

# EFA News

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Photo by Vincent McMorrow-Purcell

UC panelists agreed on the need for alternative energy solutions such as these wind turbines near Palm Springs. At least one panelist noted, however, that fossil fuels would provide energy needs for the foreseeable future.

## President's Message

### ***Panels discuss energy needs, conservation***

**By Wayne Savage**

The topics of two panel discussions held January 20 in Berkeley are of interest to those of us concerned about the environment and natural resource conservation. Both panels focused on energy conservation and global warming. Members of one of the panels consisted of UC professors in physics and economics who are Nobel laureates. Members of the other panel included one US Congressman, a law professor, a newspaper editor, and representatives of charitable foundations and the Sierra Club.

The discussion of the Nobel laureates centered on energy self-suffi-

ciency. Economics Professor Daniel McFadden was pessimistic about our becoming self-sufficient. Although our overall energy consumption continues to rise, he thinks per capita consumption tends to slow and stabilize as per capita income increases. Physics Professor Donald Glaser noted that we have the technology to build fuel-efficient cars and stated, "(But) year after year, Congress has refused to increase the mileage requirements for automobiles." Physicist Steven Chu pointed out that because of personal energy addiction people will be willing to pay \$6 or \$7 per gallon for gasoline even though such prices should have a large

impact on reducing oil consumption. The panel concluded that even with widespread conservation, the country and world will need cleaner, more sustainable forms of energy, and there is no clear agreement as to where that energy will come from.

The discussion of the second panel centered on the question of what impact the recent election of a Democratic majority in Congress will have on legislative action to influence conservation and climate change. Congressman George Miller saw the beginning of openness in the federal administration that will allow the repair and

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# The landscape of the farm

By Verle Waters Clark

*Verle Waters Clark retired in 1990 as Dean for Health Sciences at Ohlone College. She was married to two SJSU professors, both now deceased. She began writing about her childhood for her granddaughters who “live in a world unbelievably different” from that of her girlhood.*

I find pleasure in remembering the landscapes of the Minnesota farm that was my home from earliest memories until I was 14. It is sweet to remember walking the gravel driveway toward the house with its welcoming door, the well-worn path that goes to the pump house, and to sneak again to the out-of-sight side of the barn where my sister, Ellen and I smoked ground coffee we rolled in cigarette papers stolen from the hired man.

As you walked up the driveway, the fragrance of alfalfa drifted from the right. At full growth alfalfa came to my knees; walking through it felt good on bare legs and the fragrance grew more intense. Just beyond the alfalfa and past a small swamp, the land moved up, and a few old apple trees rested on the hillside. I search today in vain for an apple that rewards me at first bite with the same shivery cool crunch.

Back down the slight hill toward the house, you came to the path that reaches around from the porch door to the outhouse—that particular path was short in summer, but grew longer with each wintry drop in temperature. Behind the house, close to the outhouse, there was a chicken house. A good-sized tree stump sat outside the door, a hatchet leaning out of the surface. I frequently had the job of decapitating a chicken on that stump with the hatchet; then my sister Ellen and I would dip the dead chicken in a bucket of hot water and pluck its feathers.

Beyond the pump house the landscape changed. Tall weeds and burdock grew around the remains of the foundation of the barn that burned down years before. Just beyond the

barn remnants, you came to a field where potatoes were grown for a few years—there was a little money to be made selling potatoes to a factory that used them to make laundry starch. One summer day my father dug the potatoes loosely out of the ground and enlisted Ellen, me, and the neighborhood drunk, August Johnson, to pick them up off the ground and put them in bushel baskets. It was 1936 and I was 10 years old; I know that because August kept complaining that we needed to work harder and called us lazy Ethiopians, an insult that surely he knew only because he heard about Mussolini’s invasion of Ethiopia that spring. It is true that neither Ellen nor I was working very hard or efficiently in that hot summer sun, but then neither



was August. Ellen and I didn’t know anything about Ethiopians, except that we liked saying “Haile Selassi” to each other, and using it as a retort to August’s grumpiness.

Memories of the barn crowd around me, pushing and shoving for attention. A farm child spends a lot of time in a barn, some of it at work and even more at play. I feel close to that remembered barn, and it is a pleasure to linger there. Cow stanchions line the left side. On the right there is first a work area where the cream separator, milking stools, and other tools sit. Then the horse stalls, where I see Billy, who is black, Daisy, rust and cream, and Pat, a deep cordovan brown. Beyond the horse stalls, at the far end is the pigpen. There are two summer smells in the barn: fresh hay and summer-warmed manure. The summer smell of fresh

hay is slightly spicy, warming to the nostrils. Making hay calls for a tight schedule, weather and the demands of other work narrows the available time, and when haying starts, the workdays are long. The summer I turned twelve I began driving the team to raise slingloads of hay from the wagon to the track running along the peak of the roof and carrying the hay into the loft. In memory I see the wagon parked at the East end of the barn, above it the big door into the hayloft, yawning in anticipation. I wait, holding Daisy’s and Billy’s reins, ready for the part the 3 of us will play in moving hay from wagon to loft. I tingle with the feeling of responsibility. I am the eldest, and my brothers are all too young. So girl or not, it is my job to drive the team.

The barn is one place in summer, quite another in winter. In winter the warmth of the barn wraps itself around you; it feels cozy and safe. The animals spend days inside the barn in winter; their smell—heat, hide, and excrement—is friendly, not offensive. My father worked inside the barn on cold winter days, doing carpentry projects and repairs. We kids play around, enjoying the warmth and the time with him.

I named my favorite place on the farm The Prairie. The Prairie was a small untilled but cleared area in the farthest Southwest corner of the farm. The private path to the Prairie slid down into and out of a dry ditch, shaded and cooled in summer by the thick growth of hazelnut bushes overhead. This path was called the Tunnel. You went through the Tunnel on hands and knees; splashes of light filtered through the hazelnut greenery and a silky layer of soil softened the crawl. Coming up out of the ditch I was dazzled by the bright sunshine and the beauty of the knee-high wild grasses and brown-eyed-Susans. A rim of shrubs surrounded the prairie; it was a world apart, bright, safe, and secret. In the middle of my life when I took up relaxation and meditation techniques

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# Tea with the grandson of a U.S. president

By Jack Douglas

During those heady days of the 1970's, many well-known people visited us at San Jose State's New College: Dick Gregory, Alan Watts and Alex Haley, to name a few. None was more memorable than my encounter with Chester Alan Arthur III, grandson of our 21<sup>st</sup> president (1881-1885). Perhaps wanting to shed his historical baggage, Chester III preferred to be called Gavin. It was as Gavin Arthur that he had made a wide reputation as an astrologer, and it was in this capacity that he joined us at New College. As an avid reader of Herb Caen's column, where Gavin with frequently mentioned, I had found out that Gavin's day job was selling newspapers at a stand on Market Street.

The students were kind enough to show no surprise when Gavin arrived wearing clothing that outdid theirs in scruffiness. He gave a complicated lecture on astrological signs and charts, and was quite a hit with the students. When it came time for him to return to San Francisco, I unhesitatingly vol-

unteered to take him. Not so much interested in astrology, I wanted to know how this grandson of a president could wind up selling newspapers on the street.

In our ride north in my VW beetle, I pumped my not unwilling passenger for information on his early life. It turned out that his ancestor grandfather had died fifteen years before Gavin was born. He did remember being brought up in luxurious surroundings, but his homosexual lifestyle had created a rift with his old-line family.

Like many of the dispossessed, he had gone to sea in the merchant service, then as a latter-day soldier of fortune he had tried his luck at gold mining, teaching inmates at San Quentin, and starting a commune. He had been the secretary of the Utopian Society, a member of the Irish Republican Army and founder of a literary magazine. He considered that one of his major contributions was as author of a book entitled: *The Circle of Sex*, which attempted to explain homosexuality through astrology.

We pulled up to his apartment, which was in a run-down Victorian on Octavia Street. He thanked me and invited me up for "tea." I couldn't resist a chance to check out his place. As grimy inside as outside, it was one of the last of the Western Addition's "grey ladies"--it would soon be leveled. Everything in his apartment seemed temporary. The walls were lined with fruit boxes filled with esoteric books, and the actual furnishings were sparse.

Gavin invited me out into the kitchen to talk while he shook a pile of frozen fish sticks out on a tray, and as he popped them into the oven we shared a couple of Falstaffs. As I listened to another of his stories, I was aware of movement on the walls and counters. An army of roaches had come down to share our food. Gavin was oblivious to them and to the fact that I was having trouble keeping them off of my paper plate. Feigning a sudden aversion to fish products, I bade him farewell.

I replayed our conversation as I drove home, also hoping that I had no six-legged passengers sharing the ride. I wanted to return in the near future with a tape recorder in order to do an oral history of Gavin's life, but he died, at the age of 71, in the following year.

## Landscape

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to cope with stresses that threatened to pull me apart, I went mentally back to the Prairie. I floated over the rim of shrubs, and then gently, like a feather, drifted down until I lay on the ground, looking up at the wispy grasses and the smiling brown-eyed Susans.

The memory basket saves some things and discards others, which is probably just as well, although sometimes I wish I could polish up some of the dim ones. But I'm happy to have reached a certain age when there is time and inclination to pull up the best ones as though they were a page in my iPhoto computer file, and linger there for awhile.

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# EFA socializes during the Holidays and into the New Year

*Photos by Sebastian Cassarino*

One year ended and another began with chances to see old friends and meet new ones at the EFA holiday get-together and the board luncheon.



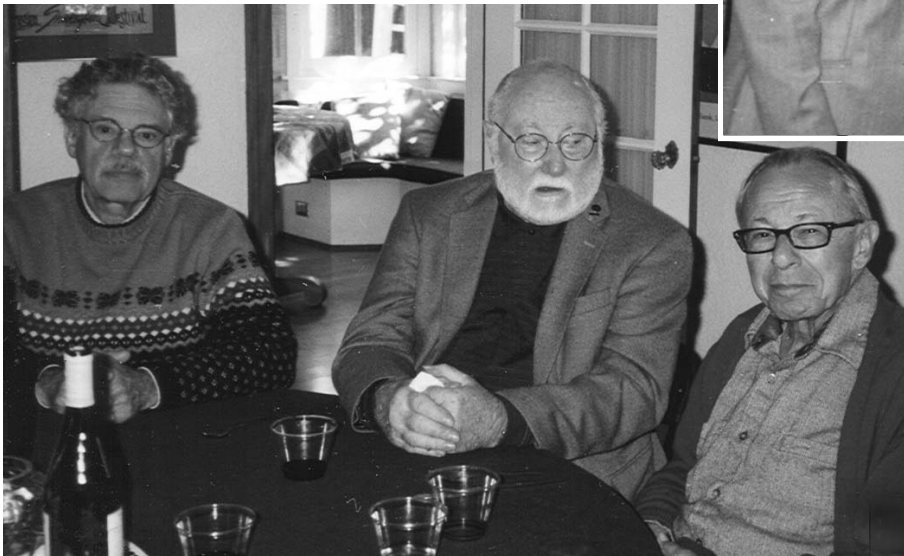
**Ann and Jim Walsh, Frances Lee, Rosalie Gailey and Jean Wheeler enjoy each other's company in December.**



**Ted Norton, spreads cheer at the holiday party.**



**Pat Daoud, Dolores Escobar-Hamilton and Sandra Savage talking at the board luncheon in January.**



**Joe Boudreau, Jack Douglas and Peter Buzanski relaxing at the Savage's home, where the board luncheon was held.**

# Chat Room . . .

*Special News from and about our members.*

Edited by Joe Boudreau

This edition contains news about travels and activities taken from the membership renewal forms. Members are invited to send additional news about themselves to Joe Boudreau at [jjaboudreau@earthlink.net](mailto:jjaboudreau@earthlink.net) or by snail mail at 1129 Allston Way, San Jose CA 95120.

**Marion Richards** (English/Humanities) is living in San Francisco (with some time last Summer in Storington, Connecticut) and volunteers at the Asian Museum. "New England is still beautiful" she notes, but she does not miss the heat and humidity of the summers.

**George Castro** (Chemistry) comes back to SJSU one day a week to help students who transfer from Evergreen College to be more successful at SJSU.

**Pat Nichols** (Linguistics/Language Development) served on the editorial board of the South Carolina Encyclopedia, published by the University of South Carolina press last September, and wrote the article on "language".

**J. Michael Sproule** lives in Missouri and is president of the National Communication Association. He was chief planner of their San Antonio convention last November.

**Annette Macdonald** (Music and Dance) is bi-coastal, having both a local and a New York City address. She is now a documentary filmmaker, making a film about Jack Cole (1911-1974), a choreographer/dancer/director of note.

**Adele Levine** (Secondary Education) served on the California Student Aid Commission as a State Senate appointee for ten years. She has been nominated to serve on the Consumer Affairs Department's Physical Therapy Board.

**Marjorie Gifford** (Math/Computer Science) sold her house in Michigan and now lives on the beautiful tropical island of Kauai, State of Hawaii. She has been training to be a guide at the Na'ama Kai Botanical Sculpture Gardens (which is a great place to visit) and also takes classes in accounting offered by the University of Hawaii.

**James Bryant** (Human Performance) lives in Brentwood, CA and is very active. He has completed his year

as Past Chair of the Brentwood Arts Commission, was a Feature Artist for the Blackwood Art Gallery, and last year traveled coast to coast by car. He also was finishing the copy editing for his seventh edition of Game, Set, Match.

**Harry Powers** (Art and Design) still works each day on painting and sculpture. Last year he presented one of his pieces of sculpture to the Prime Minister of Ireland as part of a pre-

sentation by former San Jose mayors Susan Hammer and Tom McEnery.

**Charlene Archibeque** (Music and Dance) was "Artist in Residence" at Azusa Pacific University during the last week of October, 2006, working with faculty, five chairs and conducting classes, as well as mentoring music education students. She has been appointed Head Adjudicator for a new International Choral Festival to be held next June in San Luis Obispo.

## In Memoriam . . .

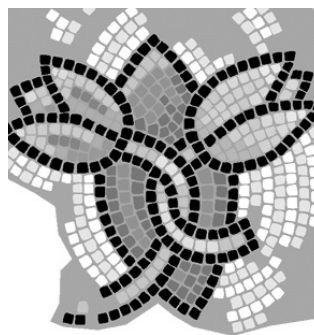
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**Bob Bronzan** (Human Performance/Football Coach, 1980) was an undergraduate at San Jose State in the late 1930s, playing tackle on the 1937-39 football team, and was awarded an All-American honorable mention in 1939. He served as an officer in the Army Air Corps in WWII and earned a Masters Degree and doctorate at Stanford University. After serving as assistant and head football coach at San Jose State in the 1940s he became Athletic Director from 1960-72 and was a Professor of Human Performance until his retirement in 1980. He acquired numerous athletic awards from the University and local community, and was nationally recognized for his achievements in sport.

**Mary "Lou" Lewandowski** (English/Administration, 2000) was both a friend of many faculty members in a number of departments, as well as a wife, and mother of eight children. Despite

her many family responsibilities, she earned her undergraduate degree at Stanford and a doctorate at SUNY-Binghamton. After serving in the challenging position of Chair of the English Dept., she became Associate Dean of Graduate and International Studies. In 1984 she was instrumental in organizing SJSU's semester program in Bath, England. Many of us value the experience of teaching students in that historic environment and will always treasure our encounter with an amazing and wonderful person.

**Alexander Linieki** (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, 1995) was born in Poland. After WWII he taught for a time in Ghana, then joined the SJSU faculty in 1969. He was the author of numerous technical papers in engineering and "an early enthusiastic proponent" of technical advances using computers and microprocessors in medical and industrial applications.



# Academic Senate report: concluding 2006

By Peter Buzanski,  
EFA Senator

The Senate learned of a situation that affects every faculty member in all of the 23 CSU campuses and takes effect almost immediately. The Senate was told that four CSU campuses, not including SJSU, were involved with the Office of Civil Rights regarding the timely availability of instructional materials for students with disabilities. As a result, the Chancellor's Office has issued a memorandum requiring all campuses to follow a three-year timetable to ensure that all teaching materials be available to students with disabilities. A key phrase in the Chancellor's memo is that "instructional materials, including online course materials, must be accessible to students with disabilities at the same time it is available to any other student enrolled in that program." In practical terms, this means that when faculty members prepare textbook and instructional material requirements to be given to their campus book store, the material must also be available in formats required by students with disabilities. In the past, it was only after a semester began that a faculty member learned that a student with disabilities had enrolled, and then saw to it, working with the Campus office of disabilities, that the student was accommodated. Making textbooks and other instructional materials available to such a student might take time, seriously inconveniencing disabled students. This is where the new policy makes a significant change, namely, without knowing what disabilities prospective students may have, teaching materials and online materials must be available to students with disabilities at the same time the materials are available to all students.

To reach the Chancellor's goals, three priorities were identified and a three-year timeline details how to accomplish accessibility to the Web, to Instructional Materials and Information Technology. By the time you read this essay, that is, by January

2007, all campuses must "evaluate the top 20 most accessed pages of the campus website for conformance with accessibility standards and remediate pages as required." Overall, "Planning and Evaluation" to accomplish the Chancellor's goals takes place in 2007; "Implementation" is then scheduled for 2008, and "Assessment" will take place in 2009. While the above dry language shows the task that lies ahead, the Provost made clear how much work this will entail for administrators and faculty. For example, the choosing of textbooks and other instructional materials needs to be done as early as possible for reasons discussed above, but what happens when a course has no instructor assigned to that course six months prior to its beginning? What happens when a temporary faculty member is assigned that course a day or a week prior to the beginning of the course? Would that instructor have the freedom to choose the texts he/she knows are the best? Would not that instructor be bound to use whatever materials were used by a prior instructor some time ago? The problem can be seen in the Academic Chair's explanation to the Senate: "nothing in the law or CSU policy compels any instructor to select or avoid any specific kind of instructional material. But whatever materials you choose to use, we have an obligation to make them available in a timely manner to all students, including those with disabilities." Clearly, much effort lies ahead to accomplish these goals.

Much of the December Senate meeting dealt with the 2006-07 SJSU budget. The budget report was distributed to Senators in November while Rose Lee, the Vice President for Business Affairs, discussed the lengthy document at the December meeting. Several startling facts stand out to those of us in the Emeritus Faculty Association, that is, those of us who have been here a long time. One fact, for example: when Bert Burns served as Academic

Vice President, I recall he was ordered to keep the budget under \$100 million dollars. By contrast, the total SJSU budget for 2006/07 is more than \$482 million dollars. Moreover, under Bert Burns, virtually one hundred per cent of the budget was supplied by the State of California. Not so today. Of the \$482,400,837 budget, the State itself provides only \$247,872,042 or 51.4%. In other words, the State gives SJSU about one-half of its total expenditures.

Another fact gleaned from the budget document concerns intercollegiate athletics (ICA). EFA members will recall that the Senate has repeatedly voted that not more than 2% of general fund monies be appropriated to intercollegiate athletics, but during previous years, this goal was never reached. For example, in 2003/04 the general fund share of ICA expenditures was 5.8%; in 2004/05 it was 6.1%, while in this current year, it is only 3.5%--a substantial decline. This sudden reduction is President Kassing's great achievement: he was able to increase the student IRA (Instructionally Related Activities Fund) fee by \$50 per semester per student, which resulted in an increase in student IRA funds from \$714,000 in 2004/05 to a projected \$4,796,775 sum in 2006/07. President Kassing stated that he hoped the 2% maximum general fund goal will be reached in the not too distant future.

Finally, readers of this column are aware that the Senate has worked for some three years to improve the retention-tenure-promotion policy and the Senate passed a new policy some months ago. As of this writing, President Kassing has still not signed the policy. At the December Senate meeting we were told that the President found a number of issues that were troublesome, but no specifics have been revealed as yet. For a brief historical summary of struggles over the RTP process on our campus, see the article by Ted Norton on page 7.

# The Academic Senate and the presidential veto

By Ted Norton

Because it now appears that President Kassing has decided not to approve the Retention, Tenure and Promotion (RTP) policy recommended by the Academic Senate after three years of study and discussion, a brief review of past exercises of the presidential veto may be in order.

The Academic Senate's Constitution provides that the Academic Senate is the principal agent for the formulation of university policy. It also provides that policies approved by the Senate are binding and valid only when approved by the President. His veto cannot be overridden. Over time, most Presidents have signed most Senate policies, evidence that the relationship has generally been collegial. But not always.

The most dramatic example of a presidential veto occurred in 1970. In the heat of the disturbance over the bombing of Cambodia, The Senate, egged on by its student members, voted to "redirect" teaching to the crisis in Southeast Asia and compute grades on the basis of work to date. Interim President Hobert Burns, committed in principle to collegial governance, felt strongly that the proposal was unwise and illegal; he may also have been subject to external pressures. He refused to approve the Senate's action. He also announced his resignation as interim President and withdrew his candidacy for the regular appointment. In the event, cooler heads prevailed. The Senate withdrew its imprudent resolution and Burns withdrew his resignation.

Considerable friction between the Senate and the President developed in the later years of John Bunzel's presidency (1970-1978). Here I must digress. In Academic Senate usage, a distinction is made between "policy" resolutions and "sense of the Senate" resolutions. Policy measures are meant to be binding on the university and require presidential approval. Sense of the Senate resolutions are phrased as expressions of opinion, are not bind-

ing and do not require the President's signature. When the Senate disagrees with the President, it often makes a formal statement of its position in a sense of the Senate resolution. The non-binding resolutions adopted by the Congress, opposing the Bush "surge" decision, are comparable.

Initially, the faculty appeared to accept Bunzel's appointment. Over time, however, controversy developed, particularly when he acted without Senate consultation. The most obvious example was the "receivership" imposed on the Economics Department, a story too long to reminisce about here. When the Senate proposed policies that would restrict



the President, they were vetoed, but sense of the Senate resolutions were also employed, culminating in a vote to censure Bunzel. The conflict was resolved by his acceptance of a fellowship at the Hoover Institution. He was replaced by Gail Fullerton.

When the President refuses to approve a policy recommended by the Senate, the Senate Constitution provides that s/he will promptly report back to the Senate. Generally Fullerton and the Senate got along well enough. The Senate's position in the controversy over athletic funding was expressed in a sense of the Senate resolution, and eventually the President accepted the Senate's position. There was, however, one curious incident in which Fullerton failed to approve a policy and also failed to report it back to the Senate.

This situation developed out of con-

troversy over the arbitrary removal, in 1983, by Fullerton of Brett Melendy from the position now called Associate Vice President for Undergraduate Studies. Melendy had served the university as teacher, scholar and administrator, and as Senate chair. Fullerton was widely criticized for her hasty act in removing him. The following year, a policy proposal dealing with archives was sent to the President, and it never came back. One of its provisions was to give increased status to the position of University Archivist. Melendy had "returned to teaching" in an overstaffed History Department, and had been designated University Archivist. The President's failure to follow prescribed procedure was not noticed at the time, and no issue was made of it.

Under President Caret, there were a few instances of actual vetoes. In one, Caret rejected a Senate proposal to require student evaluations in all classes every semester because of the cost as well as other administrative problems. In response, the Senate modifies its proposal. On the other hand, he signed a controversial policy, opposed by administrators in the Senate, to remove ROTC programs from the campus because of their discrimination against homosexuals.

The federal government had the last word here, however. Congress adopted the Solomon Amendment, which cut off all federal funding from any institution barring ROTC, and the SJSU policy had to be suspended.

In summary, then, San Jose State's presidents would seem, for the most part, to have complied with the Statement on Collegiality adopted by the CSU Board of Trustees in 1985. (This document also appears in the Senate Handbook.) There it is stated that "faculty recommendations are normally accepted [by presidents], except in rare instances and for compelling reasons."

Whether Kassing's veto of the new RTP policy meets this standard is open to question.

## President's Message

# **New Congress may increase support of environmental issues**

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reworking of environmental legislation and stated, "The first bill of this Congress reversed the flow of monies from energy companies to an energy trust fund." He noted that the previous congressional leadership demonstrated Republican party power by preventing a vote on any energy bill developed with a bipartisan majority. UC Hastings Professor John Leshy, a former member of President Clinton's Interior Department, noted that, with more oversight from Congress, special interests will have less influence on oil legislation. He stated, "Substantive hearings are necessary for oversight needed to blunt the present administration's policies."

Bruce Hamilton, a Sierra Club vice

president, said he does not foresee too much bad legislation coming up, but warned that conservationists should not get their hopes too high. He stated, "The Sierra Club sees incremental progress, but no large wilderness bills." He said that Congress should focus on undoing damage that has been done by the present administration through oversight hearings and appropriations. He thought putting in place renewable energy and more efficiencies (such as more efficient cars, etc.) will dampen demand for oil, and that by reducing subsidies to reflect the real cost, coal will become more expensive and thus change the markets for coal-powered plants. The panel was in agreement that Vice President Cheney sets oil energy policies, and they were cautious with

respect to future congressional action in the next two years since the president has veto power. Nevertheless, the panel concluded that legislation developed by the Democratic controlled Congress can effect change in policies governing energy conservation.

Both panels noted the need to direct attention to alternative energy sources, including nuclear, solar and wind power, but also noted that our energy needs will be supplied by fossil fuels for the foreseeable future. Perhaps the optimism expressed by Congressman Miller's statement, "Science is now overwhelming politics," can reassure us somewhat that federal policies will actually help protect the environment and our natural resources.

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