Bridges built with glue and popsicle sticks

By Ron Nielsen

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And down will come Baby Doc, cradle and all

Baby Doc's cradle has fallen and no one is there to pick him up. France has harbored Haiti's former president-for-life, Jean-Claude Duvalier, since his flight from Haiti over a week ago. The French don't want him and the United States won't have him. Liberia seems to be the only country that may offer him sanctuary.

"I would hope that no nation, except Haiti, would allow him back," says Bill Preston, a Cal Poly geography professor.

The Mustang Daily Editorial Board agrees. A brutal dictator who reeks of wealth and luxury amidst the stench of poverty, starvation and murder should be sent back to his face of a democracy and face the nation.

Under Duvalier's 15-year rule (he succeeded his father before him) Haiti has been the poorest country in the world. Haitians could no more expect human rights from their government than read a book.

Duvalier is a criminal and should be treated as one.

The United States has an uncanny knack of supporting the wrong guy. U.S. aid to Duvalier's regime has resulted in nothing but BMW's and silks for the chic Madame Michele Duvalier while Haitians starve.

The U.S. is so afraid of communist infiltration in turbulent third world countries that it will support even the governments farthest to the ideological right of democracy. A simple glance at Marcos of the Philippines, Somoza of Nicaragua and the Shah of Iran shows the political disasters of U.S. foreign aid.

The U.S. must recognize its mistake of supporting brutal dictators, hence the current triumph of democratic values and should more concern with moral, rather than diplomatic, consistency.

Senior projects: we do need them

Editor — This is in response to T. Williams' column of Friday, Feb. 14 titled "Senior Projects: Who needs them?" I believe we all need them. According to Williams, "Senior projects are a final check-point to make sure students can do research and write before they graduate from college and enter the real world." This, however, is not the purpose of the senior project.

Senior projects are an opportunity for students to apply what they have already learned to an everyday, useful situation. This may or may not be a research project. The senior project also provides an opportunity for a student to research an interest not covered in major or support courses. It is what you make it.

Secondly, Williams' "facts" do not support his argument. It simply shows that there have been 2,400 students who have graduated in the past ten years who are lazy and uncreative. They should have utilized this opportunity to further their education.

In my college career I have seen a variety of senior projects which have benefited many, such as videotapes of performed literature and the creation of departmental alumnus newsletters, both demonstrating knowledge and skill.

Senior project is a requirement of our university. If Williams (or any other student) doesn't approve, I suggest he transfer to another, less demanding school.

MOIRA A. PRENDERGAST

Senior projects called rewarding experience

Editor — This letter is in response to the Feb. 14 column concerning the value of the senior project. We find it "kind of ironic" that such an articulate and accomplished writer as the sports editor would be intimidated by a mere senior project.

It is apparent that there are some weak areas in the senior project program. However, these weaknesses are not substantial reason to abolish the program.

Presently Cal Poly is one of the only universities to require a senior project of its students. The senior project program allows the student to engage in independent research and thought under the guidance of a qualified professor. This provides a unique experience to apply the principles learned in one's major. In addition, the senior project gives both our university and students distinction.

A concern was expressed by the faculty at the Feb. 11 Academic Senate meeting regarding the value of the senior project. This concern is due to lack of financial compensation to professors who spend time advising and grading senior projects.

An effort must be made to address these legitimate concerns. In addition, we must introduce students to the senior project earlier, so that they may anticipate and plan for it. By informing the students earlier we hope the senior project will be a rewarding experience it was intended to be.

MIMI BALKEN

Letters to the editor

As of yet, there is no leftist organization in Haiti. As far as Castro and the Cubans go, they may look twice before invasion because of Haitian/U.S. relations and the devastating poverty with which the Cubans would have to deal.

Things must change in Haiti politically before the people even begin to see a rise in their standard of living. If the Haitians won't receive revolutionary support from Castro or the island itself, where will it get its strength for a social revolution?

Revolutionary potential lies in the hands of Haitian refugees who have been harbored and indoctrinated here in the U.S. who may be encouraged by the U.S. to go back.

Duvalier is gone, but Haitians are not yet free. One businessman dismissed the junta saying, "It's a Duvalier government without Duvalier." It's now up the the junta to fulfill its obligation to the Haitian people.

Peter Irwin, guest columnist, is a former Cal Poly student and resident of San Luis Obispo.

The bottom line

Duvalier's gone, but Haitians aren't free

Almost three decades of Duvalier despotism has finally come to an end. This has come as no surprise or with heavy hearts. The people of Haiti have every right to party in the streets.

Gone with Duvalier is "a legacy of brutality and fear," reports John Moody of Time Magazine. William Long of the Los Angeles Times states: "Under Duvalier, elections were rigged, human rights were frequently violated, the press was controlled, unions were severely limited and political parties were not permitted to function."

Gone with Duvalier is his private villa which served as "bogeymen" of repression and torture. Gone is Madame Michele Duvalier with her $3 million wedding and international shopping spree.

Here for now is the Western Hemisphere's poorest country, wracked by economic transition. Most Haitians earn less than $150 a year, 90 percent are illiterate and the nation is devoid of a middle class.

What next for Haiti? The country is being run by a provisional government headed by Lt. Henri Namphy. As part of the five-man committee appointed by Duvalier, Namphy has promised to work for a "genuine and functional democracy with popular presidential elections." He called for "a more just distribution of wealth" and "absolute respect for human rights."

To eliminate Duvalierism, Namphy stated in his sixth-minute speech to the nation: "We are going to work for freedom of the press, the existence of free labor unions and the functioning of structured political parties."

With no elections in sight and human rights being restored it seems the growth of leftist political activities is likely. Although Duvalier had ameliorated nearly all political dissension, his time is up and Haiti's people are hungry for the fruit of democracy — something they've not tasted in three decades.

U.S. News and World Report quotes a senior official in Washington as saying, "The problem is that Haiti has no institutions left on which to build democracy. The Duvalier's killed them off one by one."

DAVID KAMINSKAS

Wednesday, February 19, 1986

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

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Car bomb explodes at embassy

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — A car bomb exploded Tuesday night on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy, sparking a smoky fire in the garden and flames a story high. Embassy guards and other witnesses said there were no injuries. This reporter arrived seconds after the blast as passers-by were running to the Embassy gates to stare at the burning hulk of the car used to house the bomb onto the ground. A Portuguese security guard employed by the Embassy to check all vehicles entering the area said a man drove into the compound, jumped from the car and ran out the gates in a matter of seconds.

Reagan wants to up aid to rebels

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan, saying Nicaraguan rebels cannot fight the Sandinista government with "Band-Aids and mosquito nets," opened a campaign Tuesday for $100 million in aid to the Contras.

In a meeting with top Republican congressional leaders, Reagan belittled the $27 million in "humanitarian" aid approved for the rebels, known as Contras, and urged an end to restrictions on military support.

Although the president said that the humanitarian assistance has helped "maintain the pressure of resistance" to the Sandinistas, he added that "more effective" aid is necessary.

Shuttle expected to draw crowd

LOMPOC, Calif. (AP) — The first California launch of a space shuttle may draw more spectators than expected because of morbid curiosity spurred by the fatal explosion of Challenger in Florida, a Santa Barbara County official says.

"The crowds could be bigger, wondering if that's going to happen on the first launch from Vandenberg," Air Force Base, said county Supervisor DeWayne Holmdahl.

Officials in northern Santa Barbara County are braced for an influx of anywhere from 50,000 to 1 million tourists into the 10-by-3-mile Lompoc Valley when a space shuttle is launched for the first time from Vandenberg Air Force Base, 10 miles away.

Many believe 200,000 visitors is a conservative estimate, and officials have predicted huge traffic jams in the 30,000-population town of Lompoc, as well as inadequate motel and parking space, possible food shortages and problems with litter and drunken drivers.

Whatever the total, Holmdahl believes the turnout might be larger than it otherwise would have been, because the first Vandenberg launch will be more suspenseful in light of the Jan. 28 explosion that destroyed Challenger and killed its seven crew members after launch from Cape Canaveral.

"It's terrible," he said. "That's the same reason people go to auto races."

The Air Force doesn't plan to allow public viewing of launches from Vandenberg property.
Symposium addresses problems in L. America

By Julie Williams

Economic and political problems in Latin America were discussed by representatives of various countries at the Latin American Symposium at Cal Poly this weekend.

Participants in the second annual event, which included dignitaries from Japan, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil and Mexico, agreed that the instability of Central America and the large foreign debt — approximately $380 billion — were two basic reasons for problems in Latin America.

Most of the experts also endorsed the Contadora proposal, named for an island in Panama where representatives from Latin American countries met to work out "peaceful resolutions to problems affecting the region. Cal Poly student Nino Savino, co-coordinator of the symposium, said ministers from Mexico, Venezuela, Panama and Colombia are working to resolve the problems from a Latin American point of view.

Mizo Kuroda, Japanese ambassador to the United Nations, said, "It is of the utmost urgency that (the Contadora proposal) be received with positive results."

Reinaldo Rasquines, Venezuelan consul general in Los Angeles, and Fernando Pena, assistant to the mayor of Mexico City, criticized the United States for not yet agreeing to the proposal for peace in Central America, saying the U.S. was placing its own economic concerns above concerns for the welfare of Latin America.

Savino, an agricultural engineering major, said it is important for Cal Poly students to understand the situation in Latin America not only because there are many Latin American students at the university, but also because what happens there affects the United States both economically and politically.

"Most people think Reagan is taking care of everything. It's not that easy," Savino said.

According to organizers, the event was a success which they hope to repeat next year.

"Everyone said (the conference) was a learning experience for them," said co-coordinator Danielle Walters. "A lot of the diplomats learned something about Latin America they hadn't known before!"

Walters, a political science student, said the panelists were able to spend some time getting familiarized with Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo.

"They were very impressed with ASI, in that it is totally student-run," she said.

Other participants in the symposium included Fulbright scholar at Cal Poly Tehachapi Ayme Gogue, the deputy consul general of Colombia in San Francisco, the chancellor of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil in Los Angeles, the Project associate of the Institute of the Americas and a professor from the University of Texas, Austin.

The event was sponsored by ASI, the Latin American Symposium Committee, ASI Speakers Forum, the International Business Club, Model United Nations, the Multicultural Center, LASA, Haverim, Student Academic Services and the Schools of Agriculture, Architecture and Environmental Design and Communicative Arts and Humanities.
It's more work than glamorous, more stress than fun, but the job of national Miss College Rodeo is one that needs to be done.

At least that's what Chrissy Sparling, a 19-year-old speech communications major and this year's Miss College Rodeo has to say about the job. Sparling was crowned as Miss College Rodeo last June. Sparling will pass on her crown to the new queen this coming June after one full year as rodeo queen.

Her main job as Miss College Rodeo is to work with the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, participate in ceremonies at college rodeos around the country, and to work with rodeo sponsors, such as Miller, U.S. Tobacco and Wrangler.

These duties take Sparling all over the country promoting the sport of college rodeo. But the demanding travel schedule can take its toll. Sparling said she is required to travel so much it is often hard for her to keep up on her other activities plus 17 units of school work. She will be travelling nine weekends out of the 10-week spring quarter.

But despite the hectic schedule, Sparling said she feels she's gained a lot of confidence and is much more independent than she was before she became Miss College Rodeo.

"I have to go to a lot of intimidating dinners and things like that with faculty and all kinds of important people by myself," she said. "And now I can go there and stand up in front of 400 people and say, 'Well, this is what I think ...' I couldn't have never done that before."

Even though the title means she's on the spot in the limelight, Sparling said it hasn't really changed the way she acts or the way she dresses.

"As a matter of fact, in the fall we went to a dance, and I just wasn't in the mood to dress up, so I went in jeans and a sweatshirt with a ripped hood."

"The girl I went with told me the next day that someone said, 'Wasn't that Miss College Rodeo you were with? I can't believe she was just in jeans and a sweatshirt!'"

"The NIRA has a lot of money invested in me, so I feel at least I have to watch my p's and q's, but I'm not willing to take on a whole new identity to do this."

"I won the contest being Chrissy Sparling, and I'm going to finish it being Chrissy Sparling and I don't see any need to change."

Sparling said she doesn't think people treat her any differently now than before she became queen. She said she's been here at Cal Poly she feels like just another college student.

"But sometimes, when people first meet me on some of my trips, they treat me differently, I guess," she said. "I've come to the conclusion that there are two types of guys: jerk guys and nice guys. The jerks immediately come up to you and say, 'so you're Miss College Rodeo, huh? and it just makes you want to say, 'yeah, right, go away.'"

"Then there are the nice guys who just sit there and be shy. Those are the ones who you really want to get to know, so it makes it harder to meet anyone worthwhile."

Although the traveling and the title may sound glamorous, in reality, being Miss College Rodeo means hard work and long hours.

"Everyone pictures it as a big party, running all over the country with expenses paid but it's not," Sparling said. "They work you hard. When I'm there, more often than not I'm up around 4 a.m. I work all day, then I'm back in my room by around 11:30 p.m. Then I have all the same homework that everyone else has to do."

It is stressful, however, to be held up as an "ideal" figure, Sparling said.

"The two queens before me ended up in the hospital with nervous breakdowns so I just decided right at the beginning of the year that I wouldn't fall into that," she said. "But it gets really, really stressful. Sometimes the promoters will call me up on a Wednesday night and ask me if I can be in Tucson by the next day. So I have to rush around and get all this stuff done before I can leave, turn in my assignments early, get money from my accountant ... so much to do!"

It's too much pressure to be perfect, maybe that's why I don't try to be anything more than I am — it's too much responsibility.

"And it's funny, because I've worked with some younger girls, giving clinics and private modeling lessons. And I really get the impression that for some reason they look up to me, it's almost hard not to laugh and to keep up the facade and say, 'Well, just stay hard and ask me if your milk, and somehow ... '

But Sparling does take her title seriously. "I look at it more as a job that needs to be done than just a personal feather in my cap."

"Even though it has been a lot of work, it's been fun, too. I've had opportunities to do things and see places I otherwise might never have had the chance to."

The worst part of the whole thing is that Sparling doesn't have the time to compete in the college rodeos, she said. She tries, but it really is too busy to be competitive in barrel racing, which is her rodeo event.

Sparling and another disadvantage of being Miss College Rodeo is she doesn't get to spend as much time with her family.

She grew up in Salinas where her father is a police officer and her mother is a purchasing agent. She said both helped her with the seven rodeo queen contests she competed in before this one.

But despite her success, Sparling said she doesn't see herself going for any titles beyond that of Miss College Rodeo.

"Everyone encourages me to go on, but I really feel I can already do this, and it's time to expand into something else," she said. "I need a new challenge."
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Fraternities will donate funds to stop drunk driving

By Kristin Roscarati

The Interfraternity Council recently made a decision which it hopes will change the public’s perception of fraternities as promoters of social drinking.

Jim Welch, a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the executive council of IFC, said the council voted to donate a percentage of its rush funds to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"This is a P.R. thing by IFC to show people that we do care about other people’s" lives," said Welch. The IFC does not know exactly what percentage of the rush funds will be donated to MADD. The funds to be donated are generated by the sale of rush cards.

Welch said donating money will not be a one-time thing for the IFC. However, he is not sure whether the donation will be given every rush. "We may decide to do it every rush ... we may not," said Welch.

The San Luis Obispo chapter of MADD is operated by Richard and Betty Johnson. Their reaction to the donation, said Welch, was one of surprise. "I think they were shocked ... they were pleasantly surprised," said Welch.

The IFC also decided to adopt during its spring rush a voluntary dry rush night. Welch said that although several fraternities had already adopted the dry rush night within their rush programs, the vote by IFC to initiate the dry rush night made it more official and more meaningful. If the idea proves successful, the IFC may make the dry rush night mandatory in the fall.

Jay Ronerta, president of IFC and a member of Delta Tau, said the dry rush night idea was a way to show people that fraternities are not solely concerned with partying, and that they are concerned with other causes.

Welch said since the dry rush night was suggested all but two or three fraternities have adopted the idea.

Betty and Richard Johnson have been operating the San Luis Obispo chapter of MADD since August, when they received their official charter. Betty said she believes the change of attitude about alcohol within the IFC is a good one. "I think it’s great that they’ve come to an awareness about alcohol, it’s just necessary all the time to have a party."

Johnson said she and her husband, who is president of the chapter, became involved with MADD in September 1983, the year their nine-year-old daughter was killed by a drunk driver during the afternoon.
Films address Central America

By Angela Durnell

A four-day film series on strife and violence in Central America is being presented this week in the University Union.

The series is co-sponsored by the Central America Study and Solidarity group on campus and the Multicultural Center.

"Our objective is to bring about better awareness and educate people of the conflicts in Central America," said Ed Hiel, president of CASAS.

"The films do a very good job of documenting historical developments in different countries in Central America as well as presenting testimonials," said Paquita Bath, a member of CASAS.

"It's very, very important that people, especially in our age bracket, be aware of the possibility that violence will continue to escalate given increased military expenditures and increased military budget allocations for the Contras and the Salvadoran military," said Bath.

The five films provide historical background leading up to the current state of warfare in Central America. "People just don't understand what led up to the violence, what led up to different attitudes toward the government, which I think is crucial," said Bath. "When people read the regular press, they only get what's happening today and they don't see it in its historical context."

The following films will be shown at 10 a.m. in U.U. Room 220:

- Feb. 20 — "El Salvador" studies the polarization in El Salvador from "La Matanza" (the Massacre) in 1933, through the recent election of President Jose Napoleon Duarte. The film examines the constraints and impediments to change present in Salvadoran society and outlines the history of U.S. involvement in that country.
- Feb. 21 — "In Our Name: Bombing in El Salvador" examines the role of the U.S. government in the increasingly violent air war being conducted by the Salvadoran Air Force. It includes an interview with Charles Clements, a doctor who worked in rebel-controlled areas of El Salvador.
- Feb. 22 — "Our biggest goal is to bring reality of the state of the war in Central America to our consciousness and realize some of the behavior of the U.S. foreign policy," said Hiel.
- Feb. 23 — After each film members of CASAS will urge viewers to sign a petition to stop the bombings in El Salvador. "We'll be urging people to oppose the current Reagan request for relief funding to the Contras," said Bath. "We'll just encourage people to be more concerned about the situation in Central America either through involvement in CASAS or through direct correspondence with their representatives."

PARKING

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"Stopped because of a lack of money.

The surveying was never started and 'that's where it has sat since September 1985," Rathbun said. "We have done what we were asked to do." Rathbun said, "At some point, when the system wants to solve the parking situation, the funds will be available for the surveying work and we can proceed with the construction of the roads." Rathbun said the administration has been approved for the west end of the campus horse track.

Administration officials are waiting for new cost estimates for the arena from the school, but Rathbun said they presented all the information needed for the relocation of the arena last summer.

Rathbun said the CSU Chancellor's Office will support the lot if the cost is within the $680,000 allocated in the state parking fund.

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Wrestlers stage good show

By T. Williams
Sports Editor

"Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to Polynesian championship wrestling," the emcee said Friday night in the Main Gym.

"In this corner, dressed in black tights and yellow trim, Pretty Tim Patterson." The 200 fans in the audience boooed wildly and yelled "fairy" as Pretty shook his fist at them.

"And in this corner, Chief, Jay Strongbow Jr." The crowd broke into a chant of "Chief, Chief, Chief." as the Chief did his Indian war dance around the ring dressed in Indian head feathers, moccasins and a leather loincloth.

Just as the match was about to begin Pretty said, "Hey ref, make sure he stays out of my hair," as he gently stroked his blonde locks. Again the crowd broke out with a barrage of boos and other verbal harangues.

Disgusted with the crowd, Pretty got out of the ring and started to leave, but the Chief chased after him and forced him right back into the ring.

When the match finally started, Pretty spent the first two minutes of it cowering against the ropes and protecting his hair. The crowd became progressively more vicious and continued with a battery of slanderous remarks, and when the Chief threw Pretty out of the ring, the crowd reached a feverish pitch.

At one point in the match, the Chief had Pretty down for a two-count, but Pretty pulled a reversal and threw the Chief out of the ring. The Chief tried to get back in the ring, but Pretty choked him on the ropes.

Just when it seemed the Chief was finished, he struggled to his feet and began his Indian war dance. Rejuvenated, the Chief positioned Pretty so he was straddling one of the corner poles in the ring. The Chief grabbed both of Pretty's ankles and yanked him into the pole.

Pretty tried to stage a brief comeback with a series of bear hugs on the Chief, but it was to no avail. The Chief got Pretty in a headlock, lifted him upside down by the waist and dropped him to the mat. The Chief picked him up again the same way and dropped him on his head in a brutal pile-drive move.

The ref checked Pretty's neck to make sure it wasn't broken, and then, with war drums playing in the background, he declared the Chief the winner.

After his tough loss, Pretty said, "He (Chief) got lucky. That's the only way he can beat me, is to get lucky.

When asked if he was faking it

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Mustangs 10-1, hold on to first place in CCAA

By Joe Packard
Special to the Daily

The men's basketball team took care of business this weekend in Southern California, beating Chapman College 77-70 Friday and squashing Dominguez Hills 57-45 on Saturday.

Chapman's Kelly Huston and Carl Tompkins exploited Poly underneath for 31 points in the first half. The Mustangs eventually solved things and Chico Rivera and Sean Chambers got hot and led an 11-2 Mustang surge that put them in front for good.

Mustang coach Ernie Wheeler said that the difference in the second half was Poly's point production, especially that displayed by senior guards Rivera and James Wells.

They were a combined 13-14 from the foul line and are both over 85 percent in conference games.

"In the second half we played great defense and took them out of the things they tried to do," said Wheeler. "We started to move much better." On Saturday Poly played some stellar defense of its own in shutting down Dominguez Hills.

Some of Poly's usual high scorers were cold themselves, but others stepped in to fill the void. Mark Otta hit for 10 and Wells was good for 15. Melvin Parker scored 13 and had seven rebounds and was the Mustangs' second highest rebounder over the weekend. His 27 points were tops on the team.

Chambers was limited to only seven points, but pulled down eight big rebounds. Wells also had an outstanding overall game for the Mustangs. He grabbed five rebounds, made three assists and had a great larcenous six steals.

Dominguez coach Dave Yanai came away impressed with the Mustangs. "The thing about SLO is that they don't beat themselves. Their 10-1 record is legitimate. For somebody to beat them, they'll have to beat them. They won't lose it." Wheeler was thinking about round two with talented Cal State Los Angeles, who the Mustangs beat 73-72 three weeks ago in Los Angeles. "I can't wait to get home in front of our crowd," he said. "That game Friday night should be a great basketball game."
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BRIDGES

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Mechanical engineering freshmen Craig Godwin and Kevin Riley finished their third place effort the morning before the competition. Two hundred and seventy-five pounds of force was applied before the struts twisted and the supports broke. "We thought it was going to hold a lot more than that," Godwin said.

The contest was the first event of Engineering Week, a 25-year-old celebration of the contributions engineers have made to the building of America. The annual event was started by the National Society for Professional Engineers in 1949 to coincide with the birthday of President George Washington, who was also a civil engineer.

"America has been built from the beginning by civil engineers," said Duane Bruley, dean of the School of Engineering. The annual celebration, he said, honors all the disciplines of engineering that have developed since colonial times including mechanical, electrical and chemical engineering.

Bruley cautioned students that engineering was not all fun and games. "You're in a very serious profession. People's lives are in your hands when you're out there working as an engineer.

While projects such as the space shuttle or a steel and cable bridge are great engineering challenges, he said, the risks involved must be understood and weighed in relation to the benefits.

Other events scheduled for Engineering Week include Roger Johnson of the Inter-Mountain Power Project speaking at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the staff dining room on "High Voltage DC Conversion." At 11 a.m. Thursday in Science Room B-5, Peter S. Polo from Hughes Aircraft will speak on "Computers and Modern Radar." A banquet at the Madonna Inn at 6 p.m. on Friday will conclude the activities. Tickets are available at the engineering dean's office.

SENATE

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Some concern was expressed in the senate meeting last week that such a council would only represent special interests, and that many clubs don't have enough common interest to be represented as a group.

"I don't want to have special interest senators. That's not the purpose of the senate. I don't want people to think they have to be a member of a club to be represented on senate," said Johnson.

One possible amendment to the bill would require that the two inter-club council-senators be approved by the majority of voters rather than be appointed by the council. That way students would have a more direct voice, he said.

Johnson also said that although on the surface different clubs have different interests, "it is my opinion that since these are all students, they have similar concerns.

For example, religious, cultural and social awareness clubs are all interested in the condition of mankind, even though they have differences in expressing their concerns. Johnson said an inter-club council might help different groups work together to achieve common goals.

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