Two clash over validity of the Bible

BY TWYLA THOMAS
Staff Writer

The two debaters had drastically opposing views. Anti-Christian rationalist Mark Rolland doubled the validity of the Bible while Christian student Dan Morrow claimed it was the Word of God.

The debate on KCPR's Open Channel Monday night resulted in an eight-month attempt by Rolland to debate a Christian on the topic of the truth or fallacy of Christianity and the Bible.

The debate, mediated by Host Mark Oss, lasted 40 minutes, with each speaker giving his views in alternately five-minute segments.

Morrow, a Cal Poly engineering graduate student, opened the debate by defining what the Bible is: 66 ancient manuscripts written by 40 different men over a period of 1,500 years, touching on areas of science, biology and history.

"The Bible was inspired by God," said Morrow. "It's the word of God. It's totally inerrant from error."

Bible answers questions

In addition, the Bible "contains many of the answers to questions men have been asking since the beginning of time," asserted Morrow.

He said the Bible teaches us that man came from God, and that we're rational beings with the freedom to choose. He claims the books in the Bible show God to be loving, merciful, and holy.

Rolland's opening statements questioned the veracity of the Bible and asserted its belief in its historical inaccuracy.

"I have been led to believe the Bible doesn't clearly teach anything," Rolland said. "Christianity isn't based on a rational or systematic approach, but is rather based on repetitive phrases."

He challenged all Christians to answer these four questions: 1) Is the end of the book of Mark (true Scripture)? 2) Did Pontius Pilate have free will? 3) Why were the persecuted Jehovah's Witnesses the only German religious group to denounce Nazism and other Christians? 4) Since in Peter it says there will be false prophets placed among Christians, what are the names of these false prophets placed among the congregations?

"I have to think all Christianity hung on four questions," answered Morrow.

In answer to Rolland's questions, Morrow said the last 16 verses of Mark were added later on, and although they are not the inspiration of God, he still sees them as accurate.

"When it's looked at rationally, the bottom line is...what is presented in the Bible is truth." — Dan Morrow

BY MAURA THURMAN
Staff Writer

Students must band together and fight cuts in college financial aid proposed for the 1983 federal budget in order to remain in existence, two ASI officials said Tuesday.

ASI President Annis Hawk and External Affairs Officer Joe Johnson said the proposed cuts will be devastating for students who have been especially unfriendly to student interests.

Hawk and Johnson returned Monday from Washington D.C. where they discussed proposed cuts with California representatives.

Opinions on the financial aid issue are still almost exactly on party lines. Johnson, said, with Democratic legislators pledging support to students and Republican congressmen approving President Reagan's budget.

Cold reception

Congressman Robert Lagomarsino (R-San Luis Obispo), rolled his eyes when asked if he thought legislators who have historically given students a cold reception...Congressman Robert Lagomarsino, (R-San Luis Obispo) seems "receptive to listening to our concerns," Johnson said, adding, "That's the best we can hope for."

The suggested cuts in financial aid would slash Pell (BEOG) grants by 40 percent, and place lower income limits on recipients of Guaranteed Student Loans.

In addition, the budget would eliminate Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, State Student Incentive Grants and National Direct Student Loans.

At Cal Poly, this could mean that 1,500 students would be forced to give up college educations, Hawk said. "The Guaranteed Student Loan program, which aids 5,000 students at Cal Poly, would limit borrowers to an annual income of $12,000 or less under the proposal."

Grads dropped from program

Graduate students would be dropped from the GSL program, although it also is the only form of financial aid available to them.

While many people argue that students should work for their education, Johnson said, cutbacks also include closing nearly half of the 9,869 work-study jobs available to CSU students.

Students are willing to work to pay their way, Johnson said, but in some areas this can be nearly impossible. He cited the San Bernardino area, site of a large CSU campus, where the youth unemployment rate is 25 percent.

"Much of college aid, said Johnson, began under the auspices of the Defense Department. The National Direct Student Loan program, for example, used to be the National Defense Student Loan program."

"With Reagan, we've come full circle," Johnson said. "He's taking from education to add to his defense spend-
Application deadline nears for chancellor's post

BY DEBRA KAYE
Staff Writer

The search is on for a new Chancellor of the California State University System (CSU). The eight-member Search Committee, headed by John O'Connell, chairman of the CSU Board of Trustees, began Wednesday to consider the over 100 candidates who have applied, "quite a number" of whom are female, he said. Applications will be accepted until March 4, however, and no date for a decision has been set yet.

"We have absolutely outstanding national candidates, so it will take some time," he said. O'Connell said he "could not" say whether Cal Poly's President Warren Baker was one of the applicants.

The present Chancellor, Glenn Dumke, told the board last July that he planned to retire in May on his 66th birthday. But he agreed to stay on until a new Chancellor is chosen. Asked to comment on complaints from students and faculty about their lack of representation on the committee, O'Connell said he had not heard any such complaints.

Responding to a student's suggestion that all students be represented, O'Connell said, "The students have a representative on the Board (of Trustees), so they will be part of the final decision." He also said a number of faculty members have met with the committee, but it was the Criteria Committee's recommendation that the Search Committee be limited to trustees only.

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Environmentalist looks past whales to county supervisor

BY MAURA THURMAN
Staff Writer

Like many former Cal Poly students, Jerry Belair hasn't finished his senior project and his job is unrelated to his major.

Unlike most students, however, Belair's project became an avocation which occupies as many hours as his full-time job as a postal clerk.

Belair heads the county's chapter of the American Cetacean Society, a group he founded with five other students in 1978.

Since then, the Society has become an army of 40 volunteers which presents "whale talks" at schools throughout the county during the winter migration season.

"Four years ago, I used to go to Montana de Oro to watch the whales and I'd be alone," Belair said. "People are so much more aware now. There are hundreds of people out there."

"Cetacean" is a biological classification which includes all marine mammals — whales, dolphins and porpoises. The Society is concerned with the quality of life for all marine animals, including sea otters, seals and other birds common to the Central Coast.

Belair described the Society as a "mechanism for sharing information" gained from research projects with other interested groups, such as the university.

The Cetacean Society has also disseminated information to the public about environmental issues. It filed a lawsuit to block the sale for oil exploration of tracts off the coast of Northern and Central California. The 31 northernmost tracts were eventually removed from the proposed sale.

"The Society also is concerned about discharge from power plants," Belair said. "I have several members of Greenpeace participated in a "sea assault" of the Diablo Canyon nuclear plant during demonstrations last fall."

"Offshore oil drilling and Diablo Canyon are political issues, county issues."

His newest undertaking is a campaign for supervisor in the county's second district, which stretches from Perumlo Canyon Road through Morro Bay and up the coast to the Monterey County. If elected in June, Belair said he will incorporate much of his present work into his supervisor role.

"Offshore oil drilling and Diablo Canyon are political issues, county issues," he said. "Those interests will stay with me."

While he will probably give up many of his day-to-day activities with the Cetacean Society if he becomes supervisor, Belair said he expects to retain an advisory role.

One thing he would like to accomplish, he said, is to get more public officials to attend whale talks and boat trips.

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Belair runs for county supervisor

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"Lots of those people forget there's an ocean out there," Belair said. "We need to educate everyone, not just the schoolkids." Studying whales is worthwhile also, Belair said, because they are "symbolic of what's going to happen to man."

The whale has inhabited Earth for 65 million years, Belair explained, and humans are destroying it. If humans "pay attention" to whale populations, they could realize and curb their destructive potential before it's "too late."

Belair said whale hunting is "on its way out" worldwide because it is becoming less profitable. The key to the issue as he sees it is this: "When you make more money watching whales than killing them, you're going to stop killing whales."

Belair claims the key to making whale-watching dollars grow is education. "The kids that we're teaching now, they will never allow whale-killing to go on," he said. "They might even do what I've been doing, and make some money at it."

For the last 18 months, Belair has also presented a weekly 7-minute program about marine mammals on KCBX public radio. "Each show takes about five or six hours to prepare," Belair said. "But they're a lot of fun."

Although he admitted he has pretty much "covered the gamut" of the approximately 100 species of marine mammals, he said there are no plans to end the show.

"There's always more to learn," he added. "Those animals aren't the kind of thing that gets boring."

And Belair continues to work on his "senior project," although he conceded it is "not a very high priority right now." He has observed the gray whale for four years, he said, and he thinks each year will be the last one he needs to complete his study.

"Every year we learn new things," he said. "There just hasn't been a stopping point yet."

Christianity debate airs on KCPR radio

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He said Morrow's inability to identify false prophets stemmed from ignorance of who they were, a problem that 913 people in the Jim Jones Guyana cult had.

"Christians are attracted to demagogues, liars, and murderers," said Roland, who added that as soon as Jones killed the 913 people, however, Christians said he had never been a Christian.

Then Morrow addressed the accuracy of the Bible, claiming that the New Testament is "98 percent accurate without question."

He said discrepancies in different versions of the Bible come from the authors who used different calendars, languages, and numerical systems.

Roland went on to discuss "broad contradictions," and small, erroneous details included within. He said it is "confused with every major issue," and that "February can't be proved to not be false teaching."

For example, he said the Bible says a house of worship is desirable, while the Book of Acts says it isn't.

Morrow countered this by saying people who have read the Bible are carefully read, there are no contradictions. He said problems of contradiction stem from taking things out of context.

In his concluding argument, Roland said "The Bible is anti-human and immoral" because it justifies war.

After the debate, students were invited to call in and ask the two debaters questions for 50 minutes.

When asked if the Bible can be proved to not be false teaching, Morrow responded, saying it is impossible to counter statements in the Bible prove its inappropriateness.

"When it's looked at rationally, the bottom line is, what is presented in the Bible is true," said Morrow.

Roland, however, said Christians should give up the "acquaintances and orientations" of their religion. "If Christians wore their religion in their hearts rather than on their sleeves, we'd have a much better world," said Roland.

Morrow accepted the challenge for debate, which Roland, a Grover City resident, posed in a letter to the editor printed in the Mustang Daily on Jan. 12, because he believed Roland's statement about the Bible were inaccurate. Roland, who is a self-acclaimed "factual philosopher" asserted that the Bible is contradictory, confused, and contradicted and that "Christianity in a mind-control system."

He has challenged Cal Poly Christians since July 29 to defend their belief in the Bible in "a fair and public debate to be held on campus.

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Teams resist elimination

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There was no real thought in making the decision, Cumming added, as volleyball is a money-making sport.

According to Cumming, it is illegal for the team to solicit for patrons under the intercollegiate program unless it is done through the Booster Club; so for the volleyball team, this possibility is out. Instead, they plan to investigate becoming a club, and solicit ASI funding for next year.

If they become a club, they will do the best they can, Cumming said, to prove to the Athletic Department and Baker, that "men's volleyball at Cal Poly is a viable sport."

Since the team ranks in the top 15 in the nation, and conceivably the top 10, Cumming said, "It hurts not to be recognized by the Athletic Department."

Float design contest to open

Designs are now being sought for the 1983 Cal Poly Rose Float. This year's Tournament of Roses theme is "Rejoice", and some possible design ideas are: "Graduation," "School's Out," "Pet Store," "First Car," "Learning to Drive," and "T.G.I.F."

Entries must be on white poster board no smaller than 18" by 24" and must be accompanied by a typed or printed description of the sketch. Sketches must be submitted to the Activities Planning Center, U.U. 217, by noon March 5, 1982.

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The search is over. After three months in limbo the Cal Poly football team now has a new head coach — someone the Mustangs should take no time in getting to know.

Cal Poly assistant coach for 15 years, Jim Sanderson was appointed Mustang head coach Tuesday by Acting Athletic Director Dick Henson and university President Warren Baker.

In making the announcement, Baker said that Sanderson "had been a key individual in the continued success of the university's football program, and his knowledge of the players will provide an excellent transition in the years ahead."

Sanderson's name was forwarded to Baker by Henson and Associate Executive Vice President Howard West.

In explaining what he was looking for in his prospective assistant, Henson said, "We were looking for an individual who had academic and discipline in mind and that would "take to the community." And naturally we want a successful program," he added.

Sanderson was chosen from a field of nearly 60 applicants, which included fellow 15-year veteran Mustang assistant coach Howard West. The Athletic Department also received applications from all over the country in response to the nationwide advertising campaign that publicized the vacancy left by the resignation of former head coach Joe Harper.

Harper coached the Mustangs for the last 16 years, compiling a 97-44-3 won-loss record and leading Cal Poly to their first NCAA Division II national championship in 1980. On Dec. 15, Harper resigned his post to take over the head coaching position at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.

Sanderson was an assistant responsible for the defensive backfield and coordination of the play of the secondary during Harper's reign. The 42-year-old Madera, Calif., native and father of two picked up some experience in the operation of the team's defense while lettering three times at Fresno City. He still holds or shares four Bulldog pass interception records.

As for changes Mustang fans can look forward to next season, Sanderson said the coaching staff needs some improvement in the public relations field, and the Mustangs will be more pass oriented.

"The No. 1 thing we need to do is enhance our public relations," said Sanderson. "We need to make ourselves more visible than just on the field."

Harper was sometimes criticized for being unapproachable during his tenure.

Sanderson continued: "We are definitely committed to throwing the football more. It's fun for the kids (player) and exciting on the field."

The departure of assistant coach Andy Brennan and Gordon Shaw, who left to join Harper at Northern Arizona, will provide Sanderson with some of his first high-level decisions to be made as head coach.

Grou, a competitor for the job who Sanderson called "a true friend of mine and a gentleman," will stay on as offensive coordinator. Andy Crivello, a part-time assistant coach of the receiving and passing game last year, will also stay on at Cal Poly on a full-time basis.

Sanderson said he will be looking for new offensive and defensive line coaches and would like to hire people that are familiar with the program, such as former players.

The rumors of defection of certain players to other colleges, particularly Harper's Northern Arizona, was also discussed at the press conference. Sanderson said the three-month period without a coach was "a tentative situation that left the players feeling a little insecure. He added that his appointment would "lend some stability to the program" and hopefully deter any athletes from transferring.

The新鲜men crop recruited by Harper last year is one of the most talented to attend Cal Poly and should help Sanderson continue the Mustangs' winning tradition. The 1981 season was the first losing season for Harper in 14 years. Please see page 7
Football coaching void ended

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Sanderson said some quality recruits for next season should be able to fill the void left by the few players that are graduating this spring. "We feel really good about recruiting," he said. "It's 90 percent done.

Sanderson and Groes were in charge of recruiting during the interim between coaching changes -- the height of the college football recruiting season.

Despite the Mustangs' wealth of talent, Poly will have no easy time of it during the 1982 season. Poly's opponents include defending Division I-AA champions Idaho State, the always tough Boise State Broncos and Fresno State.

Mustangs open taking 2 of 3 at U.C. Riverside

Coach Bardy Harr's young, untested baseball squad began tough CCAA-league play over the weekend with a three-game series at UC Riverside, and emerged as a twice-victorious, legitimate contender for the league crown.

The Mustangs jumped on Riverside early in the series opener, taking a 10-4 lead into the seventh inning. Riverside erupted for eight runs in the fateful seventh, and held on for a 13-10 victory. The Mustangs wanted 16 hits in the debacle, ruining the offensive efforts of second baseman Jack Neal (4-5, two RBIs), leftfielder Monty Waltz (3-4, two RBIs), and John Sluicci (6-4, one RBl).

After such a loss, Mustang fortunes appeared dim, but the following day the Mustangs regrouped, winning 5-0 behind the shutdown pitching of Joe Flannerg. Flannerg was in complete control, scattering four hits while facing just two batters over the minimum. Designated hitter Jason Maas led a 14-hit onslaught with four hits and three RBIs.

In the series-concluding nightcap, freshman Greg Gilbert went the distance, running his record to 2-1 with a 7.3 decision. Third baseman John Sluicci, mired in a prolonged slump, went 3-4 with three RBIs and finished the series with seven hits in 13 at-bats with four RBl's.

Jack Neal concluded a rather successful series by garnering six hits in 12 at-bats with two RBl's, and Jason Maas established himself as a starter by going 8-13 with five RBl's.

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The sight of Chrissie Hynde glaring defiantly at the audience as she stalks the stage. The sound of music so powerful that it draws people out of their seats and commands them to dance. These are a few of the images the audience carried with them as they left the Feb. 18 Pretenders' concert.

But these images that the audience carried out with them after the show may never return to the Main Gym as the ASI Concerts Committee, campus administrators and public safety officials decided last week that no more "punk-type" concerts will be scheduled at Cal Poly unless the Concerts Committee can guarantee they can control the "more physical" crowds which attend such shows.

On the surface, the concert decision appears eminently reasonable. The university must certainly guard the health and safety of the concert goers. For instance, the safety aisles cannot be clogged by dancers and other revelers in case a fire breaks out or another emergency occurs.

But the decision seems to be one not based simply on concern for the safety of students. It appears to be a clever sneak attack against music which doesn't flow quietly down the "pop" mainstream.

Campus Police Chief Richard Brug, for instance, warned that "Where you have a punk rock group you're going to have problems" and suggested that a check should be made on the kind of show a band puts on and the type of people the show attracts.

The Concerts Committee has an obligation to the students to provide a mixture of musical styles and groups — which they have attempted to do by bringing such diverse bands as Hall and Oates, The Pretenders, and The Muslims. But if the Concerts Committee decides to ignore new wave, it is turning its back on a large minority of Poly students. The Pretenders sold out in record time which is strong evidence that not all Poly students are content with the slick pop which is belched out of AM radio.

By suggesting that no band be allowed to perform if it incites the crowd, the Concerts Committee would be imposing an arbitrary standard. Different crowds may respond to the same artist differently and a pop band such as Foreigner might bring the fans out of the aisles just as easily as The Muslims.

The solution is not to eliminate all new wave bands from the concert list, but to find solutions to the health and safety problems.

When students filed out of the Main Gym after the Pretenders concert many carried pleasant memories of the show. The Mustang Daily Editorial Board urges the Concerts Committee not to make other non-Top 40 musicians a memory at Poly also.

SPEAKING OF AN UNRULY CROWD...

Speaking of an unruly crowd...

Editor:
I couldn't believe my eyes when I read the letter by Eric Partner, saying the kid on the J. Geils Band was rescued due to the behavior of the crowd. Did the reviewing committee take into account the unusual circumstances that surrounded that concert? Is the review due to the rushing of the stage that prompted the group to action? They must remember the way a crowd reacts at a rock and roll show is a little different than at a classical music concert or a school play. The energy level prompted by loud music, a couple of thousand dancing fans lead people to act strange and to do different things...and those should be expected.

I have gone to almost every concert during my three years at this school and have yet to see any chairs being broken or any malicious rowdiness. But after every concert the horror stories of how some mohican comes back to haunt and threaten the future of other concerts. Sure things happen at a rock and roll show that might be a little unorthodox to the typical Cal Poly evening, but let's not let a few thorns under the saddle ruin the fun and enjoyment that thousands of people get after each concert.

How can the few but hard working ushers at the front of the stage stop a rushing entourage of fans after the lead singer says "Let 'em come up" into the aisles...they can't and they never will be able to.

Let's keep the fun tradition of the concert at Cal Poly alive, and let us the crowd be the extra usher to keep Grandpa Poly off the backs of ASI concerts and keep rock and roll concerts a strong and integral part of university life.

Jim Gibbs

Letters

Keep concert tradition alive

Editor:

In regards to the letter published Tuesday on stolen art, I wish to add a few comments concerning the situation.

On the application to the Renaissance Craft Fair was a paragraph entitled, "Dates to Remember." It listed specific dates and times for returning applications, delivering entries, judging and picking up entries.

During the Fair, Craft Center personnel were on hand to supervise the display of art work. Upon completion of the fair, Feb. 4, the door to the Craft Center was closed to observers and open to participants to pick up their entries.

It was specified that they pick up their entries between 5-10 p.m. that evening.

Many items were picked up that evening, however, a great number were not. Consequently the art work was locked up in the silkscreen/stained glass room for five working days depriving students of the right to use these facilities. The unclaimed art work was then stored in a corner of the room in hopes that the participants would soon be able to pick up their entries.

It has been 20 days since the closing of the Craft Fair and there are still unclaimed items. The Craft Center has neither the facilities to store nor the extra personnel to watch over items that are not picked up.

It's hard to understand why someone would go so far as to steal someone's precious work, however, an article was removed from the Craft Center.

I'm sorry that a crime of this nature has occurred in the Craft Center. I hope in the future deadlines are better met to reduce the possibility of theft and damage to crafts.

Eugene G. Mancello

A Concerned Craft Center Employee

Craft Center comments

Speaking of an unruly crowd...

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