Emergency worries top Diablo hearing agenda

BY SHARYN SEARS
Staff Writer

The function of pressure heaters and power-operated relief valves during an emergency at Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant topped the agenda at the first full-power testing license hearing Tuesday in Avila Beach.

Among those representing Pacific Gas and Electric Company were members of the consulting team that has been working on the reevaluation program since the firm's low-power testing license was suspended last November.

During a discussion over operating procedures, project engineer John Houch said that in an emergency where the pressure heaters malfunctioned, it would switch from automatic to manual control. Houch said. If the manual control effort proved unsuccessful, the operator should refer to the operating procedure manual and proceed to do a cold shutdown, he said.

Wrong Classification

The pressure heaters are not classified under what PG&E calls "safety grade" equipment. In behalf of the opposition, Herbert Brown, a consultant for Gov. Edmund Brown Jr., asked why the pressure heaters are not of safety grade classification and what would be involved in "upgrading" them so they would be of safety grade status.

"The cabling systems between the system's pressure heaters would have to be developed, and can with a musk major on campus," said Swanson.

The dump site was once used by various campus departments and personnel, and was open to the general public from the early 1970's until about 1978. No records were kept of what went into the facility, Van Acker said.

Last summer, the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and the state Health and Environmental Health Boards conducted tests at the dumpsite. The boards found the environment "stable and without leaching problems," according to Van Acker.

He said water testing is still being conducted in the area by the Water Quality Control Board. The board had to wait for a heavy rain season for the water level to be high in order to have accurate tests. Van Acker said the results should be in his office within a couple of months.
School blast kills 6, injures 35

SPENCER, Okla. (AP)—A natural gas explosion ripped through a building at an elementary school as it was being evacuated Tuesday, and authorities said six people were killed and 38 injured.

Helicopters were brought into the parking lot of a store across the road from the one-story brick Sir William Elementary School to airlift the more seriously injured to hospitals.

Rescues and law enforcement officers rushed to the scene of the blast in Spencer, just east of Oklahoma City.

Court okays death penalty

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Supreme Court refused Tuesday to ban capital punishment for teen-age killers, but told state judges to use more caution in sentencing young murderers.

The 5-4 decision left open the question of whether the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment applies to the sentencing young murderers to death.

In another action, the court allowed "unauthorized" political committees to spend unlimited amounts of money to back officially recognized presidential campaigns.

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Canoeing the Colorado or...being where the rain ain’t during Christmas break

BY ROBIN LEWIS
Outdoor Editor

All sixteen of us sit in the ASI van at the gate leading down to the Colorado River just below Hoover Dam. Black Canyon.

"Okay," says the gray-haired, tigfat-packet ranger. "I want you people down there and in the river quickly. I don't have time to stay with you all morning. Down there and in the river, fast." He turns to his car.

"Sieg hall," I say in my head and ex­


A running story from amid the
darkness, the man who walks the
road.

Two canoeists, left, slide across the Colorado River in Black Canyon below Hoover Dam. Below Bob Levi tries to coax a little syrup from the bot­
tle for his pancakes, and below left, strums his mandolin on the road back to Cal Poly.

Two canoeists, left, slide across the Colorado River in Black Canyon.

We know a canoe when we see one, no
problem. Some of us know how to steer
one, too. The ranger scowls from the
road.

Soon everyone is in the water and we turn downstream, we have miles to go before we sleep. We get three hundred yards. I can still see where we put in upriver, but natural hot springs are hard to pass up. A showering waterfall of 100 degrees Fahrenheit, pools in the rocks, and rain canes where drops of hot and cold water come from the ceiling along stalactites. We find an old water tunnel drilled for the dam that struck hot water of its own. Inside is a sauna, tepid water flow­
ing from the end of the tunnel a hundred feet back.

Hot springs, a sauna and a cool
lagoon. I can tell some people are get­
ing the wrong impression of "wilderness."

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ing from the end of the tunnel a hundred
feet back.

Another rock explodes in the camp­
fire, shooting splinters into the crowd.

"I’m moving," someone says for the fourteenth time. Crystal’s tennis shoe catches fire, I watch it with interest for several seconds before pointing the flames out to her. It is now a sandal.

Everyone’s knees touch, it is a warm night. I am trying to remember if I go to
school, and, if I do, where? Is there a world outside of here, past the canoe, the cliffs and the Colorado River? (Now close to losing all pretensions of being anything but the L.A. Canal.)

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darkness, the man who walks the
road.

A total reversal of world annihilation,
but not Harold’s death, is brought about by Mr. Brown, who is no longer a flying
mouse, and the magic of the Singing
Sword. Then, Mr. Brown fights a long,
final, pitched battle with the spies who have intermittently tried to steal the
Singing Sword to aid their world
domination. Mr. Brown kills all the
spies and the world is safe again.

All this without hallucinogens.

People are going off to bed. I look up.


The sky in the east is barely ligh t. I


The sail pops in the wind as we slice
across the chopping water of Lake Mo­
jez, my hair whipping around my head.

Three canoeists are tied together to use a
huge plastic tarp tied to canoe paddles and hold up to the wind for a sail.

"Well, someone has to rub it," says
Bob. "This is hard work.

The human mast jerr again with the
wind and look sleekplike. But, hell. fif­
teen miles without paddling...
Scenes from the river...

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The wind is light, not cold, not warm. The Nevada hills in front of us are now topped in red-orange sunlight, lava snow caps. It is getting too light too fast. This is my first dawn outdoors in years, up before the sun.

We sit on a rock and watch the sunrise. There are no pretensions, either by us or the land. There are no lush ferns or carpeting moss, no towering redwoods to block the mountains for the trees. Just hard rock, shards of gravel, cacti, sage. We are only a hundred feet above the level of Lake Mojave (two hundred above the "Colorado River") but we can see down the valley thirty miles.

The plain shoots away from the river and takes off up the mountains, capping with crags, lava red now almost in to valley. The plains look like one could run down them forever, never tiring, darting for the river. Finally, the sun hits our rock, bright in our eyes.

The glow has dissipated, now a faint pink. The plain is now lit also, shadows of sagebrush stretching back toward the hills. I try not to think.

As we head back down the wash for camp, I find a bone, bleached white, small, like a chicken leg. I stick it in the band of my hat with the feather already there. Standing motionless for minutes, we watch a covey of quail as they gurgle up the wash past us. The name of my school has not yet edged my memory.
Building of agriculture bridge begun

The pedestrian bridge, which will extend from Inner Perimeter Road to the second floor of the Agriculture Building, was designed and planned by students, and is already approved by the university, the bridge will be funded by outside sources.

Paul Dooley, chief architect and project coordinator, said he is very excited about the project, which has taken almost a year and a half to finalize.

"The bridge should cut down traffic in the building's stairway, aid handicapped students and provide an educational experience for at least 20 students," said Dooley.

The bridge should be completed sometime in May, according to Dooley. Not including labor costs, Dooley said the estimated costs of material and services are $15,000. The finished value of the project, including labor would be approximately $55,000.

Dooley said designs for the bridge began as his senior project, but because of the enthusiasm shown for the project he was joined by others who wished to see the bridge plans carried through.

Other members of the planning team include Ralph Tayyise, chief engineer of the project, and Pete Dryer and Joe Lepasini, both construction majors. Along with the planning team, the 30 other students who participate in the project will enroll in a special project class and receive elective credit.

"The project is a tremendous learning experience and provides students with an understanding of the whole process for the approval of the ERA. She said that there has always been a majority approval, but the 'problem has been getting the three-fifths majority.'

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A model of the bridge that will connect Inner Perimeter Road with the second floor of the Erickson Agriculture building. The bridge was designed and will be built by students.

Women's group maps strategy for final ERA battle

BY CINDY BLANKENBURG
Staff Writer

Although a recent Gallup Poll showed Americans to be in favor of the Equal Rights Amendment by a 54-46 margin, when a representative for the National Organization for Women stopped in San Luis Obispo County, only 23 persons attended the talk.

Ginny Frat, President of the California branch of NOW, gave an update on the ERA at the Arroyo Grande Woman's Community Center Wednesday, Jan. 13 as part of her ERA Mobilization Campaign. The Mobilization Campaign is to prove the "ERA is not dead," she said.

Frat said the ERA has only six months to get three more states to join the ratification effort.

There are 15 states that haven't ratified the ERA. Of these 15, eight didn't ratify the ERA Amendment until after 1960. According to Frat, ratification in Florida, Oklahoma, North Carolina and Virginia is this year’s goal.

In Florida, a state-wide campaign has been put into effect, said Frat. NOW has placed national officers there and down the coast. Last time a vote was taken the ERA was defeated by two votes.

This time, Frat said, NOW is taking a different campaign approach. She said Florida has a lot of retired persons. So the campaign is showing that retired women receive only $3,000 a year for Social Security benefits whereas the men receive $5,600. This strategy is causing the retired citizens to be interested, she said.

NOW has also established two Hispanic offices where the literature being distributed is in Spanish. "Florida looks the most promising," she said. "They will be voting on the issue very soon as the legislature is in session," she said.

In Illinois, NOW is trying to test the three-fifths rule that was established for the approval of the ERA. She said that there has always been a majority approval, but the "problem has been getting the three-fifths majority."

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Volleyball returns to the Cal Poly Main Gym Friday night at 7:30, as the Mustangs open their 1983 San Luis Obispo debut with rival Santa Barbara.

The Gauchos are currently the third-ranked team in the nation, behind USC and UCLA, and have never lost a match to the Cal Poly men—the women’s victory in Santa Barbara last fall was the first ever for a Poly volleyball team over UCSC.

“Our players feel confident enough to beat Santa Barbara,” Mustang coach Craig Cummings said. “It’s not the strongest team we’ve had, but one of the strongest.”

The Mustangs opened their season two weeks ago with a win over Sacramento State and a first place finish in the Northern California Collegiate Volleyball Tournament. Poly defeated the Hornets of Sac State, 15-9, 16-10 and 16-11. In tournament pool play the Mustangs downed Fresno State, Menlo College, Chico State and UC Santa Cruz.

Poly and Sacramento met again in the tournament semi-finals with the Mustangs coming out the winner, 15-7, 16-17, 16-11. Cal-Berkeley proved to be no match for the Poly six in the finals, losing 16-4 and 16-8.

Both Sacramento and Cal are considered to be two of Northern California’s better teams and will most like be in contention for the state championship later in the season. Cummings said.

The Mustangs have five returning starters back from last year’s Western Collegiate Volleyball Conference co-championship team, including conference Most Valuable Player Eddie Pettit.

In their first season in the WCVVC, the Mustangs finished in a three-way tie for first with Cal State Nor- diage and U.S. International University.

Joining Pettit for another season in the starting line- up are: third-year outside hitter Kelly Palmer, 6-2 mid- dle blocker Tim Toon, high flying Scott “Sky Pilot” Terry at outside hitter, and sophomore hitter Rose Bird.

Competing for the remaining starting positions are Mark Smith, Pete Messmer, Dave Rousell, Carl Buse and Hans Pedersen.

Besides Santa Barbara the Mustangs will also be facing such nationally ranked teams as Stanford, USC and Pepperdine—all on the road.

“I am expecting to take the state championship,” Cummings said. But the state title hopefully will not be the end of the road for the Poly spikers.

Cummings explained: “If we play well against the big teams we could possibly get a bid to the (NCAA) Western Regional.” A spot in the Western Regional would give Cal Poly a chance for its first national championship in volleyball.

The Cal Poly wrestling team left for Hampton, Va. last Wednesday with a 3-4 dual-meet record after loosing to state rival Cal State Fullerton the previous night for the first time in 20 years. But after a five-day tour of the East which also included stops in Connecticut and Lexington, Ky., the Mustangs returned to San Luis Obispo Tuesday, the proud bearers of a 10-4 record but we try to deliver Light.

On Saturday, the Mustangs defeated previously unbeaten Navy, 30-14, to capture first place in the Virginia Duals.

“The Virginia Duals is a very prestigious meet in the East,” Poly coach Vaughan Hitchcock said. “We wrestled superbly throughout the meet...when one of the guys didn’t wrestle well another would pick up the slack.”

On their way to the showdowns with the Navy Midshipmen Cal Poly defeated Clemson and Old Dominion University.

Al Gutierrez, Mike Berkus, Chris Cain, Louis Montano, Joe Elkinady and Josh Washington powered Poly to

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Ex-Poly stars fulfilling a dream
BY SHARYN SEARS

The dedication doesn't end when your last college season is over. "It's a dream coming true that you've had since you were eight years old playing Little League," said Rob Yavro, an ex-Poly baseball player who now plays in the Oakland A's minor league.

Yavro, a business major, is one of many ex-Poly baseball players who have been drafted to pro teams and is finishing his schooling between seasons.

"To see that paycheck signed by a pro team is a thrill you just can't believe," said Mark Barano, a social science major who was drafted to the New York Yankees. "It turns your dreams into reality when you realize, 'Wow, professional baseball and I are actually well represented in the major leagues."'

The Central Coast All-Stars are in their second season and are comprised almost exclusively of ex-Poly players who have turned pro. The lineup also boasts two names that have already made it to the major league ranks: Rusty Kuntz of the Chicago White Sox and Jim Wohlford, of the San Francisco Giants. Kuntz and Wohlford both lived in the area in the off-season.

Among those who test their ability against the pro-caliber teams are baseball teams from Cal Poly, Cuesta College, and Hancock Community College in Santa Maria.

"The games are fun for us, but also for the other team's benefit," Barano said.

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Recruiters will be on campus February 1, 1993 at Cal Poly Career Day, located in Chumash Auditorium.

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POLY sinks Midshipmen

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The Mustangs fell into Connecticut on Sunday for the annual game with the University of Connecticut, University of Tennessee and Tennessee-Chattanooga.

Cal Poly had a relatively easy time of it, defeating Connecticut 6-4, but losing to Tennessee-Chattanooga 2-17. Poly's last trip to connecticut was on Monday in Lexington with a 25-12 whipping of a highly-regarded University of Kentucky team.

Poly travels to San Jose State on Friday and will host the University of Nevada-Las Vegas on Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Gym.
Opinion

Beneath the rocks

“It’s coming out of the closet.”

That is how Anti-Defamation League National Director Nathan Perlmutter described the marked increase of acts of anti-Semitism in the United States over the past three years. The Anti-Defamation League recently released a report indicating that acts of violence against Jews and Jewish institutions more than doubled in 1983.

According to Perlmutter, those responsible for these anti-Semitic crimes are teenagers—those whose hatred of Jews flows from prejudices within their families and society in general. It is a tragic commentary not only on the American society of the present, but on our future as well.

Perhaps it is no coincidence that the rise in these crimes comes during a period when ultra-right hate groups are becoming more vocal and more powerful. The Moral Majority, John Birch Society, U.S. Labor Party and neo-Nazi elements seem to be riding the cost tails of the conservative revival that has swept Washington, D.C.

For years, the slime has been hidden beneath the rocks. Now it is increasingly more visible:

—State Sen. John Schmitt drew a storm of media attention when he issued a press release that, in short, said there was a Jewish-lesbian conspiracy behind the pro-choice movement. Schmitt, an opponent of abortion, has also called for a military coup in the United States in the event Reaganomics fails.

—Mother Jones recently reported that Lyndon LaRouche and his U.S. Labor Party have now become confidants with the highest echelons of the Teamsters Union. LaRouche and his followers, among other things, believe in the “immediate elimination” of Jews from “public life” and the establishment of an “industrial-capitalist” authoritarian dictatorship that could be mobilized for global warfare.

Perhaps the rising power of anti-Semitic elements in the United States is not too surprising when one looks at the society we now find ourselves in: unemployment, inflation and a lack of tolerance have taken on new dimensions as people feel less and less in control of their lives. And the myth of the rich, influential “Jewish elite” is an easy target for many to direct their frustrations and alienation as they search for simple solutions to complex socio-economic problems.

A recent article by historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. notes that past conservative periods of this century (such as the 1920’s and 1960’s) have been followed by revivals in activism and innovation. But now there may be a new wrinkle in this historical theory. If Reaganomics fails, a power struggle may develop between far right, anti-Semitic extremists and those favoring innovation. It is a battle the innovators cannot afford to lose.

Letters

Far-reaching concerns

Editor:
This letter is in regard to the article printed on Thursday, Jan. 14, “Minorities Cope with Poly,” I found the article to be statistically informative. However, I also found the information presented to be limited because racial, social or educational issues weren’t dealt with in depth.

It was my understanding that the intention of the article was to enlighten the misinformed Poly student body regarding problems in human relations—locally and internationally. The problems which people of color deal with at Poly are “peanuts” compared with those faced on a global perspective; for example, the failure of the world to recognize the African culture as the father of human civilization. A local example of this ignorance is the Greek Fraternity/Security system, which was stolen from the Ancient African Mystery System. In fact, the Greek philosophers Socrates, Plato and friends were students of the indigenous African Mystery System, from which the Greeks wrote Western philosophies about education and human relations. What Western cultures accept as “original” thought—Greek Philosophy—came from the African Mystery System.

The Mustang Daily article deals superficially with racial issues by only quoting an unimportant incident I described casually during the interview. The points not mentioned, which I emphasized, are too many to mention. This is difficult to deny that a child born on the continent of Africa is likely to die of starvation before its fifth birthday. To deny the existence of this problem is the same as pouring poison into the swollen belly of a starving infant.

We, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, feel our obligation is to speak to these concerns and not allow ourselves or this community to live pleasantly amidst this blatant ignorance. We must destroy the blindness which obscures our global vision. The article reduced world problems to mere local incidents. Our concerns extend much farther.

Mark A. Lee
President, Omega Psi Phi

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