Plans for power and heat plant underway

By Ron Nielsen
Staff Writer

The future of a three-year-old plan to construct a co-generation facility at Cal Poly will be decided in the next several months, the executive dean said Friday.

Douglas Gerard said that the Allied Signal Corporation of Connecticut is evaluating final legal insurabilities and the tax advantages of constructing the plant before making its final proposal. The privately owned and built plant will provide steam for campus heating and cooling as well as generate profit for Cal Poly and the state from the sale of electricity.

"It is up to the point that within the next three months we will know if it's a go or no-go situation," Gerard said. While the profits from the sale of an estimated 28 megawatts of electricity each year is still an attractive incentive to Allied Signal Corporation, changes in the tax laws proposed by the Reagan Administration may drastically lower returns from the $30 million plant.

Co-generation was first developed in the late 1800s and uses waste heat from the production of steam to turn a turbine and produce electricity. With the availability of cheap energy beginning in the 1950s, co-generation fell out of favor. By 1977, only four percent of energy for industry was co-generated compared with nearly 50 percent at the turn of the century.

High energy prices in the last two decades have prompted large energy users such as universities, hospitals and factories to re-examine co-generation as a cost-saving strategy. A well-designed system, Gerard said, will produce more than 1.6 times more usable energy from

See PLANT, back page

US concedes Iranian actions may be legal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States acknowledged Monday that Iran may have acted within traditional naval warfare rules in stopping and searching an American merchant ship near the Persian Gulf to determine if it was carrying arms for Iraq.

A final judgment on how to respond to the incident was withheld until the American ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, was sent to Fujaira to meet with the frigate's captain, Robert Reimann.

"It is the right thing to do about the incident, Kalb said "we are evaluating our options." He declined to elaborate.

However, the spokesman did say in a statement that a belligerent nation traditionally has "certain rights" under the rules of naval warfare, to find out whether neutral shipping is being used to provide contraband to its enemy.

Meanwhile, G. Quincy Lumbden Jr., the U.S. ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, was sent to Fujaira to meet with the frigate's captain, Robert Reimann.

In a precautionary move, two American combat ships — the destroyer Conolly and the frigate Boone — had been moved to the Gulf of Oman, where seven armed Iranian sailors hailed and then boarded the President Taylor on Sunday.

The ships were there "to prevent anything other than what happened," Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger told reporters at a breakfast meeting at the Pentagon. "The boarders left very quietly after an hour, an hour-and-a-half. There wasn't any need for the kind of naval protection that the ship was seeking."

The Conolly and the Boone were near the Persian Gulf, but too far north to prevent the boarding, and yet "they were close enough that they could have prevented the Iranians from taking that ship under tow or forcing it to an Iranian port, it said a Navy source, insisting on anonymity.

First Glance

Although the Las Pilitas fire destroyed thousands of acres last summer, new growth is forming on the hillsides. See page 7.

IN A WORD

monarch — n., a tyrannical power to be propitiated by human subservience or sacrifice.

WEATHER

Partly cloudy Wednesday with highs in the upper 80s. Possibility of light sprinkles in the afternoon and early evening.

Cal Poly

Research is alive and well

By Kathi Peoples

Innovations through research are usually not associated with non-land grant universities such as Cal Poly, but there is a variety of ongoing research and development on campus.

Land grant universities were set up in the late 19th century by President Abraham Lincoln with the primary purpose of doing research, said Ed Carnegie of the Cal Poly agricultural engineering department.

The largest agricultural solar dehydrator in the world was designed at Cal Poly and constructed in Fresno by students and faculty of

See RESEARCH, page 4
Should Foundation divest from companies doing business in S. Africa?

Nick Athensakos, senior, industrial engineering:
I'm for it. I don't agree with South Africa's policy and the only way we can put pressure on them is through economic sanctions because we're obviously not going to war against them.

Keith Simon, senior, environmental engineering, senior from the School of Engineering:
It's a complicated question. I'm torn. On one hand I feel we shouldn't divest because if you hold stock in a company, you can influence it...on the other hand you should divest until you make a statement that you don't like the politics of the country.

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ON THE STREET

Tell me, why did the ad man jump out the window?

Note: This inter-office memo was found clutched in the hand of the president of A. Varice Ad Agency. He jumped from the company's tenth story window on New Year's Eve. The coroner believes the memo is a suicide note—of sorts.

Dear Dan:
We'd best get Research and Development moving full throttle-
America's back, America's strong, America's ready for computer-generated advertisements and fanciful new products. And here's some ideas to help our company capture America's heart and bank accounts:
OK, so someone's beat us to dog food containing breath fresheners. So what?! We'll dazzle 'em with digger deodorants and canine cologne. People love their pets, and they've got billions to spend on them now that giving money to famine victims is out of style.

Kids are dancin' in the streets all night long, hoisting Pepsi cans in worship to Lionel Richie.

But I haven't forgotten the marketer's dream: holy health and hygiene! Let's exploit the American's fears about their bodies. Girls hate guys who sweat, and vice versa. Our medical crew could create a pill that plugs the pores so they'll never sweat again! Pills, I love the darlings, they're an ad man's dream babies. Pills to stop contraception, sore throat, runny nose, insomnia, hemorrhoids, fever, heartbreak of psoriasis, morning backache, unwanted pregnancies, and fear of nuclear war. Here Lewis can spread the news: We made a new drug, one that cures everything. Get rid of tears and fears, it even taught me to sing.

And now that we've made them all superhuman, Dan, we can keep them occupied with toys and more toys. Cars that drive best at twice the speed limit, with dual turbo and quick conversion to all-terrain vehicle for easy destruction of wilderness areas. At night, top on the camper top and look up the Amana radar range 'Cause it's Miller time.

Yes, Dan, as our beloved President said when he returned from Geneva, freedom is the keyword that spurs us on. We're free to make as much money as we can. Let's go for it like colossal, all the way. May the spirit of Rambo be with us.


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US still working to return MIAs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A top Pentagon official, condemning private attempts to locate missing American servicemen in Indochina, said Monday the United States is making progress with its campaign to determine what happened to the 1,797 Americans still missing in Vietnam.

Richard L. Armitage, the assistant defense secretary for international security affairs, told reporters that the Pentagon has 93 "live" sightings of Americans on file that it cannot dismiss as fabrications. But he added that the Vietnamese government, in negotiations concluded last week, has pledged to investigate those reports. The Vietnamese also have begun investigating reports from their own people involving the status of missing Americans, and they are allowing joint U.S.-Vietnamese teams to conduct "multiple" excavations at sites where American planes are known to have crashed during the war, he said.

Divestment up for vote in SF

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An ordinance forcing San Francisco to divest South African investments faced a city supervisors' vote Monday amid a battle over an amendment that would weaken the measure.

The ordinance would prohibit the city from contracting with or investing money in businesses that have ties to South Africa to protest that nation's policy of enforced segregation, called apartheid.

A controversial amendment that also would prohibit the city from buying goods produced by companies with ties to South Africa was adopted on a 6-3 vote two weeks ago.

Seatbelt laws violate rights of individuals

ROCKFORD, Mich. (AP) — A Michigan judge suspended fines for 23 to 30 people ticketed for not wearing seat belts after admitting he was suspended the fines of 25 to 30 people ticketed for not wearing seat belts. Michigan law has required seat belt use since July 1, but Servaas said that infringes on individual rights.

"I can't imagine what he's got on his mind," said resident Mike Cooper. "I think he's out of line." Servaas hasn't heard such criticism since he requested bullet-proof panels in his courtroom and a cache for a pistol.

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The board was concerned with not being able to burn waste products in the future, said Carnegie. “I invited him to talk to my design class about the problem. He wasn’t very optimistic, but agreed to come and talk to the class.”

“They presented their information as if they were in business.”

The class guest seemed unimpressed at first, “but pretty soon he was sitting on the edge of his chair,” Carnegie said.

The research director said he got more information in four weeks from the students than he had in several months from a consulting firm he paid $50,000, according to Carnegie.

The concept was further developed and resulted in a USDA grant to build a prototype solid waste compactor designed specifically for the California almond grower. It is currently being built on campus by students, said Carnegie.

Charles Burt, also of the agricultural engineering department, said, “I think research at universities like Cal Poly is special because we’re doing it because we want to—not because we have to. That makes a difference,” said Carnegie.

Rise to the top.
Left, studies of light defraction and diffuseness are made by observing light displays of solar energy funneled through solar window openings. Below, solar windows in the top left corner of this building create light displays viewed through the center door.

Research the Poly way

Left, Robert Lucas, director of Research and Development, talks about past and present research and development on campus. Above, Ed Carnegie, head of the agricultural engineering department, points to a picture of a Cal Poly solar dryer project in Fresno.

Story and photos by Kathi Peoples
The following Cal Poly students, faculty and schools recently have made noteworthy achievements:

Student Achievement

- John Harrington — this Cal Poly English professor is currently in Norway at the University of Bergen as a visiting research fellow where he will lecture to the faculty on American film genre and do extensive research on films. Harrington will be in Norway throughout winter quarter and will travel to England in the spring to participate in the Cal Poly London Study program. There he will teach courses in Shakespeare and conduct film research at the British Film Institute.

- Ms. Long — this political science professor recently participated in a panel on "The Wake of Intergovernmental Revenue Sharing," at the Western American Society for Public Administration annual meeting in Monterey.

- Joanna Besoulie Ruggles — an art professor, had some of her work exhibited at the University of Hawaii at Hilo in a group exhibition featuring California artists.

- John Mendelhain — this art professor has had his book, "High Tech Trademarks," published by the Art Direction Book Company, New York. It is an international survey of the corporate identity of computer hardware, software, semiconductors and laser technology industries.

- Stigt Denel — architecture professor, gave a series of three public lectures at the Schools of Architecture of the University of Detroit, University of Michigan and Pennsylvania State University. The lectures were "Architecture Without Walls," "Vernacular Architecture" and "Traditions Versus Maxims/Myths Versus Mistakes."

- Anthony Kable — this biological sciences professor has been appointed by the president of the American Fisheries Society to the professionalism committee of the organization.

- Robert McCorkle — an agricultural business management professor, wrote the project completion report published by the US State Department for the joint USAID — Lutheran World Relief Project titled, "Village Environmental Improvement, Singida Tanzania."

- Carolyn Shaak — this physical education and recreation administration professor recently presented the Cal Poly Wellness Project at the annual conference of California Society of Park and Recreation Educators in Monterey.

- Mary Dwyer — professor of landscape architecture, was requested by the State Architect, the General Services Administration and the California Arts Council to help select the design team for the new cultural center in the Candlestick Point Recreation Area in San Francisco. It is the first time that a cultural center is to be located in and around the Golden State National Recreation Area.

- Charles Siem — this physics and computer development professor was notified that "Type A Person — Environment Fit Hypothesis" was accepted for inclusion in "Resources in Education."


- Harvey Levenson — this graphic communication department head was the keynote speaker at the November meeting of the Mission Bay Craftsman Club in Palo Alto. The title of his talk was "Preparing Human Resources for the Graphic Communication Profession Over the Next 10 Years: Cal Po­ly's Approach."

- Michael Blum — a graphic communication professor, had an article, "How to Duplicate Films Accurately," published in the November issue of "Printing Journal."

- Harold Cota — this civil and environmental engineering professor recently became a named vice chairman of the Air Pollution Control Association Education Council.

Gifts

- Engineering — this Cal Poly school recently received a check of almost $60,000 in donations from companies and foundations as follows:

  - Santa Barbara Research Center donated $25,000 to the school. The center, a subsidiary of Hughes Aircraft Co., designated $15,000 of its gift specifically for the teaching of manufacturing engineering and technology in the school. The remaining $10,000 will be used by various programs in the eight departments of the School of Engineering.

  - Lockheed-Missiles and Space in San Diego has donated $10,000 to support Cal Poly engineering programs and has given 12 large photographs of space projects to help furnish offices in the new Engineering Building.

  - The Lockheed California Co. donated $5,000 to be used primarily for professional development of the engineering faculty.

  - Dallas-based Halliburton Foundation donated $5,000 to the school to support faculty development programs for the 1985-86 academic year. The foundation also contributed $500 to supplement operations at the Placement Center. Halliburton Co., the parent company of the oil field services and construction and engineering firms, also gave support.

- Graphic communication — this department has received a screen printing press from Advance Process Supply Co. of Chicago. The American Tempo printer, valued at $13,000, will be used in the screen printing laboratory. The press is the first of the new generation of compact screen printing presses offering features that were previously included only on much larger, higher priced machinery.

- Pacific Gas and Electric Co. recently donated $13,000 to campus engineering programs to bring the total of its 1985 gifts to $18,400. Of the total, $5,000 is designated for the School of Engineering Electric Power Institute, $4,000 for computer-aided design and manufacturing programs, $3,000 for an assistantship in mechanical engineering and $2,000 to support affirmative action efforts in engineering. The Lockheed Missiles and Space in San Diego has donated $10,000 to support Cal Poly engineering programs and has given 12 large photographs of space projects to help furnish offices in the new Engineering Building.
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per hour, but the storm only produced
three-quarters of an inch of rain.

"A major concern is the hydrophobic
condition that is created after a fire," said
a water repellent layer forms in the
soil. The soil is less absorbent during this
time and if you get rains of a high
intensity, the water will simply run off,
causing up debris and soil along the
way," Parker said.

The Los Osipo County Agriculture
Commissioner Richard Creech said some
debate exists as to local agriculture
from the Las Pilitas fire were the loss of
horses and property sustained.

Creech said some fences and structures
burned in the fire, but the agricultural

has treated us pretty kindly," he said.
Bill Weikamp of the University of
California Cooperative Extension Service
said the immediate impact of the fire on
local agriculture was the loss of
grandstand to cattle.

Weikamp, the livestock and range
farm advisor in the county, said there
were also some immovable objects to
ranches for moving cattle to other loca-
tions out of the fire zone.

"Some small and large Namibian are
affected by fire as well. Many survive in
underground burrows, but not near
susceptible to properties after the fire
because their ground cover is gone," Kell
said.

Cal Poly students will benefit through
observation of the regeneration process
in the Las Pilitas area. Kell said an ex-
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during spring quarter and will involve
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Superbowl: Why bother with it?

**By The Associated Press**

It's starting out as the Why Bother Super Bowl. As in, why bother to play it when the National Football League can just declare the Chicago Bears the champion?

No sooner had the New England Patriots followed Chicago's 240 shutout of the Los Angeles Rams by upsetting the Miami Dolphins 31-14 Sunday than the predictions about the Jan. 26 title game in New Orleans started rolling in.

Sixteen-three Bears, 'in a very boring game,' predicted a Miami television analyst. Twenty-four-seven Bears predicted a respected national football writer. That may be a bit premature, particularly since for only the third time in 20 years, both teams are playing in their first Super Bowls, a disorienting experience for a lot of players.

The Bears, 15-1 in the regular season, have long since been anointed as the National Football League's best team. They solidified that position by becoming the first team ever to register two straight shutouts in the playoffs -- 21-0 over the New York Giants, then Sunday's whitewash of the Rams.

But while everyone's been eyeing the Bears, the Patriots have quietly sneak up on people, winning 12 of their last 14, including three road victories in the playoffs.

Their only losses in the last three months were by 16-13 to the New York Jets in overtime and 30-27 in Miami, losses they avenged in the playoffs.

They beat the Raiders at the Los Angeles Coliseum a week ago, then ended an eight-game Miami winning streak and their own 16-game losing streak at the Orange Bowl -- giving them quality road victories over quality teams in games in which their season was on the line.

The Lady Mustangs trailed the weekend with a 9-3 overall record and 1-1 in league play.

The Lady Mustangs ended up the weekend with a 9-3 overall record and 1-1 in league play.

The Lady Mustangs are awaiting the challenge of the Matadors of California State University Northridge. The Matadors will arrive in San Luis Obispo Thursday for a 7:30 p.m. match-up in Cal Poly's Main Gym. The Matadors are 11-2 on the season and 1-0 in league play.

The Lady Mustangs will host California State University Los Angeles Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Mustang Gym. Cal Poly is 4-7 on the season and 0-1 in league play.

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American music: a hit in Mexico

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)  — A crowd of young music fans at the plush video bar, Heaven, watches Bruce Springsteen strut his stuff with the hit song, "Born in the U.S.A."

Formally attired waiters serve drinks as Madonna, Phil Collins, and the Eurythmics follow Springsteen. The crowd loves it, but not the Stevie Wonder and the Sade, Rod Stewart, Santana, drive from the Texas border at Laredo.

Monterrey music buffs can view three music video programs a day that offer the latest American and British releases. Those with satellite antennas in the wealthy suburbs get nonstop MTV. Radio listeners have an assortment of English-language rock and record stores are full of the most popular releases.

"We're very close to the United States so the influence is inevitable," said Edgardo Restrepo, a local television cultural commentator. "These influences are giving us a new music culture. We have to learn to live within this cultural mix."

Yet, the bombardment of American music, which began in the 1960s, has not eclipsed the popularity of most styles of music from Mexico and other countries.

Sergeant Peppers, a Monterrey discotheque, and dozens of other discos in cities near the U.S. border, offer something for every music lover. Disc jockeys spin lively "salsa" or "cumbia" melodies and patrons switch easily from rock to the Latin dances they learned as children.

The popular national TV program, "Siempre en Domingo," features Latin entertainers singing live on Sundays for 4½ hours.

Mexicans were listening to the Spanish romantic singer Julio Iglesias long before duets with Willie Nelson and Diana Ross helped launch his career in the United States.

PLANT

From page 1 each unit of gas than a conventional system.

Several companies have made proposals for the plant in the last three years, but the recent recession and the volatile natural gas and oil price situation have increased the risk of building alternative energy facilities that require large capital outlays. The state decided not to finance the plant itself, Gerard said, because it would tie up too much of the state's resources. With a private firm, the state invests only land.

The builder will own and operate the facility and sell steam to the university and power to PG & E. Part of the income from electricity sales and the profits from the lease of land to the builder will be split between the state and the university to be used for energy-related projects.

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