Board declines testing emergency route

John Wolf, chairman of the licensing board, approved the proposal after Pacific Gas and Electric Co. lawyer Bruce Norton argued that it was "unnecessary," saying "any road may become impassable at a time when there is too much rain or mud." Norton added: "The northern route is specified in the Diablo Canyon emergency plan as an alternative to the main road, which leads south to Port San Luis. The issue came before the board during the second day of full-power license hearings at the Diablo Canyon plant. The board received all testimony concerning technical issues Thursday and began consideration of the emergency plan Wednesday.

"There will always be problems," she said. "The public shouldn't have this thing (the plant) blisted upon them without adequate protection."

Plant opponents expressed approval of a letter from the Regional Water Quality Control Board to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which was presented Wednesday to participants in the licensing hearings.

The letter, which is dated Jan. 19, asks the NRC to re-examine proposals for a water discharge permit at Diablo Canyon. On Jan. 14, the regional board denied PG & E's request for a permit, which is needed to begin full-power operation of the nuclear plant.

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Senator to Baker:
Scrap disaster plan

BY NANCY LEWIS

The Academic Senate passed a resolution by a 31-16 vote Tuesday urging President Warren Baker not to implement the Disaster Preparedness Plan in its current form. The Senate also urged the establishment of a task force representing the university community to review the drafted plan and present its findings to Baker.

The resolution to discontinue the current disaster plan was submitted by Dale Sulfliff, landscape architecture professor.

The Disaster Preparedness Plan is a plan that directs campus services and campus population in response to peacetime emergencies. The existence and design of such a plan has become essential given the tentative completion and operation of the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant, according to the resolution.

Cal Poly must have a plan that fits within the larger operational plan of the county, and also provides a specific operational plan for Cal Poly, according to the resolution.

While preparing a document discussing the nuclear power related issues, standard operating procedures (SOP's) for other emergency conditions have also been addressed in the plan.

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"How can we as members of the academic community perform such functions when we have no idea what we're supposed to do," Sulfliff asked the group.

Mixed review

Sulfliff admitted that "parts of the plan are predictably good," but "one year's experience has plotted new ground which are fairly inadequate."

The resolution states that the material which is publicly available in the plan such as the section entitled "Operational Plan for Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant Accident" is "grossly inadequate." Director of Public Safety Richard Brug, spoke before the group of senators, informing them that this plan is only an administrative one.

"You did, you do, and you still have an opportunity to help," in the final minutes of the meeting, said Sulfliff.

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Cal Poly weathers storm

BY BRIAN RAILBACK

Although Wednesday's storm sent splashes running for cover throughout the morning and afternoon, Cal Poly weathered the showers with only a few leaky roofs reported.

As of late Wednesday afternoon, campus police reported there were no mishaps or traffic accidents due to the storm.

Everyone knew the beautiful weather of last weekend couldn't last, sure enough, rainy days have returned to San Luis Obispo. Dietetics major Vicki Russell does her best to cope with Wednesday's wet weather.

Cal Poly weathers storm

"The senate will probably approve the plan," Sulfliff commented that neither students nor faculty were consulted on the plan while it was being drafted.

The faculty was not involved in the formulation of the plan. They were only asked to respond," he said. He added that there is "no plan unless it's operational and it's not operational unless the (campus) sectors are knowledgeable about it."

Poor publicity of the disaster plan was another reason for the adoption of the resolution, said Sulfliff. Poor publicity resulted in only a few people on campus being aware of its existence.

The registration also considered that both the procedural and substantive aspects of the drafted plan as deficient, and as such should not be considered an operational plan.

Sulfliff stated that the plan is lacking some specific information on what to do in certain situations. He used the earthquake section of the plan as an example.

The plan was called a "crash hoax" by Richard Kraundorf, political science professor, because it is too general and doesn't touch the specifics.

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There were only a few leaks in building roofs and no significant damage from the storm, Jerry Gen- thert, supervisor of building and plant operations said.

The storm, however, has added over an inch to the rainfall at Cal Poly this year, which is well over last year's level. According to figures taken by the campus police from Cal Poly's weather station, as of Wednesday morning the rainfall since Jan. 1 was just under 11 inches.

Commission votes to prolong life of minor sports

BY SHAWN TURNER

Baseball and four other intercollegiate sports at the Athletic Advisory Commission considered cutting from the 1983-84 schedule have escaped the ax—at least for now.

The commission voted Tuesday not to delete a sport or trim sports budgets, but to let the ASI and an athletic department fund-raising director to be hired Spring Quarter raise the estimated $20,000 needed to keep the Intercollegiate Athletic Program going next year.

"It appears the money can't be raised, then the commission will begin again the task of deciding which cuts will be made in the schedule," Commission Chairman Howard West cast the only dissenting vote, saying to delay a recommendation leaves the careers of some coaches hanging, making it too late for them to find a job elsewhere if their sports are cut later.

No more delay

"I do not think that this university can take another month, or another six weeks or another two months to make a decision such as this," said West.

West presented the recommendation to Baker, who suggested to the commission in December that baseball should be dropped. The commission has considered dropping water polo, volleyball and men's and women's swimming.

ASI President Dennis Hawk then reported to the Student Senate Wednesday night that the athletic program would need $20,000 in ASI reserve funds to save the program for another year.

That offer was presented to the commission last week by ASI External Affairs Assistant Joe Johnson.

Provided the allocation is approved, the issue will go to the finance committee before final approval by the Senate—a process that will take a month to two months.

"The senate will probably approve the money," Hawk said at the Student Senate meeting. "Some of the senators have already given a verbal commitment.

Hawk speculated that some of the funds could come from the Instructionally Related Activities committee, which he chairs.

"I would suggest that students call their senators, and tell them if that the athletic program is what they want their fees to go for," he said.

The rest of the money, the commission agreed, would be raised by community groups and an Athletic Development Director—a position not yet filled—who would serve as executive director of the Mustang Booster Club.
Navy diver brings up recorders

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Navy frogman, following an electronic listening device, retrieved two flight recorders Wednesday from the week-old wreckage of an Air Florida jet. The "black boxes" were analyzed for clues to the cause of the fatal crash.

After days of frustration with the Potomac River's ice and sub-surface muckiness, Lt. John Sechrist, of Washingotn, Wash., found the critical recorders on his first dive. He carried a sonar receiver that homed in on the "ping" emitted by the recorders, which apparently were undamaged.

Laboratory technicians were expected to take anywhere from a few hours to possibly several days to analyze the recorders, which monitor cockpit conversations and the key instruments. But Robert Buckhorn, of the National Transportation Safety Board, said the results may not be released to the public anytime soon.

"I don't think at this point you're going to get anything," he said, adding that authorities likely would conceal the results until they could be tied with other aspects of the investigation.

Buckhorn said the voice recorder's metal box was banged up.

Francis McAdams, a board member, called the recorders "most critical" in trying to determine exactly how the Boeing 737 clipped a busy commuter bridge Jan. 13 and plunged beneath the river's ice, killing 79 people, including four motorists. Among the 79 people on the plane, only four passengers and a stewardess survived.

Seven trapped in own coal mine

MINK BRANCH, Ky. (AP) - An explosion and fire trapped seven members of one family deep inside their own mountain Kentucky coal mine Wednesday, and UMW President Sen. Church said: "It's a 90 percent chance they're all dead."

The blast hurled debris hundreds of feet, state police and miners said. There was an unconfirmed word of the condition of the miners, who police said were trapped at least 1,700 feet inside in the family-run RFH Mining Co.'s Mine No. 6.

Church, national head of United Mine Workers, was in Charleston, W. Va., discussing mine safety with West Virginia Gov. Jay Rockefeller.

"We don't know if they're dead or not," said Church. "But it doesn't look good. I'd say it's a 90 percent chance they're all dead."

Dalkon Shield claims combined

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A federal judge said Wednesday he would include all claims and lawsuits filed in California as a single class in the massive lawsuit against A.H. Robins Co., makers of the Dalkon Shield contraceptive device.

U.S. District Judge Spencer Williams said his ruling would apply only to the liability-general damage phase of the civil lawsuit and not the punitive phase, which includes all people throughout the country who have claims involving use of the intrauterine device.

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Nuestra Familia group indicted

FRESNO (AP) - Racketeering indictments returned by the U.S. grand jury in Fresno were unsealed Tuesday against key members of a prison-spawned gang called La Nuestra Familia.

Two indictments alleged gang leaders and subordinates committed numerous murders to gain control of criminal activities in several Central California cities.

Acts linked by the grand jury to the indicted men ranged from prison slayings to robbery.

One of the benefits of conviction under the federal racketeering statute would be a partial breakup of Nuestra Familia, said Fresno Police Chief George Hansen. The Mexican-American gang would lose its structure and control with leaders dispersed in federal prisons, he said.

Prosecution likely will be transferred to Sacramento because of security considerations, said U.S. Attorney Donald Ayre, who announced the case on his second day in office.
A $250 reward is being offered for the apprehension and conviction of those involved in the stealing of "the Bent," the symbol of the Engineering Honor Society which happened this past weekend, according to a society spokesman.

The Honor Society or Tau Beta Pi is an organization which recognizes engineers who work for high academic goals. Ed Romanos, corresponding secretary said.

The society placed "the Bent" between the Engineering West and the Computer Science buildings last Poly Royal. Since then, Romano said, "the Bent" has been the object of graffiti on the pavement where it stood and on walls all over the school.

Romano said that the graffiti started after the placement of the statue. During Spring Quarter, graffiti such as "fend the Bent" was prevalent. Since Summer Quarter, however, there haven't been any problems with "the Bent" until its disappearance, he said.

"The Bent," was put up to show visiting engineers that "Cal Poly recognizes engineering with high goals," he said.

Tau Beta Pi was able to erect "the Bent" by going through a lot of red tape, Romano said. He said any organization can put up its symbol on campus if they are willing to go through the same hassles. So far Tau Beta Pi is the only organization that has been willing, he said.

When referring to what "the Bent" symbolizes Romano said, "It's no different than a fraternity or sorority house advertising its name in big letters."

So far Tau Beta Pi members can only speculate on who stole the statue.

There are several social clubs that show animosity toward us," Romano said.

Romano said that the statue may have been stolen as a prank, but there is the possibility that it was stolen for its value. He said the 110-150 pound brass- cast statue was worth $400. When melted down, a person could probably get $500 for it, he said.

"There is not much we can do," Romano said. "We are depending a lot on witnesses who may have seen it being stolen."

Members of the society are upset, Romano said. "The Dean of Engineering is also upset, he said.

Whoever stole "the Bent" defeated his purpose because the society is planning to buy a replacement, said Romano. At the present time however Tau Beta Pi doesn't know where the money for a new statue will come from.

Abortion fee option pondered

BY GAIL PELLERIN

Students who do not wish to support abortion clinics and abortion refer­ ral services offered by their campus Health Center will be able to withhold part of their registration fees if proposed state legislation passes, a legislative aide said Monday.

Legislative assistant Rex McQuaide said a Senate Education Sub­ Committee upheld the bill, authored by state Sen. John T. Dooley (R-Sacramento), which has been referred to the Finance Committee.

The basic purpose of the bill is to give students who attend colleges and universities the right not to support or not want to pay the proportion of their fees ap­ propriated for abortion serv­ ices.

"It will only be a savings of a couple of dollars," Mc­ Quaide said, "but their freedom of choice will also be saved."

In the spring of 1981, when Dr. James Nash, Health Center director, first heard of the bill, he said, "It sounded so ridiculous. I didn't give it serious consideration."

But, the legislation and its effects are now being considered.

Nash said that less than 1 percent of Health Center services involves pregnancy counseling. He said only about 20 percent of the people who come to the Health Center believing they may be pregnant actually are. Of those who are preg­ nant, 90 percent have abor­ tions, Nash said.

"We tell them those who are pregnant the options available and where they are available," Nash said. 

"But they are just going to keep chip­ ping away at it."
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Director says SLO Hospice needs volunteers

Hospice, an alternative to hospitalization for people with terminal illnesses, is in need of volunteers. "Hospice affirms life...and sees death as a normal part of the life cycle," said Jaclyn Megow, executive director of Hospice in San Luis Obispo. Megow recently spoke at Cal Poly in a forum sponsored by Ms Delta Phi, a health science club.

Megow said that Hospice is not only for the dying, but for the survivors as well. Hospice offers bereavement support groups to family and friends, and has plans to begin similar groups for young adults and parents who have lost infants, she said.

Most hospices are non-profit organizations, she said, and some charge on a sliding scale depending on what the family can afford. However, the San Luis Obispo county hospice does not charge anything for their services, which makes volunteering of all kinds necessary, she said.

"The usual commitment is six hours, three visits a week," she said, "but there are different levels of volunteering—financial, office help, fund raising help are needed too." Hospice tries to match clients and volunteers who live in the same area, and right now the North County needs more volunteers, she said.

Megow, a Cal Poly alumni, said the San Luis Obispo hospice was originally begun in 1977, when "teams" consisted of only paid staff and lay volunteers. In 1981, however nurse volunteers joined the effort and now supplemental medical attention is available to the client at home, she said. The interdisciplinary teams—family, friends, nurses, lay volunteers, religious personnel—are coordinated by Hospice, at the request of the dying, and the director, to give support and care to the client at home or in later hospitalizations.

For those interested in the problems of the dying, Cuesta will be offering a class on death and dying, called "How We Live Until We Die," Tuesdays at 7 p.m. starting Feb. 2. The course is required for in-home volunteers.

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**Water control board seeks more regulation**

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Specifically, the latter requests a reduction in proposed ocean areas of long-term radiation, and an increase in the number of planned ocean monitoring stations. We are concerned that you are allowing the volume of the cooling water discharge to justify bypassing treatment levels that would be unacceptable at other nuclear facilities, the letter stated.

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**Senators criticize Poly disaster plan**

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Log of the plan, said Brug. Brug added that for an administrative plan, it is still efficient and operational, but comments or concerns can also be referred about the drafted plan. "I don't know why you want a resolution; you can ask all you want to say, said Brug told the group. Sulliffl commented "even as an administrative plan, I feel it's inadequate. As an operational plan, it's mostly inadequate."

Several senators also questioned the credentials of the Public Safety Advisory Committee, who was to review the drafted plan. This committee, which is composed of staff, faculty, and two student representatives, was questioned about its scope of representation on campus.

Risard commented that the faculty is being pulled into the preparation at the last second, for something that is nine-tents of the way down the road.

Another faculty concern expressed at the meeting was the level on which Cal Poly would be notified of an emergency. Some faculty members said Cal Poly would be notified seventh on the list of places to be told.

Brug cleared the misconception saying Cal Poly would be notified immediately.

Senator Del Dingus, soil science professor, proposed that the resolution be needed to read that Cal Poly implement the plan in its current form as an interim scheme instead of not implementing it at all, but the amendment failed.

Sulliffl stated that supporting the plan on an interim basis gives "no sense that this is an immediate and important operational sense." He added that it is "important for this campus to pull together and take up an operational plan."
Women joining ranks at Cal Poly fire department

BY SANDRA GARY

Three women have joined the ranks of the Cal Poly fire station, marking the second time in the history of the station that a female firefighter has served on the force. The first time was in 1979 and the woman served only a short time.

Leslie Webster, full-time engineer, Laura McCarthy, senior recreation major, and Peggy Neville, sophomore biology major, were hired by the university's public safety department because they had the capabilities needed for the job, Carmen Johnson, fire chief, said.

Asked why three women were hired for the position, Johnson replied, "Why not? They are as capable as men to do the job. We don't make it any easier for them. They suffer the same training as the men."

Webster, a slim 29-year-old, began her job Dec. 1. She is the first full-time female engineer in the county. As well as doing regular duties as a fire engineer, she has the responsibility of being the station's training officer.

"My main challenges here is going to be organizing, maintaining, and implementing a training program which will ensure that all the firefighters are trained up to a particular standard," Webster said. "That in turn will provide Cal Poly with a professional staff in the area of fire protection/medical aid."

Webster is working to put the firefighter's training program into action. She is organizing bimonthly training drills during which student firefighters and full-time engineers will learn rescue techniques and proper equipment usage.

To get where she is today, Webster underwent 500 hours of training by the Atascadero State Fire Department where she served as a part-time firefighter, by the California Department of Forestry, Cuesta College, and the state fire marshal's office.

Webster said she is happy with her new job. "I like the campus and the job is an extreme challenge," she commented.

McCarthy was hired as a student firefighter this quarter after serving as a reserve firefighter at the campus fire station since last October. During that time she also participated in a stringent training program designed by the Cal Poly fire chief.

"It's a good learning experience," McCarthy said of her new job. "The calls are always different."

McCarthy plans to go to paramedic school after she graduates from Cal Poly.

Neville is the newest firefighter at the station. She was received with a doughnut celebration last Friday after undergoing training as a reserve firefighter for three months. Unlike McCarthy, Neville does not plan to make a career of any aspect of the fire service. She ultimately plans to go to medical school and said she figured this job could offer some varied experience along her way there.

"It's different. It's not your basic run-of-the-mill job," she said. "When you're going to school it's hard to get a decent job. This way I can get an insight to something different, something I wouldn't normally get to do unless it was my career goal."

Neville plans to stay with her new job until she graduates, which could be about the year 2000, she said.

Laura McCarthy, one of the new Poly firefighters, tries on a breathing apparatus for size.
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Netters prepare to open season

The Cal Poly men's tennis team will open their 1982 season in two weeks, but coach Hugh Bream will have some tough decisions to make before the Mustangs play their first match in the UC Santa Barbara Tournament.

Ranked No. 12 in Division II by the Pacific Coaches Association, the Mustangs are well endow­ed with a large group of talented veterans and newcomers. Bream's headaches will come when he tries to narrow the team down to eight members—the number of players who will be traveling with the team on road trips.

"There is very little separating the No. 1 to No. 12 players," Bream said. "The depth of this year's team will be survival of the fittest on the Poly courts during the Mustangs' afternoon workouts. We're having weakly challenge matches to determine the top players," said Bream. "...we've had some ex­tremely close matches."

Top returning players for the team are Martin Dyrdal, the No. 2 player in 1981; Collins Simmons, the No. 4 player last season and a finalist in the Pacific Coast Championships in doubles this summer; and Tom Morris and Andrew Weber, California Col­league Athletic Association­ian at the No. 5 and No. 6 positions and conference champions at the No. 3 doubles position in 1981.

Mike Masciorni and Mark Stacebocki also return and both are potential top-six players, Bream said.

Freshman Brian Bass has been tabbed as the team's top new player by his coach and is now occupying the No. 1 spot on the team, according to Bream.

Bream is currently the 25th-ranked junior player in Southern California and is a former CIF finalist. He was chosen as the Pepsi Junior Tennis Player of 1981 in San Diego.

Thor Hult, a state junior college doubles and singles champion, are the top addi­tion from the junior college ranks.

Bream has also been pleased with play of two transfer students: Tom Steinrueger from Nevada-Reno and Jan Magin, a former Arizona junior college doubles champion.

The Mustang's 1982 schedule features such Division I competition as San Jose State, Fresno State and UC Santa Bar­bara along with the usually tough competition of the CCAA. Poly will be host­ing it out with eighth­ranked (Division I) Cal State Bakersfield for con­ference honors and a spot in the NCAA championship­ships in Miami on May 15­18.

Tennis tourney ends Saturday

The Central Coast Mid­winter Tennis Championship­ships, sponsored by the Cal Poly men's tennis pro­gram, conclude this Satur­day (weather permitting) at 9 a.m. with the semi­finals and finals being con­tested in all divisions.

The tournament, which began last Saturday, drew a large field with con­testants coming from as far away as Bakersfield and Santa Barbara.

Members of the Cal Poly men and women tennis teams are competing along with former Mustang All-Americans, Dan and Pete Lambert.
BY VALERIE BRICKMAN
Staff Writer

Known as "Crumbles" to most of her basketball teammates, Carolyn Crandall does anything but crumble when on the court.

According to Coach Marilyn McNell, Crandall, a three-year player, has the potential of being the second highest scorer on the team behind Laura Bushing.

"Carolyn is the most consistent player on the team, I have never seen her have a bad game," McNell said.

Playing what McNell terms "the triple threat position," a ready position for quick release of the ball, Crandall is currently averaging 9.4 points per game and has a 4.9 rebound average.

"Carolyn is always given the toughest defense assignment, no matter her opponents size or quickness. She always does her job," McNell said.

The co-captain has topped the list of high scorers in a game several times. While playing against UC Davis in their tournament, the junior from Calabasas notched 19 points and was also the leading rebounder with 11. Once again against Davis, this time at-home, the 5-10 forward led all scorers with 22 points.

Crandall, a 20-year-old district major was a three-year standout at Calabasas High School participating in basketball, volleyball and softball and was selected All-League and All-CIF in all three sports.

Coming to Poly as a freshman, Crandall is the only other athlete besides Bushing to play all three years during McNell's reign as Mustang head coach.

"Carolyn is an asset, efficient player who has a sense for the floor and a sense for basketball," McNell said.

"Carolyn is the heart of the team," assistant coach Darla Wilson commented earlier in the season.

At about the age of 14, Carolyn started playing basketball in a junior high league. She said she picked up her playing abilities from watching the boys play and competing against them.

According to McNell, Crandall does not make many mental mistakes and she holds everything together.

Crandall and the rest of her teammates will be taking on Cal State Dominguez Hills in the Main gym tonight with action scheduled to begin at 7:30.

49ers receivers a winning combination

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — It's not surprising that the turnaround of the San Francisco 49ers in 1981 has coincided with the blossoming of its star receivers Dwight Clark and Freddie Solomon.

They complement each other beautifully, Solomon said, the speedster. Clark is the technician, and together they will give the 49ers a potent receiving combination Sunday in the Super Bowl against the Cincinnati Bengals.

Clark and Solomon took different routes to success in the National Football League, just as they take different routes that almost always leave one or the other open for a Joe Montana pass.

Clark, a 15th-round draft choice in 1979, has three seasons become the premier receiver in the National Conference, leading all rivals with 66 catches for 1,160 yards.

"He contributes big plays from the beginning of a game to the end," said Walsh. "His stamina and consistency are amazing. He has made a remarkable number of big plays for us this season."
The volleyball team is hoping to make amends for its reputation blunder last April which probably kept it from getting a berth to the Western Regionals. After making a short order side dish of the conference during the duals, the team was stranded high and dry without transportation to the conference tournament. Whoopee!

But with five of last year's starters back (Ken Rowe did the great disappearing act back to Hawaii Poly) we will do anything—beg, borrow, or steal—to get to the tournament this year.

Pulling the trigger for Poly again this year will be senior setter Eddie Peltz. He will be the troops this Friday when Poly plays host to the No. 3 team on the Division I level in Central Coast rival Santa Barbara.

The match is set for a 7:30 p.m. start in the Main Gym. Peltz is in his second year of volleyball at Poly. He feels cheated about last season.

Petit was the first person to tell me of the transportation problems that they had last year. His head was drooping and his shoulders sagged. There is still a little tinge of frustration when he talks of last season, but he is aiming his sights on this season.
Opinion

Leaky administration

President Reagan has become only the most recent of a long line of presidents to express concern over what he regards as harmful leaks of information from government officials to the news media. Deploying such leaks as "a problem of major proportions," the president announced last week that he intends to do something about them.

In the future, Reagan announced, government officials must obtain permission from "a senior official" before contacting any member of the news media when "classified" national intelligence information might be discussed. Furthermore, officials must submit written transcriptions of what they said. And, if "unauthorized disclosures" still reach the media, the White House will use "all legal methods" at its disposal to reveal the culprit.

On the surface, Reagan's concerns over leaks may seem understandable. White House officials contend that Reagan has been upset about them for some time, particularly when word got out that he had decided against selling advanced F-5 fighter aircraft to Taiwan.

Presidential actions against news leaks are not new either. But Reagan's actions, including the restrictions he has placed on media contacts, is the most severe since the "plumbers" unit was formed by the Nixon White House some 10 years ago. The plumbers unit engaged in wiretapping, burglaries and other illegal acts to uncover leaks. Later on, of course, the unit became involved in the Watergate scandal.

Reagan, of course, stressed that "legal methods" only would be used to uncover the sources of leaks. However, the president is yet to define just what "legal means" might be. There is little doubt, though, that they will include the use of lie-detector and court-authorized wiretaps.

Already, Deputy Defense Secretary Frank C. Carlucci and a number of other defense officials have been "invited" to take lie detector tests to discover who leaked the details of a meeting concerning the defense budget to the Washington Post. Such an invitation was not only for see through, but most likely fulfilled as well.

The White House maintains such actions are designed to protect national security, but it is yet to offer any examples. The need for such actions became a problem because, in theory, almost any executive decision could be considered "classified." How many politically-based decisions might be covered up in the name of "national security?"

To date, the only story the White House has acknowledged as originating from a leak has been the decision on the sale of planes to Taiwan. Within Washington, news leaks are considered a long-standing tradition, playing an important role in protecting our government's system of checks and balances.

Reagan's own press representative, David R. Gergen, stressed that news leaks will have little impact on how he is ultimately perceived by the public. "Every administration," he said, "is judged not on the way it handles the news but on performance—on how well it copes with the country's problems."

And in that last respect, we must all wish the president the best of luck.

Letters

Scientific creationism

Editor

With due respect to professors Hoagland and Reisenfeld, their remarks in the Jan. 12 article showed a lack of understanding of present-day science.

First, creationists were not defeated in the Arkansas law case because they were not represented in the trial. Among other questionable actions, state attorneys in the case, who were supposed to defend the two-model bill, refused the al of their witnesses, including Wendall Bird and John Woodward.

Second, the two leading attorneys for the subject of creationism, Dr. Hoagland stated that "the question of evidence has little or no importance to a creationist, who only needs a description of the evidence, not whether it is true or not." Dr. Reisenfeld stated that "the evidence of creationism is not that the "evidence" is correct, but the correctness of the creationism," which is not further from the truth. The Creation Research Society is being used to help the vast majority of scientists, all who are convinced the evidence supports creationism. Dr. Hoagland apparently has not heard Dr. Dino Gilh (Ph.D. in Biochemistry, Berkeley, Calif.) who is an excellent creationist. Dr. Gilh debates numerous evolutionists each year, and usually succeeds in demolishing his opponents. Recent, in peer-reviewed creation articles such as Hoogland, William Miller, and Carl Ragan have declined to confront Dr. Gilh when challenged to a public debate.

Dr. Reisenfeld presented the age-old argument that "creation is religion and evolution is science." The falsity of this argument has been pointed out by scientists and legal experts with Wendall Bird, past editor of the Yale Law Journal, has conclusively shown that the proponents of "the reality of creationism is at best scientific creationism and at least as non-sensical as the theory of evolution." Yale Law Journal, Jan. 1976, Harvard Law Review, Summer 1977.

Many evolutionists vehemently claim that scientific creationism has been barred from the public schools, yet even Clarence Darrow stated that it is "bizarre for public schools to teach only one theory of origin."