FFA ‘Blues’ visit campus for 55th year
by Marilyn Freeman
Staff Writer

For the 55th successive year, Cal Poly was invaded by blackbirds. No, these aren’t insects—these are the Future Farmers of America. “Education’s Treasures, Discover Yours” was the theme of this year’s state convention which began May 8.

Sunday morning’s session of the 900 FFA representatives from throughout California included an address by the first female national FFA president, Jan Eberly. Eberly, 20, from Fallbrook, Calif., said she felt a certain warmth in returning to her home state of California. “I have traveled all over the United States and halfway around the world, but I always love returning to the blue and golden state of California,” said Eberly, referring to the FFA association’s colors.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker welcomed the FFA delegates to Cal Poly by crediting them with immense contributions to agriculture. “It is a pleasure to have you here,” said Baker. “I hope you enjoy your visit to our classrooms and laboratories.”

Kaynote speaker at this year’s convention was Jim Kern from Jelm, Wyoming. Kern gave a humorous talk in which he discussed the realities of life. He covered such topics as how to teach children, giving advice, and living life to the fullest. See page 5.

79-day rainy season almost sets county record
by Teresa Mariani
Staff Writer

Is it just a figment of the Poly imagination, or has it really rained much more much more this year than it did last year? Or rained a little more than the last few years than it did when all the juniors, seniors, and sophomores were taking naps in nursery school?

It’s not imagination. So far this year, it’s rained a total of 79 days. That’s more rain than in any of the past 55 years. The closest any other season has come to our record number of wet miserable days was in 1940-41, which ended up with a dripping 76 days of rain.

This year’s total is seven inches above the average of the past 100 years. Agricultural Engineering professor Joe Glass, who studies local rainfall patterns, says that’s unusual.

“You just don’t expect that much of a dramatic increase in such a short period compared to 100 years,” he explained. “My gut feeling is that it’s the effect of the volcano eruption we’ve had,” he added.

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More important than the weather is people’s expectations. “If people expect it be nice and it isn’t, then there might be some frustration,” according to a Tahoe sheriff as saying that residents were definitely getting more short-tempered and irritable.

While Cal Poly residents don’t have to deal with snowing snow and being cooped up inside a cabin with mom, dad, sis, the dog, the kitty, and the hamsters, rain that won’t go away seems to have a depressing effect here.

Robert Sorensen, head of Cal Poly’s Psychology Department, says studying the psychological effects of weather is almost impossible because of the many variables and externalities involved.

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An ability to adjust to continuous bad weather might be necessary in the future, depending on which climatological theory comes true. A smattering of some of these theories:

- Increased volcanic activity will blanket the earth with a volcanic veil, blocking more and more sun, cooling temperatures and more rain—an eruption of an Indonesian volcano in 1816 caused “the year without a summer” in Pennsylvania the following year, when snow fell on the city every month for 12 months.

- While no conclusive studies have been done on the psychological effects of bad weather, the Los Angeles Times recently ran an article about the effects of continued snow on Lake Tahoe dwellers this season. The article quoted a Tahoe sheriff as saying that residents were definitely getting more short-tempered and irritable.

- By the end of April, San Luis Obispo had gotten a soggy 46.86 inches of rain. Believe it or not, that’s no record; in 1969 the area was drenched with 54.50 inches. In 1978, with 48.66 inches.

- The past three years have been some of the wettest on record, with rainfall between 27 and 48 inches. But during the whole period of 1964-1964, the rain never broke the 35 inch per year mark.

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- A return of continental glaciation. That’s right—another ice age. Technically, we’re in an ice age right now, as ice covers polar caps. During the periods between the four ice ages of the past 260 billion years, the poles were ice-free and tropical fruit grew in Greenland.

- A 1972 report from the National Science Board forecast an end to the current warm period and a return of the glaciers. When? The traditional theory is that ice will build up at the ends of existing glaciers, causing the glaciers to advance over hundreds and hundreds of years.
Newsline

Finance rejects fee increase

SACRAMENTO (AP) - Targeting one of Gov. George Deukmejian's key proposals, a Senate subcommittee Monday rejected $178 million in fee increases for California university and college students.

The Finance subcommittee rejected most of the Republican governor's plan to charge sharply increased fees throughout California's postsecondary educational system, leaving only a surcharge on graduate students.

The governor is "flat out asking students to pick up the gap in the budget deficit," said Sen. Walter Stiem, D-Bakersfield, the subcommittee chairman.

Immediately following the action, the three-member committee voted 2-1 to tap the state's general fund to make up the money lost by the rejected fee boosts.

But the panel approved a 10 percent boost in fees for graduate students, plus an additional 80 percent for "specialty" graduate enrollment, such as medical, law, veterinary, and dental students at the University of California.

The panel, expanding on the governor's proposal, included law students in the 20 percent surcharge category.

Poly Notes

year's officers at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 12 in the Agriculture Building, Room 216. For more information, contact Professor Nancy Witts at 543-9625.

ASB elections

The ASB club will hold elections at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 in the Science Building Room 104. For more information about running for office, contact Brett Hedrick at 544-9230.

Christian lunch

The University Christian Center will hold its brown bag lunch and communion today and every Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Center building.

End asked to death penalty

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) - Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell turned an "insurmountable" legal obstacle of criminals on death row, said Monday that the death penalty should be abolished unless prolonged delays in carrying it out are eliminated.

"This malfunctioning of our system of justice is undeniable, and it's beyond the power of any of the several states to abolish capital punishment," Powell said.

Powell played an important role in the April 22 execution of John Louis Evans II, convicted of murdering a Mobile, Ala., pawn shop owner in 1977. Powell rejected attempts to delay Evans' execution and, to head off further appeals to other court members, let Evans' lawyers know that six other justices agreed with his decision.

Evans was six hours away from the electric chair in 1979 when Powell's Supreme Court colleague, Justice William Rehnquist, issued a stay based upon an appeal by Evans' mother.

Powell warned against a "rush to judgment" in capital cases, but criticized the use of "repetitive review to draw out for years the resolution of issues that have or should have been resolved earlier."

Powell said that "often contributes to the slowdown of the process."
Sparks charm Graduate concertgoers

by Daryl Toshiima
Review Editor

Watching a Sparks concert is like looking at things through a fun house mirror. Appearances become deceiving.

This was the case last Sunday as Sparks played before a small but enthusiastic crowd at the Graduate. With their unique style of quirky synthesizer riffs and contagious dance beats, Sparks quickly and slyly charmed the 425 people present.

Part of the reason for the group's charm is their ability to show two extremes at once. Like the mirrors in the fun house, Sparks makes the normal appear tall and short at the same time.

These contradictions were evident throughout the entire show. Even the opening act, The Red Devils, fit within the scheme of things: The Red Devil's mixture of rockabilly and Woody Guthrie-flavored ballads served as a reminder to rock's past; while Sparks' hyperactive and frenzied music showed a glimpse of rock's future.

The most visible contradiction are the two brothers who form the core of the band. On one hand, lead singer Russell Mael was a constant flurry of kinetic energy, as he perpetually sang and danced throughout the group's entire hour and a half set.

On the other hand, Ron Mael, Russell's brother and the group's keyboard player, showed as much enthusiasm as a student on the eve of finals week. Side-by-side, they looked like a combination advertisement for quaaludes and amphetamines.

But even these appearances occasionally glimmer and warp into something completely different. In an ironic turn of events during the song "I Predict", the usual laconic Ron burst into an impromptu striptease act. Predictably, the crowd went wild.

Other crowd pleasers included a vibrant and harsh slowed-down version of "Moustache", and the campy "Mickey Mouse".

One disappointment, though, was their rendition of the group's latest hit single, "Cool Places". Because of a running injury, the Go-Go's Jane Wiedlin (who sings a duet with Russell Mael on the song) couldn't perform with Sparks last Sunday. Instead, bass guitarist Leslie Bohem had to fill in for Wiedlin, with, unfortunately, less successful results.

The band's twelve song set consisted of material from their 1982 album "Angst in my Pants", and their latest release, "Sparks in Outer Space." These two albums represent only a fraction of Sparks' recorded repertoire. Contrary to popular belief, this group has been together for 10 years, and produced 12 albums.

TOP Spark's lead singer Russell Mael strikes a triumphant pose as he brings to a close last Sunday's concert at the Graduate. RIGHT Brothers Russell and Ron Mael show how truly opposite brothers can be. LOWER RIGHT SERIES Man in motion Russell Mael really had "Ants In his Pants" during his energetic performance. LOWER LEFT Keyboardist Ron Mael slips into something more comfortable after his surprising striptease act.

Page photos by Ken Dintzer and Patty Voss
A Carnival proprietor Mr. Dark, offers passes to two curious children in "Something Wicked This Way Comes."
Walsh, Nash to play 'We Don't Need Diablo'

Rock musicians Graham Nash and Joe Walsh will perform an anti-nuclear concert at the Fremont Theatre in San Luis Obispo on Sunday, May 32.

The solar-powered "We Don't Need Diablo" acoustic performance will be sponsored by People Generating Energy and The Media Project. Tickets for the 7:30 p.m. concert are available for $11.50 at Buo Box Records, Best Thrills and the People Generating Energy office, all in San Luis Obispo, and at Steve's Bromley's in Bueywood Park.

Nash and Walsh have supported PGE's anti-nuclear activities at rallies and concerts for the past six years, and both will perform at the concert free of charge.

Power for the concert will be supplied by Solar Genny. Dozens of solar generators powered by two national solar advocacy groups which sponsor The Media Project. Concert proceeds will be shared by PGE and The Media Project.

Nash, formerly a member of the Hollies and of Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, released an album, in 1990. He recently recorded another LP with the Hollies, titled "What Goes Around." His anti-nuclear activities include co-producing the No Nukes album, being a board member of Musicians United for Safe Energy and performing at anti-Diablo rallies in the county.

Walsh, formerly the leader of The James Gang, joined the Eagles in 1976. He has recorded several solo albums, "Wuthering Heights," "Harm Storage," and "There Goes the Neighborhood," and will release a new album this summer, "Buck Rogers." He recently attended the event.

Walsh has been involved in the anti-nuclear movement since 1976 and has performed in several anti-nuclear concerts.

A very special movie this way comes

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"Flashdance" shows flashy but mindless dancing

by Andy Frohjer

"Flashdance" certainly lives up to its name. It delivers a sleek package of high-powered dancing, popular music, beautiful people, and unabashed sexuality. Director Adrian Lyne ('Fuses') tries to create a flashy visual style, and judging by the film's popularity, succeeds.

"Flashdance" tells the story of Alex Owen (Jennifer Beals), a young Pittsburgh woman who dreams of becoming a professional dancer. She works as a welder at a steel mill during the day and dances at a local bar at night. Insisting that welding is just a way to pay the bills, her goal is to gain admittance to a top-notch ballet school.

Along the way, Alex keeps an eye on the dreams of her pals and finds time to get chummy with the owner of the steel mill. Sounds like a cross between "Fame" and "Rocky," doesn't it?

Like both of these films, there is no question of "Flashdance's" popularity. It grossed more than 215 million in its first three weeks and more than 700,000 copies of the film's soundtrack were sold in its first two weeks of release.

But add to that, popularity is achieved at the expense of art. "Flashdance" is supposed to be a story about good versus evil, yet Lyne's style and approach undermine any insight into these dreams. The movie is a sleek product, Lyne chooses a fast-paced style. This means short scenes and concise editing. But at the same time, the emotional impact of the film is sacrificed because characters cannot be developed. Take Alex's lover as an example. He has a name, "Vinnie," and an accent. So what else is new? Michael Nouri comes off as a likable guy, but he is given no opportunity to establish an identity. He simply joins Alex's circle of friends, mere plot pupuha instead of real people

"Something Wicked" is not simply a thriller—it has a message within it—but it doesn't preach at its audience. That's a fact that children and adults alike will be happy about.

"The Walt Disney Production also has moments of humor and insight if close attention is paid. Attentiveness is something Bradbury's script demands of the viewer, and director Jack Clayson's slow pacing might make that difficult for many. But for the patient filmmaker, there is the reward of an involving story, which provides an hour and a half of elegant, well-executed escapism.

Profs discuss causes, effects of bad weather

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But a theory proposed in 1970 by two climatologists suggests that glacial retreat could occur if Canada and the northern United States receive a late, heavy spring snowstorm. Coupled with a mild summer, the ground could stay frozen from fall on year, snow remaining unaltered and ready to be the base of water when more snow is accumulated on it the next year. The glacier would form in a vicious cycle, because the white snow would reflect less sunlight. In time, and keeping the dark earth from absorbing sunlight, warming up, and melting the ice, the glacier would advance.

Those are just a few of the theories being tossed around as the United States sees floods from melting snow in the west and April blizzards in the deep South. Maybe 79 days of drizzle isn't so bad after all.

Conventional help for FFA delegates

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"Living is different from existing," said Kern. "Believe me, life is long and miserable if you don't experience a wide range of feelings."

A barbecue was held in Poly Grove at the close of Sunday's activities. The Santa Maria style barbecue was prepared and served by 85 members of Cal Poly's CFFA. About 1,000 people attended the event.

"We had them all seated and eating within 25 minutes," said Glen Casey, CFFA advisor. "Everybody got all they could eat and then some."

Entertainment at the barbecue was provided by a young man from West Minster High School, who performed a hypnotist on some of the visiting delegates.

Student dairy princess is 6th straight from Poly

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Cows grazing in muddy pastures are more susceptible to diseases like mastitis (inflammation of the udder), Schoenbauer explained, which leads to a lower level of milk production.


Karen Sarratt, who holds the current title of State Dairy Princess was also an agriculture management major at Cal Poly.
Two losses slow softballers in their post-season efforts

by Brian Bullock

The women’s softball team is down but not out. after dropping a crucial Saturday double-header to Cal State Northridge.

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Recreational sports

CREATIONAL SPORTS....OR INTRAMURALS???? This column talks about Intramural Programs but most people talk about Intramurals. We’re not just inventing a fancy name to make ourselves look good. The intramural program is “one” of the things we organize...but we also provide court reservations and equipment loans for informal play with your friends among other activities. Support for Club Sports, Faculty and Staff are making recreation a priority. The students, faculty and sports staff are quizzed with “YOUR”; are we adapting to meet those changes. So come in and become ac-kwarded with “YOUR” Recreational Sports office!! The Volleyball team rankings to the date are:

1. Bearded Clans (3-0)
2. Coverage II (5-0)
3. Flashball (4-0)
4. Diggers (4-0)
5. L. A. Spineless (1-1)

The Basketball team rankings:

1. Less Filling (5-0)
2. Rape and Pillagers (6-0)
3. Pick-Ups (5-0)
4. Scorin’ Legion (5-0)
5. Phi Slamma Jamma (4-0)
6. Phi Slamma Jamma (4-0)
7. S.I.O. Death (5-1)
8. Jo Mammae (3-2)

The officials of the week are:

Volleyball - Christine Collette
Softball - David Draft
Basketball - Mario McArthur

Two losses slow softballers in their post-season efforts

Fun, fast times put in at track’s weekend

by Sherman Turultine Staff Writer

A small but impressive band of men’s track and field team members traveled to the Cal Invitational meet at Berkeley this weekend, while the majority of the men’s team rested for next week’s California Collegiate Athletic Association Conference Championship at Cal State Los Angeles.

Terry Armitage qualified for nationals in the triple jump, with his best jump of the year, placing second at 50-4%. This mark gives Armitage the best jump in the conference and the fourth best mark in Division II.

On his fifth jump, Armitage was one inch short of the necessary 50 best to qualify. Before going for his last jump, he corrected a technical flaw and exploded with a national qualifying leap. The jump was only five inches short of his lifetime best.

The mile relay team of Brad Underwood, Doug Lallier, Dave Johnson, and Rick Richard finally qualified for the national championships. The team ran a time of 3:10.6, placing second to the host Cal Berkeley team. The time is the fourth fastest 1,600-meter relay ever run by a Cal Poly team the fastest relay in the CCAA and the fourth fastest time in Division II this year.

“Tis an outstanding team, and...”

3:10.6 is faster than we ran all last year, when we had Pat Croft (San Luis Obispo Track Club running 49 second splits for us,” said Coach Tom Henderson. “What makes this mile relay team even better is that Lallier is the lone senior among the four.”

Johnson, in the 110 high hurdles, ran a lifetime best 14.7 and came back 15 minutes later and ran one-tenth of a second off his lifetime best in the 400 meters to place second in his heat in 48.3. Teammate Richard clocked in at 48.8 to place fifth in the second heat of the 400 meters.

Other Mustangs recording lifetime bests include Phil Ross in the 1,500 meters in 3:54.7; Dru Uiter in the 200 meters in 21.8, giving him the second fastest time in the CCAA and moving him to tenth in the Cal Poly all-time list; Steve Cudihy in the steeplechase in 9:04.6; Tom Condon in the high jump at 6’7¾; and Ashley Green in the 800 meters in 1:54.3.

Next week the tracksters travel to Cal State Los Angeles for the Conference Championships. Last year the championships produced the closest team battle ever, with Cal State Bakersfield coming in first with 123 points. Cal State Los Angeles second with 124 points. Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in third with 125 points, and Northridge fourth with 127 points.

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Writer finds super blast at superstars

Mike Mathison

A great idea, "Perfected Pitching" makes Doug Laillinger and the Mustangs America's No. 1 at a major project any Poly- student would be hard pressed to come up with in terms of concept and participation. Sponsored by 25 community organizations, participa-

tion included a Co-Ed superstars competition Saturday and Sunday at Poly. We competed in five events: tennis, swimming, volleyball, basketball and an obstacle course. My teammate was Jenny Sullivan.

For those of you who were absent, read about this wonderful event and thought you were going to be a bust, well think again. You were wrong. Our team had fun no matter how it turn out. We had fun with each other. We copped for each other, and were great admirers. Better than I've seen on some sports teams.

Martin Dyedd and Chris Rober were our pitchers. I guessed they were the team to beat. The pair took me a three-month membership each at Kennedy Nautilus Center. Placing second were Miguel Flach and Cathy Samson, who received a membership to Maloney's. Third were John Clark and Christine Colletti. Rounding out the top 15 were: Alex Crooter-Roni Emerg,uffers; Mike Otc-Tina Wright; Dave Borsa-Roni Emerg,uffers; Andy H., Jenny Webster, Jenny and I finished eighth. Dave Hawkins-Nancy Wilson, Mike Hamilton-Nancy Tlressel, Quins Crowell, Valerie Peters and Thor Holt-Terrei Purling.

I thought Jenny and I would do fairly well. But I know our glory would come on the second day. Saturday's tennis and swimming events were not our sports. Day One

Tennis - The day before was the first day I had ever played in a tournament. I looked up and saw everyone else was done but me. I pulled out. "Get the oxygen tank ready." I heard someone laugh. Little did they know I was serious. The final 35 yards I heard cheering and laughing. I know no one was envious. I was-why didn't she touch the wall after 100 yards. I get a sitting ovation for finishing and I remarked, "What time does the dawg say?" I play hockey better than I swim and I can't even skate. Mason and Bora won the competition and received a $5 lift certificate to Spike's Place.

Day Two - Volleyball - Driving to Polyt Sunday morning I was about to go in when I saw a man pointing. We were going to put in the same pool the next day. I was taken aback by every four strokes, my brain sent currents to my legs. "What do you think you are doing?" Immediate slow-down to a breath every other stroke. I reached the 75-yard mark, like RoseAnn Rosenfaden-
a, "I thought I was gonna die." I refused to quit, though. I don't know how, but I reached the 75-yard mark. I looked up and saw everyone else was done but me. I pulled out. "Get the oxygen tank ready." I heard someone laugh. Little did they know I was serious. The final 35 yards I heard cheering and laughing. I know no one was envious. I was-why didn't she touch the wall after 100 yards. I get a sitting ovation for finishing and I remarked, "What time does the dawg say?" I play hockey better than I swim and I can't even skate. Mason and Bora won the competition and received a $5 lift certificate to Spike's Place.

Jenny and I never won a tournament before. I was excited to win. I had done well in both events to give us a chance to win Poly's Com-

petition. We competed in five events each day. Something like a 200-400 or 400-600 would suffice. Also, if a team is going to win prizes for their efforts, they should have to participate in each event. Not the Mustangs, who don't think you are going to score any points, don't count, and don't have any reason to compete at all. I heard someone say, "What a trooper." That's what I think of. "W e have a 60-60 chance of winning," I thought. "I can't believe we did this."" I refused to quit, though. I don't know how, but I reached the 75-yard mark. I looked up and saw everyone else was done but me. I pulled out. "Get the oxygen tank ready." I heard someone laugh. Little did they know I was serious. The final 35 yards I heard cheering and laughing. I know no one was envious. I was-why didn't she touch the wall after 100 yards. I get a sitting ovation for finishing and I remarked, "What time does the dawg say?" I play hockey better than I swim and I can't even skate. Mason and Bora won the competition and received a $5 lift certificate to Spike's Place.

Sports

Regular season over, waiting for good word is softball team's game

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sharp single to center. Center fielder Jennis Holtbrook shot it at the bat and it hooked it up and threw to center. Catcher Amy Bush blocked it and it was perfectly as the throw arrived right on time to center running to the out line running to the out line. Out.

Again in the top of the fifth inning, Northridge had a runner on second base with one out. A hit drive hit right at third baseman and it was killed by the Northridge rally.

In the top of the seventh inning, the Mustangs had their chance to put the game away. Lead-off batter Amy Bush was walked by the pitcher giving Polyt a base runner with no out. After a short bunt, a pinch runner was "on and out with just one out. Northridge pitcher Kathy Silton retired the next two batters on strike outs and the game went to extra innings.

It didn't take Northridge long to regroup from their frustrating attempts to get a run. The first Northridge batter hit a sharp single to left-center that skipped under the glove of Jennis Holtbrook and rolled until the Northridge batter had his chance in the first game to score and go on to Northridge a 1-0 victory.

Northridge pitcher Kathy Silton allowed the Mustangs only three hits in both games to give her team the CCAYA title. Mustangs' knuckler at the plate were Lisa Housh, who was one of the team's six hits and Jill Houst, who had two hits in three at bat in the second game. The other Mustang hit was a triple with two outs in the first game by Lisa Johnson. The softball team ends its regular season 15-14 overall with a 9-7 conference record and an outside shot at making the national tournament. "We have a 50-50 chance of going to the nationals," Coach Loren Yohshashita said after the game. "We will find out Monday."
Wait awhile

The United Auto Workers' behavior in attempting to reopen negotiations with Chrysler because of the car company's poor financial performance is compared to the uncivilized practices of the man who hangs around Alcoholics Anonymous meetings asking if anyone would like to go for a drink. I don't think Chrysler, a company that barely escaped being a casualty of recent recessions, is experiencing a strong recovery which will back up its $400 million of its government loans which total $1.3 billion.

The company is paying the first installment seven years before schedule. And if Chrysler President Lee Iacocca is correct, a $900 million bank to a gathering of stockholders, they were extremely excited. The stockholders know that when all the money is paid back they will once again receive the dividends which are being withheld because of the loans.

The stockholders are also excited about the tenfold jump in the price of their stock over the last 18 months. But prices and emotions were cooled a little with the announcement that UAW wanted to reopen contract talks.

The contract that was agreed upon between Chrysler's workers and management was to last until January. The UAW should hold off talks until then for two reasons. First, it would benefit the union to wait until Chrysler is back to full strength—or at least has experienced a year-long recovery. This would be a short wait until December when contract talks are scheduled to begin. At this point union members may really be used to the little money and Chrysler would be in better shape to give it to them. In essence, if the UAW waits until December, it will get a better deal.

Second, the workers signed a contract with a company that was in the red. And if the contract was signed the contract was to save their jobs. A cut in pay and decreased profit sharing was the only way to keep the company aloft. It worked. Chrysler is recovering and in seven months the contract is up. Why hamper the recovery now?

Chrysler employees should be earning the same wages as Ford and GM at the expense of ruining an important recovery. It is important both for the company and for the company itself—important even for the company employees.

Letters

Represent everybody

Editor:

This letter is in response to the statement that Jeff Sanders (our new ASI President) made concerning the "beanie" on campus. I believe that the statement he made is that of ignorance, apathy, and narrow-mindedness. Is this the person who is now going to try and lead this campus? If so, I would not buy him a drink by student body? Because if it is, Mr. Sanders, you have a lot of learning to do. This is a university campus, not just everyone on campus, not just the students whose ideas coincide.

The statement that someone who looked "beanie" made me feel a lot more able to represent all the students of Poly. The statement (for those who don't know) was in regard to the students who marched in the student union during Poly Royal, protesting the inadequacy of the emergency preparedness plan of our campus. Poly Royal is a time for students to show the public (parents, relatives, friends, and faculty) their interests and more importantly our concerns. If a group of 16 "beanie" want to protest in the union concerning this emergency plan then these students are expressing their interests and concerns. These students are now representing all of us at Poly not just who you think is right versus wrong. I congratulate you on your courage in commenting in your editorial concerning Israel's "right to the West Bank." As did many of the Arab historians presented in your editorial was essentially a distortion of the advertisement. The wording of such phrases as "peace treaty...that would allow for the local West Bank autonomy of the Palestinians currently lying there" and "Jewish knife at Israel's throat" was too similar to the ad copy for my taste.

Come on, guys. Mustang Daily editorials are not exactly models of balanced commentary, but I'm sure you can do better than a mere reprise of a propaganda version. Whatever the points you made are valid, it's hard to respect an editorial that shows such a lack of independent thought. Either the editorial does not "reflect the major view of the Mustang Daily Editorial Board" or the opinions of the board members are so malleable as to be worthless.

I think you owe your readers an explanation.

Andy Noble

Editorial Board replies: The author of "Peace in Israel" did not advertise in the use of ad copy far my taste.

Letters

Newport Beacher

Editor:
The Daily editorial "CPSU Romania" was complete garbage. How could you compare a communist country to the free world? We live in the United States.

I grew up in Newport Beach, where people didn't understand that concept. I believe every American should enjoy all the freedom they are "In God We Trust," but there's a lot of that in God. College is hard. It is a time to study hard and play hard. We don't have the time to worry about those things. If those freaks don't like our campus and our country, they can leave it or leave it, as we say down south. Let's get these people (and I use the term loosely) in their places and get the blessings of Cal-Poly working hard, so we can get good jobs and make a good living.

Rusty Peters

Editor's Note: Sanders claims he made a reference to "Moonies" rather than "beanie."