A P — distressing, but not always fatal

Dr. Brant H. Kaatch, the new Information Department head, requested all students to contact their advisors, who check the data to answer any questions they may have regarding their grades.

"If a student misses a class or two and then makes up the work, they can still pass the class," said Kaatch. "But if they don't make up the work, they may fail the class." The advisor then contacts the student to help them get back on track.

For any student who misses the class, "You're on Academic Probation and may be subject to disqualification," on the bottom of their report card, it may seem like the end of the world. So what happens when a student is on Academic Probation?

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Students—the silent majority

Are you voting today? Are you even registered?

Yeah, you're right, it's that time again—it's the same old "exercise your right to vote or you'll get screwed!" editorial. The circumstances are still the same—students are still one of the groups that vote the least and students are still one of the groups that could have the most influence if they voted, at least in San Luis Obispo.

Ironically, the elections where individual votes matter most—local elections—are the ones where few are inclined to vote. It's at the level where a few votes can make a big difference, and where those differences are distinct and immediate.

Elections a U.S. Senator may leave your personal life totally unaffected; electing a new city council with different ideas about running the city will make a big difference in day-to-day life.

State Assemblyman Tom Hayden recognizes this fact—the local level is equally as important as national politics. "This is where the focus of politics has to be," he said in an interview several years ago. "You have to prove that something can be done at a local level."

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Letters

American and proud of it

Editor:

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Guest Column

Instructor questions reactions to Grenada action

Editor's note: This is the first of a two-part column from Cal Poly history associate professor William Mathews.

The array of Letters to the Editor in the October 31 issue of the Mustang Daily shows very clearly what is by far the greatest danger of the military policy presently pursued by the Reagan regime. Nationalistic and patriotic loyalties have been summoned forth to garner domestic support for a policy which is primarily a demonstration of a willingness to use military force.

The ultimate social and political goals of that policy of force remain shrouded in obscurity. Increasingly, the demonstration of force is becoming a self-justification, an end in itself rather than a means to an end. The nationalistic and patriotic loyalties of countless citizens have been tragically abused after being whipped by government propaganda and impenetrable jingoism to cover Reagan's domestic political flak.

The result is an expression of chauvinism and militarism for their own sake, a denigration of civil society and democratic process in favor of the Security State of the military establishment and the executive branch, and a flight into an irrational politics directed not only at perceived and alleged "foreign enemies" but also at "domestic enemies" as well.

I do not propose to link erroneously the events in Lebanon and Grenada. They were discrete and unique events, capable of being linked only emotionally and only after the fact by a projection of that fantastic liberal-democratic-socialist spook that so haunts the conservative mind. No doubt we are these days witnessing a successful exploitation of the irrational in politics by Reagan.

The politics of irrationality are tempting and easy to exploit through the media when armed with press controls; however, they are extremely dangerous to the health of a democracy and inhibiting efficient and effective conduct of policy in pursuit of the long term interests of our nation and humanity at large.

The several authors of the letters to the Mustang should reflect on the fact that American military personnel are dying in far-off lands. We all hope that their sacrifice is purposeful but many of us are skeptical of the reasons given by Reagan for engaging them in combat.

Historically, American leaders have pursued hopelessly flawed policies. There is an all-too-obvious continuity in the perceptions and ambitions of today's leaders with the perceptions of leaders during Vietnam.

Therefore, there is every reason to question the wisdom of present policy decisions, especially given the enormous complexity of social and economic conditions in the Caribbean and the exclusively executive nature of the policy decisions — that is, that they were carried out before consultations with congressional leaders and pre-justified as compelling.

There is a distinction to be drawn between patriotism and chauvinism. The one is a natural, honorable and basically positive pride in and loyalty to one's country. The other is a brutal and primitive expression of aggression and force for their own sake.

Which of these is dominating our feelings about the events in Grenada? Are patriotic loyalties being cynically exploited? Are the latest frustrations of our civilization being vested in a display of chauvinism? My answer is that patriotism is presently being manipulated and that it is rapidly degenerating into chauvinism. For example, Mr. Austin's letter justified the invasion of Grenada as our "right to use force." He conceives a very significant point: the moral and legal justifications given by Reagan are not germane to the real issues. Rather, they were given merely to deceive the public, evoke moral outrage, and whip up patriotism.

Neither the U.S. government nor the public, Mr. Austin tells us, should seek reasons for a display of power. In short, Mr. Austin admits that Reagan lied to the people of the United States and he suggests that the people should be fascinated by the sheer Machiavellianism and utter amorality and illegality of our nation's invasion of Grenada.

According to Mr. Austin, all complaints against Reagan's misrepresentation of our motives are "mushy, slushy, thoroughly-nauseating" driven from the liberal contingent. "That sort of statement is blatant chauvinism worthy of Dr. Joseph Goebbels." I would hope that we could be just a bit more committed to civilized goals and express ourselves with some greater level of distinction here at Cal Poly.

Part II will appear in tomorrow's issue of the Mustang Daily.

The newest innovation in writing is the Pilot Precise rolling ball pen. It writes extra thin and extra smooth because of its micro ball and needle-like stainless steel collar. A unique pen at a uniquely affordable price. Only $1.19.

We'd never put down our competition, BUT...
Sights and sounds around town

by Linda Reiff
Entertainment Editor

EXHIBITS

HANDMADE FURNITURE
The Seabara Gallery in Cambria is hosting the hand-crafted furniture of local artists Keith Buchan and Gretchen Greenberg. Their creations include all types of furniture, architectural works and small chests in a variety of rare and exotic woods. Many pieces are for sale. The Gallery is located on the corner of Burton Dr. and Center St. and is open from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

RAFT SALE
"Dream O' the Crop," a newly-formed arts and crafts group will be selling and showing their crafts Sat., Nov. 13 and Sun. Nov. 13 in Mitchell Park. The park is located at Santa Rosa and Buchanan St. in San Luis Obispo. Some of the items will include wood carvings, decorated egg shells, stone ware, baskets, quilts and silk flowers.

FLOWERS SHOW
Handmade Furniture
Clif Toofo Swanson, Cal Poly music professor, and his family will appear in the last of the fall concert series, "Music for a Sunday Afternoon" on Nov. 13 at the Methodist Church in San Luis Obispo. Tickets for the event are on sale at the U.U. ticket office.

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The Sunset Magazine Western Home Awards Exhibition is now showing in the Architecture Building Gallery. The exhibit ends Nov. 10.

FAMILY CONCERT
Clifton Swanson, Cal Poly music professor, and his family will appear in the last of the fall concert series, "Music for a Sunday Afternoon" on Nov. 13 at the Methodist Church in San Luis Obispo. Tickets for the 4 p.m. concert are $4 for general admission and $2 for students and senior citizens.

THE PLIMSOULS
Sunday, Nov. 13 the Graduate will present the Plimsouls and special guest the Slightest and Joe Tokyo. Tickets are $8.50 in advance and $9 at the door for the 9 p.m. concert. Only over 18 allowed.

JEAN LUC PONTY
The A.S.I. Concert Committee brings Jean Luc Ponty, well-known jazz musician, to Chaminash Auditorium on Sun., Nov. 13. Two performances are scheduled for 7 & 9:30 p.m. Tickets are $7.75 for students in advance and $8.75 at the door. General admission is one dollar extra.

THURSDAY IN THE PLAZA
"The Untouchables," from Los Angeles, will be playing Thursday evenings in the University Union Plaza. The concert is sponsored by the A.S.I. Concert and Special Events committees. Miller Beer.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE
Once again Chaminash Auditorium opens its doors to talented musicians and entertainers Nov. 10 at 8 p.m. Mark Wolff and friends, and Seth Brinkman will be featured acts. Admission is only 50 cents! Anyone interested in performing at future Thursdays should call Dave at 564-1112 or 564-6978.

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A Sherlock Holmes Thriller is playing at the Great American Melodrama and Vaudeville in Oceano. The play runs Wednesday through Sunday evenings through Nov. 20 and is directed by David Kazanjian. Following the melodrama is a vaudeville revue of song, dance and comedians. Tickets range from $2.50 to $7.

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Academic probation can give Poly students the boot

The student was on academic probation because his Cal Poly cumulative was below 2.0. He was told that he could be dismissed if his grades did not improve. If his grades went back down, the option was going to a junior college and waiting one year to reapply to Poly.

The advantages for a student to correct the problems of grades are apparent. The student is given the most opportunities available. Allowing a student to continue his or her education is a prime goal of the advisors, department heads and the university system itself.

The student is now back at Poly with the understanding that if the grades go back down the option is going to a junior college and waiting one year to reapply to Poly.

Beverly Hansel, director of the advising center for Business and Economics, deals with the students in that department who are on AP. The problems for a new freshman are usually different from those of a transfer student, said Hansel.

"If a student fails below a 2.0 during the fall quarter at the beginning of the winter quarter, he or she will receive a notice, the student then will draw up a contract with me by a certain date," Hansel explained.

"From the student, we ask his or her opinion. The student never had any holds placed on CAR registration forms for spring quarter, and therefore assumed that since his grades were going up, things were fine.

"I was required to see the dean and discuss the problems I was having. Then I had a chance to write a formal letter to the dean, repeating what we had discussed in our person-to-person meeting. He then reviewed the information. I was then reinstated with the understanding that I had one quarter to get my Cal Poly cumulative to a 2.0 or above," explained the student.

The Cal Poly marching band — popular halftime entertainment since the early 1900s — doesn't limit its performances to Mustang Stadium. It can be heard whenever the Cal Poly gridders are at home, the "Pride of the Pacific" can be located in the stands or on the field. Who else can perform "Horseshoes"?

And as the football team, the band packs its bags and hits the road. Both band and football team spent Halloween weekend in Fresno, where the band performed a halftime show in The Doghouse (Fresno's stadium), in front of over 20,000 fans. The next weekend the band will travel south to perform a halftime show in the Los Angeles Coliseum for the Raider-Bronco game. This will be just one of the band's performances at professional sporting events; which include exhibitions at games for the Rams and Chargers.

The entire cost of the trip was $100,000. The money was raised through various fundraising activities, and the band members themselves. The band itself is financed by the Instructional Related Activity fee, and a $6,000 contribution from the Athletic Department. The funding from the Athletic Department goes toward equipment, supplies and travel.

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"We find out who has been accepted in other schools (at Cal Poly) and find out who would be interested in being in the band," said William Johnson, Director of Bands, "That's our recruiting list.

Despite these disadvantages, the band boasts between 116 and 120 members, all of whom create halftime presentations, along with director Johnson.

Cal Poly band fans may have a chance to see the group strut its stuff on national television. The Music Committee of the Pasadena Rose Parade asked the band to perform in the parade and to apply for an entry in the 1986 Rose Parade. Only one band from northern California is allowed to enter, according to Johnson. If the entry is accepted, "The Pride of the Pacific" is a name given by Cal Poly cheerleaders 15 years ago and may also be called "The Pride of Pasadena."
Iron men and women run, swim and cycle during mini-triathlon Sunday

The Cal Poly CAPHERD physical education club held its second annual mini-triathlon Sunday.
The event, which attracted around 100 participants, started at 8 a.m. and lasted until 2:30 p.m.
The race started with a half-mile swim in the Cal Poly pool outside the Main Gymnasium. The participants then rode bicycles for twenty miles and finished with a 10 kilometer (6.2 mile) run.
Counterclockwise from left: An unidentified cyclist leans into a turn during the bike race; Steven Beckett slices through the water in the first leg of the event; and Darrin Freeman runs up the hill toward the finish line by the gym and a time of 1:54.25.
Women swimmers trounce Fresno State, 108-32

Winning each of the 17 events, the Cal Poly women's swim team dashed Division I Fresno State Friday, 10a^-2, in the Bulldogs' pool. In their opening dual meet of the season, the Mustangs were led by returning All-American Ann Stier, who captured three events. Seniors Anne Gatlin and Susan Watt each won two firsts, while freshman Nancy Stern chipped in with a pair of wins also. Obviously head coach Duane McRoy was happy with the results of the meet, but added he was also "really pleased with the times and overall effort of his swimmers." McRoy commented he was a bit surprised that so many of the times were so low.

Additionally, McRoy, who said "last year we couldn't even put together a relay that would click," possibly found a c...Especially in the 400-meter freestyle relay, where Stier, Susan Williams, Lisa Verke and Joan Mary Laubacher teamed for a 3:49.60 finish, only four seconds off the qualifying time for nationals.

The Mustangs closed the meet with Sandy Faron, Stern, freshman Linda Tucker and Laubacher swimming to a 1:66.90 time in the 200-medley relay.

Stier, a junior, followed that up with a 10:45.82 first-place clocking in the 1,000 meter freestyle. She also gained victories in the 100 free (56.71), and 200 individual medley (2:17.61).

Besides being part of both winning relays, Laubacher, who normally concentrates on sprint events, extended herself a bit in winning the 200 free with a time of 2:01.98.

She was also involved in one of the most exciting races of the evening, finishing an eyelash behind teammate Watt in the 50 free. Watt touched at 25.83, while Laubacher came in at 25.84. Watt, who McRoy said "really looked good the whole meet," and whose time in the 50 free was just six-tenths of a second off the qualifying standard, also came less than a second from earning her trip to the nationals in the 100 butterfly. Her time was 1:02.91.

Both Cal Poly divers traded firsts, with Donna McRoy winning the one-meter event with a tally of 189.35, while Carrie Lankenback took the three-meter competition scoring 174.26.

Fresnan Stern, McRoy noted, is "definitely a swimmer who can reach the national time standard." Stern earned first place points in both the 100 and 200 breaststroke events, turning in times if 1:13.22 and 2:36.80, respectively.

Senior Sandy Faron, who normally scores points in the backstroke, McRoy said "proves what I was saying" about the Mustangs' versatility, as she placed first in the 500 free in 5:03.9.

Gatlin garnered both backstroke events, winning the 100 in 1:05.50 and the 200 in 2:19.19.

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Mustangs Bearly drop NIVT match to Berkeley

by Brian Bullock

Another tough loss Saturday to the Golden Bears of UC Berkeley ended any hope of Mustangs' volleyball team back on the path of advancing to the playoffs of the National Invitational Tournament, or NIVT, as regulated by UCLA.

Additionally, Poly head coach Mike Wolf had said the 13-15, 15-7, 14-11 loss to the Golden Bears could have ended any chance the Mustangs have of hosting a first-round regional playoff game at the end of the season.

The last time the two teams met was Oct. 8 at Cal Poly. During that match the Mustangs won the first two games convincingly, lost the next two games to an inspired Mustang team, and then came back from an 11-8 deficit in the fifth game to win the match.

Following that Oct. 8 match, the Mustangs went on to win five of their next six games, losing only to USC, which ranked fifth nationally at the time. During that streak, the Mustangs record improved to 13-11 before entering the NIVT.

The Mustangs began the NIVT with an obvious disadvantage, having only two players healthy enough to supply the fatigued scoring foot after the weekend. The club's top scorer ran up six goals against UC Berkeley Wednesday, switching the phrase to: 12. For early orders, call Donna 543-7803. The other usual substitutes, Stacy Stowell, Vera Pendergast, and Carol Tschasar, were starting due to injuries.

The competition began with San Diego State (2-0), the lead, followed by UC Berkeley (2-0), Cal Poly (1-1), with LSU (0-1) and New Mexico (0-1-2) last.

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The Golden Bears gained serve and put it to good use, serving out three straight points to win the match and the tournament.

The final match of the tournament for the Mustangs pitted them against New Mexico, another top team. The Mustangs defeated New Mexico 15-11, 10-13, ending the tournament on a positive note.

Women consistent in soccer routs

An old saying in the sports world to describe a team with a potent offensive attack combined with a leaky defense goes, "You'll score but we'll score more.

The Cal Poly women's soccer club played a variation on that theme last weekend, winning the phrase to: "We'll score and you won't at all," as it closed the regular season with identical 11-0 routs of UC Riverside and Occidental.

The Mustangs have now outscored their last four opponents 37-0.

And, as has been the case through most of the season, it was freshman forward Lisa Best who had the most telling scoring foot after the weekend. The club's top scorer ran up six goals in the two wins, including four versus Occidental.

But, as the scores indicate, she had plenty of company on the scoring charts in both games. Club president Nancy Wilson and sophomore Maureen Murray each chipped in a pair of goals against the Highlanders, while Kristin Sandberg and left wing Lori Moore tallied each one in both of the victories.

The Mustangs closed their regular season with a sparkling 12-2-1 mark and now get ready for the playoffs, which will be played Nov. 18-20.

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