Professors criticize U.S. policy, look to future of Middle East

By A. Mortimer Naughton
Staff Writer

The Gulf War and the policies of the United States government were bashed by four Cal Poly professors during a two-hour teach-in Thursday. The main theme of the discussion, organized by political science professor Phil Pater, was the future of the Middle East.

"We must live up to the problems of the region; they are not going to evaporate," said geography professor William Preston. Preston then pointed out that after World War II, a poll showed 82 percent of Americans were in favor of continued war rationing so that more material could be shipped to Europe for the continent's reconstruction.

"Are we willing to sacrifice for the Middle East?" he asked.

Manzar Foroohar of the history department said, "The war is over, or so we are told."

The Iranian professor said she believes the infrastructure for intervention in the region was laid years ago and that the situation was exploited as a pretext to enforce U.S. foreign policy.

"It is an insult to human intellect to say we were there to defend democracy," she said.

Larry Martinez, a political science professor, said that the summer as an international policy analyst with the federal government.

"Power is the only concept Larry Martinez, a political science professor, said that the summer as an international policy analyst with the federal government.

"Power is the only concept

ASI OKs loan for children's center

By Kelli Martin
Staff Writer

The future looks bright for plans to construct a new, $1.2 million Children's Center at Cal Poly.

In an unanimous vote Wednesday night, the ASI Board of Directors passed an amended version of the Children's Center project loan and the Cal Poly Foundation as the initial lender.

"If you pass this resolution tonight, what you are really saying is we have looked at this deal, we liked it and we are willing to go forward with this deal assuming that all our understandings (of the deal), especially the financial obligations for the Center, are not going to evaporate," Baggett said.

ASI submitted several recom-

City to vote early on water issues

By Don Vrtis
Staff Writer

San Luis Obispo's water stems from many resources, and one resource may be city voters. Two measures before voters in next month's special election deal with water — its use, cost and availability. The deadline to register to be able to vote is Mon., March 11.

The city is holding a special election April 11 to resolve four issues rather than wait until regular elections in November.

Two of the issues involve water.

The following is a summary of arguments submitted to the city clerk by proponents and opponents for both measures.

Measure B is backed by W.A.T.E.R. (Water Action To Eliminate Rationing). Its supporters say the initiative requires the city to phase out all water rationing restrictions and roll back water rates to pre-

KCP R holds 'Drive-O-Rama' to cover Poly Royal revenue loss

By D. A. Arviso
Staff Writer

"Those lines are open so call now. That number again is 544-4640. We need your money to stay on the air. Operators are standing by now."

No, Jerry Lewis is not hosting a telethon in the Graphic Arts building. And it's not a pitch to sell Time-Life books. It's KCP R's annual Fund-raising Drive-O-Rama. KCP R disc jockeys will be asking listeners to call and pledge money to the station through Sunday night.

The station's goal is to receive $10,000 in pledges by 10 p.m. Sunday. DJs are expecting at a minimum pledge of $3.

"It's a rather ambitious goal, but we have come close to it before," KCP R Business Director Greg Wiggins said. "We'd like to go over it ($10,000)."

See ASI, page 4

See KCPR, page 5

See ELECTION, page 8

See ELECTION, page 8

Reminder:

Monday is the last day to register to vote in the April 9 San Luis Obispo Special Election.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Soldier thanks Poly for support

My name is specialist Donald N. Hong. I got out of the army on Aug. 11, 1990. Cal Poly was the university where I chose to continue my higher education after my military service. I spent a quarter and a third of Poly, and I must admit those were the best four months of my civilian life.

The reason I only spent a quarter and a third in school was that I was recalled to active duty by a presidential order on Jan. 31, 1991.

My job in the army is a cool one. A combat engineer deals with land mines, demolition, fortifications, and things of that nature. The reality of not making it back statewide was there right now I'm temporarily stationed in Germany until Mar. 5, 1991. On that date, I will find out what is going to happen. I will either be shipped out to Southwest Asia to help get the war over with, or restationed in Germany to replace outstanding troops.

The main reason of this letter is it is a part of my job, but to thank the university students and staff for all the support and help of the troops. If I want to thank my girl, my WTV, the residence hall engineering department, the maintenance people, the professors, the student body, the school of engineering, the military science department, the WOW group, the industrial engineering department, the website, the Daily, the student newspaper, and the university calls "learning" the people who recognize individual in my four years here at Poly, I want to say thank you. My best, considering了吗，cycling select choice three.

If the administration reads this letter what will be the result? My bet, considering how I regard cyclists, is that they will suspend by ordering the bike Gestapo into the labs to impound all bikes belonging to arch students. (Think of the revenue generated by labs of impounded bicycles.)

The correct response is of course to return the bike racks to the architecture school.

Holland Paul Hoff

Poly should make learning more than just a daily habit

By Steve Harmon

Things that make me go "hmmmm." Half of education is an act, the act of pretending to give a damn about subjects that are hackneyed and cliched to death by mediocre professors. In my five years of higher education this is what I've learned.

I have learned to memorize facts in those back professors on tests; learned that most professors I have care more about filling up an hour of class time than teaching for an hour of class time; learned that there will always be teacher's pets that get the grade because they happen to be of the same socioeconomic, political or philosophical position as the professor; and learned that after the quarter is over that myself and most of my classmates will not remember most of the previous quarter's material (to verify this fact, try giving the same midterm exam to students who took the same class last quarter).

All this would make any inquiring mind want to know — what the hell is it all for? What kind of game are we playing here? If we are out to learn a trade, why don't we just take the classes in that trade and save ourselves and the taxpayers a dollar by not taking all these extra classes that are, at least, interesting, and at worst, boring. If I graduate, will it matter if I know how to construct an atom bomb? I'm a journalist, not a physicist. Things that make me go "hmmmm." The bottom line is how we define learning. That seems to be the point where I disagree with the university's position. It occurred to me that the university calls "learning" the process in which students are branded into classrooms, brain-washed and given a few trivial facts and then released. To me, learning is an individual process of exploration of the concepts and concreteness of any given subject. It is not a system of grades, hours spent sitting in a desk or memorizing the answers to the upcoming quiz.

There has to be a point where the individual can exist on his or her own in a learning environment and be free to use the God-given faculties he or she has to say to the professor "perhaps I can think of something to show you I understand this subject. You don't have to define the cage of learning, the length of my leap and the kind of bra I'll consume." In other nations, Britain for one, university students are treated like adults. In English classes, for example, they'll be given a list of 50 books of money by not taking all those extra classes that are, at least, interesting, and at worst, boring. If I graduate, will it matter if I know how to construct an atom bomb? I'm a journalist, not a physicist. Things that make me go "hmmmm."
**WORLD**

**Gorbachev's Security Council wins approval**

MOSCOW (AP) — President Mikhail S. Gorbachev won legislative approval Thursday for eight of nine nominees to his new Security Council, an inner cabinet that will tackle defense, foreign policy and economic problems.

The powerful body will have a distinctly hard-line makeup, with only one recognized reformer, former Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin, among its members.

Gorbachev also blasted the six republics that are boycotting the March 17 nationwide referendum on holding the Soviet Union together, saying their refusal to participate was "illegal and unlawful." The country's top prosecutor warned separately that anyone trying to prevent the vote would be imprisoned.

In approving eight of his nine nominees to the Security Council, the Supreme Soviet legislature handed Gorbachev another victory in his continuing bid to rework the government's executive branch and strengthen his personal power.

**Albanians flee despite promise for elections**

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Despite the pledge of free elections at the end of the month, thousands of Albanians have mobbed ships, trashed overland and besieged embassies to flee the Communist land and its poverty-stricken economy.

The Democratic Party, the main opponent of the ruling Communists, called the week-old exodus — the third since last summer — a "worse scenario" and a "catastrophe."  

**State**

**Doctor admits giving pills to assist suicide**

BOSTON (AP) — A doctor prescribed sleeping pills for a cancer patient so she could kill herself, then recounted the suicide in an extraordinary signed article that either troubled or impressed physicians.

In an essay in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, Dr. Timothy E. Quill of the University of Rochester described how he prescribed sleeping pills, and told the patient how many she needed to kill herself, when she could no longer stand the pain of her acute myelomonocytic leukemia and wanted to die.

Quill said he told the story of his patient, whom he identified only as Diane, to bring the discussion of death and suffering into the open.

**Police help collector reclaim priceless balls**

PLEASANT HILL, Calif. (AP) — Police launched a big law-enforcement effort to recover 16 priceless autographed baseballs stolen from the home of Bill Flower last month, and they hit a home run when they cracked a teen burglary ring.

"It's a pleasure," said the 62-year-old Hawe, who began collecting signatures on baseballs when he was about 5 years old. He thought he'd never see the collection — including two home run autographs by Babe Ruth — again after it was stolen in February.

But police recovered the balls when they unraveled a string of home burglaries last week. Ten youths aged 16 and 17 burglarized seven homes in the area, detective Dan Connolly said. One of the youngsters turned over the balls.

"They didn't realize what they had," Connolly said. "When they got outside and they saw one that said Babe Ruth and they said, 'Holy moly.'"

**Rains cause corpses to turn in their graves**

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (AP) — Barbara Kincaid was horrified to the point of tears when she saw her son's grave this week at Riverside National Cemetery.

After a heavy rain, the 28-year-old Navy man's plot in a berm part of the cemetery had sunk at least 4 inches. Somebody had moved the concrete grave marker.

"Where am I going to put the flowers?" said Mrs. Kincaid of Apple Valley, dabbing her eyes with a tissue as she stood over her husband's grave.

The researchers think the drop might be a result of a recent heat wave.

**For more information visit the El Corral Bookstore Computer Department**

Apple introduces the Macintosh LC. If you thought that finding a color Macintosh system you could afford was just a dream, then the new, affordable Macintosh LC is a dream come true.

The Macintosh LC is rich in color. Unlike many computers that can display only 16 colors at once, the Macintosh LC expands your palette to 256 colors. It also comes with a microphone and new sound input technology that lets you personalize your work by adding voice or other sounds.

Like every Macintosh computer, the LC is easy to set up and easy to master. And it runs thousands of available applications that all work in the same consistent way — so once you've learned one program, you're well on your way to learning them all. The Macintosh LC even lets you share information with someone who uses a different type of computer — thanks to the versatile Apple "SuperDrive," which can read from and write to Macintosh, MS DOS, On., and Apple II floppy disks.

Take a look at the Macintosh LC and see what it gives you. Then pinch yourself. It's better than a dream — it's a Macintosh.

**Nation**

**Quitting coffee could lower blood pressure**

ATLANTA (AP) — Healthy men who drank three to six cups of coffee a day experienced a significant drop in blood pressure when they kicked the habit, researchers said Thursday.

The researchers think the drop might be larger in people with high blood pressure, who should be advised to give up coffee, said one of the study's authors, Dr. Robert Superko of Stanford University.

"Maybe this will help them prevent drug treatment," for high blood pressure, said the study's principal author, Jeff Myll of Stanford.

"It's worth a try."  

The study was presented at a meeting of the American College of Cardiology.

**RELATIONSHIPS**

Hoping for a day when race is no longer an issue

By Roberto Santiago

After having finished a lecture for Vanessa's Hispanic student organization last spring, I sat in Matthew's Mug having a beer with Lillian, a junior who is active in the group. We had reached a conversation about race, and we were taking a look around. It was Friday night, and the students who weren't crouched shoulder to shoulder at the tables were doing wild steps on the dance floor.

Through the darkness Lillian pointed out a black-Hispanic man who had just entered, laughing and holding hands with a pretty white woman. "It makes me so mad when I see that," Lillian said, indignant. "I thought he knew better. He obviously hates his own race." She began to rail against the man's lack of racial consciousness and his acceptance of white standards of beauty.

Lillian's words had a familiar sting. They took me back to my sophomore year at college when I found myself unerringly cast as the Other.

"Where am I going to put the flowers?"

"Maybe this will help them prevent drug treatment," said Lillian of Apple Valley, dabbing her eyes with a tissue as she stood over her husband's grave.

"Holy moly."
Business clubs walk the plank

Organizations to sponsor Pirates of the Caribbean Dance tonight.

By D. A. Arviso

Shiver me timbers! The School of Business is having a Pirates of the Caribbean Dance tonight at the Madonna Inn. All pirates, hula-dancers and Caribbean natives are invited to party from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Ten business clubs are sponsoring the dance party. Students are encouraged to dress according to the 'Spring Break in the Tropics' theme. Pirate costumes, tropical-wear and shorts are recommended. Business administration sophomore Camille Cover said, "The dance is put on purely for the students," Cover said. "It's a chance to bring the clubs together at one big event."

Each ticket covers admission, $1.50 toward a drink and an entry in a raffle drawing. Prizes are offered for a limbo contest and dressings. Participants have a chance to win about 20 prizes from local businesses. Giveaways include McIntocks gift certificates, Fat Cate restaurant T-shirts and prizes from Domino's Pizza and Waldenbooks.

Tickets are on sale today in the Business Administration and Education building lobby. Admission is $3 pre-sale and $5 at the door.

ASI

From page 1

mandations to the Foundation to be amended into the resolution. These recommendations provide ASI with some outs in the proposed resolution, Baggett said. The first of the amendments stipulates that ASI must authorize all financial arrangements between the Foundation and itself. The second amendment gives ASI the power to approve the operating agreement with the university. The last amendment, however, was not approved by the Foundation. It states that if the bids for actual construction cost comes in over the proposed $1.2 million, ASI will not have to honor its obligation.

This amendment was altered by the Foundation to stipulate that ASI will be allowed to decide whether or not to endorse the construction contract. "I don't think it's that important to put the numbers between the Foundation and itself," Baggett said. "But it is an issue we need to deal with in the future. The cost of construction is a key component to the whole deal because all the projections are based on this number."

When asked to respond to the resolution as a businessperson entering into such a venture, Baggett said he would sign such a resolution if there were a true need for the facility. He said this resolution could be seen as a backup document or as setting forth the plans for the deal. ASI will eventually be voting on the documents that really count, including the lease, line of credit and operating agreements.

"This resolution is as friendly as the university and Foundation can be to ASI," he said. "It is really a moral commitment that we're willing to put our money where our mouth is."
K CPR

From page 4

Last year's fund-raiser earned the station the station's $35,000 annual budget. That amount represents the minimum revenue the station needs to maintain its operations, Wiggins said.

"There are certain repairs you can anticipate, but sometimes we sink in thousands (of dollars) unexpectedly, so you have to be prepared for that," Wiggins said.

"It is a chance for three organizations to throw a dance party and earn some cash for their charities," Wiggins said.

Gift packages will be sent to donors according to the amount pledged.

Pledges of $10 provide donors with a membership card good for discounts at local businesses.

This $10 "Blissout Special" includes a KCPR bumper sticker, key chain and tumbler.

The $20 "Blissout Deluxe" includes everything in the previous package plus a T-shirt with KCPR's new graphic logo.

"We are encouraging people to get their friends together and split up the goodness," Wiggins said.

For a $45 donation, the Economy Pack adds a Burnt Dog T-shirt and one ticket to the Club 91 dance. Club 91 is an alternative dance put on by KCPR to be held at Orange Hall on May 4.

The $75 "Bundle-O-Fun" package adds another dance ticket and a record player. The player is a melid vinyl record shaped like a bowl with a drainage hole at the bottom.

The $91.30 package adds two compact discs to the package.

Rollers will be billed two weeks after the fund-raiser. Gift packages will be sent after KCPR receives the donation check.

"We know there's a pool of potential donors," Wiggins said.

Wiggins added that he encourages donors and pledges to give generously.

"It (KCPR) gives people a chance to get experience in running and operating a radio station," Rowan said. "KCPR is the only alternative music source in the area."
Greeks display latest fashions

Panhellenic and IFC members model spring, formal designs in fund-raiser.

By Jamie Kerbliker
Staff Writer

The latest fashions in spring and formal wear were modeled by local sororities and Inter-Fraternity Council members Wednesday evening at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

The fashion show was put on by Cal Poly's Panhellenic in an effort to raise funds for its nonprofit organization. Ten percent of the proceeds raised are going to the local YMCA.

Tony Florestino, a disc jockey from Coast FM, was the master of ceremonies.

Students modeled fashions from Changes, Ann's, Clancy's, Wet Seal, Jay Jacobs for men, and L.V. Formal Wear.

Doors prizes were donated by other local businesses. The students' hair styling and mani/pedi services were provided by the Blade Runner Salon.

According to Tricia Allen, the Panhellenic fund-raiser chair and Zeta Tau Alpha member, every year the organization must put on a fund-raising event. "We wanted to put on an event that would involve all the houses, so they would have some say in what was being done," she said.

Join us for our first Cal Poly Interest Group meeting on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:30 pm in the Graphic Arts Bldg. Room 207.

It's your turn to make the mold, not fit into one! 

See FASHION, page 8
From page 3: I wasn't black enough, that I was into white girls, that I wanted to try dark men. Marie did, too, and she insisted we discuss what was going on.

"Talking about it openly will make matters worse," I argued, afraid that recognizing the problem would put an end to our relationship. Marie would mean that our being together wasn't worth all the pressure. Better still, maybe it was.

"How could you think I'd be so shallow as to let other people influence how I look about you?" Marie practically shouted when I said we needed to talk. I found myself apologizing, trying to explain. Never had I felt so vulnerable and exposed. All of my insecurities came rushing to the surface, making me feel weak, diminished somehow. Although our relationship gave me intense happiness, it also gave me intense frustration. Here was Marie asking me to confront an issue I kept trying to bury.

I hadn't made a conscious choice to date a white woman, just as Marie hadn't specifically chosen a black man. The values that drew us together were the same ones that had attracted us to our partners, no matter how much of a battleground our love was. I needed her for my happiness.

We began making new friends who weren't threatened by our love, creating our own world, refusing to let any negative forces in. Still, whenever I go out to a restaurant or other public place, people would stare and I'd know what they were thinking. I longed for an ideal public place where a race was a non-issue.

Once, when I was feeling particularly troubled, a new Ghanaian friend of mine turned to me and said, "You don't have to justify yourself. People who don't want to see you happy. He, too, was involved with a woman outside his race.

In the darkness of Matthew's son's grave. I told Lilian all of this. She seemed uncomfortable and a little embarrassed. I smiled and squeezed her hand, wishing only that I had been able to say those things to Pamela eight years earlier.

Robert Santiago, Gobernador 30, is a staff writer at Emerge.

Reprinted with permission from The View Copyright 1991 Whittle Communications LP.
FROM PAGE 1

"They're not concerned with in­
government," Martinez said.
that makes sense to the U.S.
From page 1

T E A C H - I N

The panel also voiced con­
erests about the domestic policy
of the government.
Nishan Havandjian, head of the
journalism department, said
that throughout the war the
electronic media appealed to the
"lowest common denominator" of
American education.

Preston said war will continue
to be a decision left up to the
government until the American
public "wakes up" and educates
itself about world affairs.

"The media never asked
anyone if there was a correlation
between understanding of the
entire conflict) and support,"
Havandjian said.

Preston had earlier pointed
out some of the contradictions
of the war which the American
public failed to realize. He
brought up questions such
as: How can one defend
democracy in Kuwait by rees­
tablishing an undemocratic
government? How can one
declare a new world order one
day and then virtually declare
moral superiority the next?

"In our hearts and minds,
they aren't equal to us," he said.
"Willful ignorance is not
patriotic."

After the professors spoke, an
hourlong question-and-answer
period was held.

When questions arose about
the priorities of the U.S. govern­
ment, Martinez emphasized the
need to focus on domestic issues.

"Somebody has got to start
worrying about the stability of
this government," Martinez said.

Members of Cal Poly's
military science department
were invited by Fetter to take
part in the discussion. Sol Gar­
ret, head of the department, said
he declined because he is not an
expert on the region, and what
he said would be nothing more than
his opinion.

Pioneering advanced processes and technologies, for the aerospace
industry, has kept Precision Castparts in the forefront of the investment
casting industry. The challenges that are driving us into the 21st cen­
tury mean exceptional career opportunities for talented individuals
who join us. Headquartered in Portland, Oregon, we also have
operations in Ohio, Georgia, North Carolina, and Europe. Find out
more about careers with a company that Forbes Magazine identified
as one of the 200 best run companies in America by signing-up at
the Placement Office.