Novel 1984 and future shock are focus of lecture series

by Chris Matthews  
Staff Writer

1984 is not far around the corner in more ways than one. George Orwell's novel, 1984, is the focus of the 1983-84 Arts and Humanities Lecture Series, which begins October 6.

In his futuristic novel, Orwell visualizes a society in which the assertion of government intervention and control is taken to disturbing extremes. Backed by the themes, "Fantasy or Reality?", the speakers will address issues pertinent to our own developing society, which is rapidly growing in technology, said Eric Johnson, Associate Dean of SANREM and coordinator of the lecture program.

The school is telling agriculture students and teachers at junior colleges that the university hopes everyone who wants to get into Cal Poly will apply. But the main reason for the beefed-up recruitment program is that rumors of an impacted agriculture department are not true, said Rathbun.

In this fall of 1983, only two of the thirteen majors offered by the school have more applicants than spaces available, although all the ag majors did fill up before the school year began. And in the next couple of years, as the number of college-age students decreases inaugurally, the competition among universities and community colleges for students is likely to intensify, Rathbun added.

Between now and the mid-1990's, there will be a national drop of between 15 and 20 percent in the traditional college-bound group, according to the March, 1983, issue of CHA.

This trend, which shouldn't reverse for fifteen years, is already felt by many private colleges and will affect in some way even the most strong urban, public universities.

The agriculture schools are not immune to this trend. And the recession, which has invaded all aspects of the agricultural system, also contributes to the need to do heavier recruiting, said Dr. David Schaffner, an agricultural management professor who has been recruiting for three years.

Transit pass gives students unlimited riding privileges on SLO bus system

Students can now ride the SLO Transit anywhere for only $26.60 per quarter. A new transit pass is now available at the University Union, and it can be bought to ride the bus to any destination at any time the buses are in operation for one price.

The pass is a great value to any students who use the bus as their main means of transportation. Single bus rides cost $0.64. Riding to and from classes would cost $50 without any special rate.

The idea for the quarterly pass came from Catherine Fraser and Bill Doyle, who were both involved with Academic Senate last year.

Fraser and Doyle started their project by talking to surveys of the bus usage by students on campus. Once all the data was compiled and the time spans and price were set, they took their idea to the San Luis Obispo City Mass Transportation Committee, then to the City Council, which adopted the budgeted price and quarterly fee.

To allow for the special rate Cal Poly agreed to subsidize the operation in order to encourage more bus usage, thereby cutting down on the amount of cars on campus.

Money paid by the students who receive parking violations on campus will pay for the subsidy, said Fraser, chair of the Cal Poly Public Safety Department.

Ornamental horticulture major Gary Tittibba, 31, was pronounced dead on arrival at the SLO County Hospital. A California Highway Patrol Spokesman said John Irwin, 29, from Modesto, allegedly drove his car into the front of the vehicle driven by Tittibba at about midnight last Tuesday.

The Tittibba's house was reportedly struck head-on by a vehicle that drifted into the street.

As well as the severe social implications, perhaps Orwell's technological visions are even more relevant to the students at a polytechnic campus, Johnson stressed.

"He presents us with images of technology which are no longer dreams or ideas, but are actuality," he said.

"They are no longer 'the future'."

Large interlinking computer banks and even voice recognition by computer are common today, Johnson noted, adding, "We hope the lectures will attract students and community students as well."

The first speaker will be Dr. Randall Murray, the head of the Journalism Department at Cal Poly, who will speak on "News and Information Control: How Near is 1984?"

"He will focus on who is in charge of information gathering and dissemination and who has access to storage information systems," Johnson explained. "Dr. Murray's goal will be one of deducing whether an information monopoly is a real or imagined fear."

"We must feel responsible as individual parts of a society that is so radically run by a computer."

A part of Schaffner's agenda is discussing the scholarship program for ag students at Cal Poly, including the Leopold Wrasse Scholarship Fund which offers $200 awards of $750 each.

Schaffner emphasizes the advantages of the Cal Poly program during recruitment sessions, including the hands-on approach. He stresses how students can gain practical experience through the student enterprise program, work experience on campus, and the internship program which is supported by SANREM.

Another strength Schaffner emphasizes is the large size of SANREM. Cal Poly has one of the top five agriculture schools in the nation, and that size allows it to specialize in its majors, from poultry science to fruit science to research in horticulture, Schaffner said.

The various departments can also specialize, such as...
Opinion

Vandalism: for simple minds

They are located at strategic points around campus. They are a primary reason why pedestrians can walk down the middle of roads and through the center of campus without fear of winding up lying on the pavement with tire tracks across their spines. They are the access gates to the interior of the Cal Poly campus.

They are there for a reason: to keep vehicles off campus that should not be here. But apparently there are individuals on campus who do not appreciate the function of these gates.

In the last week, five of these gates have been broken off. In the last month, at least 12 have had to be replaced. Some of these gates may have been broken by trucks entering campus on legitimate business after the gates did not raise properly.

But most of them were broken by people. Pedestrians and bicyclists. People who walk or ride by and grab the orange-and-white striped gates and pull on them until they break.

Repairing only one of the broken gates costs at least $50. The carpentry shop has to cut out a new gate, paint it and install it. To repair a gate that has been forced down or up costs much more. Not only do these repairs become expensive, they also get to be a hassle.

When a gate is broken, cars and trucks that otherwise cannot get in venture onto inner-campus areas. They help congest the roads and pose a threat to the safety of bicyclists and pedestrians.

Letters

Naive opinions

Editor:
In response to the latest naive letter regarding increased school fees, First, it isn't just Republicans who are responsible for fee increases. Democrats hold a majority in both houses of the state congress, which is primarily responsible for education funding.

Second, it was our former Democratic governor, backed by both houses of Democratic majorities, that got us into this mess in the first place. It was they who left California short a couple of billion dollars, leaving the mess for the Duke to clean up.

Third, realize that universities are only part of the state of California's responsibilities. Welfare, police protection, fire protection, the state workers, and local governments are also competing for state funding. I guess the arrogant R.G.B.'s who think that themselves will only ignore those folks.

But who pays for a $2 billion carrier? The state of California doesn't own any carriers—that's the national government, a totally different ballgame.

William E. Zellmer

No one said it would be easy

Editor:

Someone finally came close, but not close enough.

Last week, Randy Ricketts addressed Cal Poly, urging the students to voice their anger and frustration with our state legislators' move to reduce the funds allotted to the CSUC system. Randy was right about the apathy at Cal Poly (though he didn't explicitly call that). However, I disagree with him on a few other points.

I don't think we can possibly complain about education costs at Cal Poly. For about $6000 a year, we can attend the finest school in the CSUC system (to say the very least). Even if they raise our registration fees more, we still have little room to complain. Randy said higher fees would deprive those who can't afford to attend. That's a poor reflection of the situation.

No one ever said education had to be FREE and EASY. If a student is goal-oriented and properly motivated, he/she will do what is necessary to get through school (seek employment, seek scholarships, and seek counsel concerning these means).

Success takes initiative, which should start at the foundation of success: EDUCATION. I don't believe in free education at the college level, which brings me to another point.

We all should be writing our legislators about the low fees for the community college system. This "free education" at the J.C. level is financially irresponsible. These schools should be carrying more of their own weight, and passing the bill on to the students.

Increasing community college fees would help weed out some of the less serious students as well as to help make the schools more financially sound. Anyone can argue that this is discrimination against the financially less-fortunate students.

I'll ask you: Who's going to pay the bill???

G. Bingham Hadley

by Steve Cowden

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Baker starts search for new Poly vice president

by Andy Froklar
Staff Writer

Cal Poly has begun the search for a Vice President for University Relations. President Warren J. Baker has asked for nominees for a recruitment advisory committee, which will help select the new vice president, said Associate Executive Vice President Howard West.

After the November 1 deadline for applications, the committee will sift through applicants and begin interviewing.

The committee will review the applicants and make recommendations to the president, who will ultimately appoint the vice president. The selection will probably not be made until the end of the calendar year, said West.

The office of Executive Vice President was changed to Vice President for University Relations following the retirement of Executive Vice President Dale Andrews in July. The position was changed during the restructuring of the executive management area of the university this summer. The Vice President for University Relations is responsible for all operations that pertain to the university’s relations and development programs, including Public Affairs, Development, Alumni Relations and Annual Giving, and the Athletic Development.

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A concert bargain that's hard to beat

by Lisa McKinnon

Cal Poly students who enjoyed the low ticket prices of the X concert last week may take advantage of yet another inexpensive concert, and help raise money at the same time.

Paul Collins' Beat and local favorites Tim Jackson and The Ripsters will perform at the Hearst Castle March of Dimes Music and Arts Festival Saturday, Oct. 8. The concert will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are $5.

Also featured at the festival will be a jazz concert featuring the Ed Harris Ensemble and the Cuesta Jazz Ensemble on Sunday, Oct. 9 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets for the jazz festival are also $5, and both concerts will take place three miles south of Hearst Castle on Highway One on a scenic bluff overlooking the ocean.

The music festivals are only part of a large scale, two-day fundraising festival supporting the March of Dimes.

Other benefit events for the weekend will include a 10K run, a sports car rally, wine tasting, a Porsche and Exotic Car Concours and an arts and crafts festival.

The 10K run will begin Oct. 8 from the William Randolph Hearst State Park across from Hearst Castle. Registration for the event starts at 8 a.m. and entry fees are $5 for the run or $10 for the run and a choice of a poster or T-shirt.

Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female runners in five different age categories. Gender-specific posters and T-shirts will go to the winners at an 11 a.m. ceremony.

The sports car rally, which also takes place Oct. 8, will cover an 80-mile course. Registration will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Hearst State Park.

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Finally, a Porsche and Exotic Car Concours will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Haciart Park. Tickets are $5. Children six and under get in free.

Proceeds from the fundraiser will help keep local March of Dimes projects going, according to Virginia Lazzarini, local field representative for the organization.

Some of those projects include providing free genetic counseling, setting up support groups for parents of premature babies and upgrading the equipment in hospital nurseries, she said. The March of Dimes has also recently been working with women in San Luis Obispo who have difficulties carrying a pregnancy to full term.

"The program led to a 76 percent reduction in the number of pregnancies not carried to full term at a San Francisco medical clinic," Lazzarini said, adding that the program already has 40 patients locally.

The March of Dimes isn't the only group that will benefit from the fundraiser. In fact, the whole thing wasn't even their idea. "Some San Simeon merchants came up with it," she said. "We haven't encountered any problems in setting it up because of the marvelous participation of the merchants. They have it running very smoothly.

The San Simeon Chamber of Commerce and the Hotel Association were looking for a way to promote the area," explained Carlo Piscotta, chairman of the board of executives for the event and manager of the San Simeon Lodge.

"The idea just seemed to really work out," he continued. "We see it as a good way to help the March of Dimes, and to promote our area as well."

Poly's reputation attracts employers

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the ag management department's county and state fair management program, which is virtually unique in the nation, he said.

Cal Poly's reputation draws recruiters from large national firms, another aspect that Schaffner emphasizes while recruiting. An example of the job opportunities open to Cal Poly students comes from the Continental Grain company, which recruits in only three other schools in the West.

Schaffner sees recruiting as an educational tool that makes people aware of job opportunities in agriculture. Although some areas of ag have too many people for the number of job openings, other areas don't have enough people to fill available jobs, said Rathbun.

For example, many students majoring in mechanized agriculture don't finish their baccalaureate degrees because they are offered so much money by employers they quit school and go to work. The school's recruiting effort is likely to remain at a high level in the near future, as the big crunch for students will occur in the next few years, said Rathbun. The recruiters want to make sure that Cal Poly agriculture classes remain filled.

Although SANRM's large size is an advantage to students, it also means Cal Poly needs more ag students than its competitors.

"We don't feel like we're getting our fair share, so we're trying to increase it," said Rathbun.

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Women's soccer team, uh, club ties

Yee, Virginia, there is a Cal Poly women's soccer team. And, though NCAA squads are scattered throughout the schedule, the Mustangs, as a campus club sanctioned by the NCAA, are doing quite well, thank you.

The lady Mustangs, after rallying Sunday to tie visiting Cal State Northridge, 4-4, on Poly's lower field, now sport a respectable 1-1-2 season mark.

The team, still struggling with Poly's administration to gain recognition—and funding—as a NCAA sport rather than club, has 24 members and is coached by last year's men's soccer team goalie Randy Smith.

The Mustangs jumped to an early 1-0 advantage when Kristen Sandberg, the club's top scorer this season, dribbled between two Matador defenders and banged home a goal. But Northridge's Jolly Colcuitti, who tallied all four Matador goals, drilled two of them in the opening half, launching the visitors to a 2-1 lead at intermission.

Poly knotted the score in the second half with Sandberg, who was named last season's All-California Collegiate Women's Soccer Conference team, booted the goal off assist by Lisa Best.

After Colcuitti continued her personal assault on the Mustangs' goal with her third score to give the Matadors a 3-2 lead, Poly's Nancy Wilson, club captain, evens the contest when she headed Susie Johannsson's corner kick past the sprawling Matador goalie.

It looked as though Colcuitti's fourth score would finally fold the pesky Mustangs, as the Matadors nursed their precarious 4-3 lead into the final minute of play.

But the Mustangs received a much-needed break when a Matador player was whistled for illegal use of the hands when blocking a Mustang shot, giving Poly a penalty kick, Sandi Johnston salvaged the tie for the Mustangs with a successful conversion.

Poly travels south this weekend to tangle with Loyola Saturday and a rematch with the Matadors Sunday. The Mustangs return home October 15 and 16 for matches against Cal State Fresno and UC Riverside.

Looking to go all the way is Maureen Murray. Despite Mustang efforts, the game ended with a 4-4 tie.

Network will broadcast
Cal Poly football game

CBS has announced Saturday afternoon's football game between Cal Poly and last year's Division II runner-up UC Davis will be regionally televised on the West Coast with airtime set for 12:30 p.m.

The Mustangs bring a 3-1 record into their home opener after last Saturday's stunning 27-3 defeat at the hands of Boise State. The Aggies remained undefeated with a 3-0 mark, after disposing of Cal State Northridge in their last game, 31-7.

In the two team's meeting at Davis last season, the Aggies roughed up the Mustangs, 24-0.

CBS's San Luis Obispo affiliate, KCOY (Channel 12), announced it will provide live coverage of the contest locally.

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