Student defends report to city council

By Megan Shearn and Kim Tahsuda

Environmental engineering senior Andrea Resch took her fight against Duke Energy's Morro Bay Power Plant to Morro Bay city council Monday.

I wanted to introduce myself and put a face to the name, Resch said.

Resch published a report with engineering senior Karl Stensen for their Environmental 218 Professional Writing class last quarter. The report compared 1998 emissions at the plant with projected numbers and found that most pollutants increase in terms of tons per year. Duke Energy has responded with criticism against the methods of comparison.

Resch attended the meeting with her English professor, Melody DeMent.

DeMent asked Resch to appear at the meeting and "show that she is a bright and competent environmental engineer," she said.

During her speech Resch said, "The report provides the people of Morro Bay with new information about how the plant will affect air pollution. I encourage the citizens and the city council to investigate more.

Dave Elliot, vice mayor of Morro Bay, declined to discuss the report because he said the council hasn't had a chance to discuss the issue. Duke plans to闹 all of the existing power plants, its three smoke stacks and all seven oil tanks in a two-phase construction project.

During Phase I, a combined-cycle plant will be built on the rear of the property. In addition, Phase II will involve construction of two new 145-foot stacks and possible removal of one existing stack by 2003.

All of the existing 450-foot stacks will come down during Phase II by 2013.

In a letter to the mayor and city council members, Mark Seedall, Duke Energy's director of electric modernization, said that statistics provided by Duke in the report only apply to Phase I of the project, not to the recently developed Phase II. In addition, changes in the report show average emissions in the past compared to maximum emissions in the future.

They are an apples-to-oranges comparison, Seedall wrote in the letter.

Resch said she was disappointed by the general reaction to the report.

"I was saddened to hear that people put down this report because it was done by students. I based all my emissions calculations on information I received from (Air Pollution Control District)," Resch said.

After her speech, she added, "I just wanted them to take me seriously. That was the part I was really offended by.

Spencer echoed Resch's frustration.

The council has asked us no questions if we were paid for the report or who solicited it," Spencer said.

DeMent said, "Andrea and Kara are good students. They don't deserve to be ignored, smeared or misread. They will be the people I hope are feeding our cities, states and country in the future."
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them to attend a meeting with Judicial Affairs.

"When I received the letter, I sort of jumped the gun," Burns said. "I was really angry."

The six-minute Rohypnol segment aired Dec. 22 and detailed the stories of three female students, including Koschecki. She interviewed the two other victims and the president of Sigma Chi. Koschecki presented an information piece on the drug.

"We never pointed fingers and said this (fraternity) did it; we just told of the night when these events allegedly occurred," Burns said. "I thought I was doing the school a favor by doing an informational health piece — how to avoid Rohypnol, what it is, what happens when you get drugged, what you do after you take it and how to be safe."

Burns said that Koschecki and the other two students never approached police with their stories because they didn't have enough information to incriminate anyone.

She said the meeting was held in part to investigate the matter further and possibly use the fraternity. Burns said the girls were not willing to release any information.

"The way I look at it is: if we didn't do the piece in the first place, these girls wouldn't have talked at all and no one would have known anything," Burns said.

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"There are organizations and individuals who don't believe in collective bargaining and unions," Fetzer said, but he added, "We expect to prevail. It's been well established that the Fair Share law is legal."

Sally Anderson, local chapter president for CSEA, said most people are unaware of what the Fair Share fees are.

On Dec. 17 of last year, a Fair Share fees meeting was held on campus for the faculty, union members and non-members. An estimated 30 to 40 staff members were present to learn exactly what the law was and how it applied to them.

Caldera said the average fee of a voluntary union member is an estimated $30 a month. Of that fee, 91 percent goes to the CSEA for various union-related costs. He added that those who object to the union fees only pay 61 percent of the dues, which total around $18 a month.

Anderson has been working with CSU faculty, including Cal Poly faculty, and feels that progression is being made as far as union members.

"We've had more people throughout the (CSU) system joining the union," Anderson said. Most of the reaction I've had has been very positive.

For more information pertaining to the Fair Share law or any other union questions, CSEA is offering a hotline, 877-330-0505, Monday through Thursday, from now until Feb. 3.
Poly welcomes new robots

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard

The industrial and manufacturing engineering (IME) department is welcoming a unique addition. The state-of-the-art equipment isn't your average production tool; it's a robot.

Don't be fooled. The $38,000 piece of machinery does not look like a character out of Star Wars nor does it talk. Instead, it is used by students in automation of industry systems class to create a manufacturing environment, said Sema Alperkin, professor and chairwoman of the IME department.

"The robot is an actual simulation," she explained. "It delivers something to you like a circuit does it talk. Instead, it is used by students in automation of industry systems class to create a manufacturing environment." Before the September arrival of the new equipment, IME students were using an out-of-date robot that was tedious because students would have to wait for the machine to finish one task before it began another. Now, the robot can be programmed to complete many jobs at once, increasing the efficiency in the work room, Connolly said.

Essentially, the robot is a real component in the virtual factory that the students are creating, Connolly said. It allows students to make a real-life simulation, rather than imitating it on computers.

"The advantage of the robot is that it gives us real-world applications for our programming languages," he said.

The robot allows the students to use their skills in an environment similar to one that they will face in the engineering industry, Alperkin said.

Previously, the robot was similar to a giant arm, picking the product up and moving it from place to place, she explained. This process was tedious because students would have to wait for the machine to finish one task before it began another. Now, the robot can be programmed to complete many jobs at once, increasing the efficiency in the work room, Connolly said.

A new wave of technology comes with a few problems. Connolly said that since the robot is on a network, learning how to deal with that network has become one of their biggest challenges.

There are no classes instructing students on how to program machinery as advanced as the robot, so students are teaching themselves how to operate it, Connolly said.

Alperkin said the robot is part of a changing process occurring in the IME workroom. The department recently received $8,000 for their virtual computer labs, inspiring them to upgrade their equipment.

Part of the cost of the new robot was financed by the Cal Poly Plan, an initiative that allotted more money to each of the colleges on campus.

The IME department is concentrating on improving its machinery to help students like Connolly prepare for jobs in their field.

"The graduating seniors might be working in the industry with engineers and they will deal with other types of robots," Alperkin said. "This is a good experience for them."
Above all else, look at politics for yourself.

Although I typically refrain from commenting on fellow columnist's articles, I have noticed a few particular opinions being thrown into the pages of Mustang Daily that I simply can't ignore. If there is one thing I cherish in this great country, it's that we all have the right to say and do whatever we feel like. Am I one thing I cherish in this great country, it's that we all have the right to say and do whatever we feel like. Am I correct? I would like to clear up just a few things about local politics.

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What's your favorite rainy day activity?

- "Writing poetry." Allan Dover mechanical engineering junior
- "Spend time in the word of God." Jeff Fisher computer engineering junior
- "Watching TV under a blanket in a warm house." Shailah Reynolds computer engineering sophomore
- "Built bike riding because it's nice and mellow." Kaycee Roesser math freshman
- "Eat ice cream and run and jump in puddles." Anna Inns nutritional science freshman

Letters to the editor

Take responsibility for actions

Editor,

I have to say that Allen Vaughn's letter ("Abortion saves some children from misery," Jan. 24) was shocking in its selfish statement and immature reasoning. To say that abortion stops you from proposing that we kill all future potential "unwanted" children? Who are you to say that you know what the possible exceptions are that of lives.

Frank Welch is a biochemistry freshman.

Examine abortion arguments

Editor,

Dylan Gonzales spends the bulk of his letter making personal attacks on Carolyn Ficara and her pro-choice stance, rather than presenting valid arguments for his cause. Firstly, the claim that "the end never justifies the means" is absolutely ridiculous. The end always justifies the means. After all, why are we all in college? The end (graduating, getting a job) justifies the means ($15,000-plus per year and a hell of a lot of work). The only possible exception is that of life.

Dylan, you also ask regarding what time period a fetus becomes a baby, and then answer a different question in an attempt to cloud the issue. Your argument says that for any point in time, you could simply go back a day. Well, a point in time is NOT a period of time. Your argument is absolutely right, but completely irrelevant. It is valid to say that a fetus becomes a baby DURING the second trimester, and to not allow abortions after that. Nice try.

And you beg to differ with the claim that "we must trust the decision a woman makes." I suppose, you, a man, would make a much better decision for a woman than she ever would be able to in regards to what happens to her body. That's pretty sexist, chauvinistic and arrogant. A country run primarily (and usually) by old, white males has no place to tell women what they can and can't do with their bodies. And that last paragraph you wrote about "Cal Poly intellectuals" needing to use sound reasoning and logic? Read it.

Allen Vaughn is an engineering junior.

Sony is hiring...

The Sony Technology Center in San Diego has openings for:

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Wednesday, January 26, 2000 Meeting #00.09
5:10 PM - University Union 220

Highlights
Mid-year Budget Report
• Resolution #00-02: ASI Stance on the C- Prerequisite Grading Policy
• Resolution #00-03: ASI Stance on the Robert E. Kennedy Collections
• Resolution #00-04: ASI Stance on the Printing Fee Proposal
• Resolution #00-05: A Second Resolution on ASI’s Stance on the Printing Fee Proposal

[Items on this agenda are subject to change without notice. For any updates, check out the Board of Directors Agenda on the web at asiasi.calpoly.edu]

ASI NEWS

• Laser Printing Fee Proposal: The University is proposing to replace all printers on campus in the coming months with new laser printers. These printers would be outfitted with a device to swipe your student body card through. It is proposed that each page of laser printing would cost the students 10 cents for black and white and 25 cents for color printing. The money would come from a students campus express account which is either already on the student body ID card or can be put on the card by the new One Card office in the Lighthouse cafeteria lobby. The ASI Board of Directors is currently discussing how to handle this proposal/issue.

• Last year the Academic Senate passed legislation that makes it possible for teachers to require a student to attain a C- in a class to be able to take the next class in the series. In effect, this means the grade "D", in classes that are necessary prerequisites for other classes, is not a passing grade. ASI currently has a resolution recommending to the President, Dr. Baker, that this "C- Prerequisite" policy be overturned and the grade of "D" be reinstated as a passing grade for such prerequisite courses.

• Academic Senate Committee Openings:
  Faculty Awards Committee-One student representative of junior standing or higher with a GPA of 3.0 or better. This student is needed ASAP to sit on a nominess for the Distinguished Teacher Award, and evaluate their performance. Great for those entering the education field, or anyone else who wants to make an impact. Instruction Committee-One student representative to attend bi-monthly meetings, usually Monday, 12:1-1:2. This committee deals with issues concerning grading, admissions, and electronic teaching techniques, great for those entering the education field. Anyone can apply.
  Library Committee-Four student representatives are needed, 2 graduate level and 2 undergraduate level. Must have 2.5 GPA or better and have attended 2 of the last 3 quarters at Cal Poly. The duties of the committee include: actively monitor

ASI EVENTS

In observance of “Black History Month”, ASI EVENTS is presenting, live in concert DAKOTA MOON. The concert, co-sponsored with Black Commencement, will be a benefit concert to raise funds for Black Commencement. Don’t miss "Dakota Moon”, February 3, 2000; Cal Poly Chumash Auditorium, doors open at 7pm, show at 7:30pm. $3.00 for Cal Poly students, $5.00 general admission.

From the first guitar strum on Dakota Moon’s "Another Day goes By", the song best exhibits the groups compelling presence, to the rousing chorus that recalls one part Doobie Brothers/one part Eric Clapton. With a celebrated kickstart appearance on the Rosie O’Donnell Show in 1999, a tone was set for the group’s assa it on the pop world. Since then it’s been a rollercoast ride, with Dakota Moon tapping the charts in territories such as Germany, Norway, Switzerland, Holland and Belgium to name a few. Here in the states, their smash single, "A Promise I Make" remained in R&B Magazine’s Top 10 for an incredible 7-plus weeks.

Don’t miss DAKOTA MOON, February 3, 2000. Help support Cal Poly’s Black Commencement. For more information contact ASI Events at 756-7007.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS

Come join us for Up All Night Friday, February 28

POLY ESCAPES

The first annual "KAVU DAY, Festival of Outdoor Films" is coming to Chumash Auditorium on February 15 at 7:00 PM and at 10:00 PM. If you like adrenaline packed maximum adventure films on the big screen then don't miss this show! Four films will be aired:
• "Higher on the Mountain" featuring Scott Schmidt on a backcountry ski expedition in Russia.
• "Twitch" Extreme kayaking in WA., MT, Canada and Mexico.
• "The Realm" The latest ski little by Teton Gravity Research.
• "Eighth" Mountain bike madness on the edge of being insane.

This is a premiere 2 hour event. Pre-Sale tickets are $4 for students and $6 for all others on sale in the Escape Route (UU112) from 9:00-5:00 PM M-F. The night of the show all tickets will be an additional dollar. Call 756-1287 for ticket information.

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campus concerns about library, work with the Dean of the Library in developing policy, and advise and consult with the University Administration about the state of the Library’s resources. Program Review and Improvement Committee-One student representative with junior standing and a 3.0 GPA or better. This committee completes an annual review of programs at Cal Poly, and then makes recommendations concerning the programs. These committees are a great way to meet and work with faculty, to boost your resume, and to make a difference on campus! If interested please contact Andrew Hunt at aghunt@calpoly.edu or 756-1291.
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brought a new level of maturity," Price said. "Senior first baseman Steve Wood will return after leading the team with seven home runs last season. Wood also had 50 hits and 22 RBIs. Senior shortstop Brian Oakes will also return after he turned in 32 hits last season while batting .317. Price also believes that efforts to balance the grade-level standing of players is improving.

"We want a good turnover from year-to-year," Price said. "In 1997 we won 37 games and we had 13 seniors. That's a lot of players to lose off of one team. It's been a two-year process for us, but I think that the guys coming in are very talented.

However, the team lost junior Greg Bochy, one of its most promising transfers, to shoulder surgery. Bochy, a pitcher from Palomar Junior College in Poway, CA, was 1999 Community College Player of the Year.

The J. Carroll Classic will start this Friday at the San Luis Obispo Stadium. Cal Poly will play Centenary on Friday at 3:30 p.m., Utah on Saturday at 1:30 p.m., and Centenary again on Sunday at 11 a.m.

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**Baseball swings into action Friday**

**By Kelly Hendricks**

The Cal Poly baseball team will open up their season this weekend with the J. Carroll Classic tournament. Despite the rain causing recent practices to be canceled, Head Coach Rich Price feels optimistic about this weekend as well as the upcoming season.

"The key to this weekend is going out and keeping the number of walks to under three a game and playing good defense," Price said. "Then I think we'll be in good shape."

According to Price, in the past, the team has lacked a strong depth of pitchers, with the exception of a few outstanding players. But this year he feels the bullpen is the best it has ever been.

"Our biggest question is if we get good pitching," Price said. "We're counting on Josh Morton as one of our returning starting pitchers. We're also starting two sophomores, Jesse Gallup and Kevin Correia, this weekend."

While pitching is one major focus for Price, the team's experience is another.

"The biggest difference in this year's team opposed to last year's is experience," Price said. "We played a lot of young players last year. When you play a lot of young players in the Big West Conference, you're going to have growing pains."

But Price feels the team has grown a lot since last year, especially with the addition of 10 community-college transfer players.

"The younger players have grown since last year, and the older players coming in have

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**Titan remember victory, Rams loss**

**ATLANTA (AP) — The Tennessee Titans want to remember one game from their special season. They want to recall everything they did right against the St. Louis Rams on Halloween, then report it Sunday in the Super Bowl.**

The Rams want to remember that game, too. And pull off a reversal of the St. Louis victory in which the Titans built a 21-0 first-quarter lead, later, Kiekhefer ran in from the 17.

"To jump 21 points in the first quarter, that is not something you expect to happen," Titans tight end Frank Wycheck said. "We'd love to do it again, but... 16-6 hardly realistic. Sure, the scrappy Titans got here with impressive victories over Buffalo, Indianapolis and Jacksonville, the last two on the road. Those three teams were a combined 36-10 this season. In none of those games did the Titans (16-3) break free early — in fact, they trailed in all three."

"They're not coming on another first-quarter stampede on Sunday. Or a late-game letdown.

**Wrestling**

- vs. Oregon State
- vs. Nevada at CSB • 7 p.m.

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Senior Steve Wood will be counted on heavily to provide much needed pop in the lineup.

**Cal Poly baseball team to face tough Arizona State in opening game**

HAWANA (AP) — Diego Maradona, apparently angered by constant media coverage during his stay for cocaine rehabilitation, punched and broke a reporter's car window on Tuesday.

The Argentine soccer star smashed journalist's car

**NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Bill Belichick remained a coach without a team Tuesday as a federal judge denied his request for an order allowing him to seek another NFL coaching job.**

In a sternly worded ruling, U.S. District Court Judge John W. Bissell said Belichick created the very dilemma he asked the court to solve for him when he resigned as coach of the New York Jets one day after being appointed to succeed Bill Parcells. His lawyers claimed the NFL is preventing Belichick from making a living the only way he knows, and Bissell acknowledged Belichick's distress at not having a team to coach.

"But who does he have to blame for that?" Bissell asked. "He had a head coaching position with the New York Jets, highly compensated, with the prestige, the title, the exposure, the market and the team that certainly should have provided him to adequate rewards."

"It was he who turned his back on that," Bissell said in denying Belichick's request for a temporary restraining order that would have enabled him to seek coaching opportunities with other NFL teams, notably the New England Patriots.

"In large measure, he put himself in this position," Bissell said, angry with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue's ruling last week that he cannot coach another team this year without the Jets' permission, the league on Monday.

By Kelly Hendricks

**Sports Trivia**

**Yesterday's Answer:**

Lou Gehrig holds the major league record for career grand slams with 23. Congrats to no one!

**Today's Question:**

The St. Louis Cardinals were once known by what famous nickname?

Please submit sports trivia answers to sports@mustangdaily.calpoly.edu. Please include your name. The first correct answer received via e-mail will be printed in the next issue of the paper.

**Briefs**

Argentine soccer star smashes journalist's car

- Diego Maradona, apparently angered by constant media coverage during his stay for cocaine rehabilitation, punched and broke a reporter's car window on Tuesday.

Photographers and cameramen say they were trailing Maradona outside a Havana supermarket when he got out of the black Mercedes Benz loaned to him by the Cuban government.

He confronted a Television cameraman and photographer of Reuters and struck the vehicle's windshield with his hand, shattering the glass. Photographer Heriberto Rodriguez sustained a slight injury to his eye from the broken glass.

Maradona, 39, arrived in Cuba on Jan. 18 to undergo treatment for drug addiction at a medical-oriented hotel on the outskirts of Havana.

Maradona, who has dyed his dark hair a light shade of orange since last year, especially with the addition of 10 community-college transfer players. "The younger players have grown since last year, and the older players coming in have

**Schedule**

**THURSDAY**

- Men's basketball vs. Long Beach State
  - at Long Beach State • 7:35 p.m.
  - Women's basketball vs. UCSB • at UCSB • 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**

- Men's basketball vs. Pacific
  - at Pacific • 7 p.m.
  - Women's basketball vs. Nevada • at Nevada • 7 p.m.
  - Wrestling vs. Oregon State • at Mott Gym • 7 p.m.