James Watt, the controversial former U.S. Secretary of the Interior, spoke to a crowd of over 600 at Cal Poly Thursday night. Outside in the University Union several people carried picket signs with anti-Watt slogans while others sold anti-Reagan campaign buttons.

Two hours before the primer entered their venue, all the parking spaces were filled with cars. The University Union was so crowded that people were being turned away at the entrance. A news poll by The Washington Post and ABC said that 54% of Americans believe Watt's policies are in the best interest of the country. Watt was supported by 44% of the respondents. Watt's billion dollar program quadrupled restoration and maintenance programs to improve the parks. He said Watt had driven up the cost of purchasing lands at the rate we could be. At that time there was recession, so we had no economic strength. In 1983, however, I acquired more new lands in one year than any other secretary of the interior ever had since 1957, when Alaska was purchased. Watt boasted.

Concerning the nation's energy situation, Watt recommended that America invest in research for all kinds of energy—coal, gas, solar, nuclear and wind. "America is vulnerable, it needs energy as its Achilles heel to maintain and enhance life," he said.

The evening wasn't without humor. Music from the Beach Boys played loudly before the program started. Viewpoints opposing Watt's were voiced by a three-member panel of Cal Poly professors and local planner before Watt addressed questions from the audience.

After Watt's introductory comments, Raymond F. Zeuschner, Cal Poly's director of forensics introduced. Watt seemed very proud of the fact that he fixed a "great coal leasing giveaway." Watt's "great coal leasing giveaway." Ashbaugh also criticized Watt in three areas, starting with the national parks. "I think I'll save those last few seconds for students when I graduate..." he said. Dennis Matthews, a San Luis Obispo planner active in the Sierra Club, Ashbaugh severely criticized Watt in three areas, starting with the national parks.

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Everything has its price.
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ASI President Jeff Sanders has recently announced details of an estimated $12 million Intramural/Recreational Sports complex planned for the soccer field behind the gym. The facility would seat 5,000 (with concert seating 6,000) and would provide facilities for a variety of recreational sports.

Because of tight educational budgets, funds for this project will have to come from the students. The method of student-funded facilities has been implemented successfully at several universities, including San Jose State, throughout California.

A fee for the facility will be phased in over the next four years and by 1989 students would be paying $30 per quarter for the facility.

With most student budgets at the low end of the economic scale, $30 may seem like a lot of money; but keep in mind that current fees are stabilized and this cost will not be in addition to the traditional rise in student fees.

And look at it this way, that $30 per quarter will buy two additional soccer/softball fields which would be located near the Health Center, a reorganized parking area and a much needed concert facility that would seat approximately 3,000 more people than the Main Gym.

Sanders is pushing the Student Senate to put a referendum on next election's ballot so students can decide whether they are in favor of and willing to fund this project.

If cultural and recreational events are to remain a part of this university system, students have to get involved. For the facility to even be a possibility the university must first have the approval of the student body. The Mustang Daily urges you to tell your school's senator that you are in favor of the facility and you want the ASI to approve the proposal.

If it is going to take a sacrifice of $30 per quarter to bring the type of events to this campus that you, the students, have made it clear you want, we request that when the facility is placed on student election ballots that you vote in favor of the issue.

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Watt panel thought biased

Editor:

On Thursday night I attended the symposium in Chumash Auditorium in which former Secretary of the Interior James Watt was invited to speak. I was shocked to witness the behavior of the panel. Their lack of dignity and respect for Watt and our community is something of an embarrassment.

I am ashamed that when we invite a prominent national figure to discuss important issues with us, the best we can come up with is a one-sided, confrontational, immature, beligerant and insulting group of individuals. With the exception of Dr. Nakamura, who fairly presented his views with the intent of directing productive dialogue, the panel acted childishy and opted for personal insults and barking at the audience.

Most of the panel's discussion was completely irrelevant to the issues that are involved. These two members had no intention of discussing issues, but rather came to make cowardly attacks at Watt's character.

I applaud Watt for his composure and patience and would not have fared as well if I were in his position. Whether or not you agree with his policies, the man deserves courtesy and respect. The two panel members other than Dr. Nakamura have a lot of growing up to do, and I apologize (once again) to Mr. Watt for having to be subjected to their immature and unprofessional conduct.

Kirk R. Peterson

Student apologies to Watt

Editor:

Last Thursday evening I attended the talk given by our former Secretary of the Interior, James Watt, and I feel that the panel discussion which followed the talk is deserving of a response. First of all, I would like to commend Dr. Roy Nakamura for his part and conduct in the panel discussion. While I disagree with his politics, I found Dr. Nakamura's comments appropriate, considerate, and showing a genuine interest in stimulating constructive dialogue. However, excepting Dr. Nakamura, I feel that the vague generalities and personal insults directed at Mr. Watt by the remaining two members of the panel were totally inappropriate. By avoiding specifics and continually venting their personal dislikes for Mr. Watt, this unbalanced, one-sided panel lost any credibility or respect it may have salvaged from the discussion. Personally, I would like to extend my apologies to Mr. Watt for the rude and unbecoming behavior of both the panel and the portion of the audience who felt that booing, hissing, and rudeness toward Mr. Watt were appropriate. It embarasses me to think that this is how Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo are represented to someone of Mr. Watt's stature, or any guest speaker for that matter.

Stefan Gustafson
Professor returns from magnetic research trip

by Margarita Hills

A Cal Poly physics professor returned from a research trip to Australia and New Zealand last week, where he collected samples for his study of paleomagnetism.

Ken Hoffman made his 10-day visit to the Southern Hemisphere to collect rock cores to use in his research of prehistoric magnetic field changes.

Hoffman explained that every million years or so the earth's magnetic field changes, sometimes completely reversing itself so the North Pole becomes the South Pole and vice versa.

Hoffman published models of what might be going on in the magnetic field in 1977 in Science Magazine and in 1978 in Nature. Interest in the subject triggered the National Science Foundation to fund Hoffman's research, which began with a sabbatical in 1980 to Australia and New Zealand.

The thrust of the research is to understand what happens when the magnetic field changes.

Hoffman collected rocks from Akaroa, New Zealand and the Liverpool range in Australia (200 miles north of Sydney) which will be used to determine the directions and intensities of magnetic changes by the sequence of lava flows. A seven-week trip to the area was made last year to gather the samples, but unexpected heavy rainfall made it impossible to gather all the necessary data. The past trip, the last one for this particular research project, allowed him to complete his collection of data.

There are several reasons for doing work in that region, Hoffman said. The main two are that Australia has the best-equipped paleomagnetism laboratories, and that it is necessary to get comparative samples from the Southern Hemisphere to understand the types of complications involved in magnetic field changes, particularly when there is no apparent North or South pole. "The magnetic field intensity decreased 90 percent in the Northern Hemisphere and I want to see if it's the same in the Southern Hemisphere," he said.

Research is continuing as Hoffman finishes measuring the magnetism of the rock samples with a magnetometer in his lab on campus. Hoffman noted that while he is not collaborating with anyone on the project, students help him process samples in the lab and government and university employees in Australia and New Zealand helped him in collecting samples.

Progress so far has shown what Hoffman expected. "Both sites (in Australia and New Zealand) show that as volcanoes were developing millions of years ago the magnetic field attempted to reverse several times," Hoffman explained.

Hoffman expects to know the directional results of his research by the end of next week, after measuring the magnetism in all of the samples. But to determine the intensity changes of the magnetic field will take longer. Hoffman projected a December date before reaching any conclusions.

In addition to trips to Australia, Hoffman has enjoyed traveling in different parts of the country to talk about his work on paleomagnetism and paleointensity.

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THE FAR SIDE

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Cal Poly's drama program is very fine and professionally designed for effect. Whaley said. "We think that period and I am very pleased with the students' work and their preparation in the production of a play. They work in the theater—what it was, where it came from, and maybe sometimes about where it is headed." Whaley explained.

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Man's animal treatment improves over 300 years

by Donald Munro
Special to the Daily

Man’s attitude towards the treatment of animals has changed dramatically over the past 300 years, a Cal Poly professor said last Wednesday in a book review lecture.

"Man and the Natural World: A History of the Modern Sensibility," a social-historical work by Keith V. Thomas, was reviewed by English Professor Michael J. Wenzl.

The lecture was part of the series "Books at High Noon" sponsored by the Robert E. Kennedy Library.

In his book, Thomas attempts to account for the changing attitudes toward animals in England from the 16th century to the present, Wenzl said.

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In Tudor times, man was regarded as the center and purpose of the universe, and cruelty to animals was common. Animals and plants were thought to have been created for man’s enjoyment—domestic beasts were used to plow the fields, and wild animals were hunted for food or enjoyment.

This belief in man’s right of absolute dominance over animals was known as human ascendancy and was in large part perpetuated by the church, Wenzl said.

"The right to subject animals to human control has always had a religious foundation," Wenzl said.

Tudor theologians and philosophers argued that man was a rational thinking being with free will and an immortal soul—all qualities that animals lack, they said.

Over the years, the attitude toward animals began to change. A major factor was the increasing practice of domesticating animals such as dogs, hawks and horses.

Household pets were first kept by the aristocratic classes, and the custom spread quickly, with dogs becoming the most popular pet in England, Wenzl said.

Watt fends of panel attacks, answers audience questions

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"Watt says that we shouldn’t believe the press, that the papers are enemies of truth. So as I go through a list of things Watt has said, keep that in mind, because I certainly hope that anyone holding high office wouldn’t say such things," said Houseman.

A Republican, Houseman criticized Watt’s carrying out Republican policies, such as running big deficits, opposing rights of local governments, building nuclear power plants where they were unwanted, showing favoritism with multi-national corporations, and breaking down the Freedom of Information Act.

Houseman also disagreed with Watt’s past analogies of liberals and environmentalists as un-Americans and Nazi birdwatchers.

Watt’s only response was a reference to a quota that was misunderstood that the American Indian reservation is an "example of failed socialism." Watt explained that he was not criticizing the mistreated Indians, but trying to point out their problems and the injustice they have received.

"Someday, someday we will have the compassion to realize what has been done to the American Indians and have the courage to give them a fair shake.

"The final panelist, biology professor Royden Nakamura, discussed the link between preservation and development as conservation. He also pointed out that certain segments of society receive more benefits from our national resources than other, such as big business.

Zeuschner then took questions from the audience which touched on energy, oil importation, coal and timber stripping, pollution and nuclear waste disposal.

Even though Watt had recommended several sites for nuclear power plants, he claimed he had no expertise in the field at all.

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Watt defends his policies supports successor Clark

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Ashbough brought up Watt's suggestion to build a nuclear power plant right next to a national park, calling it a "failure to exert stewardship and common sense."

"Well, did they build the plant there?" Watt asked.

"No," replied Ashbough, "luckily they refused your invitation."

"Well, then no damage was done, was there?" Watt said getting laughter from the crowd.

Another question from the audience was how Watt felt his replacement William Clark was doing as Interior Secretary.

"I'm extremely pleased with him. He's a fine, fine man...his programs are the same as mine, which will restore this country's greatness."

To this Houseman replied simply, "I think he's totally unqualified."

'He's (William Clark) a fine, fine man...his programs are the same as mine, which will restore this country's greatness.'

—James Watt

Watt did not appear rattled or intimidated by his attackers, but some of his responses showed he was not pleased.

"We need to say a prayer for the students of this school if they have to face this every day," he responded to a criticism, which brought a round of cheers and applause. After one panel member used an obscenity to describe Watt's programs, Watt said, "I don't know how much of a man you can take and still be polite."

Earlier in a press conference Watt explained his side of the events that led to his resignation.

"My usefulness expired. I was an obstacle to Reagan's reelection. It was purely political...I just made a mistake. I made an insensitive statement against the handicapped. I apologised and it cost me my job."

"I came in as a revolutionary; we were the attack squad. I was out to change America. I got the job because I was quick and fast, and I have a quick tongue. I know I'd go out the way I did."

Watt's distrust in the American press was apparent when he said, "I wish the media would present the facts, truth and honesty instead of psychoanalyzing personalities and trying to create conflict and stir up controversy...Good points are never portrayed."

Watt revealed that his wife is writing a book about the events that led to his resignation.

Watt said that except for his last unfortunate remark in office he had no regrets, "I knew I'd finally get me."

During the press conference a tape recorder clicked off. Watt was heard saying, "Does this mean our time is up? Want me to just flip the tape for you? See how much I help the press after all it's done for me?"

Watt admitted that the reason he is touring as a speaker now is because he's "doing to create conflict and stir up controversy...Good points are never portrayed."

"I know they'd finally get me. They were against me all along for changing the order of America in natural resource management. Only I thought they'd get me in 18 months and it took them 34."

Watt thought he would be remembered by history as "a man who had enough courage to bring significant change to restore the parks, to allow access to public lands and to create jobs and do what's right under the government."

After adjournment, Watt stepped off the stage to shake hands and was greeted by autograph seekers as well as some hecklers.
Poly women easily blast Riverside

by Shari Ewing

The Cal Poly women's basketball team added another game to the win column when it beat UC Riverside, 75-58, in a highly emotional game Saturday night.

The Lady Mustangs jumped to a quick lead, thanks to the sharp shooting of forwards Sue Farmer (14 points) and Terrie MacDonald (10 points). Swift continued to lead her team in scoring, when she totaled 18 points. Lattimer finished the game with 10 points.

Freshman center Aleta Sandri played a tough game defensively as she pulled down a game-high 11 rebounds. MacDonald and Farmer were second and third in that category with eight and seven caroms, respectively.

Guard Chris Hester also played well defensively and offensively. To the chagrin of Riverside, Hester committed numerous steals and salvaged a fast-break attempt by MacDonald. Kelly Ulrich also enjoyed a good game, pulling down four rebounds and making numerous assists, as did teammate Sherry Atchberry.

The final game for the Lady Mustangs is Thursday in the Main Gym against Cal Poly Pomona. Cal Poly will aim to end the season with a 7-5 conference record. Tipoff will be at 5:45 p.m. as the opener of a women's/men's basketball doubleheader.

The Cal Poly women scored an easy, 75-58, win over UC Riverside Saturday night in the Main Gym.

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The Cal Poly men's basketball team watched helplessly Saturday night as its hopes for making the playoffs disappeared, and with it, Jim Dine's 19-shot game that was just wide.

The Mustangs went up 20 points late in the game, but Jeffries came up with a steal and a basket to keep the Mustangs in the game. The ball bOUNCED to Poly's Jim Van Winkle. Van Winkle immediately passed to Jeffries, who was the game's high scorer with 19 points, and -signifying his way downcourt, Wheeler let fly a 30-footer at the buzzer that was just wide.

Besides Wheeler, who had another six assists to add to his league-high total, the Mustangs also received 12 points from forward Nate Hatten.

The Highlanders pulled three in double-figure, led by Tim Bell and David Myers with 12 each and forward James Fontanette with 10.

The Mustangs host Bakersfield Thursday night in their final CCAA game of the season.