



# SUMMER MUSTANG

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## Support and arrests in rally

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"We face a world-wide problem, certainly a national problem and a California problem, of finding a way to keep ourselves afloat, of taking care of each other, without making the world uninhabitable for the next quarter of a million years."

Daily hours after Daniel Ellsberg said these words last Sunday, 46 Americans assembled on a hill overlooking the Pacific coast and prepared to launch the latest attack in what has become a growing battle over the use of nuclear power as an energy source.

The controversy, born in the 60's as a harmless collection of misgivings and isolated picketing, took on a tone of urgency in 1973 when the Arab oil embargo forced millions of Americans to grapple with the stark realities of a dwindling oil supply, and nuclear power began to look like a logical alternative.

But it has only been in the summer of '77 that the debate has heated up to the dimensions of a national conflagration, ignited first by the Seabrook demonstration and fueled by an embarrassed U.S. Government's recent admission that some of its plutonium was missing.

Furthermore, only last week two California nuclear plants were denied operating licenses, one because it failed to meet earth-quake standards.

And then last Sunday over 100 groups across the nation staged anti-nuclear demonstrations, including the one by the Mustangs.

At the Stars-and-Stripes waving from a banner in their midst, the group bore a striking resemblance to the scene made famous at Iwo Jima, but the similarities were superficial ones.

The major differences were the differences. At Iwo Jima, the forty-four men who staged the sit-in and occupation of Pacific Gas and Electric's Diablo nuclear site wore backpacks—not battle gear, and their "attack" was non-violent. More important, the occupation was aimed not in a foreign land but at home—

at a foe that appears to be evolving as an integral part of the U.S. Government's energy policy.

It was in hope of reversing that policy by demonstrating their willingness to be arrested in protest against it that the Diablo 46 eventually took their position on the hill and marched over the fence into PG&E property, where they marched three-quarters of a mile up the road to the nuclear installation

before being arrested by men from the county Sheriff's Department.

The arrests were made as the protesting trespassers sat on the pavement in small circles, holding hands and singing.

All those arrested were taken by bus to the county jail and were arraigned later that evening, then released on their own recognizance.

Charges included trespassing, entry without consent, refusing to leave and refusing to disperse.

Journalists were allowed to observe the proceedings despite earlier reports from PG&E that media representatives caught on their property would be arrested.

The arrests climaxed a day which saw 1200 people, many of them in swimming wear, turn out for rally in support of the occupation.

Held along the beach between Avila and Port San Luis, the rally included speeches by political activist Daniel Ellsberg, environmentalist Barry Commoner and San Luis Obispo Supervisor Richard Krenja.

Commoner attacked federal administration plans to accelerate the nuclear licensing process, a move which he claimed would curtail necessary public hearings on each plant's safety.

In a separate news conference, Ellsberg called PG&E's statement that the likelihood of a damaging quake was one chance in 52,600 "a totally irresponsible, ridiculous, fraudulent claim."

"I know perfectly well that any such claim omits...gross error and human error...the kind of things that led to WW II and the Vietnam War."

The rally saw an unannounced visit by twelve members of SENSE (Scientists for Enlightenment on Nuclear Sources of Energy), a pro-nuclear group.

John Connally, a Stanford University engineer and spokesman for SENSE, explained his group's presence as a protest against what he called "mob rule" by rally participants.

"We are here to remind everyone that four million people voted NO on Proposition 13," he said, "which means they believe the regulatory agencies can do the job."

Connally was responding to charges made earlier in the day by both Ellsberg and Commoner that the regulatory system, specifically the Nuclear Regulatory Commission was not sufficiently concerned with safety features.

Commoner said: "The fact of the matter is that all of the recent safety changes made in nuclear power

plants are the result of public hearings and the intervention of outsiders."

Commoner pointed to the once-proposed nuclear plant at Bodega Bay, located directly above the San Andreas fault, as an example of NRC negligence.

"The only reason why that was stopped," he explained, "was because environmentalists came in from the outside."

But representatives for SENSE pointed to the recent refusal by the NRC of licenses at Stanislaus and Humboldt as proof that the NRC does not merely give pat approval to all nuclear installations.

Solar energy was another popular theme during the day's activities. Each of the occupiers wore a solar energy symbol and a

small solar heating device was installed close to the speaker's stand.

Commoner pointed to solar energy as a reasonable alternative, but noted the implementation of solar energy represented a threat to centralized power companies.

"The energy system is now dominated by very big chunks of capital investment," he pointed out. "It's highly centralized and solar is a threat to that centralization."

Meanwhile, one businessman was elated with "solar energy." He was Dan Evans who runs the "Sun Shack," a refreshment stand at the rally site. As a long line of people leading to his door formed under the hot sun, Evans said beamingly, "This is the best day I've had all summer."



CONFRONTATION—The police were waiting for the nuclear protesters in an announced confrontation at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant site. On the beach 1200 spectators attended a support rally organized by the protesters. (Photo by Richard Reese)

Editorial

# Heightism: a growing concern

Everyone has the right to the pursuit of happiness, regardless of race, creed, color or sex—that is a line that many people say and believe in, it has been modified with the times and feelings of our society, but there is one word that has been left out and that word is "height."

Today, within our equality striving society, there exists the belief that the bigger the better.

limited to the academic and few, if any, opportunities to compete athletically.

This attitude brings with it a discrimination against the short male. This discrimination has built barriers and obstacles in all facets of living, hindering this section of our society in their pursuit of happiness.

All of our major sports are geared toward the "big boys." The "little guy" that tried out for the team is a first string benchwarmer.

As children the boys are encouraged to grow up to be BIG and strong.

There are a few sports where a shorter male holds an advantage over taller males, one being gymnastics. How many gymnastic programs exist on a high school level, or even a junior high level?

Words and phrases in our language reflect this attitude.

In employment the belief is that the taller male is less likely on a job where large objects are involved.

If you have a problem with an electrical system it could be a "short" in the system.

Statistically a taller male can command up to 15 percent more than a smaller male who is equally qualified.

If you were cheated or received less than you deserved then you were "short" changed.

There are many jobs that have height requirements. Police and fire departments have such a requirement.

If you did not get the job you wanted it might have been because you fell "short" of the necessary qualifications.

Everywhere there are shelves too high (along with a few urinals) for a short male to reach, crowds a short male has to watch from behind, and pedals he can not reach, and steering wheels he can not see over.

In our education systems the short male has been

With a heightist attitude existing among us it is extremely difficult for the short male to pursue his happiness with the rest of us. It is time for consideration of a different feeling among us that will allow the short male to walk through the same hallways as tall males without being bumped into and hearing the old line, "Sorry, I didn't see you."

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# Food store markets variety

by BARBARA CRISWELL  
Mustang Staff Writer

While it lacks the volume of a Safeway or Scolari's, the Cal Poly Food Processing Store at the intersection of Via Carta and North Perimeter Roads, possibly makes up for this lack in variety—and maybe even a bit of local pride.

An example of this variety is a product which recently became available at the store. "Goats milk cheese leaves more of an aftertaste," Debbie Vitok said, "but it is easier to digest and has fewer calories than cows milk cheese."

Vitek, 24, a permanent part-time cashier at the store, said the goats milk cheese is being provided by two Animal Science majors as part of a student project.

Turkey and goose eggs produced on campus also are sold at the market.

The casual customer shouldn't be scared away from visiting the store by the exotic nature of some of the products. The old stand bys such as ice cream, butter, milk, preserves, fresh fryers, fruits, vegetables and even house plants are in stock.

The fruits and vegetables often are on display only a few hours after they've been harvested.

"We don't sell any of the free-type produce that's been stored more than three days," Vitek said. "At Scolari's, it can be four or five days."

Summer is the season for an abundance of healthy treats: apricots, tomatoes, peaches and plums. Mexican beans can be found at the store.

Jane Lindner, 23, a senior Fruit Science major, weighs and displays the fruits and vegetables as they are brought to the market from the campus fields.

"People think the corn is really something else," she said. "They go wild—snatching it in the store, even."

Sweet corn will be available Aug. 26 or 27 and last possibly through part of November. Apples will come in next month.

Store hours this summer are noon to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The Produce Store is run by the Cal Poly Creamery, part of the Dairy Science and Poultry Department, not the Food Industries Department, as is commonly believed. The

Crops Science, Ornamental Horticulture and Food Industries departments, also contribute, but "the dairy has the most to sell," according to Harmon B. Toone, head of the Dairy Science and Poultry Department.

The prices are competitive with markets in town and food outlets on campus; in fact, the small cartons of Cal Poly milk are sold for 33 cents in the Cellar and 17 cents in the store.

Toone stressed that, in spite of competitive prices, the store is not supposed to make a profit. The sole purpose of the market is to provide a selling outlet for the products of student projects, he said.

Yet, despite reasonable prices and quality of the produce, both Vitek and Toone feel there is a definite lack of business. There are several contributing reasons for this.

"We don't always have everything in stock," Vitek

said. Often customers are discouraged when they come in to buy a product that is usually in stock and don't find it. Seasonal produce may be available one day and not the next.

The larger markets in town, besides providing consistent stocking, provide something else that the campus store does not—convenience. "It's all there; you don't have to make two stops," Vitek said.

Toone suggested several measures for improvement: more advertising, better parking facilities, even a drive-up window for added convenience.

Another possible factor in the lack of business is that the store is not allowed to advertise off campus. The non-students of San Luis Obispo are an untapped potential market. According to Vitek, there are a few non-students who do patronize the store, but they know about it only by word of mouth.

## New dept. head for OH

Ronald Regan has been named head of Poly's Ornamental Horticulture Department.

Regan isn't the former governor of California. He is an alumnus of Cal Poly and has served as supervisor of agricultural and environmental education for the Los Angeles Unified School District for the past 13 years.

He began his work with the Los Angeles city schools as an agricultural teacher at Venice High School in 1964.

Regan is a member of the board that tests and certifies professional nurserymen for

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The major project, and the one presenting the greatest obstacle to bikes, cars and students is the reconstruction of roads. This is being done to avoid any further cracking of the pavement which would lead to continued breakage of the surface and potholes if left unchecked.

"The sites selected for reconstruction were done by visual inspection," said Tartaglia. "After removing ten inches of

material, an eight inch base of granite was put in. This granite is the key to the project. It is what gives the road its strength and ability to resist cracking.

The road construction project, being completed by the Sully-Miller Construction Company, is now 75 per cent complete. Its cost is \$48,000.

In addition to the road repairs, several parking lots and the roads around Mustang Stadium are being resurfaced.

"Here the first step is applying granite chips to the surface," Tartaglia said. "After they are sealed with an emulsion oil, they are left standing for a week. Then excess chips are swept away and a new coat of asphalt is put on."

Parking lots receiving treatment are S1, Health Center and the lot behind Heron Hall. Cost of the job is \$16,000 and is again being handled by Sully-Miller.

# Free puppet shows at Poly

A series of free public puppet performances has been announced in connection with the National Festival of the Puppeteers for this week.

At noon today, Steve Hansen will perform. Hansen, from Emeryville, is a one-man puppet theatre. Carrying his own stage on his shoulders and his puppets attached to hooks on his belt, Hansen walks from place to place performing as he goes.

The Pocket People from South Carolina will perform at 2 p.m. on Friday, in a performance recommended especially for small children.

At 4 p.m. on Saturday, as previously announced, Betsy Brown and Bill Sousa will present "Alta California 200 Years Ago" with their group, El Teatro de los Puppets. This story of Father Serra's mission-founding trek will be performed for the first time in front of one of the early California missions.

Jerry Bickel of Tampa, Fla., will perform in the Mission Plaza on Sunday at 2 p.m.

An outstanding puppeteer from the Los Angeles area, Jim Gamble, will perform at 2 p.m. on Aug. 17, and Aug. 19.

All these performances are open to the public free of charge.

Additional public performances, previously announced to take place in the Cal Poly Theatre, will feature internationally acclaimed

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