Evidence shows birth pill suffers ‘misconceptions’

BY MARY KIRWAN
Staff Writer

For years the birth control pill has been charged with crimes ranging from weight gain to cancer. But a retribution is being heard, as new evidence shows the pill may have been unjustly convicted.

Ever since the pill was developed 20 years ago, it has been accused of causing cancer. “The pill does not cause cancer, it does not, explanation point!” said Dr. Andrea Brauninger, the physician consultant of the Cal Poly Health Center's La Femme Clinic.

Much of the public’s fear is based on studies which indicated estrogen causes cancer in experimental animals when used for long periods of time. However, of the 150 million women who have used the pill, there is no evidence connecting its use and cancer, research shows.

The risk of breast cancer, one of the major killers of women, does not increase with pill use. According to a major study reported in the British Medical Journal last year, pill users “experienced a risk of developing breast cancer that was 4 percent less than that run by non-users.”

In fact, the pill may protect women against breast tumors, according to two major American studies reported in the American Journal of Epidemiology and the New England Journal of Medicine in 1978.

It is true, however, that some of the earlier types of pills were linked to cancer. The sequential pill, which provided women with different hormones for 14 days, followed by both estrogen and progesterone combined, was withdrawn from the market in 1976 because of its link to circulation system’s diseases. New studies confirmed that users of one brand, Oracen, were twice as likely to develop cancer of the uterus.

Cancer is only one of the commonly believed misconceptions about the pill, says Brauninger. Some of the most accepted fallacies include misconceptions about weight gain, future birth defects, vitamin deficiencies and long-term side effects, she said.

“A lot of women complain that they gain weight on the pill,” Brauninger commented, “but there isn’t any scientific evidence and there’s no reason that we’ve found. The actual fatty change that women complain of is really because they eat more while on the pill.”

For some women who use the pill, there is a tendency for them to retain water. But, Brauninger said, this usually goes away after a few months of pill use.

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GPA may lose its impact on admissions

BY THERESA LUKENAS and KARYN HOUSTON

Students who apply to Cal Poly are admitted solely on the basis of GPA, but several Cal Poly administrators are warning that considerable weight may look at other factors in the applicant’s life to decide whether or not the student gets in.

The new selection process—under study by Linda Atwood, associate dean of academic planning and Admissions Officer Dave Snyder—will still consider GPA, but only in conjunction with the applicant’s coursework preparation in high school, school and community activities, work experience, and history of overcoming adversities—such as a handicap or illness.

“The reason for changing admissions is that the student with a 3.8 GPA in basket weaving will be accepted while the person with a 3.2 GPA in college prep courses doesn’t,” said Atwood. She believes, along with Snyder, that it’s necessary to look at all facets of an individual’s preparedness to get a complete picture.

She explained that students who were extremely active in school and community organizations, or those who worked during high school, tend to be the most successful in college. However, the added load sometimes pulled down the GPA of a student with a 3.8 GPA in basket weaving.

Under the present admission system, regardless of the student’s preparedness and outside activities, the student with a higher GPA will always get in.

“Cal Poly is operating in an area that has never been a concern of the California State University and colleges because, ‘we could always accommodate everyone it was not necessary to set up stringent admissions requirements,’ according to Snyder.

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The results of the pilot program will be studied and then the entire new selection process will be presented to the Chancellor’s Office for approval.

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Ex-ag secretary condemns ‘excessive’ regulation

BY TOM CONLON
Staff Writer

The virtues of conservative politics and the evils of excess government regulations were enthusiastically voiced by a former member of the Nixon-Ford cabinet Saturday at the closing ceremonies of the Agriculture Management Biennial Alumni Seminar.

More than 200 agriculture management alumni, faculty, and students were crowded into the faculty dining hall for a luncheon featuring former Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz as guest speaker.

Butz served in the cabinet for five years, and gained considerable popularity among farmers for his efforts to reduce federal restrictions on them. He resigned under pressure from fellow Republicans in 1976—one month before Gerald Ford’s loss to Jimmy Carter in the presidential election. Butz had been an inflammatory remark about the “physiological and sociological needs of the black American male was attributed to him in the press.

Butz said he had asked Cal Poly President Warren Baker for advice on what should talk about at the luncheon. He said Baker told him to “refrain from politics. It will be a bipartisan crowd—25 percent of them will be Democrats.”

Baker then proceeded to ignore Baker's advice and talk about everything from Watergate to world hunger.

“No other group has a higher stake in politics than the agricultural community,” he said. “There is no hope for fiscal sanity if people do not get interested in politics.”

Memorial services set for professor

Memorial services will be held at Reis Chapel today for Cal Poly history professor James L. Fitts, who died Saturday at Sierra Vista Hospital from a cardiac arrest.

“Dr. Fitts, 56, had taught history at Cal Poly since 1967. Before coming to Cal Poly, Fitts taught at California State University at Chico, Northridge, and Loyola Marymount University in Hollywood, and All Hallowed High School in Bronx, New York.”

Dr. Fitts, who was born in Spokane, Wash., May 24, 1925, served as an officer of the United Professors of California chapter at Cal Poly since his arrival in 1967, and was the state-wide secretary of the union in 1971-73. He was also the editor-publisher of "IPC Views," the Cal Poly chapter newsletter, since 1970.
Bomb explodes at Iranian bank
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Two different groups claimed responsibility Monday for a bomb that exploded at an Iranian bank, shattering windows in two large buildings and tearing a small hole in an outer wall of a Financial District skyscraper.

There were no injuries from the explosion at the Bank Mellat, Iran's largest bank, which sits on both sides of Montgomery Street in the Financial District.

Anonymous callers, one saying he represented the militant Jewish Defense League and the other the American Resistance Committee, each claimed responsibility for the blast.

Just before noon, a man with a "foreign accent" called KCBS radio and KGO-TV broadcasting stations and the San Francisco Examiner saying the revenge committee was responsible. The man said the group was formed to take revenge against Iran for the treatment of the former hostages.

Butz exerts pesticides, offshore drilling
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"An erosion of confidence," in the American political process, Butz states, has enveloped the public. He claims the decline originated with the Vietnam War and Watergate, and stressed "there is nothing dishonorable about politics."

Butz said, "the public good is served by drilling another well in California." American's take home pay is used for food—the lowest percentage in the world. "Agriculture is America's number one success story," he said. Although everyone knows that 17 percent of the American's population owns three tractors, the few and the far will have to do it their way.

Butz cited the statistic that only 17 percent of the former hostages.

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Dr. William Wood at Poly

SCSA conference last week

Communication ties between government policy makers and agriculturists—and among agriculturists themselves—must be strengthened if energy waste problems in the agricultural field are ever to be resolved.

Dr. William Wood, keynote speaker at the two-day convention of the Soil Conservation Society of America, hosted this year by Cal Poly from Jan. 21-23.

Wood addressed 150 people in Chumash auditorium Wednesday for the 23rd annual meeting of the California chapter of the SCSA on the subject of energy in agriculture.

Wood focused on six areas in agriculture and what could be done in these areas to save energy, production of fertilizers, movement of water, tillage, production movement and transportation of specialized commodities.

Wood said a Jeffersonian philosophy of agriculture is still intact today, and "agriculture is an important political issue in the United States."

However, he continued, policy makers in government often have no knowledge of what to do to cut energy use in agriculture. For example, it has been suggested that irrigation should take place in the winter when electrical energy is more available, said Wood. The audience roared with laughter at the remark.

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Poly students volunteer services to the community

BY LORI ANDERSON
Staff Writer

Through a volunteer program, Cal Poly students are providing encouragement, understanding, friendship and support to those in the community who have an emotional need.

Student Community Services, a nine-year-old Cal Poly organization, involves students with local residents who are in need of something more than what they already have.

This is the second article in a two-part series on the Student Community Services program and its work.

Besides establishing student friendships with children from single-parent families, senior citizens and handicapped persons, SCS also provides a service to those in rehabilitative programs.

Pen Pals is a program that sets up a correspondence between a student and a member of the California Men's Colony.

Mechelle Pruitt, who is in charge of the project, said its purpose is to provide convicted men with a contact outside the prison.

Over the past two years, students have written to 60-70 men, who have requested pen pals.

Pruitt said the project now involves 20 writers, but 40 men still wait for pen pals.

"Students come in and read the letters I receive and choose an inmate they feel they might have some similarities with," Pruitt said.

The mail is received anonymously through the SCS office in the University Union, Rm. 102. No connection is made as to the identity of the student unless the student initiates it, said Pruitt.

"The men are in need of communication with someone in the community," she said.

"They (the convicts) basically just want to know how other people are living," said Pruitt, who writes to an inmate.

Many inmates are isolated from family and friends. The pen pal may be the only connection many inmates have with the world outside the prison wall.

"The convicts talk about how they are in prison and how they feel about being there," Pruitt said. "They do just a lot of pouring out."

Another SCS program is the Atascadero Interpersonal Developmental Skills program, which is a volunteer club affiliated with the sexual reorientation program at Atascadero State Hospital.

Volunteers meet with sex offenders and help them to develop confidence and a healthier attitude toward human relationships.

The primary purpose of AIDS is to help patients learn to interact appropriately on a social level with both men and women.

The group meets twice each week. Wednesday nights is the official AIDS meeting and Thursday is an interpersonal exercise class.

Through this student involvement, patients are able to realize that people are willing to support them and help them readjust to normal community life.

MECHA
A general meeting of MECHA will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 28 in Room E-7 of the Science Building.

Kreskin's ESP
The Amazing Kreskin will speak in Chumash Auditorium at 8 p.m. Feb. 2. Student admission is $2 in advance, $3 at the door. General admission is $3 in advance, $4 at the door.

Teacher's Society
Cal Poly's Teacher Society will meet at 6 p.m. Jan. 29 in Room 215 of the Business Administration and Education building. Roxanne Burns, from Hawthorne Elementary School, will be speaking about "elements of instruction."
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Nature's fury

Last week's first winter storm brought with it huge, destructive waves. Clockwise, from above, an immense wall of whitewater thunders down on the Morro Bay light tower. Another breaker explodes into the breakwater; an unknowing photographer is about to receive a drenching. The seas were so dangerous that even the seagulls were grounded.
Melo had no comment on the budget for the state university system which is financed directly by the state, apart from the public education system.

Mello's public schools need the 7.2 percent increase given to them in current law, and the increase should be funded through a reduction in the proposed $820 million contingency fund and through cuts in what he termed "Jerry Brown's pet projects." "I don't think we ought to take property taxes away from counties and cities and shift it to education," said Mello. "Local governments must have the funds to do the job. They can do their job far better than Sacramento and Washington, D.C."

According to Mello, cuts could be made in funds allocated for the governor's "pet projects" which include a private jet, 10,000 free non-smoking users, plan, funds for PBC chemical cleanup; county jails and research technology.

The one project of Brown's that Mello agrees with is additional financing for maintenance of public schools and community colleges. He said in many cases, school maintenance was the hardest hit in the effects of Proposition 13.

Mello said he was scheduled to meet with local school, county and city officials to discuss more specific budget questions.

He said hearings on the governor's proposed budget are expected to begin in the state legislature in February.

Birth control pills are convicted unjustly

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Contrary to common belief, pill use does not increase risks of birth defects in post-pill users and women don't need to stop taking the pill long before they plan to become pregnant. But the clinic supervisor says before a woman plans a pregnancy, she should stop taking the pill for two to three months to establish a regular menstruation cycle and to approximate the time of ovulation. In a Caeasarian birth, unknown conception could mean a premature delivery. Also, pregnant women should not use the pill, as it has been linked with birth defects of the baby's limbs.

Stopping pill use after long-term use is another fallacy. "Doctors used to recommend it but found no advantage," says Brauninger. Some believe the pill depletes essential vitamins and a supplement is necessary. According to Brauninger, pill users tend to expend more of the B vitamins, but supplements aren't necessary if a balanced diet is eaten.

The pill is more than 99 percent effective in preventing pregnancies and according to research, it is safe for about 85 to 90 percent of women under 35 years old. Two to three patients in 1,000 have health conditions where they definitely should not use the Pill including menstrual periods, hyperension, circulatory disease, cancer, or kidney, liver or gall-bladder problems. Another 10 percent have health conditions that suggest they probably should not use the pill. Although the pill is considered the most effective means of birth control, excluding sterilization and abstinence, some women should stay clear of it.

Women over 40 years old, especially cigarette smokers, are rarely prescribed the pill, according to Brauninger, since risk factors associated with age and smoking are aggravated by pill use. Some studies suggest the use of oral contraceptives without any risk factors double the risk of heart attack. However, pill users who smoke are about five times more prone to heart attack. In the age group of 40 to 44, the risk is about 1 in 1,700 for users who smoke, compared to about 1 in 20,000 for non-smoking users.

The risks of abnormal blood clotting, the most common serious side effect, increase with age in both users and non-users and some studies suggest the risk is present at all ages. About one in 2,000 women ages 20 to 44 who use the pill will be hospitalized annually because of abnormal clotting. Only one in 20,000 non-users of the same age group will be hospitalized annually.

Studies estimate that one user in 12,000 between the ages of 15 and 35 will die of a circulatory disorder each year. In non-users the rate is about one in 60,000 per year.

Pill users do experience a slightly increased risk of urinary infections and gall-bladder disease, according to research. Pill use also increases the risk of a very rare noncancerous liver tumor, which, if ruptured can be fatal.

Since 1986 some reports indicate that some women who stopped using the pill failed to resume ovulation. Later studies determined that women of low body weight resulting either naturally or from dieting are prone to longer-lasting sterility after they stop the pill than those of average body weight. Although cases of sterility have decreased with the advent of lower-dose pills, some recommend that they definitely should not use the pill. In 20,000 non-users of the same age group in 1986, 146 cases of sterility occurred, but in the same age group among pill users, 365 cases were reported.

Brauninger said the pill is safe for young "normal" women but said there is no universal "best" means of birth control. It's an individual decision.
Poly splits with conference leaders

BY VERN AHNENDES
Sports Editor

The Cal Poly Mustang men's basketball team was 40 minutes away from a perfect 6-0 conference record and a spot in the NCAA Division II Top 10, the fourth week of the Division II season. But, the Mustangs a

But the Mustangs are in the enviable position of having one of the toughest second half schedules in the CCAA and find themselves in a deadlock with Chapman and Dominguez Hills for the top spot in the conference.

The Mustangs put themselves into the precarious position by knocking off the previously unbeaten No. 5 ranked Chapman, in the Division II standings, on Friday night, 76-60, and then losing to Dominguez Hills the following night, 60-52.

The team that played for Poly those two nights was not the same team. Against Chapman, the Mustangs showed every indication of improving their No. 14 seedings in the nation's polls by manhandling the Panthers. The tables turned the following night as Kevin Lucas was out muscled, out hustled and outplayed Poly.

The Mustangs have put themselves in a very awkward position and they have their work cut out for themselves beginning tomorrow night as they travel to Bakersfield in an effort to vent a little hostility and regain sole possession of the conference lead.

Grantz, the Mustangs were hobbled Saturday night as Kevin Lucas was still recovering from last night. Please see page 11.

Mustang basketball team retains share of lead

The Mustangs had everything to gain with a win over Dominguez Hills and nothing but trouble to contend with if they lost. Poly chose the latter route as three teams head into the fourth week of the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) conference with identical 5-1 records.

The Mustangs could have headed into the fourth week of the CCAA with an unchallenged 6-0 mark, could have been in the Top 10 of the NCAA Division II rankings, and could have been in a dead heat with Chapman and Dominguez Hills for the top spot in the conference. The Mustangs put

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Lack of emotion enables Dominguez to handle Poly

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week’s ankle injury and Jim Schulte was slowed by a painful hip pointer suffered Friday night, but Poly was emotionally flat.

“We had everything in the world going for us,” said Poly head coach Ernie Wheeler. “We had a good crowd behind us and we could have been 6-0 through the first half of the conference. We could have been in the Top 10 in the nation but now our work is cut out for us. The team was so flat that we couldn’t even get them going in warm-ups.”

In the Dominguez Hills area, Poly could not generate an inside game which left it with an inconsistent perimeter offense. On the other end of the floor, Dominguez took advantage of its lead and spread out Poly’s offense leaving it susceptible to a steady diet of back-door and alley-oop plays inside.

Despite Poly’s dismal performance on Saturday night, it had a number of blown opportunities which came back to haunt it. To begin with, Poly trailed by only two points, 54-52, when Schultz netted two free throws with four points, 30 seconds earlier, as he bombed in an 18-foot jump shot and converted a free-throw for a three-point play.

Two clutch free throws by Tim Watson, three Poly turnovers and four points from Dimitrius Lynch in the final 19 seconds gave Dominguez its eight-point lead.

In the first half, Lucas had a ball swiped from his hands and while he was waiting for a referee’s whistle, which he never got, he watched Eddie Fitzpatrick drive the length of the floor for an unassisted lay-up.

Pete Neumann and Wheeler led the Mustangs in scoring during the weekend. The duo tossed in 21 and 19 points respectively against Chapman and 12 points apiece against Pomona Hills. Lucas scored 19 against Chapman.

Buehning leads CP league win

Senior guard Laura Buehning scored a record setting 46 points leading the Cal Poly women’s basketball team to its second California Collegiate Association win of the season.

The Mustangs unleashed Buehning’s worth on Cal State Dominguez Hills 74-60 Saturday.

Buehning broke out of a two-week slump hitting 13 of 27 from the floor and 10 of 13 from the line to establish a new single game scoring record. The old individual mark stood at 30 points.

Balancing the attack against Los Angeles, Rose netted 11 points and Carolyn Cranford added 19.

Cal Poly finishes the conference first half schedule this Saturday as it hosts Santa Barbara at 5:30 p.m.
Opinions count

Student opinion polls of faculty are a good idea. Not only does a composite survey of instructors help students, but teachers too can profit from an unbiased, well-researched result which clearly points out what students think of their instructors.

Student opinions are the most conclusive criticism an instructor can receive because students are the chief recipients of a teacher's output.

In the past, various student groups have gotten together and tried to come up with a reasonable way of gathering student evaluations and compiling the results in a publication. Unfortunately, these endeavors were usually halted by a lack of money coupled with a lack of student/teacher interest.

When students first arrive at Cal Poly, either as transfers or freshmen, they are often confused as to which teachers would be the best for a class. A public opinion poll could best help guide these students who have not yet profited from their friends' opinions.

The Political Science Club put in a request to the ASI senate for money to conduct an opinion poll of six political science instructors. In the hope that PAC's attempt at publicizing these results will spur other departments on campus to follow the trend, Mustang Daily editorial board would like to see PAC receive the funds.

It's important for students to discover what their future instructors will be like—after all, they'll be spending 10 weeks under his or her tutelage. By reading student comments and evaluating percentages of what was most liked/most hated in class, instructors can tailor future lectures to meet the students' needs. A teacher who is thought to lecture too randomly may try in the future to structure his topics more completely. Conversely, students may feel an instructor does not allow enough comment for student discussion. A teacher might be advised to loosen his lecture a little, to allow for more student input.

Student opinion profiles may cost a lot to publish, but if the ASI, PAC and department heads were put together, they could surely find a way to cut expenses. And it's in the interest of money coupled with a lack of student/teacher interest.

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Yes, we certainly do need more research, but although you'll never forget that students and instructors alike are always involved in pure research. Sometimes it's even called a "Senior Project". My point is, that when you allude that "there is no research but research as a means of professional growth" it then could be construed that your instructors/professors have not, and are not professionally growing. Is this the case? Surely that was not what you meant, or was it?

If you are interested in gaining Outside Research, you are ready to spring 'with the case, or have you found another program to "cut"? Have you a direct line to the Department of Education, and will they support your request? If so, I hope your first effort will be to secure professors to staff overcrowded and cancelled classes at your university.

Charles S. Steaver

Daily Policy

Editor: I have just read Dennis Ice's letter in the Monday, January 29 Mustang Daily After seeing Iranian anti-American pro­paganda, including a rally "going on full force" where "punch and cookies were being served", he feels that "any Ira­ nian students with animosity towards the United States should be deported."

There are a lot of people in America who share this view. Mr. Ice, don't you realize that freedom of speech includes speech that we don't like hearing? If we allow freedom of speech only to those whose views don't upset us, that would be a funny kind of freedom.

I love America: I even hate Russia. I don't like seeing "anti-American pro­paganda posters," much less seeing or hearing anything that tells us what a great guy the Ayatollah is. The Ayatollah has managed to get enough blood on his hands to anger him in his declining years.

I don't like hearing the KKK and the Nazi's say, "we're the good. If we're going to deport the Iranians who say they hate America, we should first shut up people who vocate tossing Jews into ovens and strug­ ging up blacks.

But we can't do that, can we? Since it is easier to deport Iranians than it is to shut up the Klan, the Iranians are the ones who are told to put up or shut up. It seems that to rate freedom of speech in "this great nation, one has to be an American citizen."

Besides, just how many Iranian students in the United States have per­ sonally committed "an act of war against us?" "Horrendous occurrence" such as posters and rallies shouldn't constitute acts of war in America.

At least Iranians who hate America have more of a right to do so than the KKK has to hate blacks. The late Shah, whom America put and kept in power, admitted he would tolerate no criticism, and he demonstrated this in the jailing, torture, and death of many of his sub­ jects. His secret police committed such atrocities as cutting the arms off 5 year old children.

Freedom of speech means freedom of speech. If we let hate mongers like the KKK and the Nazis shoot their mouths off, we should let the Iranians have their say.

Even if Mr. Ice, they serve punch and cookies at their rallies.

David Strom

Letter

Editor: The AG Department has every right to be angered by President Baker's position of almost, but not quite questioning the integrity of professors not being involved in "Outside Research". What was the motivation behind President Baker's statement of "not just the alter­ native research but research as a means of pro­ fessional growth"—was it to cut expenses from out­ side research—and I'm sure there must be some difference between the "outside and inside Research."

President Baker, how about conduc­ ting some internal research of the Ad­ ministration Department, or extensive internal research of the Universities computer capabilities. You could author such research into the needs and waste of the San Luis Obispo Unified School District. Even the name implies, needed research.

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