Dear Congressman Ronca:

John Ronca and I have always believed in the principles of the Republican approach to government - the same principles you ascribe to: fiscal responsibility (a balanced budget; decentralised government; a free economic system, unfettered by government; and a strong national defense posture. As our Congressman you have consistently espoused these ideals of Republicanism in Washington.

We sincerely believe that this district needs and deserves that kind of honest, straightforward representation at the national level. That is why we would like to formally pledge ourselves, as elected student leaders, to work in your upcoming campaign for re-election in whatever capacity we might be helpful.

Concerning the Cal Poly campus, we feel we could help in all or several of the following ways:

1) arrange interviews w/Mustang Daily
2) organize a letter-writing campaign in the Daily
3) on-the-air interview with KCPR
4) organize speaking engagements in classes and before clubs
5) set-up "precinct" walks through student dormitories, and student housing off-campus
6) arrange meetings with student leaders
7) organize a "legislator's press day" on campus with all incumbents; to meet with the press (student & public) and the students
8) utilise the Young Republicans club on campus to distribute literature
9) set-up and supervise a Talcott desk during registration
10) participate in general "walks" through the campus (College Hour) to rap with students

This is only a partial list of alternative proposals. We're sure you'll want to add more of your own. Having worked for you in the past has been a real pleasure, and we are looking forward to doing so again in 1974.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Fowler
ASI Chief Justice
Former SAC Representative

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The Ronca letter

Was the ex-veep endorsing?

Former A8I Vice-Prres. John Ronca—spokeshead of a campaign to ban political endorsements at Mustang Daily—admitted to Congressman Burt Talcott that he used the student paper and radio station in his re-election campaign.

The letter was obtained by Mustang Daily from unidentified sources in the A8I office. The copy appears on page one of today's Mustang Daily. John Ronca did not deny the authenticity of the letter but said he could not remember differences in his conduct and that of the editor of Mustang Daily who permitted an opinion column endorsing San Luis Obispo City Councilman T. Keith Gunness in a letter in last August predicting to Congressman Burt Talcott that he used the student paper and radio station in his re-election campaign.

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Gurnee wants city to act

Task force on housing

In response to a recommendation from Cal Poly's Associated Students Inc., Councilman Keith Gurnee said Tuesday he would press for the formation of a housing task force. Said Gurnee, "I think it's time City Council took a leadership role in housing. Instead of working in separate ways, I feel the city and Cal Poly can work together."

San Luis Obispo has the "worst housing conditions in nine years," according to Gurnee. He said the city has 3,000 units of unmet housing demand at this time and the worst is yet to come.

"The middle income family and the student are the two groups hit hardest by the housing situation," Gurnee said. "I would like to set up a task force of city representatives and consumers to study the problem and come back with recommendations to City Council in 30 days."

Gurnee cited two factors which led him to advocate this formation of a task force for housing:

1. "In a recent poll taken by the city, 80 percent of the population in San Luis wanted no growth beyond resources (sewage, housing, etc.). Also, Cal Poly may be forced to turn in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) every time more students are admitted. If so, relations between the university and the city won't get better."

2. Gurnee said City Attorney A.J. Shaw advised City Council that Cal Poly must submit an EIR whenever enrollment increases.

In a memorandum to the council, Shaw cited a state supreme court decision which in effect said the California Environmental Quality Act could be interpreted to require an EIR when enrollment increases were approved by the Board of Trustees of the state university system.

"We want to curb enrollment," Gurnee said, "so students and other residents won't have to pay such high prices on rent, food and other commodities."

"I don't want San Luis to turn into a factory of subdivisions. But, if we continue to grow at the projected rate... the future is a pretty gloomy picture."

Gurnee also advocates a three-year moratorium on enrollment growth.

Don't do us any favors

Major changes have been made in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) with little public attention to their effect.

The federal law, which provides that students have the "right to inspect and review any and all official records, files and data directly accessible to a student's file," was passed last November.

The changes are ostensibly to correct technical errors and oversights and to clarify the law's intent. They were made by the bill's author, Senator James L. Buckley in response to the fears of colleges and universities and they are important.

The changes increase the number of people who may have access to a student's file. Originally, teachers and administrators with "a legitimate educational interest" could look at records as well as educational institutions to which a student has applied, certain public officials and those involved in a student's application for financial aid.

Now, state and local officials, such as police, sheriffs and public health officials may only inspect the file, in addition to accrediting organizations, parents of dependent students and a vague category of "appropriate persons" in health and safety emergencies.

Regulations in the original bill provided for a "right of access," requiring that anyone who looks in a student's record must leave a statement in the file of his legitimate interest.

In the revised FERPA, this is no longer required of employees of the college, and the college keeps the file on what outsiders obtained access and for what reasons.

In another important change, students need not be shown confidential evaluations placed in their files before Jan. 1, 1979, nor financial information furnished in the past or future by their parents.

In addition, the new FERPA has defined other materials as not being part of education records. These are: records about students made by teachers and administrators for their own use, campus police records, employment records for college employees and medical and psychiatric records.

Students should be aware that the guts of their right to access have been taken out. The revisions in FERPA were made at the request of college administrators. It is not possible that the revisions could have worked any other way.

The regulations are loose and allow for local administrative interpretation. Confidential files on a student's political activities could be defined as a campus police record or a record made by an administrator for his own use. Who is to say? Why, the administrator, naturally!

If a student were able to find out just what confidential files existed, he would be able to challenge their classification. But therein lies the difficulty - it is impossible to find out who is keeping what beyond the standard educational files.
Some people talk, some people write and some people even scream their opinions to the world. Paul Mono has found himself most comfortable to express his opinions in his cartoons. "I started drawing when I was about five years old and now I just live a cartoon life," says Paul. "People always ask me where I get my ideas. I just read, read, read. Since I want to be a political cartoonist, current events are the most important thing for me to keep up on."

In addition to working on Mustang Daily, Paul does political cartoons for a politically oriented magazine in Washington D.C. "It isn't easy to break into the cartooning empire," says Paul. "It's really tough. I work 10 hours a day, five or six days a week to perfect my style. It's finally paying off. Now about 75 per cent of my work is bought."

"The world needs something to laugh at. I express my opinions in my cartoons in the hope that people will either laugh or think about them. That's really all I want to do."
Chancellor talks on major issues

Cal Poly students and faculty members attended a question and answer period Tuesday in which Chancellor of the State University and Colleges, Glenn Dumke, and Dr. David Kagan, Statewide Dean of Student Affairs, spoke on current issues.

Most of the questions asked of Dumke and Kagan centered around the issue of Cal Poly's growth, but Los Osos City Councilman Keith Gurrieri offered the questioning when he asked Dumke if he thought Cal Poly should file an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with the city before any growth plans were made.

Last December Gurrieri had asked President Robert E. Kennedy to voluntarily submit an EIR to the city.

Before Dumke answered the question, Kennedy did. He said that the question had already been answered by the administration, and that the university had no legal responsibility to file an EIR. He said that Poly had always given the necessary information to the city voluntarily, and that mutual sharing of information was necessary to maintain good relationships with the community.

"The city does nothing with the information we give them," Kennedy said.

Gurrieri then asked Dumke if the enrollment figures for the university were arrived at with any kind of community input. Dumke said that the trustees were very interested in the impact Poly's growth had on the community, and that input was important.

"The president of the campus gets the necessary input," he said. Dumke said that Kennedy worked hard with the community to achieve a good understanding.

The problems of the past president of the university, Keith McPhee, were the subject of a recent campus-community relationship.

He explained that McPhee's views on the growth of the university had been opposed by the students. He believed Poly was a state-wide institution, not a local one, and he thought Poly should serve the county or city. Kennedy said that students basically maintained that same view.

Kennedy said that people in the community had favorable attitudes and were aware of the studies that other students had made.

He blamed the current shortage of housing on attitudes of the city planning commission and the city council.

"Their attitude makes a difference to builders. They won't build until the students are here," he said.

Dumke said that as far as he knew, the Planning Board was appreciative of all the help they could bring to the campus.

Dumke said that statewide campuses such as Cal Poly have, in recent years and would probably level off in the 1980's. He had asked that Cal Poly not be included among those that would grow to 50,000 students in future years because of the competition for Poly being reached at a slow rate, but that, if planned fast enough, it could be a good source for Poly's future growth plans might have to be re-evaluated.

Dumke said that the problem with enrollment increases was finding an allotment of funds for new buildings.

"We have to demonstrate a need for the buildings," he said.

He said that Poly was unusual among other state colleges and universities because the number of students applying was increasing.

Engineers' Week activities

A Solar and Wind Energy Conversion Contest will kick-off activities for National Engineers Week, which will be held on the campus Community Auditorium on Tuesday, Feb. 19, at 9 a.m.

The contest, to be held on the west side of the library lawn, will continue until 4 p.m. Thursday. Entrants will be judged on the machine that does the most work.
Victor Steinhardt, shown at his piano performing here Sat., Feb. 15. He has appeared with the San Luis Obispo Symphony in 1972 and 1973, and is currently a member of the music faculty at the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Steinhardt received his Bachelor of Piano Degree from Mount Saint Mary's College in Los Angeles and a Master of Arts in Composition from UCLA.

Steinhardt gave two performances at Poly Sat. night performing a program of classical and ragtime music for solo piano.

**Book review**

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And Edwin Newman succeeds in showing that our language has deteriorated to a very low point. He does it in a humorous way, but manages to convey his sadness at the decline.

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Mustangs break fast

by JIM SWEENEY

The Mustang baseball team went for the hat trick over the weekend but came up one short, taking two of three from St. Mary’s College.

In their first weekend of competition, they displayed an inconsistent but potentially explosive offense. The pitching staff, touted as the team’s weakness, appears to be strong and the defense seems well-nigh solid.

Sophomore Mike Ongarola led the romp Sunday going four for four with a double, home run and three runs batted in as four St. Mary’s pitchers were pounded for 17 hits, including three home runs.

The Mustangs opened the scoring in the third inning when first baseman Ted Bailey and Dave Fowler both hit-runners giving them a 4-0 lead. They added two more in the fifth, one in the sixth and four in the seventh to ice the victory. The game was never close as the Gaels didn’t score until the seventh inning.

Paul Gengler picked up the win with three perfect innings. Fowler and Bailey each had three RBIs.

Saturday’s games were a little different as they managed only nine hits for the day.

In the first game, the Gaels quickly grabbed the lead with a home run, jumping on starter Bruce Froberg for four hits and three runs in the first inning. The Mustangs caught a break in the second inning, the佐relentless Gaels shortstop Kevin Gimlarin, Cal Poly narrowed the lead with two runs in the bottom of the first and put the game away with seven tallies in the fourth, when they sent 13 batters to the plate.

Tim Martin couldn’t be kept quiet against the Poly infield, committing three errors in the first inning and two more in the fourth. Of the Mustangs’ nine runs, only one was earned.

Gorman реклassecked the win, striking out five in three scoreless innings of relief. Third baseman Tony Incaviglia led the Mustangs with the two RBIs while Ongarola had an RBI and two singles.

Coach Berry Hart’s squad was completely baffled by Gal Mike Bullock in the second game. Bullock didn’t allow a hit until Ongarola smacked a line drive to right field in the fifth inning. He struck out, and only two hits in the shutdown performance.

The Mustang pitching was almost equally impressive. Starter and loser Sam Bohl gave up two hits and one run in four innings. Bud Pedegakin worked the final three frames allowing three hits and the final score.

Harr didn’t let any of his pitchers go more than four innings hoping to prevent any early season arm problems.

The coach was disappointed with his team’s lack of offense on Saturday, and traced it to too many runners left on base.

“We made the pitcher look good by swinging at bad pitches and we were confused by the inconsistency of the umpire’s calls,” said Harr.

Harr has confidence in the supposedly inexperienced mound crew.

“The coaches never questioned the pitching staff. It was the fans,” claimed Harr. “We were always confident of our pitchers. We recruited them.”

Loane on Academic All-American team

John Loane, kicking specialist on the Mustang football team the past two seasons, was named to the second team 1974 College Division Academic All-American team.

Selection was handled for the co-sponsors, the College Sports Information Directors of America and the American Heritage Life Insurance Company, the Michigan State Sports Information Office.

Loane, who completed his senior year last fall, has a 3.6 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. He is a self science major.

The 6-1, 180-pounder from San Anselmo, by way of College of Marin, led the Mustangs in scoring in 1972 with 88 points as the team led a 2-1 record. He was the second leading scorer in 1974 when Poly put together a 9-4-1 record. He scored at points.

Loane put together a string of 94 consecutive conversion kicks for a new school record. He converted his first 17 attempts in 1974 to add to a slate of 36 in a row he carried over from the 1973 campaign.

He finished his career with a string of 31 straight intact and converted 43 of 45 for the year after making 43 of 47 as a junior. On Sunday, he scored 6 of 7 from 1975 to 1979.

To be nominated for the academic All-American team an athlete had to achieve at least a “B” (3.0) average and be a full-time student.

Loane is the first Cal Poly football player to be selected on an academic All-American team.

Boston doc gets a years probation

BOSTON (UPI) - Dr. Kenneth C. Edelin Tuesday was given a light sentence—six year on probation—for his conviction of manslaughter of a fetus in a legal abortion.

Judge James P. McGuire stayed the sentence pending an appeal which Edelin’s attorney, William Homans, said would be filed “this afternoon.”

Maximum sentence for manslaughter in Massachusetts is 90 years. Homans declined to make a specific recommendation to the judge but did in a brief unprepared statement that Edelin is “not the kind of individual who has any malice in his heart, and has no lessened charitable career ahead of him.”
Ford veto predicted on oil tariff delay

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford indicated Tuesday he will veto Congress' efforts to delay his oil import fee increase and GOP congressional leaders told him there was an "even chance" the veto would be sustained.

The administration meanwhile predicted that any effort by Congress to substitute oil allocations for the higher import fees could cost Americans 400,000 jobs.

Ford ate breakfast with GOP congressional leaders in order to discuss an anticipated vote in the Senate Wednesday on a measure to delay for 90 days the import fees. Ford plans to veto the bill as "promptly as he can."

"And in our judgment," Scott said, "there is an even chance" Congress will sustain the veto. Scott said the GOP leaders were "using our maximum efforts to secure the necessary votes to sustain the veto."

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield conceded the vote on a motion to override Ford's veto might be close. But he added, "White House lobbying doesn't discourage me. I don't think he (Ford) is making any convert."