Day designed to increase sensitivity

by Scott Swanson

Cal Poly's Disabled Students Unlimited held its fourth annual Disabled Awareness Day Tuesday in the University Union Plaza.

The event, titled "Attitudes and Aptitudes," was sponsored in conjunction with the Disabled Student Services. It was designed to increase the sensitivity of the university community to the abilities as well as problems of the disabled at Cal Poly.

"Our main idea is just to create awareness in people of the 40 million Americans with disabilities," said Beth Currier, assistant coordinator of Disabled Student Services. "We want people to see the positive things, the things we can do and are good at.

The day of awareness lasted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and featured a variety of exhibits and demonstrations relating to the handicapped.

There were hearing-aids and a telecommunication system for the deaf, as well as equipment for the blind such as recorded magazines and books, large type typewriters, and a braille typewriter. Exhibits or aids for paraplegics included an elevating wheelchair which, according to Currier, gives the disabled accessibility to high places at Cal Poly such as chemistry lab counters and library bookshelves.

"The chair's designed to get up on a level with a person I'm speaking to so I don't have to look up when I talk," she said. "I've been looking up to people all my life."

Another innovative piece of equipment displayed for wheelchair users was a Tricycloped. It has a moped front end and a frame that holds a wheelchair at the rear instead of the normal seat. A disabled person can wheel the chair up two ramps onto the contraption, lock it in place, and ride off on the three-wheeled vehicle.

There were also wheelchair volleyball and basketball demonstrations where non-disabled students sat in wheelchairs and tried their hands at the sports. Movies about the handicapped were shown in Mustang Lounge while Health Center nurses staffed a free immunization clinic and offered shots as well as information on tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough).

Another feature at the event was an exhibit on bicycle safety and preventing cycling accidents.

"Our big thrust this year is on prevention," Currier said. "That helmet should be worn when you're riding your moped, motorcycle, or bicycle. A number one cause of confinement in wheelchairs is spinal cord accidents from diving, or autos, or motorcycles.

"Everybody is just an accident away from the largest minority in the United States, because that's what we consider ourselves—a minority."

Despite recent advances in making things easier for the handicapped, Currier still feels that society has a long way to go in understanding those who are disabled.

"We face two types of barriers: social or attitudinal barriers and architectural barriers," she said. "Social..."

Photos by Stephanie Pingel

Above, Rae Ann Seel, industrial engineering major, and Heidi Sorensen, mathematics major, maneuver wheelchairs around cones in UU plaza. Right, Jennifer Faust, deaf microbiology major, demonstrates the phonic ear and telecommunication device for deaf (TDD).

Professor supports gun initiative in TV debate

by Twyla Thomas

Pro and con arguments of Proposition 15, the handgun control initiative, were aired in a 30-minute debate between a Cal Poly professor and a member of the Indiana House of Representatives Sunday on KCOY TV.

John Culver, a political science professor, and Anthony Miles, a politician who was sponsored by the John Birch Society, dealt with such issues as the constitutionality of the initiative, causes and effects of handgun control, and the possible bureaucracy passage of the law could create.

The debate was moderated by Kevin Ruggs, KCOY's Santa Barbara bureau chief.

Culver, who argued for the pro-gun control position, said current handgun laws are inefficient and that "the initiative will do a lot more than current laws hold.

Miles disagreed, contending that there is "plenty of criminal laws." He asked, "Can the backers of (Proposition 15) promise the people of California that the penalty will be bailed?"

The proposition, if passed, provides mandatory jail sentences of six months for anyone carrying an unregistered handgun and requires all owners of handguns to register them with the Department of Justice by Nov. 2, 1983.

"Very seldom is the full extent of the penalty carried through," claimed Miles. "If the promise of the law isn't fulfilled... we will have more and more criminal activity...

An "academic concern" for the issue was Culver's point of view, he said. While he admitted that "crime is on the increase and everyone is justifiably afraid," he said if we are to deal with crime, we have to look at what causes it, like the state of the economy.

"There is no relationship between locking people up and the crime," Culver said.

Ruggs asked about other countries that have gun control laws and lower crime rates and how that factor related to the initiative issue.

In response, Miles mentioned that Switzerland has no gun control laws and a low crime rate. He said every household there has firearms because the citizens are considered the militia. "I believe that restrictive handgun laws cause crime," he asserted, pointing to the rising crime rate of England and Boston, both of which have gun control laws.

Miles' point was discounted by Culver, who said California isn't comparable to other countries, states or cities. He believes social conditions are more instrumental to crime rates than anything else.

Ruggs broke in to ask why top law enforcement officials in California support the initiative.

"The initiative will help them (police) apprehend lawbreakers," said Culver, since "the inference is law-abiding citizens will register their handguns."

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Above, Rae Ann Seel, industrial engineering major, and Heidi Sorensen, mathematics major, maneuver wheelchairs around cones in UU plaza. Right, Jennifer Faust, deaf microbiology major, demonstrates the phonic ear and telecommunication device for deaf (TDD).
Debater claims Prop. 15 will increase crime

Miles thinks crime will increase if the initiative wins in November because "criminals will know others have less guns." He said, "The only ones armed in New York City now are the criminals and the police."

However, Culver claimed victims who are most vulnerable are the ones who are preyed on by criminals, not because they don't have a gun.

Poly awareness raised

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barriers are those old myths that wheelchair users are sick and need to be institutionalized—that they can't do anything by themselves. Architectural barriers are steps, curbs...and steep hills around Cal Poly. "Our office is here to make the disabled independent on campus. Approximately 200 temporarily or permanently disabled persons use our tram services, disabled parking permits, or borrow tape recorders," Currier said.

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Not all kids have this freedom, but all kids have the ability to laugh and smile, and have a great time!

On Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week, physically handicapped students from Chris Jasperman School come to have a half hour of fun in the indoor pool at Cal Poly.

They are paired up with Cal Poly students enrolled in the Adaptive Aquatics class, often the student to child ratio is two to one, but the amount of enjoyment experienced by both students and children is equal— they love it!

PE Instructor Tom Lee is in charge of this program, which emphasizes a psychological, fun, therapeutic approach to making the kids feel comfortable in the water.

"The kids have been in the program before, so they can trust the Poly swimmer," said Kim Creighton, a class participant. Consequently, the children, who suffer from various different disabilities, thoroughly enjoy this much anticipated half hour.

It is obvious that the Cal Poly students appreciate the program just as much. It is also apparent that this is definitely a case of young children teaching college students as much as the college students can teach them.

Clockwise from top left: 1) From Wheelchair To Water—9 year old Mike Miller receives a free lift from his Cal Poly partner, Joan Marylaubacher. 2) Silent Communication—Cal Poly student Kim Creighton uses sign language to tell 7-year-old Crystal Capanna, "Let's go to the diving board." 3) A Smile Can Tell It All—Fun in the water with someone who cares suits 7-year-old Michael Edwards just fine! Paul Mortola supplies the helping hands. 4) "You Can Do It!"—6-year-old Anna Sanchez receives affectionate coaching from Martha Laubacher.
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Terri Purling turns 19 today

Still young at heart

by Mike Mathison

She’s still a youngster to the sport. In fact, Terri Purling is still young, period.

She doesn’t look young, though. And since she’s a sophomore on the Cal Poly women’s volleyball team, you’d think she’s 19 going on 20. Wouldn’t you?

Not quite. As of today, her birthday, Terri Purling is all of 19. A relative youngster to the world, let alone the world of volleyball. But don’t let her age fool you. Even though Purling has been in volleyball for only five years now, she has done quite well, thank you.

She has done well enough to be an integral part of the Mustang volleyball program since becoming a part of it.

“I feel like I’ve been in college forever,” Purling said. “I still have another year left in junior nationals volleyball. Sometimes I wish I would have started playing earlier and gotten a lot more experience.”

She started playing the game her sophomore year at San Marcos High School in Santa Barbara.

“I liked the sport,” she said. “So I decided to go out for it. It was fun. It was also kind of a challenge, which I liked.”

In the matter of moments, this ball will become a blur at the hand of Sophomore Terri Purling. She’s only been in volleyball five years, but she plays like a vet.

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She's young, maybe, but wise in way of spiking

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What volleyball eventually got Purling was a four-year college education paid for in full. "My parents are loving that," she said, laughing.

But it hasn't been all wine and red roses for Purling, who stands 6-foot-1.

"I'm not really experienced at this game," she said, laughing. "I'm not really {experienced} expected to be a middle blocker (like she was last night)."

"I've been doing a lot of things different on the court than she did her freshman season. She's changed positions, changed serving styles and gained more overall confidence in her game."

"Before the season I expected to be a middle blocker like she was last year," Purling said. "But Ellen (Bugaik) came in and did a good job at middle blocker. He (head coach Mike Wilton) had me hit outside and decided to keep me there. I'd rather play outside. I get more sets during a match. In the middle all you do is hit a one (shout) set. You have to go up every time, but you don't hit every time."

"The blocking is different on the outside. You have to set up the block for the middle blocker instead of being the one who joins the block. My whole game has changed from last year just because I'm playing a different position. One of the things new to me this year is that I have to step in for the setter sometimes. I like setting -- it's a change to the game. I've never been a setter. Two assistant coaches (Tino Reyes) worked with me for awhile, I work hard at it in practice mainly because I like it."

"So far in 1982 a lot of people have liked what Purling has done on the volleyball court; she has done everything well. And she'll just get better as she gets more acquainted with her new role. Purling is third on the team in kills (140), attempts (366), and hitting percentage for anybody with over 200 attempts (252). She is the team's second-leading blocker with 44 total, 15th with 34 defensive saves, and the club's best server. Purling has 39 aces in 22 matches."

"I feel like I've been on and off all season," she said. "Some matches I play really good, and others I'm just not with it. But basically, when it comes to a big match, I get myself up enough to perform well."

"A lot of it comes with confidence in yourself. Just knowing the game better and playing it longer will give you more confidence. Right now I have more confidence in my defense than my hitting.

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The Mental Game

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Marching Band receives local donations

by Maria Casas
staff writer

Four local businesses are donating $2,400 to the Cal Poly Marching Band, according to William V. Johnson, band director.

The financial assistance comes through the "sponsorship" of the half-time shows at four Cal Poly home football games which started with last week's game.

"We are most pleased with this kind of backing from these four firms," said Johnson. "It will provide much needed assistance for the band."

The money will be used to buy instruments, musical arrangements, equipment such as symbol drums, drum sticks, drum bands and for travel and other operational expenses.

Club hosts candidates

The Cal Poly Political Action Club is sponsoring a local candidates night Wednesday, Oct. 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the San Luis Lounge of the University Union. Three races will be featured and candidates from all three have been invited to attend.

The races include County Auditor, with Raymond Floyd and Roger Bishop; San Luis Obispo County District 2 Supervisor candidates William Coy and Mike Nolan; and 29th District Assembly candidates Eric Beanstrad and Kurt Rupper.

Instructor displays art of architectural periods

Over 100 watercolors by artist and architectural historian Vern Swansen will be on display at the Gallery of the Robert E. Kennedy Library through Nov. 19.

"A Search for the Essence of Certain Periods of Architectural History" is the title of the exhibit of a non-traditional research project covering 15 architectural periods.

The compositions, which are influenced by Paristian cubism, were painted during the summer of 1982. The style ranges from realism to near non-objectivity.

This is the second exhibit of Swansen's watercolors that has been held at the Kennedy Library. A member of Cal Poly's Architecture Department faculty since 1971, he formerly was curator of education at the Santa Barbara Museum of Art.

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Editor:

I have been attending Cal Poly for five quarters and, until this moment, have found no sufficient reason to criticize anything that goes on at this campus: however, this quarter I enrolled in a class called "Human Factors" taught by John E. Harrigan and things changed.

To begin with, this class must be taken by all students of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design, and all those students are required to purchase the accompanying text Human Factors Program for Architects, Interior Designers and Clients by John E. Harrigan and Janet R. Harrigan. The text, which I shall refer to as a brochure is ninety-eight pages long (including bibliography) and sells for the ridiculously outrageous price of $10.40. One would laugh and think it was another one of Professor Harrigan's wit jokes until it was time to pay for it. If someone were to edit the thirty pages of "pretty" graphics and repetitive statements, a brochure about five pages in length might result.

Someone may argue that this attack is not just, for Professor Harrigan personally xenocides each page of all his texts for 106 a sheet and personally binds each brochure for his students. In rebuttal, even if he did do that brochure could still be offered at a cheaper price. Furthermore, it would be interesting to find out why Professors A. Buffa, D. Hafemeister, and R. Brown can offer a 329-page physics text, compiled for physics 127, which they obviously put more effort into, for $13.85 while Professor Harrigan can't offer a brochure for a reasonable price. (Incidentally both books are printed locally.)

To conclude, is Professor Harrigan's aim to rip-off his students or educate them? I urge Professor Harrigan to present his side on the issue. Sadly and most probably, this letter will have to be brought to the attention of the professor for I feel that Professor Harrigan cares little for what goes on around him on this campus.

Name withheld by request

Nuclear freeze cartoon

Editor:

It could also have read "Obviously an Authority on Nuclear War, Russian Negotiations, and War Preparations." The little man might be saying "clearly an international expert."

Paul Kenyon
Business Adm. Dept.

Mustang Daily

Editor:

re: An Oct. 15 cartoon showing the little girl holding a banner "We need a Nuclear Freeze," included a statement above it "Obviously a Radical Left-Winger Set Out to Undermine the USA."

It was a "pretty" and repetitive statement. A better way to say it would be "Obviously an Authority on Nuclear War, Russian Negotiations, and War Preparations." The little man might be saying "clearly an international expert."

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