Rally protests recruiting by military contractors

by Jenny Coyle

A campus rally Thursday ended in a silent march through the Placement Center as nearly 100 students protested "Militarism at Cal Poly." Over 400 students from varying majors gathered first on the library lawn under cloudy skies to hear speakers at the rally which was scheduled to take place rain or shine.

"What we're protesting is this university's philosophy of getting military contractors for recruiting on campus," said Kelly Kerrigan before the rally. Kerrigan is co-chairperson of the Political Action Club, one of the four campus groups that sponsored the rally.

The other groups were the Ecology Action Club, Central American Study and Solidarity, and the Campus Hunger Coalition.

Susan Figini, speaking at the rally for the PAC said, "there is so much engineering potential at this school, but it all goes to corporations that build military weapons and promote death."

"It seems these corporations are the only recruiters who come on campus," Figini said. "It seems like there is no alternative for those of us who don't want to compromise our moral and philosophical beliefs."

The speeches lasted about 40 minutes, then rally organizers asked those in attendance to take part in a silent march across campus and through the Placement Center located in Henry Hall near the football stadium.

The marchers followed along behind a banner which read, "Does your future employer promote life or death?" The line streamed through the halls of the center where several engineering students awaited interviews with companies such as Martin Marietta and General Dynamics.

Protestors then regrouped on the lawn in front of the center and rally leaders implored them to not discourage friends from signing up for interviews with military contractors.

Director of the Placement Center, Rich Equinoa said, the silent march through the building was "peaceful, calm and orderly."

"A banner at the rally against "militarism" at Cal Poly yesterday, Demonstrators protested military contractors recruiting for engineers at Poly. But I hope it is not interpreted as a truth that we only allow and encourage military contractors to use our premises," Equinoa said. "It is these corporations which respond to opportunities to interview on campus, but that does not necessarily reflect the philosophy of the Placement Center."

Equinoa said the same students who walked through the Placement Center have the opportunity to suggest companies they would like to appear on campus.

At the rally, Kerrigan read off a list of companies that were at the Placement Center Thursday conducting interviews. "The companies recruiting on campus today are Rockwell International, who makes the B-1 Bomber; General Dynamics, who makes the Trident submarine; Martin Marietta, who makes the MX missile; and Bendix and the Naval Engineering Officers Program."

"We want to keep these engineering students, specifically, and other students aware of what they become when they sign up with these major corporations," Kerrigan said in a later interview. "It's all going to corporations that build military weapons and promote death."

"But so much money is pumped into defense instead of peaceful activities, that all of our job openings are with defense contractors."

"They don't put much money into, say, solar energy or something in which there will not be any job openings for us in that area. It seems there are only military job openings," said Matson.

Students attending the rally made a mixture of majors and had an assortment of reactions to the speakers and the subject at hand.

"It's frustrating, but engineers don't have much of a choice in jobs. If you compromise, you end up working for a company which you feel is doing things unethically," said Cheryl Reeves, a sophomore electrical engineering student.

"A rally like this, though, is a first step, a push forward as a campus," Reeves said.

Jan York, a second year city and regional planning major said one thing about the rally was hard hitting:

"The distribution list of companies who have a hand in producing bombs, and the many people associated with them involved," said York.

However, he said it was a reasonable alternative for majors to opt to work for a non-defense division of a company that is also a military contractor.

Speaker affirms Canada/US bond

by Mary Hennessey

The United States will be making a grave mistake if it continues to ignore the importance of maintaining a working relationship with Canada and Mexico, the director of the school of international relations at the University of Southern California told Cal Poly students Thursday.

Michael Fry, in his speech "Canada-U.S. Relations: Harmony and Discord," said that Canada and Mexico should not be treated as if they are unimportant to U.S. foreign policy. Instead, he said, they should be treated as being vitally important in their linkage with the U.S.

"Canada and Mexico are not two volcanoes that should only be interested in when they blow up," he said.

Fry was the final lecturer in a series sponsored by the Political Science Department this quarter. He received his undergraduate and doctorate degrees at the University of London and has received several awards for his research in foreign relations, including the NATO Research Fellowship.

Fry said the fact that the U.S. State Department does not have a Canadian bureau, but instead uses the Western European office to conduct relations with its neighbor country is evidence of the unimportance the U.S. places on Canada.

"The problem is finding a way to manage and control the resources of the countries while keeping them safe and prosperous," he said. "But while doing this you must preserve the political and cultural sovereignty of Mexico and Canada. That is non-negotiable. Neither that nor their resources is up for grabs."
New Buddy Holly tapes found

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - In a cobwebby corner of a gymnasium-sized vault in California, a record company executive discovered a musical treasure. Steve Hoffman, the catalog research and development coordinator for MCA Records in Los Angeles, stumbled onto tapes of 10 previously unreleased versions of songs by the late rock 'n' roll trailblazer, Buddy Holly.

"The world should hear these," Hoffman thought, when he realized what he had found last August. The songs are on a new album, "Buddy Holly - For the First Time Anywhere."

Holly and his band, the Crickets, were best known for their "rockabilly" sound—a hybrid of early rock 'n' roll and "hillbilly" music, as country music was then known. It was the style of Jerry Lee Lewis and the late Elvis Presley when he cut his first record in 1954.

The group was at the top of its career when, at the age of 22, Holly was killed in a plane crash in 1959 at Clear Lake, Iowa. Two other performers, J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson and Ritchie Valens, were killed in the crash with him.

Blood donors tied to disease

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Speaker stresses Canada's importance to U.S.

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Fry recommended a complex, interdependence asymmetric model for managing the continent. The interdependence model, according to Fry, should concentrate on bureaucratic interconnectedness and bring about a distribution of costs and benefits in an equitable manner. He said certain levels of government should create a policy that would mesh the three bureaucracies of the continent together.

"Bringing the three together is a complex problem," he said. "Developing regional institutions and regimes to help governments handle matters is essential.

Fry added, however, that he feels the worst thing the U.S. could do would be to make a proposal.

"The minute a proposal is sent from Washington to either country, it is lost," he said. "It is rejected because of its origin. The U.S. needs to think up a different set of negotiations that doesn't look like they thought of it.

Fry described the facts of the U.S. and Canada that create a strong bond as well as those problems that weaken it.

"We're foreigners who don't want to be Americans, but we will forever be friends," he said, quoting the words of author Alan Gottlieb.

Fry said the U.S. and Canada are linked geographically, geologically (resources) and environmentally.

"Take the Soviet Union for example," he said. "They are a communist country surrounded by hostile communist countries. The U.S. is surrounded by a benign Canada and a relatively benign Mexico.

Fry also cited the economic dependence of the two countries on each other as another inseparable bond.

"Seventy percent of Canada's trade is with the U.S.," he said. "Seventy percent of America's is with Canada. And only eight percent of U.S. trade is still subject to tariffs and even that proposal will be gone by 1987."

Fry said the differences between the countries are based on politics and history.

"The U.S. has been thinking in regional terms since 1945," he said. "Canada is a period of nationalism. Not a Canadian or Mexican politician could propose a North American energy common market and stay in office for more than five minutes."

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"I'm not saying I support Trudeau, however," he added. "The government is corrupt."

Milk cartons put to use

Some people are drinking milk for good, but each winter quarter Poly students have another motive for choosing the cool white beverage—to gather enough empty cartons to participate in the annual milk carton boat race.

Saturday's 11 a.m. race in Laguna Lake will be sponsored by Los Lecheros, Poly's student dairy club, as the concluding event in their Dairy Week activities.

More than 20 entries have been filed for the competition, which requires that each vessel be constructed from cardboard milk cartons, prizes will be given in four divisions: people-powered boats, sailboats, mechanically-powered boats, and canoes. Chairing the boat race.

Chairing the event is Gina Boster, dairy science major.

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Awareness, not vulnerability checks assaults

By Mark Brown

"My mom always told me to walk home with friends," assault victim Colleen Williams said. "I always said, 'Mom, East Lake Olshop is a safe town.' "

"It's not a nice town," Williams was relating her experience as an assault victim to a crowd of about 30 students at a Rape Awareness Seminar on Feb. 24. The seminar was sponsored by the campus department of Public Safety as part of an ongoing rape awareness program.

Williams was attacked during winter quarter last year while walking home from the library. Walking along the then-unlit path near the president's house, she was attacked from behind by a man who pulled a leather strap around her neck so tightly that it popped the blood vessels in the whites of her eyes.

"I couldn't even scream," she said. "My mind just kind of shut down, and I thought my life was going to end." Finally the strap loosened, and Williams was able to scream. The attacker fled without raping her. He was never arrested.

"We have to fight the discouragement (over those who get away) with what happens to the ones who do get caught," investigator Wayne Carmack noted. "Even if the ones who are caught are often turned loose on technicalities, he said. "This happens especially in California," Carmack noted. "We have the worst Supreme Court in the country, I think."

"The university is not a sanctuary from crime," Carmack continued. "I'm here to dispel that myth."

Simmons suggested to Clary that she introduce the proposal through a student member of the academic senate committee instead of continuing with the present course of action. However, Simmons reported that Clary is proceeding with her plans with hopes of publishing the material this year.

Simmons will announce at the appropriate time. He was aware of the basic philosophies of approach," he said.

"The second consideration should be planning ahead. "Make a decision now about how you'll react in a situation," Carmack stressed. "Know in your own mind how you'll react. Don't be a victim." 

"Women and men who plam ahead in this way have a stronger chance of coming through such a situation better than someone who hasn't planned."

The third point is planning to fight back in an assault. "Women who fight back are more likely to escape without injury and without being raped," Carmack stated. "Of course, this is assuming the attacker is unarmed, he added.

If a woman is going to fight back, she had better prepared to do a good job of it, he said. "Be prepared to hurt the guy. Don't worry about his feelings. Fight with all you've got."

"The groin and eyes are a good place to strike," he continued. "But be prepared. If you go for the eyes, you've got to be prepared to feel the fluids running down your arm. If you give him the head of your hand to the nose, you've got to be prepared to see the blood spurt all over. Don't fight unless you're ready to give it all you've got."

"It's not a woman's age, attractiveness, or the way she dresses that attracts an attacker," Carmack warned. It's her vulnerability. "She could be dressed in a potato sack and still be a victim," he said.

Williams agreed. "It wasn't the way I dressed and it wasn't the way I looked," she said. "I was just waiting for someone alone."

Since Simmons' vulnerability, the attacker looks for a person should not give it to him. Carmack stressed. Body language conveys a lot about one's self-esteem, he said. One should walk with confidence and deal coolly but firmly with strangers.

Carmack summed it up again with one succinct phrase: "Don't be a victim."

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Nancy Hosken
is only beginning to cook

by Mike Mathison
Staff Writer

There are many ingredients which go into an athlete. Like the amounts of spices which go into a certain recipe, each athlete is unique. No two are the same.

Each athlete, whether it be basketball, track and field or baseball, has more of that certain ingredient than the other. Every athlete is lacking in some areas. What makes an athlete is a mixture of mental and physical ability which sets him/her apart from the rest.

Cal Poly women’s basketball performer Nancy Hosken has all the ingredients it takes to be a top-notch center. She’s just lacking the quantity of doses already stirred into her 6-foot-4 frame.

Add to Hosken a dash more of confidence, a tablespoon of aggressiveness and a pinch more of a touch on her jump shot, and the San Luis Obispo High School product will be awfully hard to stop on the hardwood.

As it is, Hosken is No. 5 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) in rebounding with a 7.9 mark in her 24 games. In her 10 CCAA affairs, Hosken is fourth with a 9.4 mean. A total of items forming a unified whole.

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Men's track team is not just running in circles

by Daryl Toshima

Entertainment Editor

If the beginning of its season is any indication of the talents the men's track team will go far this year.

In their "warm-up" meeting, the eighth best performance in Cal Poly history, qualifying him for nationals. Another qualifying performance was given by Carmelo Rojo in the 5000 meter run with a time of 14:54.

One week later at the University of Southern California Invitational, the Mustangs not only matched this, they doubled it.

Steve Cubillas took the 5000 meter distance race with a time of 9:04.1, a personal best and sixth on the all-time list.

In his first race of the year, Hector Perez also scored a lifetime mark with his eight fastest 1500 meter run. He won the meet with a time of 3:49.29.

Another first place showing was given by intermediate hurdles Brind Underwood with a time of 51.84.

And finally, Doug Lachiver proved he has recovered from his injury last season by also qualifying in the intermediate hurdles in 3:44.4.

These performances show that the Mustangs are well ahead of the pace they set last year according to Coach Tom Henderson. Cal Poly finished an impressive second in the 1982 N.C.A.A. Division II meet.

"I feel we could potentially qualify close to 20 people for nationals," said Henderson. "This team wants to compete, not just run. We have recorded nine lifetime best marks and almost without exception have completed with a new level of intensity.

Henderson said this team is even better than last year's.

Along with the six already qualified for nationals, Henderson expects good performances from 1982 All-Americans Ron Waynes (400 meter relay and long jump) and Steve Stragio (5000 to 10,000 meters).

Henderson is also pinning his hopes on many of the new athletes that have just joined the team. He said one in particular, freshman Dave Johnson, has already performed admirably, taking fifth place last week at U.S.C.

This weekend's meet is against U.C. Santa Barbara here at Mustang Stadium. It is one of three home meets scheduled.
Facade

In 1968, then-Cal Poly President Robert Kennedy approved a proposal from his president's council. The plan created a Review Board, to establish what should and should not be "displayed, performed, published or otherwise permitted to transpire on a college campus." Its decisions when they are required, which is very rarely, affect the committees of the ASI program board, such as Speakers Forum, Concerts, Special Events, Outings and others.

One of those groups is the ASI Films committee, which we will use as an example to show the questionability of the Review Board. The committee's purpose, as stated in its bylaws, is "to provide reasonably-priced, quality entertainment for the members of ASI (all Poly students) by showing a wide variety of films annually." Members choose the ASI Films for each quarter and oversee the showing of films on campus by clubs and other organizations.

When the committee picks the ASI-sponsored films, nominations are made and the group of students votes, thereby deciding the ASI film schedule for the next quarter. If, however, it passes a film "contrary to the best judgment of the adviser," as it did recently with "Deep Throat," the decision can be vetoed by the committee's adviser, Walt Lambert.

If the committee feels strongly enough about the film to override its adviser's veto, the film is still not approved to be shown by ASI. Instead, the facade of student government crumbles, and the Films Committee is deemed unable to decide what is in the best interests of the students. The film then goes before the President's Review Board.

The Review Board, when considering Program Board activities, is composed of eight members: four representatives from the administration, two from faculty and two from the student body. Students represent only a quarter of the Review Board. The board views the film in question and then makes the final decision concerning whether or not the film will be shown. Only President Baker can veto the board's decision.

The board is rarely used, but inherent in its existence and power is the university administration's belief that student committees cannot be counted on to make mature decisions. What is being said is that if the committee still supports a film, it is going to override the veto, it really doesn't know what it's doing, so the Review Board should tell it.

It would also be an artificial image preserved by members in conflict with the teaching philosophy of this university. The aim of the Film Committee is to provide students with a variety of good, reasonably-priced films and for the student body. The committee's purpose is to protect the "image" of Cal Poly, not serve the interests of students.

The majority of the Mustang Daily Editorial Board finds the facade unnecessary. It is evidence of policing by an administration overly concerned with a false university image, and that is playing lip service to the "learn by doing" credo so proudly advertised and denounced elsewhere.

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Richard Schmidt
Arch, Student

Letters

County not a pollution-free paradise

Editor:

Your recent story "New Test Finds County Air Pollution Low" Morn Bay is "Purified of Them All" is one of the most ignorant pieces of journalism you have published in recent years. The facts do not support any such conclusions. The record shows that relative to its population, San Luis Obispo County has a high pollution level and that due to the county's unusual meteorology and geography, its steady population growth and the presence of these extremely dirty industries, the situation could reach critical proportion.

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