Paper loses libel battle

A libel suit against the University of California Regents was won by a former Arroyo Grande High School basketball star because of two cartoons which appeared in a campus newspaper five years ago.

The Nov. 19, decision awarded $18,000 to Murv Glass, who was president of the Black Student's Union at the University of California at Santa Barbara when the incident occurred.

The suit was brought against the regents and James Minnow, 1974-75 editor of the Daily Nexus, the campus newspaper. Glass was assoused for $3000 and the regents for $15,000, according to the Telegram Tribune.

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Radioactive leaks shut plant

MIAMI AP -- Citing radioactive water leaks, the Florida Power and Light Co. has shut down its Turkey Point nuclear power plant for a week of repairs.

FPL said Monday the leaks in the corralling, partially plugged steam generators were detected four weeks ago, but were not immediately repaired because the water loss was within federal safety limits.

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Ellings said the Chinese were also pleased with the Olympics boycott and the tougher American policy against the Soviets in the Middle East.

The Chinese were generally satisfied with President Carter because he did not support for Taiwan, Ellings said.

 met were concerned about Ronald Reagan's statements and the 1980 presidential election. Many of the people he met were conservative by American standards. Very little about Chinese politics.

Professor parts "bamboo curtain" in China

BY MIKE CARROL Staff Writer

China is not the oppressive police state many Americans imagine, but is instead a male-dominated society of politically aware people, according to a Cal Poly professor who spent last summer behind the "bamboo curtain."

Richard Ellings, who has devoted 12 years to the study of Chinese politics, said he didn't find many surprises after spending over two months in the Anhui province of central China.

"I found that our science of sinology hasn't missed the mark completely," Ellings said.

China has a higher level of social organization than the United States, the political science professor said, adding that strong family and neighborly ties provide Chinese citizens with a clearly defined social status.

He said these tightly-knit relationships rendered the formation of an oppressive police apparatus, such as that found in the Soviet Union, unnecessary.

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BY CYNTHIA BARAKATT

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Staff Writer

Eight miles north of Avila Beach, on the coast surrounded by rolling hills, farmland and the vast expanse of the Pacific Ocean, lies a formidable structure of gray concrete and brown steel. Diablo Power nuclear power plant is awaiting licensing by the Nuclear Regulatory commission. I recently toured the facility with the Cal Poly Political Action Club.

After undergoing a social security and photo-identification check, we assembled at the Nuclear Information Center where we were shown miniature models of what we were about to see. John Sumner, a young, personable engineer, drove us to "the Canyon" and guided us through the plant.

Having seen the movie The China Syndrome, I expected to see an isolated scene right now.

But as we drove down the access road, we were surrounded by huge, bright green tube-like structures which fit inside a circular steel casing, like bullets in a chamber of a gun. Without these forty-foot assemblies in place, the inside of the reactor buildings, which have different levels with metal caging for floors, appear like a bottomless metal well.

Although there were several people working in the reactor building while we were there, if the plant goes into operation no one will be allowed within the reactor while it is running, except for technical purposes, Sumner said.

The brown steel building in between the houses the generators which are activated by the steam from the reactors. The generators themselves are huge, bright green tube-like structures surrounds the facility.

Although from far away the two concrete towers and the brown steel building in between them look out of place and isolated among the hills and the ocean, up close the buildings resemble a huge warehouse. Temporary scaffolding is on the outside and engineers in hard hats running around like construction workers on their lunch hour create this atmosphere.

If the plant is licensed, the two concrete towers will house the reactor system with fuel assemblies composed of giant uranium pellets which fit inside a circular steel casing, like bullets in a chamber of a gun. Without these forty-foot assemblies in place, the inside of the reactor buildings, which have different levels with metal caging for floors, appear like a bottomless metal well.

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The dome of containment unit one, shot with a wide-angle lens, looms above two Diablo workers.

Inside the belly of Diablo

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which run the length of the building. With a large open area and concrete floor, this building gave the impression of a gigantic garage.

One part of the plant that could have been taken straight from *The China Syndrome* is the control room.

Windowless walls of pale green make the room seem extremely bright. The panels of lights, switches and dials are a stark reminder of the complex yet precise order in which the plant must be run, if it is licensed.

Throughout the tour, Sumner pointed out added beams and steel reinforcements to ensure the stability of the plant during an earthquake. He said the plant could currently withstand the ground motion caused by an earthquake measuring 7.5 on the Richter scale.

When asked of the possibility of a core meltdown, in which the reactors become uncovered at extremely high temperatures, he said the chances of such an occurrence are "extremely remote."

With construction costs of Diablo Canyon now totaling $1.9 billion the plant is costing Pacific, Gas and Electric Company, who own and operate the plant, in excess of $2 million per day that it is not in operation, Sumner said. This sum accounts for extra oil and other energy PG and E must buy from other utilities to replace electricity they had expected to be produced by Diablo Canyon by this time.

If granted the license, it would take about six weeks for the fuel assemblies to be loaded and the plant to be prepared for operation.

More Poly students abroad

Cal Poly has once again sent more students to study at foreign universities than any other campus in the California State University and Colleges system.

Cal Poly annually sends from 50 to 90 students to 13 different countries through the system's International Programs department.
Rugby players tour, tackle British at their own game

BY MIKE TRACHIOTIS

How would you like to meet the Prince of Wales? Or be in a gambling contest? Or stay at the Bank of England Country Club where the Wimbledon tennis tournament is held?

Well, Mike Ninnis and Pat Smith of the Mustang Daily rugby team did these things this summer during a tour of Wales, England, and Scotland with the San Luis Obispo rugby team.

The purpose of the trip was to experience British rugby style and hopefully pick up some new skills. But the two also learned something about British hospitality.

"The night before our first game against Tenby, Wales, their second team kept us out 'til four trying to wear us out by getting us drunk. We lost, but it was a good game," said Mike laughing. "I scored twice," said Pat proudly. "It was the first time we really played like a team."

According to Pat, who plays brake for the team, the four-day stay in Tenby was the funnest part of the trip. "We got to meet the Prince of Wales, but even more fun were the people. At one of the parties, we exchanged dances. We showed them the elephant walk (ie line of people parading around with their pants down to their ankles with each person reaching between the persons legs in front of them holding their hands). Twenty-seven people participated, it was great," he added.

While in Tenby, Pat won a faggot pie eating contest. The faggot was a pie that consisted of the liver, kidneys, lungs, and lower intestines of a cow, black puddling (dried pig's blood), and onions. It was gross. I don't know how or why I did it," Pat said with a grimace as Mike shook his head in disgust, "but it was fun," added Pat.

The next stop for these nomads was Magor, Wales. According to Mike, the wing for the Mustang ruggarians, the three-day stay was too long. "We stayed at a house 260 years old, but we slept in the car. The best part of the stay was the game. We jelled and pulled off a victory 19-6. Both Pat and I scored a try (similar to a touchdown)," Mike said.

In Magor, the team helped break a new rugby club, which they did in an unusual style. "We got wasted. Kerry Stevens (who played for Poly last year) passed out, so we threw him in the middle of a field while it was raining. He didn't even know what was going on. We also pos ed on some motorcy­cles outside the club," said Pat, hanging his head in shame.

Maj or took their guests to see an international game. The Welsh Nationals played the Overseas XV. Mike said they were in Wales during their centennial year of rugby and 150,000 people showed up for the game and participated in the festivities.

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The Cal Poly wrestling team kicked off the home campaign with a shutout over visiting Portland State but according to coach Vaughn Hitchcock the team still has a long way to go.

It was the first dual meet of the season for Poly and it won it in convincing fashion, 43-0.

Portland did have an alibi as it wrestled in Bakersfield earlier in the day.


The Cal Poly Mustang wrestling team overpowered visiting Portland State in its first dual meet of the season. Louis Monano (on top) scored a 4-1 decision in the 150-pound level as Poly won 43-0.

# Basketball team hosts invitational tournament

Coach Earnie Wheeler's Cal Poly men's basketball team will host three teams this weekend in the 10th Aggie Invitational Tournament. Biola will face off against Cal State Stanislaus Friday at 7 p.m., followed by Cal Poly and UC San Diego at 9. consolation and championship games are scheduled for 7 and 9 p.m., respectively, Saturday. Cal Poly has won the Aggie tourney six of the nine previous times it has been held, the most recent in 1978-79 when the Mustangs defeated USC and Cal State Dominguez Hills. The tournament was not played last season.

Biola is the only team of the three coming to San Luis Obispo which record ed a victory last weekend. The Eagles beat La Verne Friday, 83-41. Cal State Stanislaus lost to St. Mary's, 96-79, and UC San Diego fell to Pomona Pitzer, 89-84.

# Harper's crew makes a national bid

BY VERNA ARENDES

Sports Editor
Humble Mustang Stadium is only days away from hosting its second playoff game in history and within the last two weeks.

It has been a virtual roller coaster ride for coach Harper's Cal Poly Mustang football team but it is on the threshold of the national limelight. The Harper crew is set to dig in the Saturday afternoon and take on West Coast rival Santa Clara in the semifinal round of action in the NCAA Division II National Championship playoffs. The game is set for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff.

There is no love lost between Santa Clara and Cal Poly. The two teams have met only six times dating back to 1980 and Poly has won four of those meetings. When the two teams tangle in October, the game turned into a virtual war. Cal Poly needed 28 second half points to outlast Santa Clara and win, 42-28.

If there ever was a game that should be a must to see, this is it. Take a break from studying for finals and enjoy what should be a great game.

Note: Coach Joe Harper will be seeking his 91st win in his 18-year season this Saturday.

Santa Clara's premier quarterback Dave Affarso, who was 18-33 for 355 yards and three touchdowns against Cal Poly then was hot of late. He was 28-33 for 332 yards and three touchdowns in the quarterfinal game against Northern Michigan.

In comparison, Poly's Craig Johnston was 15-21 for 266 yards and two touchdowns against Santa Clara and 9-13 for 140 yards and one touchdown a week ago.

Ticket sales have been moving rapidly. Tickets will be available all week long from the University Union ticket office. For more information, call 546-1281.

A sellout is expected. Tickets will be available an hour and a half before the game also.

For those who will be unable to attend the game, ABC television has announced that its West Coast affiliates will carry the game. The USC-Notre Dame game is scheduled at the same time so Santa Barbara's KEYT will telescast the game at 11:15 p.m. Radio coverage will be provided live by KUYK (920 AM) with Mike Powell, KPRL, Paso Robles (1230 AM) and KNEW, Lompoc (960 AM). A delayed broadcast is planned by KCPR (91.3 FM) following the game.
Opinion

Leave Poland alone

The Soviets last Sunday warned the government and people of Poland that Soviet tanks and troops may pay them a little visit as they did to the Czechs in 1968 if trade unionism in Poland gets out of hand.

The Soviets, through the government press, blame Western governments for carrying out in Poland "an insidious plan" to "threat and support "anti-socialist, aggressive trade unionism."

This is not true. The U.S. government has so far kept out of the bitter conflict between the Polish government and the trade unions. In addition, no person or persons representing the U.S. could or "insidiously" create the labor unrest in Poland. The strikes in Poland began on a scale too large and sudden to be accounted for by American and European governments and therefore almost impossible to defend during a major land invasion—such as the German invasion of the U.S.S.R. in 1941.

That, however, doesn't justify the complete political suppression of the Poles of Czechoslovakian tradition. Trade unionism is not anti-socialist if the trade unionists demand socialist goals—and they are. These goals are that the human needs of food, shelter and health be met.

The anti-Communists of the world have indeed attempted to subvert Communism as the Soviet claim. But to what avail? The United States could not even beat a tiny country like North Vietnam. The Americans, Europeans and Japanese have not been able to wrest control of the United Nations from the Third World states, nor have Western leaders been able to influence Third World developments independently, either. The decline of Western influence in the world, however, is not attributable to Soviet military might as the Soviets know well. The Soviets have been unable to win friends among the non-aligned countries (including Yugoslavia and China) as the Westerners.

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