Author disputes evidence in killing

Book says Oswald didn’t slay Kennedy

By Doug DiFrancesco
Staff Writer

Who really killed John F. Kennedy? David S. Lifton, author of Best Evidence: The Case for Lee Harvey Oswald, is sure, but he’s willing to bet anything that it was not Lee Harvey Oswald.

Lifton, who spoke Monday in the nearly full Cal Poly Theatre, believes the Nov. 22, 1963 assassination was a conspiracy by top officials in the Kennedy administration — and was only made to look like Oswald did.

In his three-and-a-half hour speech, Lifton presented findings he uncovered during his own personal investigation of the assassination, many obtained under the Freedom of Information Act.

What Lifton found was the subject of his 1981 best seller, Lifton believes that Kennedy was shot from the front (not behind, as was believed), and that between the time Kennedy’s body was taken from Dallas to Bethesda Naval Station for forensic analysis, the body had been altered to look like it had been shot from behind.

Much of Lifton’s findings came from the testimony of people who had viewed Kennedy’s body, some of them in Dallas, and some before it had arrived at Bethesda. Photographs of the body, only recently released, also conflicted with verbal reports of the body’s appearance.

For example, Lifton showed drawings of how Dallas doctors had described Kennedy’s bullet wounds: small holes in the front of the left temple and neck where the bullets had entered, and larger holes on the back of the dead president’s body.

But drawings and photographs of the Bethesda autopsy showed entirely different wounds: a large trachotomy-like neck wound and a head wound four times larger than the Dallas doctors had measured. The head wound described by Dallas doctors was 35 square centimeters, while the same one described by Bethesda coroners measured 170 square centimeters.

“A trachotomy and skull operation had been performed on Kennedy,” Lifton said. “But not by anyone in Dallas.”

The Dallas description of the wounds, Lifton said, proved that the direction of the bullets had come from the front of the motorcade, and not from a sixth floor window of the Texas Book Depository, where Oswald allegedly made the shots from.

However, the descriptions of the Bethesda autopsy were the ones the investigating body, the Warren Commission, used to determine Oswald had shot the president.

Lifton maintained that sometime between Dallas and Bethesda the body was altered to make it look like the shots had come from behind.

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Be creative to water rationing in SLO

While the discovery of cold fusion caused worldwide scientific brouhaha, here in SLO we have different concerns. Like if it’s safe to buy grapes at Lucky. Or if we have to wash our hands without getting sunburned. Or if it’s safe to drink water that has a huge fine slapped on you.

So far the town has responded by saying the sky’s falling. That’s the funny thing about water — once they’re told to start conserving it, all the developers gather hither and thither with a message of doom. The cry goes up at a typical city council meeting. "Foul! It’s not the American way! It’s not the Californian way. We WANT CONDOS! We WANT CONDOS!

"Though Donald Trump hasn’t moved in for some new Nordstrom proposal, the local developers can live with some temporary pain. I was thinking about this the other day as I waded down the dust on my front porch. Ya know, it’s all up in our pulling together to get through this drought thing. Let’s all pitch in on this conservation fund.

But how should one go about it? I pondered this thought as I moved to wash out the dusty corner of my future home.

The city is not still sure how to go about this the other day as I lowered the water levels in the backyard. How can we all pull together to get this thing going?

For water rationing in SLO

By Stewart McKenzie

"You’re either part of the solution or you’re part of the problem."

— Eldridge Cleaver

You are part of the problem. Despite what you consider a financial burden, you are much better off than most. I’m talking about affordable housing in San Luis Obispo. I hope you can also part of the solution.

Remember as Henry Ford once said about the Edsel, "Everything is relative." And relatively speaking, you have a good deal. Four or five of you get together, throw in $200 a month or so — presto, you have a nice four-bedroom house in a very decent part of town. Or if you don’t like group homes, a couple of you pool resources and have a decent two-bedroom apartment somewhere in the community for $200 a month, $300 a month tops.

Better yet, mommy and daddy, from their abode in Lataland or the Bay Area, like the school, the community and the climate. They also like, by their standards, the low cost of single-family housing here. Before you can say Century 21, a property is bought up by mommy and daddy, and Billy or Sue or Ted and Alice have a nice home while they are going to Poly. Mommy and Daddy have a nice tax write off and get great equity upon your gradation.

How many of you find housing in the community? Your campus housing office tells me there are about 16,000 full-time students, and Cal Poly provides on-campus housing for about 2,800 of you. That’s only 18 percent. You’re not competing on the private market. At four to a house, that means you are occupying 3,300 single-family homes. Two to an affordable apartment, this is about 4,600 appartments. Meanwhile, you are in 6,600 apartments. Neither is an accurate because the majority of you are in a combination of housing situations. But the point remains the same. With 13,200 of you competing in a market where there are only one only 16,000 residential housing units (source: Population Research Unit, California Research Bureau, University of California), you have a significant impact on the housing market.

Moreover, and please don’t laugh me off the campus, you are a market of resources. I think women should have the right to decide what they do with their own bodies. But how should one go about this? I lowered the water levels in the backyard. How can we all pull together to get this thing going?

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Letters to the Editor

Campaign posters don’t relate candidates’ views

Editor — Recently I have noticed a trend whereby campaign posters all over campus for candidates running for ASI offices. Of what significance is the name of the candidate without knowing anything else about the person? I realize that campaign pos­

ters are used in society to get people to know the names of the candidates, but this is an unfair, manipulative type of campaign­ing that is being overdone here at Poly. It is manipulative because the posters state nothing of what the people stand for, their values or anything else relevant to why a candidate should be voted for.

Instead, a name is put in front of a face whereby you’ll learn a little about that when you vote, you will vote for the name that you remember. It is unfair because it gets the public to know only the can­

The bottom line is that this community is in the middle of an affordable housing crisis. There are numerous reasons for the crisis. Obviously, with the sheer numbers, you have a marked effect on the community, including government, city government, the Housing Authority, local businesses, churches and even Cal Poly to band together to address the issue.

Over the years many faculty members and stud­

I am not stating that the candidates are running their campaigns wrong. I am just critiquing this particular method of campaigning. Perhaps in the future, campaigns on campus (and hopefully on larger levels) could be limited to a set of stan­

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I think women should have the right to decide what they do with their own bodies.

— Michael Teuber

NOW supporter

Correction

Kent Nielsen’s name was inadvertently left off his letter (“Gay men aren’t only AIDS victims,” April 11). He is vice president of the G.B.U. Mustang Daily apologizes for the omission.

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed

Student housing is affordable in SLO

By George Myolin

Before you can say, ‘Century 21,’ a property is bought up by mommy and daddy, and Billy or Sue or Ted and Alice have a nice home while they are going to Po­

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Wright may have broken House ethics rules

WASHINGTON (AP) - The House Ethics Committee has concluded that Speaker Jim Wright probably violated the chamber's rules by failing to report benefits from a Texas business partner as gifts.

A source familiar with the investigation said late Monday that the committee has found "reason to believe" that Wright violated the gift-reporting rules on benefits given to him and his wife by the business as well as by Fort Worth.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, declined to say how many instances of failure to report gifts had been identified by the panel.

But the number could easily be in the dozens, because several benefits Wright received continued over a period of years and would have had to be reported on each year's financial disclosure form. Among the benefits under scrutiny were: five annual trips to a condominium in Texas, an $18,000 salary for his wife, Betty, and use of a 1979 Cadillac.

CBS News reported Monday that the committee had found 30 instances of possible rules violations by Wright.

"We think it's an absurd report," said Mark Johnson, Wright's press secretary. "We have absolutely no information along those lines.

The committee, which resumes deliberations Tuesday in what is expected to be its final week before issuing a report, is engaged in a process not unlike that of a grand jury. Finding "reason to believe" that rules have been violated would be equivalent to an indictment of Wright. The speaker would then have a chance to defend himself in a disciplinary proceeding before the chamber.

Wright, his wife, Mallick and their wives joined forces to make the "Mallickco" and used it to stockbroker went to jail.

Ed Heath, head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, in Mexico, told reporters, "The message... is that President Salinas de Gortari means business.

"To pull this thing off the way it was done is a tribute" to Mexican authorities, Heath said. "It has an impact it has on the drug market, we can say, is extremely significant.

Felix Gallardo, thought to head a ring that smuggled up to 4 tons of cocaine a month into the United States, had been sought for years but "obtained protection from diverse authorities," Alvarez said.

Heath said Felix Gallardo "was as important as any major trafficker in South America" and was best known for his "hubbub and impunity in Mexico because of the protection he received."

U.S. authorities believe Felix Gallardo was involved in the business of American drug agent Enrique Camarena Salazar. But Alvarez said Felix Gallardo opposed killing Camarena and that his office had no evidence linking him directly to the killing.

Alvarez added, however, that Felix Gallardo was the "intellectual author" of the organization that killed Camarena.

While Federal judicial police were arresting Felix Gallardo in the western state of Jalisco and protecting the drug czar believed to control the protection he received."
KENNEDY

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As well as the differences in body wounds, Lifton said the mode of body transport was very suspicious. Why, Lifton asked, did Kennedy's body leave Dallas wrapped in bed sheets and placed in an expensive brass casket, and arrive at Bethesda in a body bag thrown in a drab pinkish-gray shipping casket? Unless, as he contends, the casket Mrs. Ken­
dedy sat with on the plane was empty.

His intensive study of the shooting and its aftermath had revealed that the only time dur­
ing which Jacqueline Kennedy left the casket, an body could have been removed, was during the makeshift inaugura­
tion of Lyndon Johnson aboard Air Force One.

He added that the body was probably removed from the brass casket, placed in a body bag and stowed somewhere aboard AF-1 until landing in Washington,

D.C., where it was snuck off the jet, altered and rushed to Bethesda before Mrs. Kennedy got there.

Lifton presented this, and a barrage of other findings, to the audience. "It's so obvious, you don't need to be an expert to see something doesn't fit here," he said.

Lifton is disappointed with the media for not paying attention to what he feels is an obvious con­spicacy being covered up.

He added that Kennedy had received much criticism from people in his administration for his handling of the Cuban missile crisis, the Bay of Pigs invasion, and his peace talks with Kruschev, among other events, and that there would have been many motives to devise "a plan to make the vice president presi­dent under circumstances which looked accidental."

If a conspiracy had occurred, Lifton said, "it was ingenious in conception, but bungled in ex­ecution."

Lifton has presented his find­ings to all three television net­works, 60 Minutes, and 20/20, and he has received mixed feel­ings about it. He has compiled enough evidence for a second book, which he will publish next year, he said. He compares this event to Watergate, and said if the media paid more attention to it, some action would be taken.

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JULIE'S friends were aware of her problem. They used to talk about it with one another and they even brought it up to Julie a few times. But she would not even consider taking them seriously and would quickly brush their accusations off as "personal problems" and "going overboard." They were concerned — afraid — yet, they felt as though there was nothing they could do. After a while, Julie's friends gave up trying to approach the topic. When she was around, which was never for long or often anymore, they played along and acted like there was nothing wrong, but gave one another knowing glances.

Julie was never a "perfect" student, but in the past, she had gotten good grades, been a good friend, and stayed active in school clubs and her sorority. But, over the past year, all of this — and other things — changed because Julie became a bulimic.

Julie's roommates, her two closest friends, could not decide what to do. Her symptoms were not obvious; she appeared outwardly healthy, happy and in control of her life ... but they knew that something was wrong. Their bathroom continually smelled of vomit, food was disappearing, Julie could be heard throwing up early in the morning and late at night almost daily, she began to spend excessive amounts of time in her room and made up excuses so she did not have to attend social events or go on visits home.

Her roommates began to worry even more, but Julie as usual, easily put their questions off. They decided to continue to ignore the behavioral changes.

Bulimia or bulimia nervosa (a combination of bulimia and anorexia) is also known as the "binge-purge syndrome" or cycle where a person eats excessive amounts of food and then purges (vomits). It is a serious eating disorder which is reaching epidemic proportions among college students, according to a pamphlet distributed by the American College Health Association (ACHA).

Julie's friends should not have ignored her problem because with this disorder, sometimes friends are the only ones close enough to a person to know that there is a problem.

Rich Rich, RN and mental health nurse at several bulimia groups, says that 50 percent of the people she sees have eating disorders, she receives at least two calls a week from people with a disorder and that there is a demand for more eating disorder groups.

There are many causes or triggers of bulimia. Rich says sociocultural issues often cause eating disorders.

The pressures to be "thin as a rail" that we are presented with in magazines and everyday life, creates stress and an image that some feel they must obtain. This image of the "perfect" woman is not reality and can not be obtained, said Rich.

Family pressures can also cause eating disorders.

Julie's mother loves to cook, so her family eats large breakfasts and dinners together everyday; but Julie's mother never eats much. She serves our large portions and gives herself a spoonful. During her teenage years, while observing her mother, Julie began to feel like she ate too much. Her father would jokingly say, "Lookin' kinda heavy there, Jul." To Julie it was no joke. She began to diet. Her parents passed off her dieters as "phases" and ignored the signs of her compulsive eating. After all, they would say, she's a good kid, just a bit conscious about her weight like all girls her age.

Stress and pressure are key words when assessing bulimics.

"Students experience their college years in a series of transitions, momentous changes, reappraisals of family values ... everything from the initial insecurities and adjustments of the freshman year to the equally stressful anxieties of the senior year," states the ACHA pamphlet.

This stress on a person causes them to eat or binge. The binge is an insane free-for-all, a few minutes when the person eats whatever they desire — which are usually foods high in fat.

The binge leads to the purge, which gives the person an intense feeling of satisfaction. And the purge leads to a feeling of guilt, explained Rich.

"Bulimics know what they are doing, but they can't stop ... the purge is comforting to them," said Rich.

Symptoms of bulimia are seldom evident. A bulimic person is not usually overly thin and often is seemingly well adapted into society or has a calm appearance. Most bulimics harbor their troubles internally. They have problems with self expression, are less assertive than average and almost always distort reality, according to Rich. A bulimic person may not think themselves fat, but their weight is "never good enough," said Rich. They tend also to distort their belief systems.

"It's all or nothing. They're either healthy or lousy, if they're not getting an A then they're getting an F, if I eat one donut then I may as well eat the whole box," "is the way bulimic persons often think, said Rich.

"Bulimics often don't know how they feel," so it is even more difficult for them to express themselves, said Rich. It is common for them to make statements like "I'm bored" or "I'm lonely" rather than "I am frightened and I don't know where to turn."

Julie's roommates were "skinny-minny," according to Julie. They had "toothpick legs," "tiny" waists and "no butt whatsoever," Julie thought. They had "perfect" bodies — Julie's final observation. Julie's roommates began to realize that she compared herself to them continually. She noticed every detail of their anatomy — and readily pointed out the "flawlessness" of them. What Julie failed to notice was that she was the same size as them — even a little smaller than one roommate.

"(Bulimics) don't realize that you can't compare yourself to someone else," said Rich.

Since Julie's roommates chose to ignore the problem, it got worse. Had they sought information about Julie's problem, maybe they could have helped her.

"The responsibility that a friend has is that of educating themselves. (They should) encourage (the person) to get help. If we continue to deny the problem, it will continue to be a problem," said Rich. "But never try to control the situation by saying 'don't eat that' or 'should you be eating that?' to a bulimic person, said Rich.

It is imperative that someone trying to help a bulimic person talk to them honestly, Rich stated. "Go to (them) with specifics: 'I smell vomit in the bathroom every morning,' "my food is always missing', ... she said.

"Some bulimics want help, they just don't know how to ask for it or can't ... You may get tears, anger, fear, denial ... it (the response) could be anything."

A friend of a bulimic person also cannot expect changes overnight. It took them (the bulimic) a while to get there, it will take a while to recover, said Rich. "When they start to get better, they fear giving it up.

Rich feels it is not the friends' place to call a person's parents or try to force them to stop unless it is a threatening situation. A friend should provide support and information.

Julie could be a Cal Poly student. Julie could be a parent. Julie could be your best friend. Julie could be you. Whoever Julie is, she needs help. If you know Julie doesn't ignore the signs — it could save her life.

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Students who have earned more than 90 units are eligible to take the WPE. Students who have not met the requirement are permitted to go through graduation ceremonies, but the diploma is withheld until the GWR is fulfilled.

Correction

The couple pictured for the kiss-a-thon story which appeared in Monday's Mustang Daily were not winners Jeff Turner and Sue Nagrin as stated, but another participating couple, Cal Poly students Eric Rodgers and Sue Bennett. Mustang Daily regrets the error.
Not everyone is cut out to change the world. After all, it takes education, skills and a spare two years. Also a willingness to work. Hard.

This year 3,750 Americans will join the Peace Corps to do just that. They’ll do things like build roads, plant forests and crops, teach English, develop small businesses, train community health workers, or even coach basketball. However, what they’ll be doing isn’t half as important as the fact that they’ll be changing a little piece of the world... for the better.

And when they return, these 3,750 Americans will find that experience doing hard work will have another benefit. It’s exactly what their next employers are looking for.

So, give the Peace Corps your next two years. And while you’re out changing the world, you’ll also be making a place in it for yourself.

ON-CAMPUS NEXT WEEK
INFO BOOTH: Monday, April 17 - Wednesday, April 19
University Union Plaza, 9am - 3pm

FILM SEMINARS AND DISCUSSIONS:
MEET RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS
April 17 & 18, University Union Room 219, 8 - 10pm
BREAKING THE HUNGER CHAIN:
PEACE CORPS AGRICULTURE OPPORTUNITIES
A Special Seminar, April 19, 7 - 9pm, Earhart Agricultural Building Room 206

INTERVIEWS: Tuesday, May 9, Career Placement Center
APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO INTERVIEW
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