crosses U.8.101).

**Scuba Club Meeting**

The Scuba Club will be meeting Thursday, Oct. 30 at 11 a.m. in Science North 218. The club is inviting all interested students to attend. The underwater pumpkin carving contest will be held on Oct. 31.

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Internalize Your Affair

The river called "Lack of Communication" rumbles throughout society. And here at Cal Poly, these "Troubled waters" attempt to separate groups. On one bank sit the students - with the ASI on the other, and the Cal Poly Administration still further up stream. What is needed is a bridge to bring all these groups together. Internal Affairs is that bridge.

Under Internal Affairs are two sections, Academic Affairs and Student Administrative Affairs, headed by Christopher Hartley and Katherine Schott, respectively. Hartley, who is also a Senator for the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities, says that ASI is a two-track organization. It provides services to students, as well as being the official voice of the students in academic matters.

Hartley, has a line on everything done in the Academic Senate, a faculty body which recommends policy to President Baker. Through communication, Hartley tries to bring the Academic Senate and the ASI together.

Of special concern in the area of academics at this time is the problem of grading proposal by the Academic Senate and the possibility of having no exams during a proposed "dead week" (the week before finals). Hartley also hopes to look into the class-registering procedures, to determine if a standardi­zed process of adding classes should be instituted, and if so, what type of guidelines should be used.

While Hartley deals with academic affairs, Katherine Schott deals with Student Administrative Affairs. Her main task is coordinating student members in the administration office, and the Student Administrative Council.

The committees of the Academic Senate, the Student Administrative Council and ASI Executive Officers and Staff are comprised of the people in the administration council. The council are recommending, rather than policymaking bodies, but Schott feels the Student Administrative Council's recommendations will be used by the Academic Senate.

Schott, who also sits on the University Administrative Council, is confident about the Student Administrative Council, claiming that students are willing and eager to get involved.

Concert, Film Poll Due

Student Relations Polling Committee will conduct a survey on concerts and films on Thursday, October 29th, at 11:00 AM in the UU Plaza.

The concert questions will cover types of music you enjoy listening to, which bands you'd like to see, and if you'd get the Dead, the band you enjoy listening to, would pay for that band. The film questions will cover types of films and special films you'd like to see.

If any student or group would like to help take the survey, please meet in the ASI offices, UU 217A, Thursday at 10:00 AM.

Halloween Blood Drive

Halloween is once again upon us, and among other things it signals the first of this year's quarterly blood drives. Chumash Auditorium Thursday, Oct. 29, from 9 AM to 2 PM. The blood will be drawn by the Tri-Counties Blood Bank, sponsored by the Student Health Services, Student Health Advisory Council, Cal Poly Wives Club, and Alpha Upsilon Fraternity.

In the past, Cal Poly has been the largest donor in the Tri-Counties area. All students, faculty, and staff are eligible to donate and receive blood. Be sure to eat a good breakfast or lunch prior to donating.

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The English Beat

Tickets are now on sale for a dance concert in Chumash Nov. 1 at 8 Ska artists. "The English Beat." $6 advance for students on sale at the UU ticket office. Opening act is Slash and the Personalities Sponsored by Concert Committee.

Fall Rodeo

Cal Poly Rodeo Club will present a fall rodeo November 4th and 7th in Collett Arena. Admission is $1 for 12 and under, $2 students, and $3 general admission. The Friday performance is at 6:00 PM and Saturday at 1:00 PM.

Daily Plan-It

Turn, Oct. 17 - Disabled Awareness Day
Wed., Oct. 18 - Film, "In the Realm of the Sensory" (Student Senate)
Thurs., Oct. 29 - Warren Miller Ski Film Blood Drive, Chumash Free concert, Plaza, 11 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 30 - Film, "Catch 22"
Saturday, Oct. 31 - Halloween Wizards and Warlocks Halloween Party Homecoming football vs. Portland State Dance after game, UU 220
Play, "Muder at St. Stephen's," 8:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (and Nov. 1)
Sunday, Nov. 1 - Gala opening, "From Lincoln to Lawrence," presented by Dan Perl, 7 p.m., free. Dance concert, The English Beat, Chumash, 8 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 2 - Free film, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers."

ASI Outings

ASI Outings Committee will sponsor a 3-day backpacking trip November 5th in Kennedy Meadows, Sierra Nevada. Cost of $112 will cover transportation, horses and food. For more information and trip signup, call Gene and Janet at 546-3549. Saturday, Nov. 3 - Outing to the Escape Room downtown in the University Union.

ASI Outings Meetings are Tuesdays at 7 PM in UU 220.

Halloween Blood Drive

This year's Senators are proving themselves by handling their responsibilities with a great deal of effort to increase your ASI representatives' visibility on campus, the Senate and others involved in ASI are having tickets made with the SLO and Student Affairs Organization logo on them. The shirts will be worn on specified days to students can easily identify their representatives as ask them any questions about the ASI. So keep a look out for the SLO Turtles.

One of the current issues is to re-evaluate ASI Coded and Beloved groups. Coded groups like the Rodeo Team or Rose Float, are ASI funded and make a contribution to the university through their activities.

Beloved groups are clubs which do not receive ASI funds, like the Sailing Club and Ski Club. These groups offer direct benefits to members.

We are also discussing whether or not it is the students' responsibility to maintain the P-"i.e. painting and maintenance of the area around the "P". Defra Sigma Phi fraternity has been asked to assume these responsibilities.

If you have an opinion on this matter or have an issue you would like to bring to our attention, we invite you to come to our Open Forum which is at the beginning of every Senate meeting 7:00 PM, Wednesday, UU 220. See you there.

Saturday, Nov. 3 - Tapestry of a Golden Era. Friday, Oct. 29, from 6 PM to 2 PM. The blood will be drawn by the Tri-Counties Blood Bank, sponsored by the Student Health Services, Student Health Advisory Council, Cal Poly Wives Club, and Alpha Upsilon Fraternity.

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1982 POLY ROYAL

The theme and dates for the golden anniversary of Poly Royal are "Poly Royal 82 - Tribute of a Golden Era.

Friday, April 23rd - 8 PM in Chumash Auditorium, the Cal Poly Band will dazzle its audience with their indoor concert, Band-O-Kama 81 - "A Wind Instrument Spectacular."

This musical event will feature Marching Band selections performed during football pre-game, halftime, and post-game ceremonies. The Cal Poly Studio Band, a Traditional Dixieland Jazz Band, and special effects by the entire Marching Band will be additional entertainment. Cost is $1.50 for students and $3.00 general admission. Tickets are available at the ASI ticket office, from members of the band, or at the door.

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No. 3 spikers try harder
Mustangs drop No. 6 UCSB in 5, No.16 San Jose in 3

BY TOM JOHNSON
Editor

It doesn't matter if a volleyball team has players as tall as oak trees, as quick as cheetahs and as strong as hur-
rricanes, if those players don't execute well the team is not going to win.

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team proved that max-
im true Saturday night when it shook off what Coach Mike Wilton termed a "sloppy performance" in their win against Santa Barbara the night before to methodically dismantle 16th-ranked San Jose State, 15-3, 15-9 and 15-
4. Cal Poly is ranked No. 3 in the NCAA Coaches' Poll.

The Spartans were simply overpowered by the Mustangs' consistent, if not spectacular, setting, serving and defensive play as well as their balanced hitting at-
ack. Five Mustangs recorded at least five kills and the team committed only five errors.

Cal Poly took control from the outset, scoring the first eight points of the match, thanks to the serving of baugfa, Sherm Walker. 'Tina Taylor and Wendy Hooper, who drilled balls past the hapless Spartan defenders. Terri Purling scored the deciding point when she nudged the ball over the outstretched hands of the San Jose defenders.

The Spartans looked bewildered as they went back onto the court for the second game. Their play matched their expressions, as middle hitter Jan Harman whiffed at an at-
tempted spike and several teammates committed mistakes of their own to hand the Mustangs a 6-0 lead. But when Coach Wilton began to take out his starters, it was the Spartans turn to capitalize on opponent's blunders as San Jose State tallied nine of the next 15 points to close in, 12-9.

Poly let San Jose get no closer, reeling off the next three points. Substitutes Stacey Stowell and Jolene Huff-
man ended the game dramatically, as Huffman sprawled to the floor after a nice save and Stowell knocked down a Spartan slam to give the Mustangs the victory.

Cal Poly regained its first-game form in the final game of the match, jumping out to a 7-2 lead on the strength of Hooper's fist, as the 6-2 junior hammered three winners.

The Mustangs proved that maximum love can come from a tough game. The team's third with an 8-7 record overall and 1-1 in the Big West.

"Every time I saw that left hand (of Aughinbaugfa) go up..." said Wilton as he held out his hand and stared in-
tently at it to dramatize his point. "When I saw that hand go up, I knew they're not going to get her."

Indeed, when the 5-11 sophomore raises her hand to pound a spike, not many opponents "set her," as she averages 15 kills a game.

Purling continued to be the Mustang's most constant attacker, recording six kills in nine attempts for an im-
pressive .667 percentage. Purling led the team with a .457 attack percentage before this weekend's play.

Semenese, one of the team's most solid performers last year who has seen limited action this season, led the team with four defensive saves.

Marie Lendle lived up to her tag as the best setter in the nation as she set up most of the team's 42 kills.

The Mustangs will travel to Los Angeles next Friday to begin a two-and-a-half week road stand. Poly returns home Nov. 11 to host U.C. Santa Barbara.
The problem continues.  

Last week, during another review of the seismic safety of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission found yet another error in the design of the earthquake safety equipment.

This time, the error concerns the weight of safety equipment; above the floor of the reactor building supported by steel braces.

The second discovery of a design flaw in the plant structure after the NRC had given the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. permission to load fuel and begin low power testing, makes one wonder where the NRC and PG and E were looking during previous reviews. Perhaps at some of the economic benefits to be had once the plant is licensed, instead of the core of the safety issue and the reactor itself.

The NRC has given PG and E until Thursday to draw up a report and explain why the review should not be comprehensive, including all the safety related equipment at the plant. But instead of asking PG and E why the review should not be expanded, why are the NRC even asking the utility's opinion?

There have already been two major mistakes discovered since the low power testing license was granted in September. PG and E admits there may be even more problems with the plant. The need for a more complete review of the plant is obvious, and should not be subject to the opinion of PG and E.

The timing of the discovery of the second flaw is a little more than ironic. Last week, a congressional subcommittee postponed its questioning of the reviewing processes used by the NRC, but then received that NRC has made them more conspicuous in reviewing, thus catching an error they may have overlooked before.

The NRC needs to review not only the safety of the plant, but the comparative costs to the utility and the community as well.

The public confidence in both the government agency and the utility has declined dramatically with the Diablo Canyon problems. Knowing that mistakes were found after extensive reviews had been made and the go-ahead for fuel loading had been given, should make people uneasy about the safety and smooth operation of Diablo Canyon once it goes on line. PG and E is kicking itself and the public if, after the current problems are worked out, it declares the plant "seismically safe." No one, not the utility or the NRC, can know for sure what will happen to Diablo Canyon in the event of an earthquake. The plant can never be known to be "seismically safe." It is not too late for the NRC to play it smart and deny Diablo Canyon an operating license. It would save PG and E more headaches and embarrassment, not to mention the health of people, if the plant should be damaged by an earthquake.

Diablo Canyon has been and continues to be one big problem for PG and E and the community. The NRC holds the solution.

Letters:

Letters and press releases may be submitted to the Mustang Daily by bringing them to the Daily office in Room 226 of the Graphic Arts building, or by sending them to: Editor, Mustang Daily, Orc 226, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA 93404. Letters must be typed and include writers' signature and phone number.

Editors reserve the right to edit letters for length and style, and to omit libelous statements. Letters should be kept as short as possible.

The Mustang Daily encourages readers' opinions, criticisms and comments on news stories and editorials. To ensure that letters will be considered for the next edition, they should be submitted to the Daily office by 10 a.m.

Editor:

I was very disappointed that the Daily's superficial look at the proposed sale of the AWACS ultra-sophisticated surveillance system to Saudi Arabia, and chose to support it. I offer these thoughts and facts.

The Daily makes both points, neither of them tenable. The first is that the sale would not endanger Israel because the presence of planes in the region is intended to defend our allies and maintain peace.

First of all, there already are four AWACS stationed in the region, defending our allies and maintaining peace. They're ours, though, going where we tell them to go and reporting to us. It's of no advantage to us to remove them (which we will, if the sale goes through) and deliver five to be under Saudi control. Obviously, how we intend to use them may be quite different from how they will be used.

The point that we will share in the security of the planes is only partially true—that arrangement is only for five years, after which the Saudis are on their own. This hardly "ensures," as the Daily puts it, that the AWACS will not be used offensively against Israel. Indeed, would you like to know what other "defensive weapons" are included in the sale? Besides the AWACS, 22 units of a new ground radar system, designed to link up with the AWACS to convey commands and data; aerial tankers to refuel planes in the air and add-on fuel tanks to increase the range of their F-15 fighters so they can reach Moscow no doubt; worst of all, 1,177 all-air-to-air heat seeking missiles which can be fired from any angle (two used two of them to shoot down the two Libyan fighters a few months ago.)

The Daily's other point, that the Congress should go along with Reagan for the sake of consistency, is nonsense. In this case, follow me? politics of Johnson in the Vietnam era. The whole point of the Congress having a say in the matter is to prevent us from falling victim to the folly of one man. Think about it—if the proposal is in danger of being killed by both a Democratic House and a Republican Senate. The only reason it's done is because so many senators are abandoning their convictions to play "follow the leader."

Events in Iran should have taught us the danger of putting sensitive weaponry into the hands of undemocratic regimes threatened from within. Saudi security is threatened primarily by internal instability, against which such weapons are irrelevant. Should a future coup succeed, America's sophisticated weapons would be compromised and available for use against U.S. forces. We now know that when the shah's government fell, we lost to the Soviet Union information vital to our own defense. In providing Saudi Arabia with the AWACS, F-15'S, air-to-air missiles and other weapons just now being delivered to our forces, we are risking our own security and that of NAF.

Saudi Arabia has not supported our strategic interests in the Middle East. The Saudis have decided to support our war in Vietnam despite the fact that this means that David peace policies and continue to finance the terrorist FLO with hundreds of millions of dollars annually. They have refused to grant U.S. military bases on the Arabian peninsula which would effectively control Soviet moves in the region. The arms sale would be contrary to our interest in the Middle East. The Senate should firmly reject it.

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Bogus elitism

Editor:

Hurray for Richard Nurel! His letter of last Thursday was a refreshing and incisive analysis of the new Cal Poly administration's policies. One further point: In conjunction with an admission lottery system, there must be rigorous enforcement of the academic probation policies with no hesitation about kicking a student out of school for sub-standard performance...and daddy's generous contributions to the Alumni Association notwithstanding. The pseudo-egalitarian pop-corn from the admissions folks as they explain their new program has now been exposed for what it is—a backdoor method of furthering the insidious stratification that haunts this entire community—bogus elitism.

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