Poll shows Poly students favor incumbents

By Matt Weiser

A Mustang Daily poll of 146 Cal Poly students indicates they will vote Nov. 4 to retain incumbents in state-elected positions.

Results show that 60 percent of those polled will vote for incumbent Republican Gov. George Deukmejian, while 33 percent will vote for Democratic challenger and Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, with 7 percent undecided.

In the U.S. Senate race, according to the poll, Democratic incumbent Sen. Alan Cranston will hold onto his office with 47 percent of the vote. Thirty-six percent of the respondents picked Republican challenger Ed Zschau for the Senate, losing to Cranston by 17 votes. Twenty-five voters, or 17 percent, were undecided in this race, indicating the potential for change since more people have made up their minds about the Senate race than the governor's race.

Sixty-five men and 81 women participated in the poll, or 45 percent and 55 percent, respectively. Republicans made up 50 percent of those polled, Democrats accounted for 25 percent, and 25 percent filled the "other" category, which included Libertarians, Independents, Peace and Freedom party members and unaffiliated voters.

Only 69 percent of those polled are registered to vote, and only 64 percent are actually planning to vote in the Nov. 4 election. Findings indicate that some people are planning to register prior to the election, but even more are already registered but are not planning to vote in the election.

Most respondents approve of Proposition 56. The proposition authorizes the state to sell $400 million in general obligation bonds to finance the construction of new college facilities. Only 10 "no" votes were cast for Proposition 56.

If passed, Proposition 61 would place a limit on the salaries of elected and appointed state officials, including teachers and other educational staff. Otherwise known as the Gann initiative, it is feared that this proposal would severely limit the ability of state universities to attract quality faculty. It was defeated in the poll by a 13.7 percent margin. "No" votes came from 77 people, 57 voted for passage and 12 were undecided.

Proposition 62, if passed, would require a two-thirds vote of the local governing body and a majority vote of the people before any new or higher general taxes could be instituted. Those polled decisively approved of Proposition 62, with 66 percent for the initiative, 23 percent against and 11 percent undecided.

Proposition 63 would declare English the official language of California. About 24 percent said they would vote against this idea.

By Pete Brady

A familiar Cal Poly scene: inner-campus roads at 11 minutes after the hour are jammed with pedestrians, bicyclists and skateboarders. A van with state license plates is also edging its way through the crowded thoroughfare, along with other motor vehicles operated by Disabled Student Services or private individuals. Some students are forced off the roads as the vehicles jostle by. They complain, curse and sometimes confront vehicle drivers.

What's wrong with this scene? It's illegal, according to Cal Poly police and the chairman of the campus parking and traffic committee. And according to Ed Naretto, who as Plant Operations director has jurisdiction over several state vehicles used on inner-campus roads, driving on inner campus roads between classes is not only illegal, it's dangerous.

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Bikes, cars jostle for campus space

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Is your vote for sale?

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.

Thomas Jefferson

As midterm exams loom over the horizon once again, I find it interesting to watch hordes of students absorbed in textbooks, spreading out stacks of unreadable notes and feverishly punching away at expensive calculators. At least I find it curious until I'm forced to do likewise. Despite the "party attitude" that Cal Poly allegedly has, I still marvel at how hard Cal Poly students study, at least for their classes.

But this is also election time, and the enthusiasm that goes into one's college work is rarely if ever transferred to the study of the issues on the November ballot. It seems to me that the apathy and confusion associated with election day is due to sheer frustration.

The issues usually don't seem that important, and they don't seem to have much of an impact. Actually, they are important, and they do have an impact. I suppose some of the issues aren't exactly exciting, but since when is organic chemistry exciting?

As a result of this apathy toward elections, there is a vast number of people who go to the polls poorly informed of the issues. This is very dangerous because these are the people who are susceptible to disinformation designed to mislead them to vote a certain way.

More and more campaigns incorporate emotion and deception in political advertisements to entice voters to vote a certain way. This is a serious problem because this type of campaigning makes it much easier for disinformation to spread.

In order to finance the big-budget campaigns, candidates turn to political action committees, otherwise known as PACs. For state races, candidates and committees can also go directly to corporations, labor unions and other political organizations. In the last non-presidential election, 1982, PACs contributed more than $83 million to congressional candidates. For this year the figure is estimated to be roughly twice that.

From 1975 to 1982, the 20 largest political groups in California contributed more than $16 million to state legislative candidates. These organizations represent physicists, lawyers, real estate developers, bankers, auto dealers, utilities, etc. Nation-wide PACs are supported by big business and labor unions more than any other source. This year, the big PACs are being felt close to home. Oil companies have already spent more than $350,000 to defeat Proposition 226.

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Make your vote count Tuesday.

letters to the editor

Issue is not athletics, but who will pay for it

Editor — 56 cents per quarter. Is this a lot of money? This is all it would take to keep Dave Johnson and Devin Muldoon in Cal Poly. So is it a lot of money? Of course not, but you shouldn't say you're paying for the education of two aspiring designers any more than you should pay to see why we have a Tipsy Taxi program. Our ASI Vice President, Stan Van Vleck was pictured drinking to get drunk not only on campus, but in front of an audience. All we need to prove is: if you drink, you must get drunk. If you must get drunk, you must call the Tipsy Taxi.

I have a better idea. Instead of wasting our ASI fees and encouraging irresponsible drunks, why not turn to political action committees to raise the necessary $16 million to finance our own study of the issues. This is very dangerous because these are the people who are susceptible to disinformation designed to mislead them to vote a certain way.

Every dollar that is spent by those who seek to influence elections, and therefore decisions made on Capitol Hill, is a dollar that is spent to mislead us. These organizations represent physicists, lawyers, real estate developers, bankers, auto dealers, utilities, etc. Nation-wide PACs are supported by big business and labor unions more than any other source. This year, the big PACs are being felt close to home. Oil companies have already spent more than $350,000 to defeat Proposition 226.

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Lawrence Kahle
Vatican opposes homosexuality

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican instructed bishops Thursday to stamp out pro-homosexual views within the Roman Catholic church and oppose any attempt to condone homosexuality through legislation or other means.

In a letter to the bishops approved by Pope John Paul II, it accused pro-homosexual groups of "deceitful propaganda" and trying to gain a foothold in the church.

"Increasing numbers of people, even within the church, are bringing enormous pressure to bear on the church to accept the homosexual condition as though it were not disordered and to condone homosexual activity," it said.

The 15-page letter was dated Oct. 1 and made public Thursday.

Gorbachev to see Latin America

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev is planning to visit Latin America, apparently in an attempt to penetrate peacefully an area where the United States has long seen the dominant influence, administration officials say.

The Soviet Communist Party General Secretary plans to visit Cuba, Mexico's closest ally in the hemisphere, and also is expected to become the first Soviet leader ever to travel to Mexico, Argentina and Brazil, the officials said. The trip, tentatively set for next spring, may include other South American countries as well.

Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze visited Mexico City three weeks ago and laid the groundwork for the Soviet-Mexican summit, according to the officials, who insisted on anonymity.

Gang members tied to Libyans

CHICAGO (AP) — Four street gang members who allegedly approached the Libyan government and offered to carry out terrorist bombings and attacks in the United States in exchange for money were indicted Thursday on federal weapons charges.

The indictments were announced by U.S. Attorney Anton Knox and Davis, all of Chicago.

Knox and Davis were arrested Aug. 5 following a raid on the gang's South Side headquarters that yielded more than 30 weapons, including an M-72 light anti-tank weapon.

Mayes is still being sought by authorities.

letters to the editor

Athletics benefits all:
vote yes on referendum

Editor — The upcoming athletics referendum marks a pivotal point in the history of Cal Poly. Our proud tradition of academic and athletic excellence is at issue.

A committee of students, administrators and concerned alumni spent much time and effort developing a plan to "save" Cal Poly athletics. They found that it would take increased private sector contributions, permanent support from the Cal Poly Foundation and assistance from the students. A $4 student fee increase was recommended.

I cannot begin to tell you how much my athletic experience at Cal Poly has meant to me. I have seen firsthand how being on a Cal Poly team is so closely tied to the learning, maturation and enrichment process we all partake of as undergraduates.

Everyone benefits from a well-run athletic program. Certainly the athletes, but also the student body, the Administration, the townspeople, the alumni and even our competing schools. Athletics for men and women, put in proper perspective and run with integrity and pride, is a rallying point for diverse activity and enjoyment.

Money Magazine has called Cal Poly the best bargain in education on the West Coast. Please don't sell yourself short, or your university.

Even if you have little interest in sports, recognize the fact that your school's image, its resources and the enjoyment of your fellow students is enhanced immeasurably by a well-run sports program.

Keep the tradition of academic and athletic excellence alive. Please vote yes on the athletics referendum. Everyone will benefit.

THOMAS H. KLINE
SUMAT President

College is academics:
vote no on fee increase

Editor — I understand that if the athletic fee increase referendum should fail a few teams might be dropped to non-scholarship, Division III standing would be a step in the right direction.

When Len Bias died of a cocaine overdose, people stopped ignoring what has been happening in college sports. All across the country, big-time sports schools, trying to attract the best players with athletic scholarships, have ended up compromising the schools in scandals.

They have admitted and readmitted players who flunked out, altered players' grades and in many cases resorted to outright bribes.

We should recognize that the more competitive the division, the more incidental the education is for the players. Too many kids, especially those in the ghettoes, spend too much of their time out of school dreaming of making it big in pro sports instead of preparing for a real-world job. I believe this situation would be improved if academics was the school's arena of recognition and reward.

College for learning, not a jock training camp. If there are scholarships to be given, let them be given to someone who will use it for learning, not sharpening batting, tackling or dunking skills.

I am not opposed to a sports program, I just believe it should pay its own way and not compromise the integrity of the school or the degree I hope to earn from it. If the athletics department wanted to offer more scholarships they could raise the price of game tickets or persuade more people to show up.

The fee increase is a classic example of a special interest group spreading the costs and concentrating the benefits. They are organized, and because it will only cost each of us $4, they are counting on it not being worth very much for us to organize an effective resistance.

There are about 16,000 students here at Cal Poly, and last year 361 men and 150 women participated in competitive sports. The scholarships were worth $262,446 and the athletics department hopes to nearly double this amount to $353,000. It really makes you feel for every student for the privilege of being on the same campus.

I would like to urge all students to vote no on this fee increase. If you feel the need to give the athletics department $4, buy a ticket to a game. Please do not take the option away from anyone else. Vote no.

RANDY MIHM

This is the last edition in which Mustang Daily will be printing letters to the editor next week's state elections and campus athletics referendum.

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friday 31

*ASI Outings will sponsor a beginner backpacking trip to Mineral King National Park Friday through Sunday. More information is available in University Union Room 112.

Submissions contributed for consideration for publication in Calendar must be received by noon two days prior to the event.


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**Student back from W. Germany**

By Gillian Greig  
*Student Affairs Editor*  

A Cal Poly student fulfilled the university's motto of "learn by doing" last year through a paid government exchange program to West Germany.  

Brian Kreowski, a political science major, was accepted to spend a year in West Germany as a participant of the Young Professionals Program, a special program started by President Ronald Reagan in 1982 called the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange. Kreowski spent two months participating in a two-month intensive language course, four months attending a West German university in Stuttgart and six months participating in a paid internship also in West Germany.  

"The goal of the program is to increase the intercultural exchange of young students and professionals," Kreowski said. He was one of 60 Americans who were placed throughout West Germany to study and work.  

Kreowski became aware of the program through a newspaper article. He then sent a resume to The Carl Duisberg Society of New York City, which administers the program. After going to an interview in Sacramento, Kreowski was informed that he was accepted as a participant.  

The exchange appealed to Kreowski because it placed him within his specialty and gave him practical experience in his field, he said. Kreowski worked for a German attorney during the internship part of the program. "My experience will really benefit me when I go to law school and later when I begin working," he said. Kreowski plans to study international law.  

During his stay in West Germany, Kreowski attended school, participated in discussions and classes, and attended work. "I learned the ins and outs of how to get around Germany and Europe," Kreowski said. He lived with families during his stay, one while attending school and the other during his internship.  

Kreowski said the experience gave him an understanding of how the world works in business and of the world's culture. The trip also gave him the opportunity to visit with relatives he didn't even know.  

"My relatives didn't know I existed and I didn't know who they were, so it was quite an experience going over there and learning about people I didn't even know," he said.  

"People who were professionals, had on-the-job training or were still attending school all participated in the program last year."  

Applications for the 1987-88 program must be submitted by Jan. 16, 1987. The program for Americans will begin August 1987 and conclude July 1988 and it is fully paid for by the West German and American governments. Living accommodations, school books, travel expenses and anything else to do with education are paid for, Kreowski said.

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**

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- Live Band  
- Beer and Wine  
- Costume Contest  
- Cover Charge

**SENATE**

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The recreation facility will depend on the proposition for funding.  

The annual audit reports of ASI, the University Union and the Children's Center were presented and approved. Auditors said they found "no unusual accounting transactions," and called the process, "relatively dull."

A question was raised about the auditor's report during open forum and during the discussion of the report regarding the interest earned by campus clubs.  

Mary Jo Alyanak, of Poly Canyon Co-op, said she didn't understand why the auditor's report stated interest was allocated to all groups when interest was allocated only to those groups with budgets of $1,000 or more. ASI Vice President Stan Van Vleck encouraged Alyanak to meet with the finance committee to resolve the issue because auditors were not qualified to answer issues of ASI policy.  

The election committee's proposal to have pro and con arguments available at the polls regarding the Athletics referendum was passed unanimously after some discussion. Some senate members said the statements were unclear as to whether they represented a committee or individual point of view.  

The election committee agreed to have the sources of the opinions disclosed on the statements.  

A bill regarding student representation on boards and standing committees was presented for discussion by Tom Lebens from the School of Engineering. The proposed bill is an amendment to the ASI operational code and establishes standards for board and committee membership. The amendment states that all senate committees and commissions shall have a majority of student representatives from all schools of Cal Poly.  

Discussion of the bill will continue for two weeks before it is voted on by the senate.  

The finance committee approved an emergency loan giving $1,490 to the recreational sport clubs' committee for the formation of a sport clubs calendar. The committee will pay the loan back after the calendars are sold next year. Any profits from the calendar remaining after the loan is repaid will be used to promote sports.  

It was announced that five finalists have been chosen to make final proposals for the construction of the recreation facility. The architects will make their presentations Nov. 15.
IT'S HALLOWEEN!

Costumes, nightlife, horror movies

Photo by Daryl Shiptaugh and Ken Dimmer
NEW YORK (AP) — America's pastime was all over prime time last week, with four World Series games in the top 10 Nielsens, giving NBC a five-for-five season so far in the network ratings battle.

The ubiquitous No. 1 "Cosby" stayed in place — it was a lead-in to Game 5 on Thursday night — with a 35.4 rating and a 54 share, down from its record-setting 57 share of the previous week.

Games 6, 5, 4, 3, in order, were Nos. 2, 3, 5 and 6, interrupted only by CBS's "60 Minutes" at No. 4, with a 26.3 rating and a 40 share.

The Series will continue to help NBC next week, when the ratings for Game 7 on Monday night are included.

Game 7 garnered the biggest audience for a baseball game ever, according to NBC, which estimated it was viewed in 34 million homes, compared to about 32 million homes estimated to have watched the sixth and deciding game of the 1980 World Series between Philadelphia and Kansas City.

Game 7, which the Mets won, 8-5, got a 38.9 rating and a 55 share, compared to a 40 rating and 60 share for the 1980 game.

Ratings points now represent more households with television than they did in 1980, which made Game 7 most-watched if not highest rated.

NBC won its fifth week in a row, the fifth week of the season, with a 21.7 rating and a 34 share. CBS was second with a 15.7 rating and 24 share.

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Search is on for a wild and creative Halloween

Downtown merchants offer costume solutions

By Sandra Coffey
Staff Writer

You swore that this Halloween things would be different. Last year while everyone paraded around in their spectacular and carefully-planned costumes, you ran around your apartment grabbing bits and pieces of whatever you could find to create in five minutes what took days for everyone else to do. Finally, you realized that your extravagant ideas just weren’t going to materialize under such short notice, and you resigned yourself to wearing something boring that absolutely nobody would notice.

Unfortunately, Halloween history has a way of repeating itself, and there’s a chance that even if you promised to get your act together this year, you may not have it. It’s a lousy predicament to be in, but it doesn’t have to be as bad as last year if you know where to go and to whom to talk.

There are several shops in town that offer remedies for costume predicaments. Costume Capers is one of the few places that will rent costumes through Halloween night. Owner Keith Wenzel said Elvira and Cleopatra were the two biggest-selling costumes available, but selling rapidly. "With a little bit of material and craft glue. She recommended ideas such as funny half-masks for $2 to $3, which are easy to add to and form a complete outfit. She explained that cavenum costumes were very easy to throw together just by going to a fabric store and getting a little bit of material and buying a cheap plastic club. Puryear said rental costumes are available but advised early selection. "It’s one of the busiest times of the year. We clear out all the toys in the store just to accommodate the Halloween merchandise," Puryear said.

Kathy Anderson, of Law’s Hobby Center, said they often have lots of merchandise until Halloween, and then it’s all gone. Anderson, a craft instructor, explained how easy it is to put together a costume with felt material and craft glue. She recommended either a jester or ninja costume, which are easily made with different colors of felt. She said Law’s often has costumes hanging up in the store to give customers ideas on how to make their own without patterns. Law’s also has cowboy and Mexican fiesta accessories, as well as top hats, a large selection of wigs and lots of bunny ears and tails, Anderson said.

Although costume shops are great places to look for potential costumes, second-hand stores are worth checking out for their selection of rentals and accessories. Second Time Around has plenty of clothing articles and accessories, Wenzel said the price would probably be under $20. He suggested the T-shirt costume as one of many other characters for only $14.50. This shop also has a large selection of masks from $1.25 to $85. Wenzel said, Costume Capers will be open today from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Lots of make-up, wigs and accessories will be available at Creekside Toys, owner Ellen Puryear said, but last-minute shoppers will have to rule out being "Jason" of Friday the 13th, because that merchandise will definitely be sold out. However, Puryear recommended ideas such as turning over outhouses, hoping spirits would be blamed for the practical jokes.

Bonfires lit to scare away the spirits have since taken the form of jack-o-lanterns. The familiar pumpkin has been substituted for the turnip, which was originally used by the Scots and Irish in their native land.

In the late 19th century, Irish beliefs that fairies played pranks on village people led young boys to carry out such endeavors as turning over outhouses, hoping that spirits would be blamed for the practical jokes. It was not until the 20th century that the practice of children dressing up and trick-or-treating was introduced, with the children receiving the treat and absentee home owners receiving the trick.

Most people have grown up with the Halloween images of ghosts, goblins and witches. The holiday has grown into a commercial success for greeting card makers.

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that could be put together to form an original costume, said owner Bernie Souza. She said they have sailor suits and uniforms, and a garage full of cheap costumes just opened this week. Souza said rental costumes most in demand have been for the Marilyn Monroe and the saloon girl-look. Rentals range from $5 to $20, and the store will be open on Halloween from 10 a.m. until "people stop coming," Souza said.

Treasure Island Antiques encourages students to come in and try things on. Manager Bill Dickerhoff said it's important to come in with an open mind because it makes finding a costume much easier. "Lots of kids come in and have a good time putting something together," Dickerhoff said.

If worse comes to worst and time is of the essence, there is another alternative. Paper Star is selling T-shirts that say "Halloween costume" on the front and on the back have a list of costumes. All you have to do is check the box of your favorite costume, and you're set for the night's festivities. For $12 you can be anything from a sex symbol to a surgeon.

Because of the popularity of Halloween in San Luis Obispo, last-minute shopping is bound to be hectic. Even though you procrastinated and will probably miss out on the most popular costumes this year, at least your costume will be original and you'll probably have lots of fun throwing it together.

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Reviewed by Ken Dintzer

For many, Halloween is a night to show just how much creativity we do (or don't) have by dressing up and going party-hopping. But for those who believe in tradition, Halloween is a time to have their wits scared out of them. This can be accomplished by curling up with a nice, chilling movie. Even those with a VCR, movies are just what the witches ordered.

Here it is: an attempt to separate the horrid from the horrible:

**HALLOWEEN** 1978, 93 min. (R)
Rating: 10
Besides Alfred Hitchcock, most people credit Brian De Palma with being the master of horror. With this film, Director John Carpenter ("The Thing," "Escape from New York") leaves behind the horror genre he made successful in "The Heart He Came Home," and that's the most I will say about one of my favorite scary films.

What makes it so good? The music, for one thing. The very simple piano tune (which has been unsuccessfully imitated in every bad horror movie made since) is blood-curdling. Alone it is scary enough, but combined with the great cinematography and good performances by Donald Pleasance and Jamie Lee Curtis, this is the ultimate horror film. Also, and far from incidentally, this is not a blood-soaked film where the liquid flows like cheap wine. Enjoy, and I dare you to watch it with the lights off.

**BLOWOUT** 1981, 107 min (R)
Director: Brian De Palma
Rating: 9
What makes this film so excellent is the very careful way that it is put together. A detective (Travolta) is trying to solve a murder case, but his evidence is insufficient. He begins to build a case, but his investigation is hindered by the fact that the murderer is continuously watching him. As the story unfolds, Travolta is able to gather enough evidence to solve the case, and the viewer is left with a sense of satisfaction at the end.

**NIGHTMARE ON ELM STREET** 1985 (R)
Rating: 9
The most common (and most feared) plot device ever is what I call "the big dream." This is where a writer has come up with an interesting premise for a story, but in so doing paints himself into a corner. Unable to find a logical ending, the writer has the protagonist wake up and realize that it was all just a dream. Writer/director Wes Craven takes this stale old idea, twists it, grinds it, and comes out with one of the freshest horror flicks released in the 80s.

The movie opens with Freddie creating strap-on claws that look more menacing than Norman Bates' knife and Johnny Rambo's bazooka. He haunts several kids by appearing simultaneously in their dreams. By moving in and out of these dreams at odd intervals, Craven keeps the viewer guessing as to what is real and what is in the land of sleep. To confuse the matter even more, it turns out that Freddie is quite capable of carrying out acts of violence on the people whose dreams he's entered. The camera work is good and the editing is quick and intense, making this a wonderfully suspenseful movie.

This film, which supports a good, believable cast of teenagers, is nice for one other reason: the lead heroine is intelligent (and she's not even a geek). Usually in horror films, we're subject to stupid girls who do stupid things, like opening locked doors or leaving doors unlocked or running to hide in the closet. In this film we find a girl who thinks everything through, plans a course of action, and goes after the creature who's been stalking her dreams. How refreshing. The only real let-down comes when Craven closes the film using the second most common plot device ever (which I won't describe because it doesn't ruin the film, and I don't want to either.)

If you go to a friend's house to see this one, don't park far from the front door; it's a long walk when you're absolutely sure there are monsters in the bushes.

**THE OMEN** 1976, 111 min (PG)
Rating: 8
This one goes for all the marbles. It doesn't mess around with axe wielders in hockey masks or some babysitter in the house alone. In this film we come face to face with the devil's offspring, all 36 inches of him. Gregory Peck (who is the U.S. ambassador to Great Britain) and Lee Remick adopt Damien, a little boy who must be one of the most haunting characters ever.

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HORROR

From Spotlight 5 portrayed in a horror film.
The first in a trilogy (the others, "Omen II" and "The Final Conflict," aren't quite as good as this one, but are worth seeing all the same), we watch horrified as the devil maneuvers and manipulates Peck's household and life in order to prepare Damien for some as yet unspecified (but easily guessed at) future.
The movie is not short on graphic violence, but then what more could we expect from the Devil? One of the reasons that it's so good is because not everything is explained, not everything is answered. This may be because of the two movies that followed it. This is one of those few films, like "Star Wars," where the sequels weren't stapled on as an afterthought of how to eke out a few more dollars. Three movies were planned all along. But whatever the reason, this movie leaves so much up to the viewer's imagination that we can't help but being scared.

In one scene involving Doberman pinschers and another with monkeys, the viewer is kept glued to his seat, but the most horrifying moments of all are watching the sallow-faced boy stand unmoved by the terrifying events that surround his life.

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William Hurt and Marlee Matlin give riveting performances in "Children of a Lesser God"

By Deanne Holweger

"Children" is golden — particularly for newcomer Marlee Matlin in "Children of a Lesser God," her first movie performance. Come Academy Award time, she is surely a contender for the gold, as is co-star William Hurt ("Kiss of the Spider Woman," for which he won Best Actor in 1985, and "The Big Chill"). He gives a riveting performance in this movie focusing on the impact of the hearing in the deaf world.

The movie begins when James Leeds (Hurt) is hired as a speech teacher for a deaf school in a small island community. Sarah Norman (Matlin) is a former student who is working at the school as a janitor when Hurt arrives. Their relationship begins with her refusal to speak to anyone, including James.

The storyline strengthens the depth and understanding of both the hearing and the deaf communities; Matlin's character is completely deaf, as is she in real life. Matlin's true success with her character is achieved without uttering a word, and the audience doesn't miss a line.

The love-hate relationship turns into a complicated affair between James and Sarah, a beautiful, isolated and angry woman.

Hurt has shown his ability to play to a variety of audience emotions in his last few films —

humor, tragedy, and even irony. In "Children," we see James display an immaculate sense of humor throughout the film. His lines are classic; his facial expressions, better. The script, based on a stage play by Mark Medoff and adapted for screen by Medoff and Hesper Anderson, gave Hurt the capacity to laugh with Sarah, for her, and because of her — but never at her.

Piper Laurie as Sarah's mother deserves a mention. Her performance was believable (So what's new?).

It should be noted that this movie has already done very well in other media. It won the Tony Award for Best Play in 1979-80. A directorial debut was made in the film by Randa Haines, whose Emmy Award-winning "Something about Amelia" was unanimously acclaimed.

Music Director Michael Convertino did an excellent job. The movie score, or lack of it through nearly half of the movie, is appropriate. The audience listened with their eyes. In that respect, there were just enough words: not one too many, not one too few, which can be attributed to the genius of Anderson and Medoff.

Viewers are encouraged to pay close attention to the water scenes throughout the movie, there is a special significance to them. There is also no need to bring tissues for tears — remember the movie is not over until the last word is signed.

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Cheers' stars to finally wed

NEW YORK (AP) — Sam and Diane, the jock bartender and the intellectual waitress on the NBC comedy "Cheers," will get hitched in the last episode of the season, said series star Ted Danson.

"Everyone's doing romance with sexual tension-type banter now. It's time to move on," Danson was quoted as saying in USA Today on Thursday.

The newspaper said the story line will begin later this season, with Danson's Sam proposing a second time to Diane, played by Shelley Long.

Danson, a New York entertainment publicist Virginia Holden said she had not heard of any wedding plans.

Long has said she would like to move on, but Danson told USA Today, "It could go either way."

The wedding between the two characters, who are infamous in television circles for proving the notion that opposites attract, has become a long-awaited event for many "Cheers" fans who have been kept in suspense about the true feelings of the characters toward each other.
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Children of a Lesser God — The love story be­ tween a man and a deaf woman, told in sign language as well as in spoken words. William Hurt and newcomer Marlee Matlin star. Festival Cinemas.

The Color of Money — Paul Newman and Tom Cruise star in this sequel to the classic film “The Hustler.” Festival Cinemas.

Crocrode Dundee — Paul Hogan as an outback Australian who attempts the "sophisticated urban jungles of Manhattan." Festival Cinemas.

Ferris Bueller’s Day Off — Matthew Broderick as the sly high school kid who plays hooky to hockey and teaches his best friend all about how to live life. Madonna Plaza Theatre, Fair Oaks Theatre.

Flight of the Navigator — A modern-day Rip Van Winkle story of a boy, who takes a ride in an alien spaceship and comes back unchanged eight years later. Madonna Plaza Theatre.

The Fly — Jeff Goldblum goes from man to hideous fly in less than 120 minutes. Festival Cinemas.

Jumpin’ Jack Flash — A comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg as a mild-mannered woman captured in a web of espionage. Festival Cinemas.

A Great Wall — The story of the culture shock that results when a Chinese-American man brings his family to visit mainland China. Mission Cinemas.

Howard the Duck — A duck from another world finds romance and adventure in America. Bay Theatre.

Karate Kid II — Ralph Macchio returns as Daniel, the little guy with a heart of gold and a mean kick. Bay Theatre.


Nothing in Common — It’s a comedy about family relationships that purports to be "just like real life." Stars Tom Hanks and Jackie Gleason. Madonna Plaza Theatre.

Peggy Sue Got Married — Kathleen Turner stars in this story of a woman who is thrown back to her 20s (1985). Sunday at 6 p.m. on Channel 5 (4 hrs).

Runing Scared — Billy Crystal and Gregory Hines star as two cops on the heels of drug dealers. Just say no, guys. Festival Cinemas.


Short Circuit — The adventures of a cute, adorable little robot. Bay Theatre.

Sky Bandits — The wild adventures of two bank robbers from the last days of the Wild West who get ahold of an airplane. Festival Cinemas.

Soul Man — A tricky white boy (C. Thomas Howell) pays for Harvard by saying he’s a disadvantaged black student. Festival Cinemas.

Spacecamp — Kate Capshaw stars in this movie about teenagers lost in space. Fair Oaks Theatre.

Stand By Me — A screen adaptation of Stephen King’s story about four boys who search the back roads for the dead body of a missing boy. Festival Cinemas.


Top Gun — Tom Cruise and Kelly McGillis talk about government secrets and astrophysics between two kisses. Festival Cinemas.

Tough Guys — Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas star as two ex-convicts who, after spending 30 years in jail, try to adjust to life in the 1980s. Fremont Theatre.

Trick or Treat — It’s (another) scary Halloween movie at Festival Cinemas.

Uforia — A kooky grocery store clerk gets a message from outer space beckoning her toomeke aboard a UFO ark. Stars Cindy Williams and Harry Dean Stanton. Rainbow Theatre through Monday.

Two strangers get locked in an apartment over­ night, and the result is 6 RMS RIV VU, the new San Luis Obispo Little Theatre comedy playing at the Hilltop Theatre. The show opens tonight and plays weekends through Nov. 15. Call 543-3737 for more information.

The thriller The Castle of Nevermore is playing at the Great American Melodrama through Nov. 16. The play is a tribute to the work of Edgar Allen Poe and Vincent Price movies. Call 489-2499 for information.

The Rainmaker, a pioneer romance story, opens the PCPA Theaterfest winter season this weekend. Evening shows and matinees are scheduled through Nov. 16. Call 922-8133 for information.

It’s a veritable potpourri this week. Advance programming is a free service offered to you by your VCR. Take advantage of it.

Lover Come Back (1962) — Doris Day wears a new outfit in every scene; Rock Hudson can’t resist. Saturday at 3 p.m. on Channel 5 (2 hrs).

The Absent-Minded Professor (1961) — Fred MacMurray stars in this corny comedy. Get rid of the computer-added color by tuning down the color knob on your T.V. Saturday at 6 p.m. on Channel 5 (5 hrs).

I Was a Teen Age Werewolf (1957) — Revealed: the story of Michael Landon’s present hairdo. 2:30 a.m. Sunday on Channel 5 (90 min).

I Was a Teen-Age Frankenstein (1957) — A mad scientist constructs the perfect teenager. Sunday at 4 a.m. on Channel 5 (90 min).

Girls! Girls! Girls! (1962) — Elvis Presley sam­ ples several of this Hawaiian musical extravagan­ za. Sunday at 11:15 p.m. on Channel 12 (2 hrs).

Doctor Zhivago (1965) — The classic love story set in Russia during WWI and the Bolshevick Revo­ lution. Sunday at 6 p.m. on Channel 5 (4 hrs).

— Gene Owens and his Pangea Parrot Circus will give a benefit show for Woods Humane Society Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Linneman’s Cafe. Submissions to Spotlight Calendar must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday for consideration for Friday publication. Send to Spotlight Editor, Mustang Daily, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, 93407.

It's Mustang Daily Friday, October 31, 1986
Library gallery displays unique student work

By Pete Brady

One of the most popular facets of Cal Poly's library is pictures, not books in the library collection. Instead, the library's staff displays unique student work, a place to display their work, which attracts a steady stream of visitors who often write critiques of the photos in a book provided by the librarians. Judging from the strong reactions expressed by gallery visitors, the exhibits are a source of pleasure, pain and curiosity for the viewers. Comments range from "Excellent job, you people are artists," to "What happened to creativity? Is this the best you could come up with?"

Photography student Laura K. Martin will probably be the person who takes the comments most seriously during the school year, because she's the director and curator of student gallery shows. "What I want to do is evoke emotions, make an impression on the people. It hurts me if someone interprets my pictures wrongly and it makes me feel good if we get to them," Martin said. The first show under Martin's supervision began Saturday. Before the show, Martin said that she hoped the first show would begin to "raise the level of art and creativity" in the gallery's offerings. A jurying process used in the first show is an important part of Martin's attempt to make the gallery exhibits consistently good. Some of last year's exhibits were "open shows," in which any photographer enrolled in participating photo courses could enter work for display. This led to what Martin characterized as "unfair shows" where "basically anyone could take anything in and it would be put up whether good or bad. With jurying, we're going to have photo teachers, as well as students who aren't entering the show, judge the work. It has to measure up to certain standards technically and artistically."

The 22-year-old photographer laments what she calls the lack of artistic expression found in the art program and students' attitudes toward photography. "It seemed that this year nobody was interested really. We've had a lot of people who were just doing what they had to do for their courses, without really being into it. I look for people who are creative, who go beyond the basics," she said. Martin feels it is definitely a photographer who goes beyond the basics. She's also a photographic model, and she shocked some people by appearing nude with a male model in a photo displayed in the gallery's "Portraits" show. "In my photos, I'm trying to portray many things. Mystery — to make people look at my images and wonder for awhile what it really is. Melancholy, and sometimes meanness, being a snob, being a bitch, haughty or edgy. Sometimes I look at other people's photos and don't agree with their content; like I see some that are very violent. But even if I don't like the content, if it makes me look at it for more than two seconds I'll admit it's a good photo. It gets interest," she explained.

The student gallery shows will feature themes created by Martin. "The next show is going to be an object show. I'm going to choose four photographers and give them all the same object to photograph," she said. An object show? "Well, the object is going to be a mannequin that I have, a female mannequin with no arms, no legs, no head. Each photographer will have it for two days, and they can do anything they want to it," Martin explained. The learning environment at Cal Poly has been both a blessing and a curse for Martin. "The school isn't really geared toward art," she said, adding, "I have learned the most from my fellow photographers, the creative environment — having good photographers around you who make you work harder."

Martin also believes that the photography enriches the lives of Cal Poly students through the library gallery. "A lot of the comments we get are like 'It's really a relief to find out there are people with imagination at Cal Poly.' That's why I'm doing this, hoping to launch a new beginning for art at Cal Poly," she said.

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**7-Eleven employee bares her all**

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — It wasn't the money and it wasn't the fame or the potential for stardom that convinced Sharon Gordon to shed her 7-Eleven uniform, and nearly everything else, to pose for the Playboy issue that hit newsstands Tuesday. "I did it for my ego. I'm 29. I have two children. I thought, 'Why not? Am I good enough?' Do I rate that high?" she said.

Gordon checked with her superiors before agreeing to pose along with a dozen other women in the December issue's "Women of 7-Eleven" feature. She said she'll keep her job, even though her store's parent company, Southland Corp., has refused since April to sell Playboy and its competitor men's magazines.

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Agriculture officials declare war on marijuana growers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brandishing grenades and sinister-looking booby traps, Agriculture Department officials declared war Thursday on "a highly organized criminal element" harvesting $1 billion worth of marijuana annually in the national forests.

Marijuana growers are guarding their crop with snipers and attack dogs, government officials said.

"I consider this to be an intolerable situation," Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng told a news conference that included a videotape of heavily armed, camouflage-clad agents swooping down on a forest cabin, ripping out lush-looking cannabis plants and burning them on a smoky pyre.

It also showed agents standing beside a plant in the woods and tacking up a "potbuster" poster showing green cannabis leaf with a red line through it and warning that marijuana farming is illegal. Authorized to open a $20 million lawsuit against them were 50 percent of Republicans, 25 Democrats and 25 percent libertarians, independent, peace and freedom or not affiliated.

Sixty-nine percent of those polled were registered voters and 64 percent were planning to vote.

POLL

From page 1 but 71 percent will vote for it.

Only five percent were undecided.

Students polled chose overwhelmingly to defeat Proposition 64. If passed, it would officially declare AIDS a contagious disease and permit quarantines to be imposed. More than 66 percent would vote for defeat, about 29 percent for passage and 0 percent were undecided.

Proposition 65 prohibits businesses from allowing certain chemicals into drinking water, and requires the posting of warnings to those who may be exposed to these chemicals. It would also exempt all government agencies from these requirements. Supporters would pass Proposition 65, with 37 percent approving. Twenty percent would vote against it and 3 percent were undecided.

A local proposal, Measure A, was included in the poll. If passed, it will give local residents the opportunity to vote on any offshore oil drilling proposals on the Central Coast. Currently, residents have no such power, and the Board of Supervisors has the final word. Local voters would be

given the final word on any offshore oil drilling activities. Measure A would be passed by 83 percent of those polled, with 14 percent voting against and 3 percent undecided.

Voters from the Los Angeles area were more likely to vote for Bradley. Forty-four percent of those polled who indicated a home town in the Los Angeles area would vote for Bradley. This compares to about 27 percent of those from the remainder of the state who responded for Bradley.

Overall in the poll, more Democrats indicated they would vote for a straight ticket than Republicans. The percentage of Republicans choosing both Deukmejian and Zschau was 49, while 57 percent of Democrats said they'll vote for Bradley and Cranston.

Findings indicate that generalists are not letting their party affiliation determine who they believe is the best candidate. Eighty-two percent of the Republicans said they'll vote for Bradley and Cranston.

Dales said most people born before 1950 already are immune to Taiwan flu because they lived through an epidemic of a similar strain in the late 1940s and early 1950s.

Only children and adults under the age of 35 who have chronic heart or lung illness need to be vaccinated after the serum is available, Dales said. Children and teen-agers who are taking aspirin for rheumatoid arthritis also should be immunized.

Taiwan flu is expected to hit state

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A new flu strain is expected to hit California soon but it's no more severe than an ordinary flu, according to state health officials.

The Taiwan flu is expected to arrive in late November or in December, Dr. Loring Dales, chief of the state Department of Health Services immunization unit, said on Wednesday.

"Only certain people need to get a vaccine shot," he said, but pointed out that a vaccine won't be ready until the end of the year.

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Cross country teams to host conference finals

Men's team set to challenge Pomona Broncos for title

By Dan Ruthemeyer
Sports Editor

While the men's CCAA Championship race on Saturday is shaping up as a battle between the two Cal Polys for the team title, the individual championship is still very much up in the air.

The Mustangs will be expecting Michael Miner, Mike Livingston and Chris Craig to lead the pack and contend with such runners as Eddie Toro of Cal Poly Pomona, David Walsh of Cal State Northridge, Mandala Kunene of Cal State Bakersfield and Tim Watson of UC Riverside.

While Walsh, Watson and Kunene are strong runners and figure to try to take early control of the race, they don't have the support necessary to have their teams challenge for the team title, said Cal Poly coach Tom Henderson.

In the battle for the team championship, the two Cal Polys are fairly evenly matched. The Mustangs have raced against the Broncos three times this year, with the most recent meeting being two weeks ago here at the Cal Poly SLO Invitational. In that race the Mustangs prevailed among the Cal Polys with a second place finish, while the Broncos came in fourth behind San Diego State.

The other two meetings of the Cal Polys went to the southern of the two schools. One came at the Stanford Invitational four weeks ago.

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Women to face tough Division II foes on Saturday

By Dan Ruthemeyer

The women's cross country team will face its toughest Division II competition of the year so far when it hosts the conference championships on Saturday.

Although the Mustangs have competed against both Division I and Division II opponents this year, Saturday's field should prove to be most formidable. The conference teams will include Cal State Los Angeles, which is ranked second in Division II, fourth-ranked Cal State Northridge and eighth-ranked Cal Poly Pomona.

individually, the Mustangs will have to contend with Los Angeles' Sylvia Masqueda, who has placed first in every one of her meets this year, and Pomona's Joanna Howard, who finished second to Masqueda on Cal Poly Pomona's home course.

Cal Poly coach Lance Harter said that Masqueda is a very strong runner and is the odds-on favorite to win the national championships.

While this week's race is the conference championships, Harter sees it more as a tune-up for next week's Western Regional in Riverside.

Having the meet at Cal Poly should benefit the Mustangs, said Harter, because they know how to run the course.

He said that running in a smaller field than the Mustangs are accustomed to will benefit the team because the women like to run in a tight pack.

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Mustangs edge Poly in Pomona

By John Samuel Baker

Freshman midfielder Grant Landy scored two minutes left to play Wednesday as the Cal Poly men's soccer team beat Cal Poly Pomona, 3-2.

Pomona dominated play over the lackluster Mustangs in the first half, but couldn't score as the half ended with no score.

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Cal Poly swimming

Women looking for fine season

By Julie A. Williams

The Cal Poly women's swim team opened its season with a home meet against Fresno State today at 2 p.m.

Head coach of both the men's and women's teams Bob Madrigal said Fresno State beat Cal Poly by only four or five points last year, so today's meet should be exciting.

The men have their season opener Nov. 8 in a coed duel meet with UC Santa Barbara here at Cal Poly.

The women's team is very strong this year, and will be a contender for the national title, according to Madrigal.

The team didn't lose anyone who qualified for nationals last year, and are returning two All-Americans against Fresno qualifiers.

Liz Linton, a junior, placed eighth in the 500-meter freestyle and Janey Lesnya, a sophomore, took 7th in the 200-meter backstroke and ninth in the 100-meter backstroke. Senior Nancy Stancle placed 18th in the 200-meter breaststroke.

Besides the strong returners, Madrigal picked up a lot of recruits. "All of them are outstanding, I can't pick any one person who will do the best," said Madrigal.

Some of the new recruits include freshman Kelly Hayes, who is a strong all-around swimmer; Suzanne Jarrett, a junior transfer from Cuesta College, is strong in the breast stroke; Barbra Carson, a freshman who specializes in the butterfly and freestyle; and Marisa Evans, a freshman who should do well in the butterfly and freestyle; and Marisa Evans, a freshman who should do well in the butterfly and freestyle and Marisa Evans, a junior who specializes in the individual medley and butterfly.

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Gerard said. The wooden blockades are maintained by Plant Operations and, according to Naretto and Gerard, are supposed to effectively prevent entry to inner perimeter roads unless a driver has obtained a one-day pass or annual key card from Plant Operations or Public Safety. Gerard admits the gates do not always function properly and "some personnel, primarily teaching staff, abuse their key card privileges."

"The original proposal I had was to restrict authorization for key cards to one or two university officials. This met with, let's say, less than overwhelming support from faculty. So then we turned to individual school deans and told them to request gate passes when they thought their people needed them. This hasn't been used prudently in all cases, and we've had substantial abuses," Gerard said. He also explained that because Naretto is essentially like a department head, "he feels that he cannot deny the requests of other department heads for key cards." So, too many have been issued.

Sometimes people can get on inner-campus roads because "the gates get broken by people in the evening who are frustrated and they have to be replaced. We lose about 30 gates a week. I've told my people to fix them as soon as possible. If they're left down, it compromises the whole system," Gerard explained.

A recent sampling of drivers violating the regulations revealed that few were known about or agreed with them. None of the drivers questioned would identify themselves by name; some said they were spouses of instructors, others said they were salespersons or delivery workers. All denied being told of inner-campus driving regulations, and several virtually echoed the sentiments of one driver who said, "What's the big deal? So students have a little inconvenience. I've got a job to do."

Concerns about completing jobs and emergencies are the only reasons state vehicles are supposed to be on campus roads at all, Naretto said.

"I've mentioned it over and over at my staff meetings for my people to stay off there. We encourage them to walk in to campus whenever they can. They absolutely have to use a state vehicle to carry tools or heavy items, we tell them to do it at off-peak hours," Naretto said.

Gerard is also concerned about bicycle and skateboard use of inner-perimeter roads. He said he believes people are riding and skateboarding dangerously.

Whitmer agreed: "There's been a rash of bike, skateboard and pedestrian accidents in the past few weeks."

Gerard said increasing concerns about inner-campus road safety will prompt "definite action."

French leader denies accord with terrorists

PARIS (AP) — The French government Thursday branded as fiction reports it struck a truce with Middle Eastern bombers who terrorized Paris, and it denied that France planned to exchange arms for Syrian help in the anti-terrorist fight.

Denis Baudojin, spokesman for Premier Jacques Chirac, acknowledged Syria had been cooperating with France in an effort to put an end to the terror campaign, which killed 10 people and hurt 162 in the French capital last month.

Baudojin stressed, however, that there has been "no contact, no negotiations with the terrorists."

A group calling itself the Committee of Solidarity with Arab and Middle East Political Prisoners claimed responsibility for the five bombings between Sept. 8-17. It demanded the release of Georges Ibrahim Abdallah and two other Middle Eastern men imprisoned in terrorism cases.

The newspaper Le Monde reported Wednesday that Syria helped obtain a truce in the bombings and that the brothers of Abdallah, presumed leader of the Lebanese Armed Revolutionary Faction, agreed to suspend their attacks until February 1987, after being threatened by Syrian security services.

Abdallah, serving a four-year term for possessing arms and false papers, is expected to go on trial in February in the 1982 murders of two American military attachés and an Israeli diplomat in Paris.

Asked about the Le Monde report, Baudojin said: "That's fiction and it has never been a question of (making) a truce that would have been paid for in one way or another, either by freeing Mr. Abdallah or, secondly, in the financial sphere and in the sphere of armaments. We categorically deny it."

Syria's vice president, Abdel Halim Khaddam, confirmed on French television Wednesday that Syrian secret services have been cooperating with the French to prevent further bombings in Paris. He did not say how.

Police have said Abdallah's four brothers and five other people, all living in a Syrian-controlled area of northern Lebanon, are the prime suspects in the bombings.