Chicanos battle ‘subtle’ racism

BY RALPH THOMAS

“Chicano is our term... Mexican American is the Anglo term,” said Pablo Marlen. He calls himself a Chicano—with pride.

Marlen, born in Mexico, is a third year electrical engineering student from Azusa, California. He is serving his second year as president of MECHA—MECHA stands for Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano De Aztlan—the Chicano student movement of Aztlán. (Aztlán is the southwest portion of the United States.) Like many others, he is sensitive to terms used to identify Mexicans and persons born in this country to Mexican parents. He identifies with Chicano, which he said usually stands for a person born in the United States to a Mexican family. He dislikes the term Hispanic because it applies to all persons of Latin American descent.

“It’s a touchy subject and it typifies the struggles members of this ethnic group deal with.”

On this day, Nov. 20, 70 years ago, Mexican revolutionaries began the Mexican Revolution of 1910. Today, Chicanos of the Aztlán, although not revolutionaries, are struggling in this country, a country in which they have not been completely accepted and still face episodes of racism. In the past, the struggle ofChicanos has often been violent. Now Marlen calls it a "subtle intellectual struggle." Like other active Chicanos, Marlen is trying to bring Chicanos together to topple prejudice and to help the Chicanos become successful in our society.

He speaks softly but his words carry a powerful message. "People must adapt to a more realistic world where people can accept each other for what they are, where people can be proud of their heritage and not feel different or second class, where any people can work side by side... this is the decade of the Chicano," said Marlen.

"This (Cal Poly) isn’t a realistic atmosphere... the white majority never feels threatened." —Pablo Marlen

He used the term “realistic” when talking specifically about Cal Poly. "This Cal Poly isn’t a realistic atmosphere...here the white majority never feels threatened." He said he would like to see more Chicanos here. Along with Dr. David Sanchez, head of the ethnic studies department and MECHA’s advisor, Marlen is working to recruit Chicanos to this campus.

MEXCHI President Pablo Marlen

President Warren Baker—his use of official stationery has prompted a proposed regulation limiting such use.

Baker criticized for airing energy views

BY JOE STEIN

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Baker in August has resulted in a protest from some faculty members with a call for a committee to regulate the use of the President’s office.

The fact sheets came from the California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance, of which Baker is a board member.

After an outcry by some faculty members that the use of Cal Poly stationery in connection with a major issue was inappropriate, Baker sent a reply supporting his right to use the office of the President to distribute information on non-ballot issues and asserted the right of the faculty to make similar types of information available through his office in order to provide more background for discussion.

But many faculty members, especially history professor Dr. Lloyd "Bud" Beecher, are still concerned with the manner of regulation of material proposed for distribution through the President’s office.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the academic senate on Tuesday, Beecher presented a proposed regulation setting up a "clearing house" committee to control what information can be issued through the President’s office.

Beecher’s proposal calls for a committee of four people—three members of the executive committee of the academic senate and one representative from the President’s office—to review information suggested for distribution through the executive office and decide whether it is appropriate or not, he said.

Currently, the President is the only person who determines what information is suitable for release. In his office, Beecher said his proposal will allow the responsibility to be shared by faculty and administration.

Baker could not be reached for comment on the use of the President’s office or on Beecher’s proposal.

The proposal is scheduled for discussion next week at a January meeting of the executive committee of the academic senate.

Cooper said that for the past ten years, he has been alarmed by the lack of involvement on the part of the university in major issues. He said he completely supports Baker’s recognition of the need for discussion of issues, but feels the regulation of the material for distribution must be shared with the academic senate.
Small quakes rock N. California

LIVER MORE (AP)—Small earthquakes at Livermore and Oroville in Northern California jarred some residents from their sleep early today, but there were no reports of injuries or damage.

Virtuoso Mari Tsumura will speak on thick film hybrid microelectronics Thursday at 11 a.m. in Engineering East no. 140. Info: Cathy Rundell, 543-8538.

The Woodwork Institute will present the course: Cal Poly Extension, 546-2053.

Religious Issues" will be held at the Recre ation Ad­

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have been delighted by the

victory of Ronald Reagan, saying Washington will

pay less attention to

human rights questions.

Aides to Reagan say the

president-elect has a

strong interest in human

rights but, in contrast to

Carter, will rely more on

private persuasion than on

public admonitions.

Carter’s lame-duck status has diminished

some of the interest among delegates in his ap­

pearance, and most of their attention has centered on

the potential consequences of a 266-page report alleg­
ing “numerous and grave” rights violations in Argen­

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Carter’s unsuccessful re­
election bid has been moured in Latin America’s democratic

countries, where he has

Newsline

Small quakes rock N. California

LIVER MORE (AP)—Small earthquakes at Livermore and Oroville in Northern California jarred some residents from their sleep early today, but there were no reports of injuries or damage.

The first tremor occurred at 1:04 a.m. and registered 3.0 on the Richter scale of ground motion. Its epicenter was about 26 miles east of Livermore, according to the U.S. Geological Survey National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo. Livermore is about 40 miles southeast of San Francisco.

“We don’t normally report quakes that are this small but we got several inquiries so we took a measurement,” said center

spokesman Don Finley.

“Quakes of this magnitude are usually not felt more than 30 miles from the epicenter but this quake was felt by people in San Francisco suburbs 40 miles away,” he said.

A quake of 3.5 can cause slight damage in a local area, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The second quake occurred at 9:01 a.m. and registered 2.2 on the Richter scale. Its epicenter was east of Oroville, said Roy Miller of the University of California Seismograph Station in Berkeley.

A security officer at the station said neither jolt caused any trouble.

Ingrid Ezer Weizman dealt a blow sharp to Begin by voting to bring down the government.

Begin’s coalition survived on a 57-54 vote with two abstentions—the smallest margin in a no-confidence bid since he became Israeli prime minister in 1977. The abstainers were Sami Fattot-Brarshon, an independent, and Akiva Noi of the Democratic Movement For Change.

Begin cut short a U.S. visit to cast his vote against a motion offered by the opposition Labor Party to protest an annual inflation rate of more than 130 percent and a consumer price increase of 11 percent in October.

Government policy also was under attack from Israeli liberals over the shooting and wounding of 10 Palestinian student demonstrators Tuesday during clashes with the army in the occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

Three opposition members of parliament, Yossi Sarid, Chaika Grossman and Mordechai Wurbschly, demanded an official inquiry, saying that army was too quick to open fire on demonstrators. Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Raphael Eitan said his men exercised maximum restraint, but "when demonstrators overstep a certain boundary they must understand that the army won’t tolerate it."
Chicanos underrepresented at Cal Poly

BY MIKE CARROLL
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly debate team took first place during a tournament at Sacramento State University last weekend, advancing Cal Poly to "15th or 16th place" in the national forensics standings, the director of forensics said Monday.

Raymond Zeuschner said as a result of last weekend's performance "we established that Cal Poly competitors are among the best in the region, regardless of their campus or major."

The team of economics major Phil Parker and agricultural management major Fred Clark received the first place award after defeating debate teams from Humboldt State and the University of California at Berkeley. When the debating season began on Oct. 12, Cal Poly was ranked 29th out of 170 universities across the country now affiliated with the national Cross Examination Debate Association, Zeuschner said.

Prior to the Sacramento tournament, the Cal Poly debate team in competition at the Berkeley campus. At this time, the Clark-Parker team compiled a 6-2 record, losing to only University of California at Los Angeles and University of Southern California in individual competition at Berkeley, speech communication major Kelby Bates was awarded second place for a presentation on love letters. Agriculture major Denise Krause meanwhile took fourth with a speech on battered wives.

Zeuschner said his goal now is to keep the university's debate team in the top 20 in national standings.

The Cal Poly team, financed by the ASL, will attend 15 tournaments this year. It travels to Cal State Northridge this weekend.

Debate team talks way into first place

Dave Norton

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According to Marlen there are only 408 Chicanos enrolled this year and he pointed out that figure is a drop from last year. He blamed the drop on poor recruiting. Ideally, he said, the percentage of Chicanos here will match the percentage of Chicanos graduating from high schools.

"We are the most underrepresented minority here," said Marlen.

Chicanos underrepresented at Cal Poly

Aside from poor recruiting by universities, Marlen said much of the problem lies in poor instruction and especially counseling at the high school level. The term he used was "进取ive counseling" and he said Chico students get too much of it.

"When I was growing up the counselors didn't spend any time with me," he said, adding that the situation is similar for many Chicanos still in high school.

But he doesn't put all the blame on the schools. He acknowledges that everyone must be motivated from within.

"There were very few guys that I was in high school with who wanted to go to college," said Marlen.

"Most of my friends went into the armed service," he said. "They (Chicanos) have a lot of value in higher education, but it has been alien to us," said Marlen.

He is confident about the future progression to be made by Chicanos. He doesn't hesitate to express his confidence:

"In this ten years I see a continued thrust for education and a growing political voice among Chicanos--specifically here in California, but also nationwide."
Saddle-sore and bone weary

Horsing around in the Sierra

BY CANDICE ANDERSON

"It seems so endless," was the first thought that came to mind as I rode my horse in the Sierra. Kim and I shared as we rode our horses across the sage-covered terrain of the Kern Plateau.

"It doesn't seem like it's been only four days," Kim thought out loud, "I feel more like a month, a very good month."

It had been only four days. Over the Veteran's Day weekend, Kim and me and others crossed 30 miles of dust-covered trails on horseback. In the Sierra we are away from the pressures of life, away from work, away from our daily routines.

Twenty of us piled onto the back of a huge flat-bed truck that had taken its early-morning-yellow run to the cattle grazing in the brown meadows. The chaffed trip up to the Kennedy Meadows Pack station would follow the beginning of our new adventure.

"ADVENTURE IS NOT IN THE GUIDEBOOK AND BEAUTY IS NOT ON THE MAP. SEEK AND YOU SHALL FIND!"

The autumn air was cool but no one seemed to mind, we were too immersed in the passing scenery. The hillsides were densely-covered with combinations of oak and pine.

"What type of tree is that?"

"That's a Pinion Pine tree. You can eat the nuts from the pine cone."

"Stop the truck."

It was left to pick pine nuts.

KENNEDY MEADOWS PACK STATION—The Burkhardts—Irwin, Alice and Bob, The Jordan Hilton, there we were at 7,900 feet. It had been too long since I was last up in the Sierras.

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Breakfast! The best meal of the day. With a plate stacked with Elderberry pancakes, bacon and scrambled eggs, who could disagree? We were all eager eaters.

"As I awoke, I could feel my frozen blood slowly begin to circulate again. Nine o'clock and it was already a beautiful day. The sky was a cloudless, crystal blue and, as the sun passed through the temperature rose. The warmth of the morning sun poured down to our feet as we moved layers of our clothes. After breakfast, we mounted up 688-2193." "Stop the truck."

The trail eventually opened up into a vast mountain meadow. At that moment, I could think of no other place where I wanted to be.

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Lunch! The best meal of the day. With a plate stacked with a hot ham sandwich, a cup of hot coffee and a plate of scrambled eggs, who could disagree? We were all eager eaters.

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fished washing, a blazing campfire had been built and the dinner bell clanged nature's heater.

I estimated that I knew about half the people on the trip. By the end of the trip we would all be friends. I have always thought the best part of Outings trips, or just traveling around, is meeting and talking to new people. The saddest part of every trip is saying goodbye.

I watched Kathy and Lisa, two close friends, consume their evening meal. Later on they both pointed out Indian pictographs. As Raytheon let his horse out of the corral and walked him out of the line of the truck where I saddled him. "I'm going to live here," I thought to myself that it would be wonderful to have a horse run in a High Sierran meadow.

Kim Chappell lets her horse run in a High Sierran meadow.

Sieran meadow.

had told me that the "roamah po" - DIGGE WAVE -i - u habit this area before they were destroyed by the white man. The same old sad story.

We came out of the canyon and followed a dirt road up and around the mountain. Raytheon knew he was close to home. He was tossing his mane, and trying to run more than usual.

The scenery passed by quickly yet I could still take everything in; the yellow sage and the Joshua tree cactus were thick; dust clouds stirred up ahead by the other running horses; and the calm of the sky. I wasn't actually looking up, but I just knew that the sky had to be peaceful because of the state of mind I was in as Raytheon and I ran together.

We slowly and carefully made our way down the mountainside. The entire ride down treated us to a magnificent view of the Kern River Valley. I wanted to get my camera out of my pack to take a picture, but didn't because of the rough terrain.

I memorized the scene and added it to the collection inside my head, one last time.

So why do we do it? What good is it? Does it teach you anything? Like determination? invention? improvisation? Foresight? hindsight? Love? Art? music? religion? Strength or patience or accuracy or quickness or tolerance or appreciation? Or does it not make sense at all? And how delicious is water and smoky green pea soup? And how to reply On your Suffer? The evening sunlight faded quietly on the surrounding hills. When looking back at where we were, it all seemed so long ago. The horses were home. Now it was time for us to return home. Back to school, back to work, back to our daily routines.

Riding at the end of the line is known as "riding drag." On hot dusty days it is aptly named.

Food

The Women's Shelter needs canned, non-perishable food to raise funds. The shelter is a place for batters women and children. Contributions can be made in the Ag Lobby, in the Food Processing building hallway, in room 115 of the library and in the UU.

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Defense could derail poly crown to Cal Poly

BY VERN AHRENDTS

Cal Poly soccer coach Russell Haufferkamp is not trying to kid anyone. If his team hopes to win the Pacific West Conference (PWC) tournament, it will have to play its four best games of the season.

The PWC tournament caps a remarkable season for the Cal Poly team as it has racked up an impressive 12-7 section mark under the first-year coach.

The tournament will be staged this Friday and Saturday in the Cal Poly outdoor pool. Seeds first through eight are respectively in the tournament are Riverside, San Diego State and Cal State Los Angeles. Cal Poly is seeded fourth and Loyola is fifth.

The tournament begins at 9 a.m. with Riverside and Los Angeles matching up. Cal Poly plays at 10:30 a.m. against Loyola and again at 2 p.m. against Riverside. Poly takes to the pool at 3:30 p.m. against San Diego and then again at 2 p.m. against Los Angeles.

The reason that we are ranked fourth in the tournament is "because there are three teams with better individual athletes than us," Haufferkamp said. "I think that our team can serious­ly challenge for the conference championship, though, if we play and ex­ecute offense and defense as a team."

Haufferkamp is optimistic in his views, he believes that his team has the potential to pull off the upset.

"If we can forget our in­hibitions and take off our collar and leash, then we will be alright," he said. "Trying to pull off this upset will never be easy and we should not deny that fact but we all know what we have to do."

The team's strategy that Haufferkamp wants his team to employ is a patient, tenacious, suffocating defense. The coach hopes that Cal Poly's emotional level, fan support and the team's advantage will all add up to a potential upset.

"We have a great season and this tourna­ment is just icing on the cake for us," he said. "We play out and play away, we don't expect to lose anything because there is nothing left but to hold on and nothing to save ourselves for anymore."

"What it all boils down to is the character of the players in the water," he said. "We have that unscathed, in­tact character to keep pouring it on whether we win down or up by three goals."

This team is excited and confident," he said. "Whatever happens in this tournament, even if we go 0-4, we won't dampen our accomplishments this season."

The starting line-up for Poly's Friday morning game will be Steve Rigler at goalie, Steve Wright, Bill Morgan, Bill Cadwallader, Bernie Birnbaum, Bryan Buck and Steve Beckett.

Wright leads the team in scoring with 41 goals and Cadwallader has 34 tallies. The conference champions­hip will all boil down to what happens in the water this weekend and the way that we stand now as Cal Poly will be a big influence in determining the champion.

Mustangs secure offer to host playoff opener

Cal Poly has been named to host a first-round game in the 1980 NCAA Division II football playoffs. The game will be played Saturday, Nov. 29, in the Mustang Stadium which has a capacity of 8,700.

The Mustangs increased their ranking in the NCAA Division II poll this week to No. 3 on the strength of Cal Poly's 23-20 win over Boise State—a Division I­AA member—last Saturday.

Coach Joe Harper's squad has been fourth-ranked last week. The No. 3 rating is the highest for a Cal Poly team since Nov. 6, 1978 when for the Mustangs were also ranked third.

Two other teams were selected to compete in the playoffs Sunday along with Poly, No. 1 Eastern Illinois (9-2) picked to host a first-round game and Santa Clara, ranked second, was selected to participate. These teams are No. 2 Northern Michigan (9-2) which received the playoff nod last week after completing its schedule.

"It is unprecedented for a team to be selected to host a playoff game when it has not played a game remaining on its schedule," said Dr. Vic Buurman, Cal Poly's director of athletics and chairman of the NCAA Division II Football Commit­tee. The Mustangs host Santa Clara this Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Cal Poly took over the top spot in the PWC-two weeks ago in the California Collegiate Athletic Association tournament. Bernie Birnbaum will anchor the middle of the defense for the Mustangs.

Sports

Intrasquad meets set

Two intrasquad meets have been planned by Cal Poly's volleyball team.

The men's basketball team will play its game at San Luis Obispo High School, 3150 California Blvd. Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The Mustangs open the 1980-1981 season on Nov. 28 by hosting College of Notre Dame at 7:30 p.m. The game was originally set for Nov. 29. The cagers debut with returning stars Rob McConne and Jim Schultz.

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Spikers end loop season

The Cal Poly Mustang volleyball team closes out its regular season at home Saturday, Nov. 28, as top-seeded San Luis Obispo High School travels to 1-250 California Blvd.

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Voluntary (?) prayer

"Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..."

When the architects of this nation's government began to construct the United States Constitution, they were painfully aware of the need to protect the right to worship as one sees fit. In doing so, they rejected the idea of an established religion. The Bill of Rights, they reasoned, would protect the individual from the tyranny of state and church. This brick wall erected to separate church and state by pushing for a constitutional amendment to allow voluntary prayer in public schools. Because Reagan has made no effort to sufficiently define what he means by a public school's voluntary prayer amendment—should it be drafted and passed—might also include public universities.

The voluntary prayer amendment should be opposed because it violates the establishment of religion clause of the First Amendment. The United States Supreme Court decided in Engel vs Vitale of 1963 that a state law allowing voluntary prayer in the schools was a blatant abridgment of that part of the First Amendment which states that Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion. By establishing voluntary prayer in schools the state had clearly passed a law concerning the establishment of religion, even if the law was designed to strengthen rather than destroy religion in our country.

The Court also realized that a voluntary prayer isn't completely voluntary. If a third grade class is reciting the Lord's Prayer, a non-Christian or an atheist could certainly remain silent or be excused from the room. But if the classmates of this third grader are being taught daily the Christian doctrine through the time of voluntary prayer, the unbeliever is under coercive pressure to compromise his or her beliefs or be shunned by classmates. This is an unethical way to teach students the Christian values which pervade our culture and contrary to the will of the Founding Fathers who wanted to guarantee diversity of belief.

Though many of the so-called "Moral Majority" have applauded the idea of voluntary prayer in public school because they see it as a ripple to strengthen the foundation of the church, such a decision could conceivably weaken it. If the amendment allows the Congress to break the constitutional provisions and pass legislation which favors religion, what would stop Congress from, say, making it a crime to believe prayer should not be construed as an attack upon religion. We firmly believe that everyone has the right to worship or not to worship as one so chooses. Prayer, for those who truly voluntary prayer program as no one could stop a person from bowing his head and praying.

This denunciation of governmentally established voluntary prayer should not be construed as an attack upon religion. We firmly believe that everyone has the right to worship or not to worship as one so chooses. Prayer, for those who believe, is a sacred and personal experience between man and his friends and his children. When a fired worker gets a chance to talk, for instance, can make an optimist out of a man, his friends and his children. When a fired worker gets a chance to retrain for another job, he's more disposed to giving others a second chance. And the same idea from receiving welfare payments is measurably better than the desperation they might feel without them. Measurement is the problem. The economic multiplier, if you note changes in spending and saving, is relatively easy to figure. The humane multiplier is harder to determine. How can you tell a congressional committee what it means to keep teenagers off the street and out of trouble? What numbers can you fix to the counseling a Vietnam veteran receives for his nightmares?

Planners must realize that there is more than one way to build the republic. Conservatives who deny the power of government and liberals who blindly throw money at problems must reconcile themselves to social as well as fiscal responsibility. Extreme answers will not work. The economic system-makers too often force an absolute choice on the public. The free-market folk ask for a kind of capitalism that demands growth, but encourages natural selec­ tion; socialists pose a system that ad­ dresses social ills, but brings stagna­ tion. Soon, with hope, a synthesis will be worked out, and the people who can balance the economic multiplier and the humane multiplier will find jobs waiting for them in Washington.

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Editor: Let me set you straight on the subject of the distribution and confiscation of PG & E's Public Issue.

First the facts: Public Issue is published by PG & E—it said so right on the cover. There is no mention of Students for Adequate Energy anywhere in the publication. Also, you did not inform anyone, especially the ad­ ministration, of your intent to distribute this propaganda, which your group does not have any claim of publishing.

Being a new club does not make you exempt from the regulations—if "ignorance of the law is no ex­ cuse." Maybe you did not know the rules. Well, we all have to pay for our mistakes, and now you know better. As for the actual confiscation of the publication, I did not usurp campus authority and there was no "theft and destruction" of your property. When I lodged a formal complaint with Mr. James Landreth, Business Affairs Director (Administration 114), I had wish, we a small stack of Public Issue for Mr. Landreth informed me that the distribution was against the regulations and asked to have the stack returned. With that point I told him that I would like to recycle them and he said, "that's great." He also said that if I find more on the campus, I could either bring them to him or recycle them. Ob­ viously I chose the more energy efficient option. As you can plainly see, we know what the rules are and we play by the rules. I only hope this situation has taught you a few things, and that you have learned your lesson.

Sincerely,
David Jacobson