Survey shows students irked by book costs

by KENT PROMENESKI

A recent public opinion survey shows that a majority of Cal Poly students feel the El Corral Bookstore charges an unreasonable price for both new and used books.

Of the students who participated in the survey, 87 percent felt the prices for new and used books at the bookstore unreasonable, while 18 percent thought the prices reasonable.

On the policy of buying back books, 46 percent thought it unfair and only 21 percent of those polled considered the policy fair one. Only six percent of the respondents felt that the bookstore gives the student a good deal.

School supplies and sundries were felt to be unreasonably priced by 80-89 percent of the students and 66-75 percent thought the prices were reasonable. Another 16 percent admitted to not knowing if prices charged were reasonable or not.

A total of 81 percent of the students questioned felt the bookstore staff's attitude is one of indifference, while 42 percent of the students felt the staff was courteous and helpful. Five percent answered that the staff was found to be discourteous.

The bookstore survey asked two questions concerning Poly Phase, which is an ARL organization that sells used books for individuals who do not want to sell their books back to the bookstore. The first question revealed that 44 percent of the students who have used Poly Phase feel the prices for new and used books at the bookstore unreasonable. Only six percent of the students think the prices for new and used books are reasonable. While 41 percent thought it a good deal.

That was the message of Dr. John Oofman, nuclear power expert, who spoke at the Cal Poly Theatre Thursday.

"If the utility industry and the government really thought that their power was all that good," Oofman said, "they wouldn't be spending millions and tens of millions of dollars to ram it down your throat with propaganda.

"The government would be furnishing advertisers to consider the other side of the question. They don't. They try to suppress all that." Oofman is currently a professor of medical physics at UC Berkeley. He said Plutonium 239, a product produced in all fission reactors, is capable of producing 400 million to nine billion human cancer doses if just one pound of it were to be released to the public.

"Plutonium 239 has a half life of 24,000 years. Oofman said a fully developed nuclear industry would handle about 600,000 pounds of Plutonium a year.

"Gofman said that the government is trying to war the public about. He said that he would like to see a total shutdown by the utility industry in the nuclear energy field.

Instead, Gofman said, the utility industry should work with the available resources: solar energy, fossil fuels and nuclear fission.

"Gofman said that the United States is in no way experienced enough to handle nuclear energy safely.

He said that 10,000 to 1,000,000 years of reactor experience would be necessary in order to understand the risks involved in reactor use. Gofman said that the United States has only 300 years of reactor experience.

"Gofman has been involved in the nuclear energy field for many years and considers himself an extremist in his fight to ban nuclear energy as a power source."

He is the co-discoverer of Uranium 233, Uranium 223, Protactinium 233 and Protactinium 232, all elements involved in nuclear power.

"Gofman also did nuclear chemistry research for the Manhattan Project."

His lecture was sponsored by the Cal Poly Ecology Action Club.

Fee referendum: much to consider

Turnout was heavy at the polls yesterday as students voted to maintain the student body fee at $10 or lower.

"Today is the final day to vote.

The opinion is flying around campus that SAC has placed a burden on the student body by forcing a vote on the student fee. But be sure you think before you vote.

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Trying to make the grade is a degrading deal

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The latest edition of the Cuestonian contains one of the most incredible articles I have read in recent years. In it, the dean of students at Cuesta reported that grading practices which give 96 percent of Cuesta students As, Bs and Cs prove "an extensive amount of learning is taking place." Amazing! How can this man, who is paid to be familiar with the educational process, be so astoundingley naive as to think it is all about grades? Grades prove something, but not that "learning is taking place.

I have some experience in getting good grades and I know what they indicate.

Good grades mean a student is willing to tolerate boredom, has been intellectual who can't do, so they teach.

Good grades mean a student is able to stuff his head with irrelevant facts in arbitrary subject areas.

Good grades mean a student is capable of "psyching out" an instructor—figuring what questions he will ask and what answer he wants.

Good grades mean a person wants to perform a certain function in society and is willing to run the educational gauntlet for that position.

The immense loss is that valuable time for real learning is forfeited as it is given up to the endless petty tasks involved in a college education.

Busy work, lectures that duplicate reading assignments, preparation for idiot quizzes on information that no reputable professional would try to memorize— it all takes up time that might be better spent learning.

Teacher mentality seems to follow the logic that governs fraternity initiation—"I had to go through it, why shouldn't they?" By putting student against student in the quest for the A, this system can be perpetuated.

Students respond by stealing tests, asking irrelevant questions to prove interest, buying term papers or letting the instructor put his-fist hand on her-shoulder.

It is unfortunate, but the piece of skin at the end of four years seems to represent a sort of capitulation—

a recognition that the eventual goal is worthwhile shit back to the producers thereof.

All this is not to say that a college education is totally worthless—just about 89 percent of it is.

I have divided this course separating me from my degree into three columns—dull, tolerable and interesting. The ratio is three drags to two intolerable to one interesting.

At that rate I can take approximately two interesting courses per year.

The mis-education cycle continues—like fraternal initiations—because students accept it quietly, become teachers and continue it. Teachers that buck it are fired.

Short of drastic action, students might object to teachers who demand idiot's delight assignments.

They might bail at class that are invitations to regurgitation.

Students might demand to be involved in departmental curriculum committees, they might ask an end to the degrading procedure, they might demand the relevant use of their infinitely limited time.

Far more is learned when a student comes to a subject voluntarily and with good will.

Dance concert

A dance concert entitled "Danceage" will be presented in the Cal Poly Theatre on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 16 and March 1, at 8 p.m.

THE FOLLOWING ASI AND STUDENT GROUPS ENDORSE YES VOTE ON AB 3116:

California Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (C.A.P.H.E.R.)
Redeo Club
Sigma Kappa (sorority)
Poly Twirlers
Music Club
Bells Club
Alphas Phi Omega
Alpha Gamma Rho
PENMOW (P.E. Majors and Minors Association for Women)
Women's Recreation Association
Speakeasy Club
Association for Computing Machinery
Alpha Xeta, Cal Poly chapter
Dairy Cattle Judging Team
NAMA (National Ag. Marketing Association)
Agricultural Engineers Society
American Home Economics Association

Join us in voting yes on AB 3116 to insure a broad and expanded future in services and activities that are vitally needed at Cal Poly.

Vote today at the following polling places around campus:

The U.U. Plaza, the PostOffice, Math building, Ag Circle and the Library lawn.

This ad paid for by students for in favor of a yes vote on AB 3116.
Humanism has been around a long time. Basically it is a philosophy that asserts the dignity and worth of man and his capacity for self-realization through reason. In other words, given enough time, man will make this world a great place to live. Man's reason alone is sufficient to accomplish the goals of world happiness, fulfillment, peace and plenty. He alone must accomplish these because man is all there is.

As Christian professors and students we stand for these goals as well. We have no argument with these as values; our argument is with the naturalistic basis for these values. We believe it is our attempt to put man instead of God at the center of the universe that ironically has produced the opposite of the humanist goals.

It is laudable to pursue values such as love, peace and honesty. But these alone are inadequate without a relationship with the One who stands behind them to give them real meaning and content.

We have set aside Thursday night to consider some of these issues in an open forum. We need reasons for life and answers to death. We need to challenge the philosophies of our day because we feel that these philosophies have been tried and have been found wanting.

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The Proud Bird with the Golden Tail.
A resolution asking that the Student Affairs Council express its opposition to the removal of the High School Equivalency Program (HEP) from the campus will be introduced at tonight's meeting.

The meeting begins at 7:15 p.m. in Room 220 of the University Union.

The motion, by Architecture and Environmental Design representative Ron Dupit, will ask SAC to recognize that "termination of the program will affect only educationally deprived students which are predominantly minority farmworkers' children," and the removal of the HEP program "will perpetuate inequity and injustice within this society and the institution."

The resolution asks SAC to urge retention of the present facility. The HEP program is now housed in the renovated Air Conditioning Unit.

The HEP program will be terminated in June under university plans which call for the use of the building as faculty office space.

In other business items, the recommendation for a new ASI attorney will be made by Roland Hill, chairman of an ad hoc selection committee.

The lawyer Hill recommends tonight will pick up the remainder of former ASI attorney Ruth Carroll's retainer, which runs until next January.

Two firm candidates for the position are local attorneys Harry Woolpert and Lane Stuart, according to Hill.

Carroll's retainer asks for $100 a month for eight hours of work, a condition that the two candidates are willing to accept.

The council will also vote on a resolution authored by Sandra Trues, Human Development and Education representative, asking that SAC support unfreezing of the funds that have been allocated by Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The funds were first frozen by President Richard Nixon in December and provided for the construction of married student housing on campus.

The bookstore survey is the product of a new class on campus that is termed by instructor Dr. Carl Lutrin, as "class in applied citizenship." The class is a public interest research group and is the brainstorm of Lutrin and two of his students, Camille Barton and Leslie Latham.

When asked what prompted the creation of the class, Latham, co-

chairperson of the class, answered that the inspiration came from Ralph Nader and his work in this field of endeavor. She went on to say that every one complains about conditions on campus and no one looks into the problem closely. The purpose of the class, according to Latham, is to take a close look into a common issue.

The bookstore survey shows a strong desire by the students for an extension of bookstore hours and days of operation. Student feelings also showed that the students believe the bookstore should be a student service and some even suggest a student-run bookstore.
Oscar nominations

Picks reflect 'big grossers'

by RICK GOULART

They call them "message" movies, the heavy, soul-searching dramas of Hollywood that enrich any film year, that dominated 1974 and not surprisingly the 47th Annual Academy Award nominations released Monday.

It was, strangely, a year that saw films beginning to recapture the audiences they lost to television, while box office prices inflated with the times.

It was a year that the Hollywood "star" system was reborn, with some personalities making high grosses and those disdained studios regrouping to sign them to contracts.

For only the second time in Academy history, one studio was responsible for three of the five Best Picture nominees, Paramount with "Chinatown," "Godfather II" and "The Conversation."

United Artists won with "The Apartment" in 1960 but also had "The Alamo" and "Elmer Gantry" as Best Picture contenders, the first studio domination of the top prize since the Academy changed its ruling limiting each category to five nominees in 1943.

Along with Paramount's trio in contention for Best Picture is "Lenny" and "The Towering Inferno, " another rarely combining two studies and two stories.

Tying with "Chinatown" as the most nominated films of 1974 with 11 each was "Godfather II," ending up with five acting nominations, something that hasn't happened since 1937, and "Bonnie and Clyde." Al Pacino is a nominee for Best Actor, with Robert DeNiro, Michael V. Gazzo, Lee Strasberg in the Supporting Actor category, and Talia Shire in the Supporting Actress category.

It is also pretty rare to have both Actor and Actress nominees from the same film. This year we have two sets with Dustin Hoffman and Valerie Perrine from "Lenny" and Jack Nicholson and Faye Dunaway from "Chinatown."

This year's sentimental entry turned out to be Ingrid Bergman for a small part in "Murder on the Orient Express," she received her sixth Oscar nomination, her first in the Supporting Actress category.

All of the major nominees came from dramatic pictures with one and only one exception, Madeline Kahn's Supporting Actress nomination for "Blazing Saddles."

The Oscar nominations, which always reflect what is popular or what they think should be popular, thus making it a hit, reflected once again the big grossers of '74. The films with depressing yet enlightening themes were all nominated, and rightly so, making it one of the most satisfying list of potential Oscar greats in recent times.

Auditions

Tryouts for Friedrich Durrenmatt's play, "The Physicists" will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, March 6 and 8 in Room 212 in the H. P. Davidson Music Center. Auditions will be held from 7 to 11 p.m. on both days.

Copies of the play are available for reading in the reserve room in the library. If students have questions about audition procedures, they should contact Dr. Michael Malkin at 646-3688.
Gals drop final pair

Mary Stallard's women's tennis team opened and closed their season on the same note: defeat. The Mustangs lost two of three at the opening Chico State tournament and were defeated by Cal State Northridge and UCLA last weekend.

Regarding the team's 0-3 record, Coach Stallard said: "We really didn't have a good season as far as wins and losses go. But otherwise, we really did have a good season. The girls put forth a lot of effort and we were a young team, with a lot of freshmen. I feel the girls did learn a lot and they worked hard all season."

In Friday's loss to Northridge, the Mustangs lost 9-17 at halftime and pushed their lead to 60-66 at the final buzzer. Mary Fertitta, the Mustang's leading scorer, was high with 10 points. Chris Koski tallied eight points, while teammates Kathy Bierman and Nancy Wilkins bagged seven apiece. Wilkins led in rebounds with 15, Koski pulled down nine and Bierman added eight.

For the Mustangs, Cindy Barta led with seven, while teammates Judy Lewington and Lori Allen joined her with six apiece. For the game, the Mustangs shot 25 percent and the Gauchos shot 46 percent.

Mary Stallard, a native of the valley town after last weekend's loss to Poly, said: "Neither may we have a good season." The Mustangs defeated Ruth Ollatrap, 6-4, 6-2. bara Rademacher of Bakarafiald won the number two match, with Bran and Pat Brantley splitting lets. Roxle Lachman of the Muatanga was eliminated 2-6, 6-4. Roadrunner Jan McNab in the third spot, 6-4, 7-6.

"The girls played in sports against UCLA. At times, they really played well. It was fun for the girls to play their last game in Pauley Pavilion," said Coach Stallard.

In the junior varsity matches, Carol Minetti's Coles managed a split. The Coles defeated Northern, 4-3, and lost to UCLA, 7-3.

In Poly's victory over Northridge, Kristie Harrington led the Coles with 15 points. Diana Bakaty was the only other Poly player in double figures with 11. Janet Plachter bagged seven and Debbie Brown popped in six. Jan Albertson led in rebounds with 11, while Harrington picked up 10 and Bakaty nine.

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Upon hearing the name, Bakarafiald, one thinks of something that tickle, hits, Buckley Owens and Bob Cox. Although nobody usually associates tennis talent with the town, Bonnie Murray's women's tennis will be the first to admit outstanding tennis is played in the valley town after last weekend.

The Mustangs faced Cal State Bakarafiald on the Roadrunner court Saturday. The Bakarafiald natives breezed past Poly, 7-4.

In the fourth singles match, Mustang Ture Knight lost to Stacy Speed, 6-2, 6-3. Debbie Miller of Bakarafiald defeated Kathy Merrell, 7-6, 6-1. In the number six spot, Mary Ann Dudley managed the only Mustang win defeating Lily Wang, 6-2, 6-4.

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