Professor examines S. African situation

Stephanie Flahavan

The author of the book "White Supremacy" and Stanford University history professor lectured to students and faculty Monday about the similarities and differences of black Americans in the early 1900s and the South African majority today.

"The South and South Africa: Political Foundations of Segregation and Apartheid" was the title of the lecture given by George M. Fredrickson. It was the first of a three-part series funded by the School of Liberal Arts and the Foundation to help students and faculty better understand the racial policy, geographical importance and the relationship between South Africa and the United States.

Fredrickson said the situation in Africa is like "old wine in new wine bottles."

He made several comparisons between the pre-Civil War era and the state Africa is in right now. He said the "bossism" in today's Africa is a replica of the "master slave model" the United States once used.

Segregation has existed in both countries, said Fredrickson. But the Jim Crow segregation laws were not maintained as stringently during their existence as South African apartheid has been.

Fredrickson said segregation ended in America with the rise of black protest, with moderate white leaders taking up the cause of blacks and with both black and white insulation.

The blacks in South Africa have been protesting apartheid for years, but with little action from the white supremacist. The power of the black vote has yet to grow and the rights of blacks have to be given more respect to lessen the effects of the potential See SOUTH AFRICA, page 4

Career symposium

Companies recruit at Poly

By Danielle Itenyei

Whether students were majoring in engineering or home economics, the Career Symposium on Monday was put together to get students more acquainted with the companies in their fields.

"The purpose of the Career Symposium is to give students an idea of the opportunities out there," said Joe Diaz, coordinator of Career Planning Services.

The symposium, in its eighth year at Cal Poly, featured 80 companies ranging from IBM to Bullocks Department Store. Many of the companies were interested in recruiting students for co-op programs.

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ASI investigating claim for payback

By Catherine Hernandez

ASI is investigating a claim by a student asking that ASI reimburse her for ambulance costs she paid last quarter after being injured at the ASI-sponsored Berlin concert.

ASI Executive Director Roger Conway would not release the name of the student filing the claim or the amount requested, but refuted rumors that a legal action was being filed against ASI by the injured student. "I have received one phone call and a letter and no one has mention-ed litigation."

According to Stephen Adams, ASI associate director, there were two students injured at the Oct. 21 concert when the band encouraged the audience to rush the stage. Another student was injured that evening in what Conway referred to as an "altercation."

"The student was allegedly in­jured when she came between two other girls who I believe were fighting over a boyfriend," Conway said.

The student requesting the reimbursement claims to have suffered cracked ribs when she fell and was trampled as the au-dience rushed the stage. The in­cident is being investigated by ASI's insurance company to determine whether the claim is valid or not. "We will pay if they find the claim valid," Conway said.

Both Conway and Adams said they do not believe the claim will result in legal action but say that if it were taken to court and then proven to be a frivolous claim, ASI would "fight tooth and nail and would then have the right to recover our expenses in a counter sue for abuse of civil process," Conway said.

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Airport changes have neighbors concerned

By Jennifer Manor

The planned expansion of the San Luis Obispo Airport has created much controversy concern­ing noise and safety factors.

A community group called Neighbors for Peace and Quiet was organized late last summer because of concern about a number of changes made at the airport in the past year. The changes include a new airport terminal, expanded hangar facilities, the addition of two more commercial airlines and plans to construct a Federal Aviation Administration control tower.

Steve Johnson, a member of Neighbors for Peace and Quiet, said the major concern of the group is the increased noise from engine rev-ups for maintenance purposes done by Wings West/ American Eagle Airline. "The rev-up noise volume seemed to increase, especially last sum­mer," said Johnson.

"Maintenance rev-ups can begin at any time around 10 p.m. and continue in to early morning hours, which is extremely bothersome to residents living in the airport area," Johnson also said the military helicopters and transport planes that use the airport especially during the summer months are very noisy. "The noise is one problem but there is also a safety factor," said Johnson. "The helicopters don't seem to abide by any flight patterns."

He said he would like to see a restriction put on the helicopters to reduce landings at San Luis Obispo Airport. "I can't see why the See AIRPORT, back page
They can't hear us

Tuesday in Mustang Daily there was an article about a report which supposedly offers solutions for maximizing class availability. In the article, the Dean of the School of Liberal Arts, Jon Ericson, said students must become more active if they want to see greater class availability. "Student involvement at the university isn't nearly as high as it could be. They need to be more active."

Since when is it the students' responsibility to ensure enough classes are offered? We were under the impression that administrators involved in academic affairs were paid to perform precisely this function, among others.

Kimber Sheldone, ASI marketing research coordinator who helped prepare the class availability report, agreed with Ericson. "Students can form petitions to change the situation. They have to tell the Administration that something needs to be done, and if you don't scream loud enough no one will ever hear you." We have a question for Sheldone: Has she ever listened to another student?

We hear students complaining every quarter. And yes, we've even heard them screaming. But we didn't think it was up to the students to make sure there are enough classes available. The way it works at most universities is the Administration makes sure there are enough classes and then the students enroll in them. That way, the students can spend their time studying for these classes instead of attempting to make sure they have classes to take.

We have a question for Ericson, Sheldone and others who feel the students must become more involved in order to take required classes: How loud do we have to scream?

America's telephone customers have been getting less for more ever since the breakup of Ma Bell a few years ago. While the promised savings in long distance tolls have hardly been realized, local phone rates have gone through the roof.

The behavior of California's local telephone company, Pacific Bell, and General Telephone in particular — is worthy of the Ma Bell. More insidious than the soaring rates is the ingenuity shown by the phone companies' soakings of the consumer with obscure and illegal fees.

The principal victims of this practice are the elderly, who are less likely to scan their bills. Through grandma's bifocals, the modern phone bill is about as comprehensible as a space shuttle telemetry printout, filled with dozens of cracks in which to hide various fees.

Last August, Pacific Bell was slapped on the wrist by the California Public Utilities Commission for an illegal sales practice called "bundling." Its salespeople failed to inform customers that such services as call waiting and speed calling were optional and cost extra money. Although Pacific Bell's executives contended that the practices were deceptive, they were never charged with any wrongdoing.

And now, the Reagan Administration — always acting in the best interest of the people — has given the phone companies a new gift-wrapped license to steal. The Federal Communications Commission has ruled that as of May 1, any local telephone company is no longer responsible for the "inside wiring" of the house, which includes everything between the telephone and the junction box on the outside of the house.

This presents telephone customers with a choice. Either they can risk going it alone and maintaining their inside wiring, or they can pay the phone company to do it for them. Indeed, Pacific and General have swiftly and generously conceived protection plans for those who want to be safe.

For only 50 cents per month, Pacific Bell will agree to come out and fix any problems with your inside wiring, free of charge. In the unfortunate event that you didn't sign up for such protection, a visit by a Pacific repairman costs $35 minimum, regardless of whether he can fix the problem or not.

Expensive, you say? General Telephone of Los Angeles, one of the nation's most despised and problem-plagued phone companies, will give you the same protection for only 95 cents per month. Doesn't sound too bad, does it? The GTE man will appear at your door for a minimum of $85.

Taking a tip from the Soviets, GTE forced a choice upon its customers by enclosing two return payment envelopes in a recent billing. One is green and says "yes" while the other is red and says "no." If you decide to say "no" after the April deadline, you'll be assessed $85 for a company inspection of your inside wiring.

Under GTE's plan, one repair call costs as much as seven years of protection. Hundreds of people will go for the protection, and GTE will make millions.

My ballot from Pac Bell came in a recent bill. It was a return envelope with two large boxes to either check "yes" or "no." Oh boy, I thought, another referendum — just like the ones at Cal Poly! I can vote to pay more money, or vote "no" and pay anyway.

I decided on neither option. I simply drew in a third box between the "yes" and "no" boxes on the ballot. Beside this box I wrote: "Please screw me some more!" and I put a large, graceful check mark in the box.

Sure enough, on my last bill (item 19 or something), there it was: 50 cents. Congratulations on your decision to join our Wire Protection Plan, Mr.Kelly, Oh, and thank you, sirs.

The IPCC are evidently unable to keep up with the telephone companies' ability to conclave new fees out of thin air. What California needs is a worthy of protection. The FCC and a Proposition 13 for telephone bills. Until then, we'll just have to smile and pay.

Americans are naive regarding communism

Editor — We are writing in regard to a response in last week's "On the street" feature concerning the question, "Would you rather be red than dead?" Granted, everyone is entitled to their own opinions, but we didn't think a Cal Poly student was capable of such ignorance.

The woman who said she'd rather be dead because she simply "hates communists" is a classic example of American narrow-mindedness. Most Americans are taught from a very young age to close their minds to Communism because of their fear of repression under a communist government. Do these people really know enough about communists to conclude that they are to be feared?

Let's be realistic. Can you actually say you hate someone's way of life without ever experiencing it? If we have freedom of thought, why do we close our minds?

letters to the editor

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BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

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McFarlane attempted suicide

WASHINGTON (AP) — An investigation concluded that former presidential adviser Robert C. McFarlane attempted suicide, a police source said Tuesday, while authorities said officially only that there was no evidence of foul play in McFarlane's Valium overdose.

There's nothing to say it was anything but an attempted suicide. We are satisfied that there was no crime and there's no further legal action to be taken," said Harry Gehtreng, spokesman for the Montgomery County Police in Maryland.

But a source close to the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the police had determined McFarlane's ingestion of 25 to 30 tablets of Valium, a tranquilizer, was an attempt to take his own life.

Airline agrees to pay record fine

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eastern Airlines has agreed to pay a record $3.5 million fine for safety violations found in a 1985 government inspection after fighting the fine for nearly a year, Transportation Department officials said Tuesday.

The fine was sought by the Federal Aviation Administration in early 1986 and when Eastern refused to pay, the FAA gave the matter to the Justice Department for possible legal action.

The Transportation Department said Eastern has agreed to pay the full $3.5 million, by far the largest civil penalty ever assessed against a commercial airline for safety violations.

The violations, which included record keeping infractions and a variety of maintenance shortcomings, stemmed from a detailed, in-depth inspection of Eastern in late 1985.

Moslems, Israel try to strike deal

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Moslem kidnappers were reported trying to strike a deal with Israeli on Tuesday that would free 400 Arab prisoners in exchange for three Americans and an Iranian held in Beirut and a captured Israeli airman.

The Christian Voice of Lebanon and the Moslem-run Voice of the Nation radio stations quoted "reports from Washington and other capitals" as saying the captors might be working through the Red Cross for an exchange.

In Geneva, the International Committee of the Red Cross denied involvement in any negotiations.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Israel said his government would be willing to consider a direct request for negotiations, but added that no such request has been made.

Former LA assemblyman guilty

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former Assemblyman Bruce E. Young was convicted Tuesday on five counts of mail fraud, but jurors acquitted him on 23 other counts.

Young, who was accused of 28 counts of mail fraud, is the 12th person and the only legislator indicted as a result of the federal probe of W. Patrick Moriarty's alleged attempts to buy political favors.

Moriarty, 55, was head of the Red Devil fireworks company, the country's largest. He pleaded guilty to some of the charges against him last year, agreed to testify for the prosecution against Young and was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Young, 40, a Democrat, represented the Norwalk-centered 63rd District from 1976 to 1984.

Chumash Auditorium

A slide show and a movie on the Peace Corps in Honduras will begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Agriculture Building Room 223.

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• The Financial Aid Office will hold a scholarship workshop at noon Thursday in University Union Room 220.
• ASI Outings will hold a basic leadership and communication workshop at 10 a.m. Thursday in the University Union Craft Center.
• A speech on "The Role of Intimacy in a Sexual Society" will begin at noon Thursday in University Union Room 217D.
• A speech by a member of the AIDS Task Force of San Luis Obispo titled "Get the Facts - AIDS is not a Gay Disease" will be Thursday in University Union Room 217D.
• The Counseling Center will hold a workshop on Incest: A Support Group for Women, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesday in Chumash Auditorium.
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• Financial Aid will hold a S.A.A.C. form workshop from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in Yosemite residence hall.
• The French Club will feature the movie "Le Retour De Martin Guerre," with English subtitles at 8 p.m. Wednesday in University Union Bishop Lounge. The film is free, but donations are appreciated.
• Fred Schultz will speak about Communication in Relationships at noon Wednesday in University Union Room 220 as part of Love Carefully Week.
• Ten short films from seven countries will be featured in the International Animation Festival at 7 p.m. Wednesday in San Luis Lounge.
• The Counseling Center will hold a workshop on Incest: A Support Group for Women, from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday.
• The Liberal Arts School will sponsor a presentation on the London Study Program from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesday.
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Costa Rican University for Peace promotes understanding

By Diane Zundel
Staff Writer

In a world where war is rampant and nuclear weapons are a terrifying reality, most Cal Poly students would agree that the world could take a few lessons in peace.

An international university in Costa Rica exists strictly for this purpose.

By promoting understanding, tolerance and co-existence, the University for Peace provides alternatives to the war-like attitude that many people hold. The autonomous university was established by the United Nations in 1980 and offers post-graduate courses and degrees in areas such as non-violence, conflict resolution and nuclear disarmament.

Mary Eleanor Brown, a volunteer health worker for the United Nations and the University for Peace, said the university's primary aim is to encourage all schools throughout the world to become universities for peace.

"Rather than studying wars and diplomacy, we need to sort out and concentrate on the peaceful ways of living. There is nothing more important in the world than having clear communication between each other and between governments. That's what the University of Peace is for," she explained.

Brown has never been to Costa Rica before, but she did meet the president of the University for Peace, Rodrigo Carazo.

Carazo was the president of Costa Rica from 1978 to 1982. It was his idea to establish the university in a country that has been an international symbol of peace and social justice since it abolished its army in 1948.

"Carazo is a politician but is also a very spiritually-oriented person, proving that the two characteristics can be compatible," explained Brown.

She said she hopes that Cal Poly and all other schools on the Central Coast will become affiliated with the University of Peace, either by celebrating United Nation's Day each year on Oct. 24, offering courses that promote peace, or by exchanging information.

A symposium/course to be offered for the first time at the United Nations University for Peace is an excellent way Cal Poly can participate in the trading of information, said Brown.

The course, Family Life Education for Peace, recognizes the family's crucial role in developing values and behaviors that are necessary for world peace. FLEP will investigate approaches to marriage and parenting that encourage positive qualities in children, such as respect, cooperation and inner peace.

Brown is recruiting students and teachers from Cal Poly and Cuesta College who are interested in combining the course with a vacation in Costa Rica. The only qualification a person needs is the desire for universal peace.

"This course is designed not only for prospective parents, but for anyone who has an interest in world peace. And what could be more basic for promoting peace than family life education for peace?" she asked.

The course will run from June 29 to July 10, 1987. It will consist of 60 hours of classes on topics such as the roots of violence and families as peacemakers. There will also be four to eight hours of field trips related to family study.

Brown, who will also attend the course, said it's not an expensive trip; $1,300 should cover airfare, the course, and the cost of staying with a Costa Rican family.

About 100 people from different areas have already signed up to attend FLEP. She said she hopes that at least four people from the San Luis Obispo area will go.

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From page 1 revolution rattling in South Africa, Fredrickson said.

"Someday, I think the African majority will take over"
—G.M. Fredrickson

in South Africa, Fredrickson said it will be more violent, disruptive and larger than the United States Civil War.

Fredrickson was not optimistic about United States involvement in South Africa, calling our policies a "disarray."

He stated: "The president of the United States is in favor of working with the white supremacists in the move towards better things for the South African majority." Fredrickson said he is unsure how beneficial this process is going to be for the South African majority.

"If we want to help we have to increase the economic aid we give to the front line states; that will help to promote the breakdown of apartheid," Fredrickson said.

Fredrickson said whites in South Africa make up about 18 percent of the population and that blacks are still the overwhelming majority. "Someday," he said, "I think the African majority will take over."

Students in the audience had varied opinions about how United States involvement might affect South Africa.

"If America needs to help with the breakdown of white supremacy in South Africa, she said the American government should support surrounding countries Namibia, Angola, and Mozambique by supplying them with arms."

Cal Poly student Regina Stobh agreed: "America should send the countries around South Africa aid to get them started."

"Another student, Michael Dennis, said he thinks the upheaval in South Africa is going to get much more serious before it gets better. "As it does, other countries will take action by aiding them," Dennis said.

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A day in the life
Understanding can be gained by 'walking in the moccasins'

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Easing the tension that some may feel around him is part of the process of breaking the label. "Vessa should have the right to be out on his own. I think of myself as a normal, an individual, as a normal student, who just happens to be in a wheelchair," he said. He wants people to ask questions so they can get past the initial barrier and not be afraid to start a friendship.

Vessa lives with his parents. So far he's never lived alone. When he goes to study law, his sister will drive him to school. He'll have to face a new set of circumstances for the first time. Yet, he's anxious for the new experience. "I can't wait to leave for law school," he said. "My parents can be a little protective at times, but I have to show them I can be out on my own."

So far, Vessa's disability hasn't discouraged him. His goals are the same as any 22-year-old. "I'm really happy right now at this point in my life," Vessa said. "I'd like to think I could do whatever I set my mind to do — that everything will fall into place."

Curiosity about the disabled has spilled into the classroom of one Cal Poly professor. Marylild Baldwin teaches a class called Education 440 — "Overview of the Exceptional Child" — which is a prerequisite for a teaching credential. As part of the class, Baldwin has students attend a public event, order an item at a fast food restaurant and use a restroom — in a wheelchair.

Students usually don't like the idea of rolling around in a wheelchair at first, she said, but later find it to be one of the best experiences they've ever had. The purpose of the experience is to discover attitudes toward the disabled and develop an appreciation for what the disabled face every day — and to learn to see the person instead of the label.

The experience has changed most of the students' outlooks on the disabled, she said. Some even vow they'll never again think about parking in a handicapped parking space. Baldwin said students have "written a lot of powerful papers about the experience," realizing that the disabled shouldn't be treated just like other people — because they are people.

A prehension sat down in the wheelchair with me. What I was about to tell others I didn't know. But not being able to use my legs for a whole day was a troubling thought.

A lady in Disabled Student Services gave me a few words of advice before wheeling me out the door: have people stop down to speak so my neck didn't get sore from looking up, and don't use the brakes going downhill "because all they do is lock."

Soon apprehension left and self-consciousness set in. Even though few people were walking around outside, despite the early morning, they were all glancing at me. Hadn't they ever seen a guy in a wheelchair before? The need to steer clear of the approaching stairs was a long since faded thought. But the purpose of this self-inflicted disability went beyond learning the physical barriers the disabled face on campus. The interest lay in the reactions people had to a guy in a wheelchair.

Perhaps by trying to understand the disabled we miss the mark; spending time in a wheelchair can give insight into the nature of those not confined to wheelchairs.

Students at Cal Poly have feelings toward the disabled ranging from uneasiness to admiration. A friend will admit though, with a little prudden, that here's something that puts a communication barrier between them and a person in a wheelchair. Some say it's because they don't want to be defined as disabled people, to feel they're being talked to out of sympathy. Others feel that most disabled people are unwilling to receive help if it's offered them. And a few others can't point to any particular reasons for keeping their distance. "There's just something there," they say.

Regardless of any general feelings of uneasiness, though, students were willing to clear the way or push the chair up steep hills on campus. One student, Paul, didn't hesitate to offer help after seeing me slowly strain up a hill. He also didn't hesitate to talk about playing football and running track, as his breathing gained weight from pushing me. Another time, a friend walking alongside said passersby looked at her with curiosity, sometimes scorn, as though they felt she should be pushing.

So I had her push.

Many doors were held open and many hellos given — probably more than I would have gotten if I'd been walking. Ironically, a few acquaintances looked at the chair and quickly looked away as if they had seen no one.

Along with all the attention came feelings of being special — not as one who is different, but simply as a person. It was apparent that friendliness was triggered by the chair. My friendliness in return may have also emanated from the chair — as those who have come to friendly grips with his predicament instead of being good-natured for its own sake.

Soon, though, the only difference between those walking and me was height. The chair seemed to vanish — until I tried to use the restroom. Granted, wheelchair access at Cal Poly is good. Most restrooms have lowered urinals and a large stall with bars to help lift oneself. Using those special devices, though, is still a chore. There must be an easier way to get the job done than hanging onto an overhead bar with one hand while pulling one's pants up with the other.

A day in a wheelchair can be sobering. Even though tired arms and self-consciousness give insight into what a person in a wheelchair might feel, one thing is missing: a non-disabled person can get out of the chair whenever he chooses. A few hours in a wheelchair doesn't make one feel sorry for the disabled. It makes one grateful to be able to bound down a flight of stairs — to jump into a car without a second thought — to walk in warm sand.

Even though whizzing downhill past pedestrians was great fun, it felt good to run again. Although rolling around in a wheelchair gives one a great appreciation for the disabled, it isn't a complete experience. The disabled face trials every hour of their lives.

Bernie Vessa is a 22-year-old political science junior who plans to be a district attorney after law school. Although he's only been in a wheelchair since 1977, he has cerebral palsy his whole life, which meant walking with canes. "I think of myself as just a normal individual, as a normal student, who just happens to be in a chair," he said.

Vessa considers himself better off than other disabled people. He can move around, dress himself and take showers without help from people or mechanical devices. Others "have more trouble with the little things. There's always someone worse," he said.

Vessa doesn't mind the word disabled, but hates the word crippled. "It's a racial slur to me. I can't really put my finger on it, but I don't like it," he said. He doesn't mind the word handicapped, but "I'm not handicapped in a lot of ways," he said. Vessa would like to get involved with politics on campus or recreational sports geared toward the disabled. "It's not like the opportunity isn't there for me to do it," he said. "I just don't have the time."

He studies a lot, probably more than most students — not because of his disability, but because he wants to go to law school. "I must admit, I want to prove something by being successful at Cal Poly," so he can shatter stereotypes people have of the disabled. "My philosophy is the more individuals know about the disabled the better," he said. "(People need to) know we can be productive members of society not people to be pitied."

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Women’s track team shows depth, balance

By Dan Routhemeyer
Sports Editor

Terming it the best Green and Gold meet Cal Poly has ever had, women’s track coach Lance Harter said performances in Saturday’s meet reaffirmed the team’s great depth and balance.

"Considering where we’re at, they did real well," he said. "Everyone is still weary (from training), but they’re doing real well."

Among the strong performances turned in at the low-stress home meet were several fine showings in the weight events.

Sophomore Celeste Paquette came up less than a foot short of her personal best in the shot put, picking up a throw of 44’6 1/2" , while freshman Buffy Sexton was just over two feet off a personal best in the discus. The freshman had a throw of 127’9".

Junior college transfer Vivian Riley finished strong in the long jump and the 100-meter run. After jumping 19’6" , Riley won the sprint in a time of 11.96.

Riley, whom sprint coach Fred Harvey called a very talented recruit, will join the team in the spring after sitting out this quarter because of ineligibility.

Refinishing behind Riley in the 100-meter race were freshman Charzet Polk and Jessica Johnson. The two finished with respective times of 12.26 and 12.58 seconds.

After running in a pack, Pauline Shelly came on strong in the 3,200-meter race to finish first with a time of 10:42. She was followed by freshmen Colleen Donovan (11:18) and Lisa Rizzo (11:29).

The Mustangs will compete against San Diego State and Occidental College this weekend in San Diego. The Aztecs finished behind Cal Poly at last year’s nationals, while Occidental did well in Division III.

Cal Poly high jumper Anne Campbell cleared 5’4" in the Green and Gold meet on Saturday. Cal Poly Daily
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grams and several were taking resumes.

"We have a strong interest in our co-op program," said Dan Maline, director of career development. "A lot of the Cal Poly graduates who we've hired (in a co-op) have done very well.

Jay Chapman, regional personnel director for Smuckers, said, "We hire 35 to 50 percent of our interns from Poly. The numbers range from year to year.

Many of the company representatives agreed that they are looking very hard in hiring gradu­ates of Cal Poly.

"Cal Poly possesses some of the career-oriented people we are looking for," said Jay Gonzalez, police officer and recruiter of the San Jose Police Department.

"We are always happy with the students we see here," said Mary Pat Corrigan, executive vice president from Gottschalk's. "This is one of the first places we started recruiting.

"Last year we hired more graduates from Cal Poly than any other university in California except for Stanford," said John Adelson, personnel manager for Hewlett-Packard. "We have an excellent relationship with the campus and we have activities going on every week for students.

"These companies know what to look for and they know they can find it here," said Diaz.

Cal Poly senior Chris Anderson said, "I think it (the symposium) is good for both the students and the companies. The companies get to represent themselves and the students get to learn of the opportunities available."