Expert discusses Middle East peace

Barry Rubin attributes problems to economic development, recognition of existing governments

By Emily Bradley
Daily Staff Writer

The Middle East is a region of conflict and turmoil, but according to speaker Barry Rubin, it is also a place of hope.

Opinions flowed during the talk "Conflict and Peacemaking in the Middle East" Thursday night, presented by an authority on terrorism and the Middle East to more than 45 students and community members in the Performing Arts Center.

Graphic communication senior Phil Sullivan is one of the reasons Rubin came to speak at Cal Poly. He had "text" Rubin over the Internet and put him in touch with the Cal Poly Lyceum, which sponsored the event.

Rubin is the deputy director of the BESA (Begin-Sadat) Center for Strategic Studies at Bar-Ilan University in Tel-Aviv, Israel.

His expertise in terrorism led him to appearances on television programs such as "Nightline," "CBS News," "The MacNeil-Lehrer NewsHour" and "Larry King Live."

He has also edited three books on terrorism and his articles have appeared in The New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, The New Republic and the Jerusalem Post.

Thursday night’s topics focused on the long-term issues facing the Middle East, the dramatic changes uprooting over the last five to 10 years, the current political situation and the future of the peace process.

Asking, he said, "There is never a dull moment (in the region)."

He credited problems with economic development, the destruction of Israel and the failure of the Middle East to see legitimacy in the existing governments and borders as the underlying conflicts in the Middle East.

Yet he has witnessed both global and regional shifts over the last five to 10 years that leave him optimistic about the future of the region. For instance, he believes that Israel is stronger because of the mass immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union. He also believes that the Persian Gulf War allowed countries in the region to "heal together." He admits that the Middle East is far from the "no" and "yes" ends of the spectrum.

Rubin says, "The world says he should do this," the Muslim minister said. "America has influence in Israel but is not using that influence in a constructive way."

Clinton’s policy puts the United States in a position that "pays lip service to the Palestinians while she bows to the dictates of Netanyahu and the strong political Jewish lobby," Farrokhan said.

The White House would not comment specifically about Farrokhan’s remarks but defended the president’s strategy in the region as successful.

"The administration’s Middle East policy has

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Arbor Day goal to teach conservation to children

By Christine Spans
Daily Staff Writer

Saturday was a great day to celebrate Arbor Day. The sun-warmed soil and blue sky were clear evidence that spring has arrived. Children ate hot dogs and threw dirt clubs at each other, and proud parents gathered around a display of prize-winning drawings and prose.

Nearly 100 people gathered at Laguna Lake Park for the city’s Arbor Day festival. It is held each year in cooperation with the city’s elementary schools to impress children with the importance of conservation.

This year approximately 500 students in grades one through six entered the Arbor Day art and prose contest sponsored by the city.

Mayor Allen Settle and council members Bill Bussman and Kathy Smith gave certificates and T-shirts to 92 art and prose winners.

C. L. Smith School sixth grader, Catherine Hubbard, won second place for her pencil drawing of an oak tree. The whole Hubbard family came to see her drawing, then planted a tree together.

As part of the celebration, residents planted trees they donated to the Laguna Lake commemorative grove. Many of the 20 trees planted Saturday will serve as memorials to family members. There are about 150 trees in the grove.

Thirteen members of the McBeth family came to plant a redwood tree to honor their father and grandfather, Stewart “Perry” McBeth. They chose a redwood because they were originally from the Eureka area where redwood trees are prolific.

Nearby, yellow and purple crocuses surrounded a Chinese Pistache tree donated to the memory of Jack Wright by his friends at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center. A stack of pine cones stood in front of the bronze plaque bearing his name.

During the ceremonies, California Department of Forestry CDF representative, Greg Pesano, presented Settle with a Tree City USA flag. This is the 10th year Sun Luis Obispo has been awarded a flag on behalf of CDF and the Arbor Day Foundation.

Pesano commended the city for being committed to an open space and greenbelt policy. To receive Tree City USA designation, a city must meet several criteria. It must celebrate

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Upcoming student vote worries Committee

By Emily Bradley
Daily Staff Writer

Tensions are rising for the Cal Poly football team as it faces off against its arch-rival, the UC Davis Aggies.

In its meeting Thursday evening, the committee composed of representatives from administration, staff, faculty and students discussed results from the recent random survey distributed to almost 2,500 students in class, at the residence halls and campus throughout winter quarter.

In general, the responses were positive for the additional fee increases of $48 per quarter for 1997-1998 and $37 per quarter more for 1998-1999. But the committee showed concern about the "middle-of-the-road" respondents.

The referendum at the end of this month will consist of only a "yes" or "no" format to determine student favor or disfavor with the fee increases.

The survey conducted last quarter was designed with a scale from 1 to 4 and "moderate support" (3) and "moderate opposition" (4) responses concern the committee because it is difficult to predict which way these students will lean when faced with a straightforward "yes" or "no" question.

According to ASI President Steve McShane, this data indicates the next steps the committee must take to inform students about the Cal Poly Plan.

"If we lump the 3's and 4's together, the total is more than either the definite 'yes's' and definite 'no's,'" he said. "The surveys were positive because they got out to students and informed that many more students, but it still shows that we need to do a better job of informing them."

As well as soliciting information, the committee will also distribute one more in-class random survey yet this time with the "yes" or "no" format appearing on the referendum.

Phil Sturm, director of the Poly Plan’s Communication Task Force, discussed his concern during the meeting about the importance each survey will hold, past and future, in the final decision

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The Society of Professional Journalists is compiling a resume bank for students who are looking for jobs or internships. Deadline for submissions is May 7. For more information, call 543-0972.

The members of Crime Victims Coalition of San Luis Obispo is working in conjunction with National Victims Rights Week that is April 13 - April 17. This year's theme is "Let Victims Rights Ring Across America." For more information, call 528-6346, 544-2899 or 547-6225.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The League of Women's Voters presents "How to Meet the Continuing Conflict in Middle East." April 16-18. For more information, call 544-1051.

The Central Coast Scottish Society will meet April 13, 7 p.m. at the Creekside Community Club House, 3960 S. Higuera for fun and food. For more information, call 238-0346, 544-2899 or 547-6225.

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Middle East to see the benefit of an international relations program. "As Rubin is to the Middle East, we are still traveling in a direction," he said. The U.S. media takes a snapshot of what is happening right now; it focuses on the daily. But instead we have to look at the broader events.

Still with his optimism, Rubin acknowledged the suffering and conflict in Middle East.

"People die, people suffer, I don't mean to make it sound all simplistic and easy," he said. This is not blind, mass destruction. There is a measure here of turning back at any moment, as Rubin brought to such a complicated subject, especially dealing with Middle East. Rabbin brought to such a complicated subject, especially dealing with U.S. relations.

Rubin's talk was political science and it seems like it is a very rigid thing to do. But he talked about the integration of the recent Jewish Russian immigrants, but what about the integration of the so-called second- and third-generation Israelis who are the Arabs now? There is a lot of emotion in both sides right now that needed to be touched on. But it was really a breadth of topics he covered. It was very optimistic, which was surprising to me.

Another student who attended Rubin's talk was political science senior Deaouaan Toomey. She was especially impressed by Rubin. "I had not heard the history of Rubin brought to such a complicated subject, especially dealing with U.S. relations. The way the U.S. media portrays it (the peace agreements), it seems like it is not as rigid and both sides are willing to go back to the table, but they want to take the time to make it right. What the outside parties like the United States have different interests so they want to speed it up.

Mary Kay Harrington, the director of the Los Angeles, coordinated the event. In her introduction, she stressed the opportunity Rubin provided for the audience to better understand the situation in the Middle East.

"It is all so confusing, so I thought we could become unconfused," little Harrington, said.
A large crowd gathered in the U.U. Galerie Thursday to congratulate Mike Campos on his award as the 1996-97 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year. "I was pretty excited (when I heard it)," said Campos, an architecture senior who has been working at the ASI Craft Center for four years, the last two as the center's manager.

ASI Program Coordinator Daren Connor, who nominated Campos, had nothing but praise for his nominee.

"He's gone above and beyond the call, done everything I've asked of him and much more," Connor said. "He always came up with extremely creative ideas day after day after day and implemented them effectively and never said no."

"I felt that he deserved more recognition than I could possibly give him in public," Connor added. "I thought this nomination was easily appropriate, and I'm really happy that he won.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker said a few words before handing Campos a certificate, a gold-plated, lapel pin with the words "CAL POLY" emblazoned on it and the plaque with his name that remains on display at Cal Poly.

"One of the really great things about being president of the university is getting an opportunity like this to be able to be here today to recognize the outstanding work Mike can do," Baker said. He added that the award is only a small token of appreciation.

In his acceptance speech, Mike thanked all those who had worked with him and who had "helped more people find the Craft Center on campus.

The award, presented through the National Student Administrators Association and the Western Association of Student Employment Administrators (WASEA), is given annually to an outstanding student employee who has been nominated and has met certain criteria.

Although the award has been presented for many years now, Cal Poly has only participated for the last three years.

"In order for Cal Poly to participate in forwarding Cal Poly's Outstanding Student Employee of the Year (onto the state, regional and national levels of the competition), there needs to be a member of WASEA on this campus, which I am a member of that association," Financial Aid Counselor Loann McDonald said.

McDonald was responsible for bringing the competition to Cal Poly when she became a member of WASEA three years ago. However, she was quick to add that the campus was very supportive of her efforts.

"I felt it was important to take the initiative," McDonald said.

McDonald said that selecting a winner out of the 27 nominees was not easy.

"It was very, very difficult for the selection committee," McDonald said. "They wanted to recognize all of the nominees because they were really fabulous."
Stop. Don't sign that plan!

BY GUY WELCH

"We, the people," are opposed to the fee increases included in the Cal Poly Plan. California State University Students have enjoyed fee freezes the past two years; and support the current freezes proposed by Lt. Governor Davis. Furthermore, we feel alternative measures should be sought in achieving the funds necessary to make Cal Poly an affordable facility to achieve an advanced education. In this regard, we request legislative means be pursued in obtaining the necessary funds to maintain educational and technologically oriented facilities.

Above is the text of a petition circulated in classrooms in opposition to the Cal Poly Plan. The spirit of the resolution is a popular one, but the body of the petition ignores the specific facts and the overall context in which the Cal Poly Plan was drafted. This petition is not only misinformed, it also seriously misrepresents the political reality of the state budget process and the methods used by California higher education.

The student who circulated the petition to my class claimed that our representative in the senate, Jack O'Connell, would be able to deliver the money raised through the Cal Poly Plan ($1.81 million this year and $3.91 million in 1998-99) from the legislature. I spoke with O'Connell during the first week of the quarter on this subject, and when asked if this was in fact possible, he responded "regrettably, probably not."

This is not to downplay the efforts made by our representatives and other policy makers to come up with an alternative source of funding. Last year, O'Connell, chair of the senate Budget Committee on Education, drafted a bill which would earmark $2 million in additional funds for the Cal Poly Plan, eliminating the need for fee increases. This bill was defeated by a significant margin, with strong opposition coming from other campuses in the system who view the situation of funding in higher education to be critical.

During the current legislative session, O'Connell has put forth a specific package of initiatives. This bill, known simply as SB 623, intends to convert the facility of Camarillo State Hospital into the 22nd CSU campus. Cal State Channel Islands. O'Connell hopes that a commitment to the Channel Islands campus will act as a catalyst for state-wide support of his proposed bond issue for all the schools in the CSU system. SB 623 is scheduled for its first committee hearing April 16.

The effect of a bond issue on Cal Poly will be negligible, if possible. For a bond measure to be passed by the voters, it requires a "supermajority," which means a two-thirds approval from the voters, which rarely occurs. For instance, Proposition 21, which protected the more politically popular arena of K-12 education barely passed in 1988. If the bond measure is approved, it will be more concerning with meeting the demands of the children of the baby boomers, an estimate of 25 million students to the system in the next seven years according to the California Post-Graduate Education Commission. In other words, it is considered primarily with expanding access to those currently outside the system, not the level of quality for those students already in.

This is a central concern. In the words of Tom Constantine, former chair of the CSU Board of Trustees and Cal Poly alumnus "access without quality is worthless across the board." This is the central concern of the Cal Poly Plan. Unlike funding increases that are linked to enrollment increases such as the the Governor's Compact which allows for 4 percent increases in enrollment, the Plan's strategy is to increase the level of funding per student for those who are already enrolled. Not a dime of Cal Poly Plan money will go toward building facilities elsewhere in the state, nor will they go toward adding to our enrollment.

According to Cal Poly Provost Paul Zeng, the plan is "a way for the university to plan and participate changes in higher education and the state."

The plan has received acclaim from various private agencies and think-tanks including the American Council on Education in Washington last February.

Unlike money from Sacramento, the Cal Poly Plan gives our campus a certain amount of local control to establish funding priorities specific to our institutional need and to form a poly-technic mission. Professions have become more specialized and the demands of industry are growing. By initiating innovation and quality here on our campus, we will be able to continue turning out top graduates in their field who will be marketable in an increasingly competitive job market. Does this mean that tuition has to be raised through the roof? Even with the plan, tuition at Cal Poly will be negligible, even if passed. For a significant portion of any funding, it requires a "supermajority," which will be negligible, even if passed. For a significant portion of any funding, it requires a "supermajority," which will be negligible, even if passed. For a significant portion of any funding, it requires a "supermajority," which will be negligible, even if passed. For a significant portion of any funding.

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Education is an urgent priority. Considering a best case scenario of a strong state economy and a passage of the bond issue, CSU funding levels will not return to previous levels per student in the next five years, if ever. A significant portion of any funding increase will be absorbed by deferred maintenance, higher enrollments and teaching faculty salaries. A look at the CSU that lurk 15 percent below the national average.

Before you decide to sign this petition, with that in mind, a word to the wise: I probably want to deny it, but most likely TV and movies probably have a really big effect on your life, or at the very least, on your speech patterns. I realized this several years ago when my cousins came to stay with my family for a few days. They had grown up without a television in their house and weren't allowed to see movies. My family and I couldn't believe how often we said something and were greeted with blank stares. "Good grid," we thought. "Where have they been if they didn't know what the score was?"

I know that most of you are no better. If people you know aren't up with the movies and TV shows of popular culture, it probably mocks the idea of trying to see "Star Wars" with the movie theater employee was asking all kinds of questions and roomie kept yelling out, "What are you guys talking about?" I explained to the confused theatre-goers, yelling, "Sorry folks, she's never seen 'Star Wars.'" We were almost mobbed by half the people in the theater. Being an English major, I've reduced my movie and TV vocabulary. Now I've started quoting the Romantic poets. That's not really much better, since even fewer people know what I'm talking about. (Except the other English majors, of course.) We have our own little cult I guess. Among us, instead of quoting Ferris Bueller, we're quoting William Wordsworth and have escaped the influences of popular culture to a degree.

Of course, we could argue that using lines from poets that have been dead for centuries is probably as much worse than using some line from a Monty Python movie. I mean, neither is original. And at some point in history, quoting Wordsworth probably partly forgot culture. At least, Ferris Bueller is a little more current. Amanda Burt is an English sophomore.
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The chairman of the Traffic Advisory Committee, Harbor Municipal Judge Glenn Mahler of Newport Beach, said the committee was notified of "reports statewide that the law is not being interpreted as apparently the Legislature intended it to be."

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"We are concerned that ... the law can in fact be an incentive for all sorts of fraud - false insurance ID cards down to stealing the registration stickers off license plates that the DMV won't re-register a car," said Lynne Olson, lobbyist for the Association of California Cities.

"It would have been better if it had come during the war, but it was counterproductive," said the cathedral rector, Monsignor Ivan Mrse.

The pope is intent on healing divisions among Roman Catholic Croats, Muslims and Orthodox Serbs, describing himself as a "pilgrim of peace and friendship" and urging that the "natural instinct of revenge" give way to the "liberating power of forgiveness."

"Never again war! Never again hatred and division!" Pope John Paul said before a sparse crowd in the April 19 at Sarajevo.

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Woods made a birdie on No. 7 — one of the par-5 holes he played a total of 13 under par for the week. And he showed his first flaw since Thursday's 40 on the first nine of the first round in the middle of that nine on Sunday. He made bogeys on Nos. 5 and 7, both when he hit bunkers, and made a bad swing on No. 8, hitting his second shot into the pine needles left of the fairway.

But a great bump-and-run shot ended 3 feet from the hole and the birdie seemed to give him his rhythm back. By the times Woods turned into the final 18 on the stretch of Augusta known as Amen Corner at No. 11 the easy smile of a very happy young man was beginning to break through the shell of concentration in which Woods surrounded himself.

Waves of affection and admiration carried Woods along on the back nine. He beamed when he hit the dangerous 12th green and back nine. He beamed when he put the tournament away. Fans hooted, screamed, bowed waves of affection and admiration carried Woods along on the back nine. He beamed when he hit the dangerous 12th green and

Woods hit 26 of 28 fairways — 93 percent of them. He was not only close to the greens, but in perfect position to do something with it. And he did, surrounding the hole with laser-like iron shots.

His performance on Saturday when his 65 — the low round of the tournament — was another demonstration of his ability to raise is level of play to the demands of the situation. Woods won his first U.S. Amateur in 1994 when he overcame a record 6-down deficit. He won his third Amateur last year when he came back from 5-down after 18 holes and 2-down with three holes to play.

Woods' first PGA Tour victory, in only his fifth start as a professional, came in a playoff, as did his win at the Mercedes Championships this year when he nearly made a hole-in-one on the first extra hole to win.

The $480,000 first-place check at the Masters gave Woods $1,737,594 in earnings since returning pre Aug. 27 of last year.

But Woods is in this for more than money. He has one more trick to be the best golfer ever to play the game.

VOTE from page 1 process by the committee. This question was raised because student turnover at the polls is often limited. Therefore, the committee has obtained broader information from the surveys. The committee is also concerned that the large number of moderate students (that is, those who are 3's and 4's) will simply decide not to vote. According to Juan Gonzales, vice president for student affairs, "The data from previous surveys was to assist the steering committee in writing the referendum and educating students. They have been educative, insightful tools for us. But the final two measurements (the survey and the referendum) are preeminent. Although the fee-increase data raised some questions, the responses from the winter quarter surveys strongly supported previous research of student-funding priority. Students ranked 'increasing the availability of classes in all majors' and 'accelerating student progress towards degree completion' as the highest priorities. These responses will help the committee allocate Poly Plan money.

The committee also discussed the proposal review team which will evaluate the requests for projects to be funded by Poly Plan money. There is talk that these teams will empower the College Councils (representatives from each college), allowing them to select the proposal review team representatives.

According to Rosemary Bower, the staff council chair, this will create a more "grass-roots" approach for the Poly Plan by extending the leadership and decision making beyond ASI.

Summer Resident Advisor Information Sessions

Summer Resident Advisor applications are available at the Housing Office (Building 29) and at the Multicultural Center.

Summer Resident Advisor Recruitment is scheduled for Thursday, May 1, 1997.

Pope to honor fireman who saved Shroud of Turin

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy - John Paul II will award special papal citations to the firemen who saved the Shroud of Turin from a burning cathedral, a Vatican spokesman said Sunday.

A fire late Friday night badly damaged the 1,500-year-old San Giovanni Cathedral, home of the relic some consider Jesus Christ's burial shroud, and the nearby Royal Palace.

Firefighter Mario Trematore hammered through four layers of bulletproof glass to rescue the shroud in its silver box from the burning building.

"God gave me the strength to break the glass," he gasped, collapsing outside the cathedral as onlookers went wild and applauded.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the pope would bestow special Vatican citations on Trematore and the other firefighters who rescued the shroud. He spoke with reporters accompanying the pope to Sarniglio.

Meanwhile, officials in Turin declared a "state of stabbing" and ordered the palace and cathedral to be evacuated.

Mayor Valentino Castellani and said repair work on the palace and the cathedral would begin immediately, in order to protect the interiors from water damage in case of rain, according to the ANSA news agency.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL A quick update on all your favorite California baseball teams

GIANTS 5, METS 1 NEW YORK — Jeff Kent drove in three runs, then sprained his neck when he collided headfirst with third base, as the San Francisco Giants beat the New York Mets 5-1 Sunday in the first game of a doubleheader.

Kent, a former Met, hit a two-run homer in the first off Mark Clark (0-1) and doubled in Barry Bonds in the fifth, giving him a team-leading 12 RBIs. He tried to stretch the double in the top of the ninth inning snapped the Giants 5, Mets 1 Sunday in Philadelphia.

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Woods grabs first green jacket at Masters

By Ron Sinak
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AUGUSTA, Ga. — Ultimately, Tiger Woods was named the Masters champion. His victory was more about Jack Nicklaus than Jackie Robinson.

The rollicking cheers and waves of affection that carried Woods through the final few holes and onto the 18th green at Augusta National Golf Club made that clear.

His golf game seemed to make it inevitable.

When the green jacket was draped over the shoulders of Woods, the man who became a kid again when he squeezed his eyes tight and fought back tears as he hugged his father, Earl, the man who taught him the game, and his mother, Donna, the dream of Earl Woods 21 years ago to have his son a champion had come true.

Closing with a 69, Woods finished at 18-under-par 270, the lowest score ever shot in the Masters and matching the most under par anyone has ever been in any of the four Grand Slam events.

His 12-stroke victory over Tom Kite was not only a Masters record by three strokes, but the greatest winning margin in any major since Tom Morris Sr. won the 1862 British Open by 13 strokes.

And Woods was the youngest by two years ever to win the Masters.

"He's not there playing another game on a golf course he is going to own for a long time," said Nicklaus, who won the Masters at 23. "I don't think I want to go back out and be 21 and compete against him."

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The Grand Slam — winning the Masters, U.S. Open, British Open and PGA in the same year — is not out of the question for Woods, and breaking the record low score of 58 for a competitive round could be only a matter of time.

A scintillating 66 followed by a 65 in the middle two rounds when only one other player could shoot a 66 — proved that and it ended the tournament.

Coming into Sunday with a nine-ace lead over Costantino Bocca, the final round was a mere formality which he handled perfectly, playing safely but not shyly.

Even the one seemingly impossible mark of 20 major championships by Nicklaus is now vulnerable. With his three U.S. Amateur titles Woods now has four.

His remarkable accomplishments as a golfer almost overshadowed yet another significant achievement.

Woods' victory came just two days shy of 20 years after Jackie Robinson became the first black to play major league baseball. And surely, 50 years from now, the day Tiger Woods won the Masters will be discussed with just as much awe and perhaps with as much significance as The Great One breaking baseball's barrier.

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Welsh, who has been the head coach at Atascadero High School since 1979, is one of the most successful high school football coaches in California. He compiled a 193-37-1 record in 18 years at Atascadero and won seven CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) Championships.

"I am thrilled to death to have this opportunity," Welsh said. He added that he feels he is the perfect candidate for the position because he's been in the city and knows the school.

"I have a lot of understanding of this university," he said. Welsh said he wants to add to the winning tradition that Patterson started.

"Hopefully, we can build on the tradition and bring Cal Poly into the national scene and be a defensive back coach in 1966. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1966 and received his master's in education in 1968.

Welsh said he is excited about returning to the college level and continuing to work with young people.

Now the Cal Poly Athletic Director John McCutcheon said the university is looking forward to the addition of the situation at Cal Poly coming back to the college level as the defensive coordinator and linebacker coach the Cal Poly Fullerton from 1976-1978. He made his coaching debut at his alma mater, Northern Arizona University, as a defensive back coach in 1966.