A three-ring circus
Citizens hear testimony about Lease Sale 73

by Brian Bullock
Staff Writer

The format for the hearings had been called "a three-ring circus" by opponents of offshore oil drilling while government officials labeled the one-day hearings as part of the "streamlined scoping process." The result of the three simultaneous public testimony hearings was confusing.

Santa Maria's Vandenberg Inn was the location Wednesday of the Minerals Management Service's only public testimony hearing to be held on the Central Coast concerning Offshore Lease Sale 73.

Three separate conference rooms were set up to handle a small audience of approximately 100 in each, the press, and a table for the hearings boards. Each board was comprised of representatives from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, an MMS representative and an MMS Hearing Officer. The officer ran the hearings calling individuals to testify and addressing any questions of the board.

Several different environmental interest groups claimed the MMS was trying to diffuse the impact of public sentiment by holding the hearings in three separate conference rooms. The atmosphere of the hearings was confusing to many who attended.

Representatives of the environmental groups ran near empty waiting rooms while others sat empty waiting for tardy speakers to testify.

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Music major still in question; Senate remains undecided

by Kristen Simon
Staff Writer

The Academic Senate has yet decided whether to fully approve the addition of a bachelor of arts degree in music to Cal Poly's major programs.

After more than an hour of debate on April 5, the Senate came to the conclusion that in principle, Cal Poly would be well served by the addition of a music major.

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Professor Bessie Swanson, head of the Music Department, told the Senate that those wishing to major in music must transfer schools.

A bachelor of arts degree in music would help make Cal Poly more attractive to students by combining technical fields with a balance of the arts, according to Swanson.

"We have a good program," said Swanson. "Only three courses would need to be added once the program goes into effect, and those three would be added two years after that."

"A speaker for the Senate Budget Committee spoke in favor of establishing a bachelor of arts degree in music, "Resources should not be an obstacle," she stated.

"Cal Poly has approximately 30 periods and a substantial number of library resources available, as well as musical instruments and practice rooms."

The main question left unanswered by the Senate is, "Can we major in music major?"

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Club-to-be may cause competition with ASI

by Mary Hennessy
Staff Writer

An hour-long debate on approving the by-laws of the Benevolent Order of Alternative Needs, formerly known as the ASI Programming Board, was held Wednesday. Senator Warren Baker, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tomlinson Fort Jr., and the Academic Senate to implement a campus-wide add policy. A bill was passed by the Senate.

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Health display offers info

by Michael Wecksler
Staff Writer

What does a computer have in common with a bowl of strawberries and a number of pamphlets ranging in topics from oral hygiene to birth control? They were all part of the Health Education Program's "Go to Health" display in the University Union yesterday.

The main purpose of the display, which was part of Hunger Awareness Week, was to inform students about their health needs.

"We want to make students more aware of their health needs," said Denise Snyder, health education coordinator.

In addition to information and a strawberry treat, the display contained a computer which analyzed the food value of a given diet.

The computer analyzed the calories, carbohydrates, salt intake and proteins of a subject's diet.

The display was only part of the Health Education Program's attempt to help students become more aware of health habits, Snyder said.

The program, which is part of the Health Center, also has outreach programs and workshops in four main topics: oral hygiene, family planning, alcohol education and nutrition.

In outreach programs counselors go into the dorms and talk to students, Snyder said, while the workshops involve interaction and behavior changes.
Aldeman OK'd after long fight

WASHINGTON (AP) - Kenneth L. Aldeman was confirmed, 57-42, as the nation's arms control director on Thursday after a long Senate fight over President Reagan's strategic policies as well as the young ambassador's competence and credibility.

Reagan pronounced himself "deeply gratified" and declared "it's my earnest hope that this positive step will mark the beginning of a new bipartisan consensus on the vital issue of nuclear arms reductions."

The president, in an informal news conference, said Aldeman would head a "reinvigorated" Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. And "if we are met with reciprocal seriousness of purpose from the Soviet Union, 1983 can be a year of historic importance in securing a more solid and stable peace through arms reductions."

Reagan said.

Forty-nine Republicans and 8 Democrats supported Aldeman; 38 Democrats and 4 Republicans voted against him.

Four Democratic senators with presidential ambitions spoke against Aldeman in the closing hours of a three-day debate over the nomination that capped three months of deliberations.

Senate Democratic Whip Alan Cranston of California argued that Aldeman's confirmation "would be a betrayal of the hopes of tens of millions of Americans for swift progress toward a mutual, balanced, verifiable end to the U.S.-Soviet nuclear arms race."

Sen. John Glenn, D-Ohio, said, "We should be putting forward... not someone who can just get by, but the very finest negotiation team we can possibly assemble. Unless we put forward our best effort, our best team, this may be our last hope for meaningful negotiation."

Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., said Aldeman "appears to be more dedicated to an arms buildup than to reducing the hazards of unrestricted competition..."

Who'll teach future scientists?

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Educators rally it the most dire threat to America's technological leadership since the Soviets beat us to the first manned space flight in April 1961; a critical shortage of math and science teachers.

All but seven states report struggles to find qualified teachers of high school algebra, calculus, chemistry, biology or physics.

And a new report by the government-financed National Assessment of Educational Progress says that although 13-year-olds' scores on its math tests improved markedly between 1978-82, they're getting too much "back-to-basics" instruction and not enough coaching in principles to tackle advanced problems.

The very industries that demand skilled technical workers lure many away from potential teaching careers with paychecks and prerequisites no school district could match.

College graduates with a bachelor's in engineering command an average $22,368 from their first employer. Computer science graduates can gross $20,368; first-year accountants, $16,980.

The National Education Association compares that with the $12,769 paid the average first-year teacher and notes, "it's little wonder that the supply of math teachers is meeting less than 80 percent of the demand."

Soviets won't deploy missiles

MOSCOW (AP) - The Soviet Union has "no need" to put nuclear missiles in Cuba in retaliation for U.S. deployment of new medium-range rockets in Europe later this year, a top Soviet general says.

It was the clearest signal yet from the Soviets that Cuba does not figure in their threat to retaliate for the planned "Euromissile" deployment.

The comments were made by Maj. Gen. Yuri V. Lebedev, a military adviser to Soviet arms-control negotiators, in an interview with The Associated Press.

Kremlin officials have warned repeatedly they will put the United States in an "analogous position" if the American missiles are stationed in Western Europe, within a few minutes' striking distance of Soviet territory.

These statements raised speculation in the United States that the Soviets were considering deploying mid-range rockets in Cuba.

Lebedev, dismissing that possibility, said one of the retaliatory options available to Soviet leaders would simply be expanding their own intermediate-range nuclear forces in Europe.

"It's enough to deploy new systems in Soviet territory,'" he said.

In 1962 the Soviets tried to install missiles in Cuba but pulled them back in a nuclear showdown with the United States.

The interview was one of several by government, military and academic figures who have been unusual­ly accessible to visiting American reporters at a time when the Soviet Union and the United States are trying to influence public opinion on the controversial question of nuclear arms in Europe.

The United States, under a NATO decision, plans to begin deploying 572 new medium-range missiles, with ranges of up to 1,500 miles, in five West European countries later this year. The Soviets have a similar number of SS-20s and other intermediate-range missiles targeted on Western Europe.
Keeping busy is Carly's profession
President's wife remains active
by Mary Hennessy
Staff Writer

"Some people probably think I sit around and eat bonbons and have my chauffeur drive me around. Obviously, I don't. I've never really been a lazy or conscious. It's hard enough to live, much less live the way people expect you to live." - Carly Baker

A panting dog greets you at the door and rambunctious kids interrupt your conversation. The groceries, after being unloaded from the aging station wagon, must be put away. Summer clothes are not at Cal Poly anymore. One step inside President Baker's home and you are smack in the middle of somebody's family.

The family is Carly Baker's, wife of President W. R. Baker, mother of four and a mystery to many.

Carly has been in the grooves of academia all her life. She graduated from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame with a degree in Speech, Drama and English. She has since done graduate work in psychology at Northwestern University and the University of Michigan and in Speech Therapy at the University of New Mexico and Wayne State University.

Carly began to further her education at Cal Poly by working on a master's degree in Counseling and Guidance. But like so many other aspects of her life at the University, her role as the President's wife interfered with her work. She has since done graduate work in psychology at San Luis Obispo County, said she didn't like the testimony was opposed to the offshore lease sale, and she was personally in favor of the waiver telling them to, as an obstacle to any component period to 46 days waiting for a decision.

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"The MMS does what Watt tells them to, period. Belair said. Although the majority of the testimony was opposed to the offshore lease sale, some spoke in favor of the economy and industry the offshore platforms provide. The added boost would provide more employment and more income for the coastal counties. The proponents also expressed their faith that the modern oil platforms could control oil spills and any other potential pollution.

The testimony lasted until 11 p.m. in all three conferences rooms. The Department of Interior has held its only local meeting and left the Central Coast waiting for a decision. But what drove her? "I want things to be nice. I put more effort into dinner and things because I want to. Don't have to do it. He'd be paid just as much if he didn't lobby in Sacramento and if I didn't make dinners." Carly added, however, that living on campus is not always an advantage in her endeavors. "The house isn't really made for entertaining," she said. "But on the other hand, my husband's here and he's accessible. The only problem is the lack of privacy. You're always living in a fishbowl." And while summer is quiet, WOW week usually jolts her back to reality, when the groups toilet paper her house.

"This year they really outdid themselves. There were all sorts of colors. My daughter watched them do the whole thing and didn't wake me up. I told her I thought it would have been fun to walk out there in my nightgown. She said, "I know Mom, that's why I didn't." Major would help Poly

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said, "There is a contradiction between what social services entail." Pete Zipkin, technical advisor to BOAN, disagreed.

"We are not only working with programming in the sense of entertaining; it encompasses a lot. People think programming means concerts and shows, but it can mean a lot of things, for example, if we were to hold something for the handicapped."

Competition between the two groups also sparked debates. "If students are more interested in other entertainment, I don't see what is wrong with competition," Senator Trina Auelmann said.

"Fraternities and sororities have other purposes besides programming," said Senator Dave Chapman. "The offices of catering and publicity in BOAN bylaws suggest programming."

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It's About Time...here in the Theatre
Uncommon dances presented

by Teresa Marian


About Time is a seven piece dance show choreographed by Cal Poly instructor Cynthia Nazarro and presented by the ASI special events committee. The show runs April 15 and 16 at 8:30 p.m. in the Cal Poly Theatre.

About Time is not a student production. "I looked for the very best dancers I could find," said Nazarro.

"The guest artists are all people out making money in their trade."

Performing guests include master drummer Raulado Jackson and African percussionist Leon Taylor providing the music for the show closer, "Africa."

Fran Dukart, better known in town as Daisy the Mime, duets with Nazarro in "Lists," a mime-dance number "about the neurosis of trying to get your lists together every day," says Nazarro.

Annette Trent Johnson performs a modern ballet solo, "The Bride."

"People used to traditional dance may find the opening numbers incomprehensible exotic," but "Painted Silk," "Swingin'" and "The Bride" are well worth a little confusion. "Painted Silk" features graceful ballet dancers swirling as delightfully as snowflakes. "Swingin'" is about five '30s bubblegum boppers auditioning to bongo.

Advance tickets are $4.50 for students, $6.50 for the general public, and $8 at the door. They are available at the University Union Box Office.

Library show recounts evolution of Poly Royal

by Margie Cooper

Before visiting alumni and parents arrive for Poly Royal, students and faculty can preview an exhibition in Robert E. Kennedy Library called "The History of Poly Royal."

The collection of old Poly Royal posters, buttons, programs, photographs and memorabilia from past years can be viewed on the ground floor of the library until early May.

This year's Poly Royal historian Rob Marohn said the majority of the material is on loan from Cal Poly's University Archives.

This is the second year the historic collection has been on display. "It started last year in the University Union as a new tradition," Marohn said, "to provide a view of the evolutionary changes in Poly Royal over the last 50 years."

The major change observed is by reading an original copy of the first Poly Royal poster, dated March 31, 1933. The event was advertised as the first annual agricultural show sponsored by Cal Poly's chapter of Futures Farmers of America.

According to Marohn, agriculture instructor Gus Beck, known as the "Father of Poly Royal," inspired the tradition to improve student's agriculture showing abilities. More importantly, it was to secure the "attention of the state legislature who seriously thought of abolishing the school in the '30s as an economic move," he said; the show capitalised on the "learn-by-doing" philosophy. "A show like this will provide a school's history, dictating the moods of different eras. If students know what Cal Poly is all about, they will take more pride in their school," he explained.

In order to tell that history, Marohn relied on materials found in the Archives and help from Library Assistant Dottie Stechman to obtain the majority of photographs, documents and memorabilia.

Some students think the Archives deal only with "nostalgia," Stechman commented, but much of the material can be used as a "primary learning experience" for reference and research purposes.

Besides photographs of the past, like school visitor Amelia Erhart, the display includes a first issue glee club jacket with Poly Royal buttons first sold in 1946, invitation dance cards for the Coronation Ball and an old FFA jacket.

Besides gathering and placing the collection, Marohn has added a Motorola slide tape show, "Traditions from the Past." The public is invited to view the presentation Friday, April 13 or Saturday, April 23 at 10 a.m., noon and 3 p.m. in Room 202 of Kennedy Library.

The Poly Royal Executive Board provided funds for the exhibit.

Debate team to compete in national forensics tournay

by Margie Cooper

Cal Poly's Debate Team has been invited to compete in the annual Pi Kappa Delta National Tournament in Estes Park, Colorado this weekend. Pi Kappa Delta is the national fraternity for forensics.

Bill Zellmer, a club member, said the tournament is comparable to an "all star's game in football" where only colleges that have achieved a certain excellence by winning an established number of tournaments are invited to participate. Although this tournament will not count for national standings, the invitation is considered an honor.

Jeff Hunt, Sarah Schmidt, Lynette Frediani and Denise Krause will argue the pros and cons of whether an individual's right to privacy is more important than other constitutional rights.

Maureen McCurry will compete in the individual events of impromptu speech and speeches that entertain humorous speeches with a point to them said Zellmer.

Alan Mansfield will compete in the individual category also.

Cal Poly's team ranks 20th out of 350 participating colleges in the nation.

In a recent tournament in Reno, Zellmer said the high caliber of competition was extremely difficult for team members to overcome.

Alan Mansfield, Karen Elichman, Denise Krause and Lynette Frediani won three out of six rounds while Jeff Hunt and Sarah Schmidt won two out of four rounds.

According to Zellmer, team members must win four rounds, in order to make it past the preliminaries.
Tracksters go to separate meets

by Sherman Turnstone

The men's track team splits up this weekend, with several stars competing in the Bruce Jenner Classic meet at San Jose City College, and others participating at the Nike/TFA Invitational meet at Northridge.

Featured at the Bruce Jenner Classic will be the Mustangs Ron Waynes in the 100 meters and the long jump, Carmelo Rios, Kevin Broady, and Mike Landram in the 5,000, and Hector Perez in the mile run. Mark Langan will represent Poly in the high jump, with Brad Underwood in the 400 intermediate hurdles. Terry Wyatt, Gordon Reed, Doug Usher, and Waynes will participate in the 400 meter relay, with Underwood, Doug Lalicker, Dave Johnson, and Rick Richards in the mile relay.

Traveling to the Nike/TFA Invitational meet at Northridge will be Steve Cubillas in the 1,500, Paul Bellan in the 10,000, Terry Armitage in the long jump and triple jump, and Tom Condon and Alex Lambertson in the high jump.

Sports

Baggers return to road, where wins were easy

by Dave Wilcox

Hoping the "Big Bang" theory will generate the evolution of a winning streak, the Cal Poly baseball team today begins a six-game road trip which includes three games with Cal State Northridge, two with Cal Poly Pomona, and one against California Collegiate Athletic Association leader UC Riverside.

The Mustangs Wednesday exploded for three home runs, including a three-run blast by Steve Neel, who also ripped a single, double, and triple, as they easily routed Northridge, 16-5, at San Luis Obispo Stadium and halted a four-game home losing streak. The win improved Poly's CCAA mark to 6-5, while the Matadors, one game out of first place before the game, dropped to 9-6.

According to Mustangs' head coach Berdy Herr, however, his team's offensive outburst wasn't a spontaneous occurrence.

"Hitting is cyclic," Harr explained, adding that the Mustangs slumped after opening the season strong. The Mustangs are definitely on an upswing in the cycle after Wednesday's performance.

To find out why a team's hitting well, Harr added "first you have to evaluate the quality of pitching."

"The Pomona pitchers (who helped the Broncos sweep three straight from the Mustangs last weekend) had good command of their pitches."

If the Bronco throwers had good command, then Northridge starter Michael Holmes practically had a mutiny on his hands Wednesday as his pitches went "everywhere but where he wanted them."

The Matadors had taken a 2-0 first-inning lead when Perry Husband drilled a scoring triple and scored on an error charged to Poly shortstop Kent Bachman.

But the Mustangs used only one hit in their half of the inning to erase that deficit and take a one-run lead themselves. The lone hit, Neel's double...

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Mike Cook's complete game Wednesday should give him a deserved rest for the weekend.

Powerful bats Wednesday may foretell shower of baseball wins this weekend

From page 6 to left-center, followed walks to Rob Lambert, Monty Waltz, and Hugh Williamson, all of whom scored.

In the third the Mustangs added two more runs to their advantage. Neel continued his own version of what cyclic hitting means, smashing a one-out triple.

That was promptly followed by Jason Maas' first what cyclic hitting means, smashing a one-out triple.

With Bachman on first and two out, Jeff Estabrook, Har, who said he felt "if we played .500 in the first half of six, obviously haven't been paying attention to the Mustangs".

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After Wednesday's contest, first baseman Neel and second baseman Lambert seem to be involved in a private hitting derby. Both have slugged, while Neel's team-leading 10 RBIs are one more than Lambert's. Lambert has a sizable advantage in hitting average, .371 to .300, but Neel's jumped 14 points from .266 after his 4 for 6 performance against Northridge.

Before leaving San Luis Obispo, Herr said "it's reasonable for a team to play .500 on the road, assuming they play .500 to .750 at home." The Mustangs, who started the CCAA season winning four of five games on the road before returning home to drop four of six, obviously haven't been paying attention to the Mustangs' lead to 9-2.

Greg Gilbert, 3-2 this year with a somewhat inflated 6.07 earned run average, is scheduled to start today's contest against the Matadors while Pete Spiliotis (1-2, 5.12, 0.4.55) and Mike Briare (1-2, 5.12, 0.4.55) are set to throw.

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Opinion

Stop the cancer

The de-emphasis of education is raging like a rapidly spreading cancer throughout the nation, but nowhere are the symptoms so evident as in California.

Thousands of potential students have been turned away from state community colleges this year because of budget cuts, and thousands more will be denied entrance next year if Gov. George Deukmejian's proposed 1983-84 budget is approved.

What significance will the proposed fees, reduced course offerings and cuts in services at community colleges have on students?

• More unemployment: Many community college students are seeking vocational skills to aid them in seeking a job or in obtaining a better one. But the state's failure to provide a cost-effective method of enough money to pay for enrollment growth has forced many community colleges to reduce vocational courses.

At Cuesta, evening classes have been reduced by one fourth, and Monday night classes have been eliminated. This in itself hurts working people trying to increase their marketable skills, but that's not the only ill Cuesta stands to suffer—reduced district support for vocational programs may seriously jeopardize the college's chance of receiving matching federal vocational monies.

With an increasingly competitive and technological job market, job seekers need even more education. Low-cost education is becoming less and less available for fewer and fewer students.

• Fewer educated Californians in general: Gerald Hayward, chancellor of the California Community Colleges, said the $60 part-time and $100 full-time proposed fee would cause "tens of thousands of our students to drop out," and the highest dropout rates would of course be among low-income students, especially minority students.

The Postsecondary Education Commission estimates that more than $9 million in student financial aid will be needed if the tuition rates are approved, but no financial aid money is included in the governor's budget. While the demand for education is clearly increasing, less—rather than more—money is being directed at colleges. Although according to Hayward at least $85 million to $90 million more will be needed next year to "maintain programs at their existing inadequate levels," Deukmejian has proposed a cut in community college spending from slightly more than $1 billion in the current year to about $885 million for next year.

How does all this affect Cal Poly students? Director of Institutional Research Tom Dunigan estimates that over 90 percent of Cal Poly students come from community colleges; the cuts at the community college level will affect four-year institutions as well.

The demand for education has become inversely proportional to the amount of money earmarked to provide it. Free education long ago became only a pipe dream, and the concept of education as a right, not a privilege, is moving quickly in that direction.

What to do? Students historically have had little impact on legislators because the precentage who are registered and vote has been dismally small. We need to elect governmental officials who are in tune with student concerns and needs.

The Mustang Daily has encouraged readers before and will continue to encourage readers to register, know the candidates and vote—and to pressure legislators already in office to deal with students as a serious entity.

Let's keep education available to all Californians, not just those who can afford it. Stop the cancer before it's too late.

Nuclear concerns

Editor:

Last quarter, because of my interest in our future, I enrolled in Political Science 270, titled "Nuclear Holocaust." Due to Professor Richard Krasnower's fervor for the subject and his seemingly unending dedication to fact and reality, the course proved very enlightening.

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Are the current policies consistent with life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Does the increased deployment of nuclear weapons promote our safety and happiness?

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Closed minds

Dear "Friend," "Friends of Friends," "Enemies of Friends" and anyone else concerned:

You know, guys, it was cute at first. A little verbal battle between people with differing ideologies. But people are really getting tired of turning to the Opinion page and seeing another letter entitled "Friends."

Let's face it, you all are doing is playing your own cards with clear minds, unwilling to listen to a change.

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Letters

Re-reply to 'Friend'

Dear Sir:

In regards to your reply to my reply to your letter, I perceive that a great misunderstanding has arisen. The single most damnable aspect of your original letter was that you implied a girl owed you something beyond whatever she may have felt like giving you. When in the course of a relationship anything becomes required, owed, or expected, it is no longer a free response of the heart, but a meaningless duty. Whether you meant your original letter to be taken sarcastically or not, you obviously still feel that a girl owes you something. I conclude this because in your recent reply you stated that you expected honesty from everyone. Granted, honesty is needed for a relationship to grow, but to expect it, and then become angry when it is not forthcoming, implies you feel it is a duty. This duty, you seem to feel, is owed to you by some sovereign power you have voted yourself, and not the result of the free choice of another. This was my whole point: Every choice within a relationship must be free from coercion, duty, or any repressive force whatsoever, or the whole freedom of the relationship is brought into doubt. Any force strains the quality of a relationship, and sacrifices one's heart at the altar of another's will.

I do apologize for my extremely inappropriate reference to Atascadero. It was an inexcusable cheapshot at you and a regrettable example of personal invective. Also, I am sorry for my original use of sarcasm at the expense of your character."

Mark Connolly

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Thats really a great attitude for college. Tell me, how do you learn anything in your classes that way?

No, I'm not attacking any "side" in this little feud. All I'm asking is that you knock it off. Admit it. do you really think your childish retorts are acc-