Rains take the song out of students hearts

The miserable weather throughout the county this week is enough to make even Gene Kelly quit singing, get off his lamp post and go inside.

Rain that fell during finals week, making a trying week even worse, is back again for at least the start of Spring Quarter. National Weather Service forecasters said the rain will continue today—less frequently than Wednesday's showers but temperatures will be much cooler.

Lows Wednesday night dropped into the upper 30s and may drop even lower tonight, forecasters reported.

Winds that blew the rain around early Wednesday—as fast as 40 mph—should die down early today. On campus, the rain is only rain—a university police dispatcher reported no damage caused by the showers.

About the only thing the rain has done is make the job of lifting the Erhart Agriculture Bridge look like a game of mud football. It has stopped the rodeo team from practicing, as Cal Poly Arena now looks like Noah might have crossed.

Prof calls Salvador election results inconclusive

BY MAURA THURMAN

Praise of the elections in El Salvador may be based on insufficient evidence, according to political science instructor Reginald Gooden.

American leaders have heralded the election as a defeat of the terrorist forces in El Salvador without really examining the entire scope of the election, Gooden said.

According to Gooden, the results of the election last weekend will take a considerable amount of studying before the truth about the election can be accurately determined.

Gooden said the American press showed the election in a more positive light than it should have. "It (the media) showed these lines of concerned voters backing to the polls, exposed to the weapon fire of guerrillas. It portrayed these people as pushing the left-wing parties, as if the military was not provding anything decisive, and predict ed negative end results. This is because the right-wing parties can form a coalition and control the government," he said.

The main bond of the right-wing parties is popular agrarian reform, Gooden believes. "This is because the right-wing parties can form a coalition and control the government," he said.

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The American press, on the other hand, has heralded the election as a defeat of the terrorist forces in El Salvador, and has failed to examine the entire scope of the election, Gooden said.

For example, Gooden said, the American press has failed to examine the fact that no one will forget that kind of theft," he said.

The election's negative effect on the U.S. stems from the close tie this country has with the moderate Christian Democrat Party—ties the right wing groups will resent.

Gooden said if the right-wing groups form a coalition, the U.S. may have to begin to re-establish ties with the government in El Salvador and urge them to start the reforms again. He said this could be done by "putting on some pressure behind the scenes."
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James Dean movie
The movie "Rebel without a Cause," starring James Dean, Natalie Wood and Sal Mineo will be shown in Chumash Auditorium on Monday, April 5 at 7:15 and 9:30 p.m. Admission is $1.

WOW workshop
All students interested in being WOW counselors in the fall, who missed the winter workshop held Feb. 28 will be expected to attend a make-up workshop on Saturday, April 3, at 12:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

Hispanic engineers meeting
The Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers will meet tonight at 6 p.m. in Science E-47 where a guest speaker from a naval base will discuss employment opportunities. Nominations for new officers will also be held.

Poly Notes

Poly 500 race
The Society of Manufacturing Engineers will be sponsoring the Poly 500 Race on Saturday, April 24. Build your cars now if you haven’t already. Rules for the event are posted in the Library Reserve room, can be obtained by calling Jim at 541-5518.

Chili concession
The N.S.M.C. chili wagon will be rolling into the U.U. Plaza Thursday and Friday, April 8 and 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A bowl of chili with cheese and onions will be 65 cents and soft drinks will be 35 cents.

Architects Speaker
David Wright, an innovative solar designer, will present an illustrated talk on recent developments in solar design in residential buildings on Friday at 8 p.m. The lecture is part of the Architecture department's Speaker’s Forum.

U.B.S.A.C. meeting
The United Black Student Awareness Council will hold its first Spring Quarter meeting tonight at 6 p.m. to discuss spring programming and a future art exhibit.

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Police bust philosophy profs inelimination protest

BY SHUNTEER

University police arrested three philosophy professors Wednesday who chained themselves to their office doors to protest the elimination of their department.

The incident brings to 13 the number of faculty members arrested on charges of resisting arrest since Chancellor Glenn E. D'Lugoff of the California State University System called for extensive cuts in education because of a state budget crisis.

A highly-placed source in Cal Poly administration said the decision was made over Spring break to eliminate several academic departments on campus.

Administrators formed the Academic Oversight Council Monday to select those departments to be cut.

The council's decision, the source said, was to drop the so-called minor departments—those that the council has considered unimportant to the students' education and a waste of space that could be used more wisely.

Besides philosophy, the minor departments include applied art and design, child development, dietetics and food administration, education, English, history, home economics, liberal studies, recreational administration, speech communication and journalism.

This may be the last April Fool's Day edition of the Mustang Daily this year.

The announcement of department cuts prompted most univident protests from professors and students in those depart­ments. Small groups of demonstrators stormed the Administration building early Tuesday and wrote Latin phrases on the windows in whipped cream and smeared walls with saturated onions.

Police called in California National Guard troops dressed in full combat gear, to control the demonstrators, but the students and faculty offered no resistance.

Police officials speculate that Tuesday's demonstrators came from the philosophy and economics departments, but reported no further damage.

Then professors from several departments chained themselves to office doors Tuesday night, refusing food and resisting arrest.

When police carried the three philosophy profs away Wednesday, the professors repeatedly chanted, "Philosophy the guide of life," the Phi Beta Kappa society motto.

Students and faculty members have already formed a coalition, Keep Us Teaching and Studying, for the administration, education, English, history, home economics, liberal studies, recreation, administration, speech communication and journalism.

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Women in Their Prime
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Dr. Coleman & Dikes

Inter-Religious Dating and Relationships
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Mrs. Bonds

Personal Development
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Mrs. Colburn

Street Management
3:00-5:00 p.m.
Mr. Allen

Tuesdays

Assertive Behavior
10:00-11:00 a.m.
Mrs. Baricco

Recovering Academic Success
10:00-12:00 p.m.
Mr. Hicks

Support Group for Shy People
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Dr. Bobb

Couples Group
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Mr.Allen

Wednesdays

Personal Growth in Creative Fellowship
9:00-11:00 a.m.
Dr. Hicks

Eliminating Self-Defeating Behavior
11:00-1:00 p.m.
Dr. Mortelz

Interpersonal Relationship Skills
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Dr. Muler

Strategies for Whole Life/Work Planning
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Dr. Deeking

Support Group for Shy People
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Dr. Milker

Thursdays

Dealing with Eating Disorders
To be Announced

Developing Issues for Women
1:00-3:00 p.m.
Ms. Colburn

Choosing/Changing Major
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Dr. Hicks

Strategies for Whole Life/Work Planning
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Dr. Deeking

WORKSHOPS

April 14

• Designing Development

May 13

• Objective Test Preparation
• Test Taking Seminar

June 17

• Test Panic Tips

July 22

• Learning Skills Improvement Group

August 12

• Principles of Memory and Forgetting

Time Management
• Developing Greater Concentration
• Improving Your Reading Rate
• Time Management

May 3

• General Study Skills

Wednesday, April 8

• Time Management

Thursday, April 9

• Time Management

Wednesday, April 15

• Time Management

Thursday, April 16

• Testbook Processing

Thursday, April 23

• How to Get the Best from Your Professors

July 28

• Testbook Processing

Typically, groups start the second week of the quarter and run for the remainder of that quarter. These are just a few among the many academic and social groups in which consistent participation and sharing add to the value of the experience. For information on or to reserve a particular space, call or visit the Counseling Center by the end of the first week of the Spring Quarter 844-2811/Adm inistration Building, room 310.

Groups listed are in Learning Assistance Center, Chope Hall 102.
President Warner Busker announced yesterday that Poly Royal will be cancelled due to “unascetable practices” by the Ornamental Horticulture Department.

Busker said through a special task force team, a legally cultivated marijuana crop with a street value of over $60 million was discovered growing on OH Department grounds the last day of Winter Quarter. Locked in the experimental greenhouses between the potanias and the rhododendrons, 17-foot tall marijuana plants were found thriving under the care of OH 342 (Pot Plant Production) students.

Busker said that though the OH 542 class grew the marijuana, it was not under the direction of any Cal Poly professor.

“It was purely a student-run ganja-growing,” said Busker. “And all of Cal Poly shall strive for this mistake.”

The special task force team was set up by the Student administration after a paid tip-off was given to the president by a crop science major whose key to the locked ‘pot’ greenhouses was taken away by members of the OH 542 class. The class members “never trusted me after one of the plants died under my care,” said the crop science major who refused to be identified. In retaliation, the ousted pot grower went to the president.

The task force team was made up of Cal Poly police pretending to be agriculture majors dressed in overalls and covered in cow manure while carrying pitchforks. Three OH 342 students were held inside the marijuana-filled greenhouse at the point of the pitchforks until everybody involved in the project had been identified and arrested. No names of the arrested have been released and no reasons were given for the illegal growing project. Mota owners with rooms filled to capacity and restaurant owners expecting massive crowds for the April 23 weekend are angry at the president’s decision to cancel Poly Royal.

“I just don’t know what this will do to our budget,” said Mildred Milligan, owner of the ‘Lights Out’ motel on Monterey Street. “We even have Poly Royal posters hanging in all the rooms commemorating the 50th year and I bought a new advertising campaign for the season.”

The Cigarette Factory restaurant owner, “Tip” Tirafico, plans to sue Cal Poly for the loss of business over the usually big money-maker weekend.

“I don’t know what that acher (Busker) is pulling, but his decision is hurting a lot of businesses. I’ll be damned if I’m going to be short-changed on some good business,” said the irate restaurant owner, “I’m going to sue Cal Po-ly.”

“It’s a total bummersummer,” said sixth year recreation major Rob “Rasta” Smith. “I mean, it’s not like they left OH department were growing weed or anything. Besides, what other times could we have four straight days of parating during school?”

Busker said he wants the marijuana incident “kept at a minimum amount of publicity” so that Cal Poly’s name won’t be damaged due to the illegal activities.

“There will be no Poly Royal in 1982, so just tell your parents not to come,” said Busker. “It will just be school as usual.”
Governor unveils vicious CSU budget slashes

BY TWIRPY THOMAS
Copy Editor

New budget cuts for the California State University system were unveiled Monday by Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr., as he vowed to "stick the colleges dry for every penny they've got."

Brown's new budget slashing measures take effect Fall 1982 and are an effort to "rescue the glorious State of California from the financial morass in which it is currently mired," said Brown.

The systemwide cuts amount to 25 percent of the CSU's budget, or $714 million.

"These cuts are atrocious," said Cal Poly President Warrin Beaker. "Now we're going to have to give up our plans for the new faculty swimming pool, bar and Pac-Man arcade on top of the Administration building. What does Brown want to do? Nip education in the bud?"

The CSU Board of Trustees went into closed session Monday night to decide where and how one-fourth of the budget would be cut.

An unidentified source reported that the Board discussed many emergency measures to mitigate the devastating cuts, including raising student fees to $2,500 a year, combining the Humboldt, Bakersfield, and San Diego campuses, laying off employees with mustaches, and perhaps instituting "double sessions" whereby half of the students attend school during the days and alternate weekends and the other half at night and holidays.

However, CSU Chancellor Glenn S. Dimples decided it was "too much of an Anacast headache" for the Board to work with the budget, as each university president was given the power to trim their own budget, as long as "the students get stuck in the end" said Dimples.

Beaker met with top administrators Wednesday and managed to deal with Cal Poly's budget problems in the following ways:

- Saving $2 million a year by firing all Dining Hall employees and closing the facility down forever.
- Beaker said it was more "cost-effective" for McDonald's, Taco Bell and Spike's to open meal franchises on campus.
- "We did a consumer analysis on the Dining Hall and found out that four out of five meals there wound up at the city dump," reported Beaker.
- Instituting "surcharges" on usage of popular student areas such as the University Union, the library, El Coral Bookstore, and all of the campus restrooms.
- According to Beaker, a surcharge fee of $1 will be billed to every student per week to use these popular facilities. Armed guards will be on duty to ensure that the students either pay before they enter or sign a pro-missory note in bond.
- "We can make big bucks with the surcharge," figured Beaker, who estimated the restroom income alone could generate $1.4 million.
- Laying off every faculty member hired after 1950. Beaker admitted that "class sizes will be considerably larger" and the teachers will have bigger loads, but said it "won't be a problem."
- Plans are already underway to hold physics classes in Mustang Stadium and American literature courses on the soccer runway.

"By laying off all the young whippersnapper faculty, we can save about $10 million," joked Cal Poly budget official Rock Ramirezky.

-Starting a mandatory "paycheck sharing" program whereby students must hand over their first year's wages to Cal Poly after graduation in order to receive their diplomas.
- "This action will really make Cal Poly rich," said Beaker. "Especially when we get the paychecks of the welding and engineering majors."
- Opening a "Bribery Office" on campus that is expected to generate an astounding $500 million per year.
- The office will handle such student requests as adding a class everybody else wants, dropping a class after week seven, taking care of the stack of parking tickets one has, or obtaining front-row tickets at concerts.
- "The Bribery Office will soon become an essential part of our ongoing quest to save Cal Poly from financial disaster," said Beaker.

Each bribe will cost $500. In addition to these immediately planned measures, Beaker and administration officials are looking into the possibility of selling Poly Canyon, the Swine Unit and the "P" on the hill to some interested oil-rich buyers.

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Punks banned from concerts

BY TOM-BOT JOHNSON

Fear that certain "punk elements" still lurk about the university spurred the ASI Concerts Committee to pass a series of stricter rules to govern concerts at Cal Poly, the committee president announced Wednesday.

Greg Wallflower explained that the new line of regulations were necessary because the rules enacted in the wake of the "February Pretenders concert did not go far enough to ensure that "wanton acts of violence and destruction" would be curbed during concerts.

Wallflower said that most of the new rules are designed to get at the cause of violence by barring troublemakers from concerts at Cal Poly.

"We don't want these vicious barbarians to invade our nice, quiet campus," said Wallflower. "We're trying to keep out those psychopaths who clap and whistle loudly, stand on their chairs and dance wildly in the aisles," said Wallflower.

To eliminate the "psychopathy," Wallflower said the Concerts Committee will investigate the history of those who want to buy concert tickets to determine if the buyers have a pattern of violent behavior. Individuals who have a police record, are punished during grade school for fighting, have seen the movie "Rebel Without a Cause" or have ever heard the band Devo, will not be admitted into the concerts.

Wallflower conceded that a spot check of the concert goers' psychohistory will not eliminate "all punk and other dangerous elements" at musical events. Excessive drinking and using dangerous drugs such as marijuana can turn the most mild-mannered person into an aggressive ton. Wallflower said. Therefore new procedures have been instituted to weed out drunkards and drug users.

"Everyones who come into the Main Gym (to see a concert) must first submit to a strip search to ensure that they have no boomers or drugs on them. Patrons then will be given a breath analyzer test and will be given urine tests to check for evidence of alcohol and illicit drugs," Wallflower said.

"We're not asking that men and women will be tested separately and privately to minimize embarrassment. Once they enter the Main Gym and sit down, concert goers will be stripped into their chairs with a seat belt and their ankles will be handcuffed to the chairs which will be bolted to the ground. The crowd will be allowed to clap and whistle only when an applause sign is turned on. Wallflower added.

The Concerts Committee considered requiring the crowds to allow no boys, girls, boy, girl, but feared that such an arrangement might lead to "swastika displays of animal passion which would erode the sacred foundation this great school is built on," said Wallflower.

Instead patrons will be allowed to sit wherever they want, but, chaperones must accompany dating couples. The committee also outlined requirements for bands and groups which don't have at least 18 members, such as 30 years old, has male musicians with hair that touch their ears or has a bass guitar.

"We want to bring musicians who fit the general mold of the majority of Cal Poly students and do not upset the quiet, conservative atmosphere here at Cal Poly. We outlined basic rules which would show that their throbbing organs and scruffy musclemen not defy those call for a quiet, well-conducted concert," said Wallflower.

Wallflower also presented a list of performers the Concerts Committee is recruiting. The list includes Andy Williams, Perry Como, Tony Bennett and Jim Nabors. The committee also considered Barry Manilow, but pulled out of the bidding after it did a comprehensive study of the sickly, middle-aged pop-rock singer.

"We were aghast to find that he has hair which almost touches his collar. Everyone had told us what an upright individual he was, but we found him to be nothing more than a flabby hippy," Wallflower said.

The Concerts Committee was informed that some of Manilow's upmost songs would excite the crowd to violence. We feared that some of Mr. Manilow's favorites, especially "Copacabana," would send the crowd to a frenzy they would destroy their chairs and make the stage a mess. If Manilow played, we would probably have a riot on our hands," said Wallflower.

In cooperation with the Concerts Committee, the Public Safety Department announced they had formed a special SWAT team to try to eliminate "elements" on campus.

"Our objective is to eliminate all punk rockers and other subversives have on campus," said Assistant Chief Thug, head of the Public Safety Department.

"We have sent our troops on a "search and destroy mission." They have been instructed to use an in-camera, infiltrate its camp and to terminate these subversives with extreme prejudice," Thug said.

Wallflower warned that if the members of the subversives continue to yell and clap loudly, and if they attempt to stand on their chairs, then more drastic steps may have to be taken.

"If these new rules fail to pacify the mob, we will consider banning musical instruments and records instead."
Mustang netters set for more games, more rain

After three weeks without a match, both Mustang tennis teams are itching for competition. Now if the weather were to cooperate, things would be fine.

The men’s tennis team, perched this week at the top of the California Collegiate Athletic Association standings, watched helplessly as its scheduled match against Fresno State slid into the “Cancelled” fili Wednesday afternoon due to the rain. Today’s battle with UC San Diego has also been cancelled.

The rains this week haven’t been very kind to the women’s team, either. The Mustangs, who haven’t had a match since March 10, have held their workouts in the main gym this week. With a 0-0 mark in CCAA play, the men’s squad is in the midst of a three-way tie for the league lead with UC Riverside and Cal State Bakersfield. That will change in a hurry as the Mustangs host the Highlanders Friday at 3 p.m.

With only two more CCAA games remaining, with Riverside and Bakersfield, the Mustangs have an inside track at making the Division II tournament in May. Other than the fact that the Mustangs host both teams in the next two weeks, head coach Hugh Bream thinks his team can slip past the Highlanders.

The Mustangs, 7-4 overall and undefeated against Dig. II teams, will take on San Francisco State Saturday at 2:30, weather permitting.

The women’s team will journey down to Cal State Northridge and Cal Poly Pomona this weekend in hopes of improving its 3-4 CCAA record. The Matadors are leading the conference by a game over Bakersfield, while the Broncs, the 1981 loop titans, are mired near the bottom of the league standings. Even though the Mustangs haven’t seen another uniform color across the note in some time, head coach Orson Yeast, in true coach’s form, is taking the good with the bad.

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Opinion

Corporate murder

Nearly every day the headlines tell about the crisis in El Salvador and Reagan’s budget slashes. Meanwhile, some large corporations, temporarily out of the limelight, have been getting away with murder. Literally.

The declining birth rates of developed countries have left baby formula with a surplus of profits to contend with. Rather than develop new products to expand its market in the United States, The Nestle Co. chose to create markets through propaganda in the Third World—at the expense of health and even lives of countless children.

Recently, however, Nestle has agreed to “unilaterally implement all aspects of the World Health Organization code,” according to Carolyn Campion. Campion said this agreement would apply to advertising, labeling, free samples—basically all of the insidious practices deployed by church groups and international health organizations for years.

However, Campion was quick to add a clarification to Nestle’s announcement.

“We will do what our competition does (in regard to advertising, etc. of infant formula), but in those countries which wish us to do other wise, we will do so,” she said.

In other words, Nestle isn’t giving up anything. Infant formula sales make up a small percentage of Nestle’s business in Third World countries, and, in countries where Nestle has managed to gain support within the government, nothing will change.

On the surface, the practice of selling baby formula appears to be an act of compassion rather than of injustice. Bottle-feeding infants could benefit mothers of underdeveloped countries by giving them more time to work—unhampered by the “burden” of nursing their children.

The mothers, however, being illiterate in most cases, don’t realize they are pawns in a corporate scheme to feed them of their money. Nestle’s formula costs as much as 50 percent of a family’s income.

Due to its high cost, many mothers drastically dilute the formula, making a day’s supply last a week. This creates a serious danger of contamination for the child. Without clean water to mix the formula, a refrigerator to store prepared formula, or the knowledge that boiling water is needed to sterilize the bottle and nipple to prevent bacterial contamination, conditions for proper use of infant formulas are poor at best.

Countless mothers, with the helping hand of Nestle have been killing their children. They don’t realize their way of using the formula is unsafe, and Nestle was in no hurry to tell them. Parents find out something is wrong soon enough, when their babies begin suffering from fever and diarrheas and eventually die from malnutrition.

The multinational conglomerates have in the past, consistently and effectively resisted all appeals to stop promoting baby formula to mothers who can’t safely use it. The World Health Organization has repeatedly sought to limit the aggressive promotion of infant formula in Third World countries with the code, which is supported by 188 countries. The powerful, immoral corporation, The United States and other developed countries, however, kept the code from passing.

An international boycott was launched several years ago against Nestle in an attempt to pressure the company to stop pushing plastic nipples into the mouths of Third World babies. The Mustang Daily Editorial Board supported this boycott in a previous editorial. We urge our readers to avoid buying Nestle products, which include Libby’s, Swiss Knight Cheese, Berringer Bros. and Los Hermanos wines, and Lancer and L’Oréal cosmetics.

The Mustang Daily Editorial board commends The Nestle Company for its decision to comply with the WHO, but we have grave doubts about its sincerity. With such a horrendous track record, it is quite likely the Nestle agreement was done to a combination of public pressure and the ever-greener douse track record, it is quite likely the Nestle agreement was an act of compassion rather than of injustice. Bottle-feeding infants could benefit mothers of underdeveloped countries, and eventually die from malnutrition.

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Lorri Lefald Smith

Letters

Absurd ERA fallacies

Editor:

“Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex. The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article. This amendment shall take effect two years after the date of ratification.”

Please take note, Miss Franco, this is the ENTIRE text of the ERA. There are no secret articles sanctioning homosexual marriages, there are no clauses designed to rob anyone of one’s privacy, and your assertion that ERA supporters are pushing for a “unisex” society is absurd at best. We have no desire to deprive or limit the right to privacy. We acknowledge the difference between the sexes. We do not believe we are the SAME as men, we believe that no person should be deprived of equality under the law, based merely upon one’s gender.

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Military spending

Editor:

What are we to do about this military build-up? It seems to me that much could be done to streamline the military establishment and also a review of all pay scales brought into line with civilian minimum wage rates.

The Army has a new tank, the XM-1, and the more I think about this highly expensive vehicle the more I get. The people manufacturing probably earn at least $200 per hour, and Senator Prus- mire tells me that it is not a wise investment. He goes on and tells me that constant goldplating of easily destroyed weapons squadrons our defense dollars and endangers our national security.

Find out how many civilian jobs pay as much as the military jobs pay? I don’t know of many, and I have never heard of 30 days paid vacation or 20 years retirement in a civilian job. What we voters need are some foreign military specialists to help us get an honest look at our military establishment.

What about our intelligence estimates of Soviet capabilities? Are they accurate and honest? What about Germany? Is it necessary to keep 300,000 men in that country? What about El Salvador? Just how many Communists are in the country? How do they get supplies? What about Israel? Do they have secret relations with the Soviets? Do they pass on to the Soviet information about our air craft and other intelligence information?

“I would also like to know if it isn’t time we started some kind of understanding with the Soviets? Neither side wins as things now stand except for the military-industrial establishment.”

Bill J. Bloomer