Plotkin pulls out of race
ASI leader explains why
by FRED VULIN

Scott Plotkin announced this week he will not seek re-election as president of the ASI, reversing an earlier statement that he was "definitely running for re-election.

Plotkin made his decision public at two committee meetings earlier in the week as well as at the Student Affairs Council meeting Wednesday night.

Near the end of the Winter Quarter Plotkin said he would try to become the first Cal Poly student president to wage a successful re-election campaign. At that time, Plotkin cited the need for continuity in student leadership at the state level as the main reason for seeking a second term.

As chairman of the California State University and Colleges Student Presidents Association, Plotkin said last month he would have the position to assure the continuity which he claimed was needed.

But the events of this week have changed that. According to Plotkin, there were four important reasons why he changed his mind and decided not to seek re-election.

First, says Plotkin, the continuity which he had spoken last quarter had been assured. Two officers of the CSUCSPA were re-elected to another year as president at their respective universities.

In addition, Plotkin believes his actions are helping his cause. The direction of the ASI dollar is a national question, says Plotkin's withdrawal, along with what he terms "unfinished business" such as ASI turning legal aid, complete funding for an off-campus housing coordinator and the overall job of lobbying at the state level.

"All of these can be accomplished," thinks Plotkin, by the end of Spring Quarter.

The former head of the University Union Board of Governors also feels he has taken behind him in terms of academic units during his political career. Not that his grades have suffered, he says, but it will take another two years for Plotkin to graduate.

But Plotkin's fourth reason to withdraw from the re-election campaign may be one of the areas in which he holds the strongest beliefs: active involvement on the state level.

As chairman of the CSUCSPA Humanitarian and personal growth at the university level will be explored in a panel discussion Friday at 1 p.m. in University Union.

Assembled are John Vasconcellos (D), Dr. Louis Pippin of the Education Department and Clifford Vines of the Ethnic Studies Department. The panelists will be the panelists in the discussion being featured by the Political Action Club.

Vasconcellos has been a member of the Assembly since 1967 and was named "Best Freshman Assemblyman" by the Capitol Press Corps in that year. He has contributed to "The HUMMANNIST," "Psychology Today" and "Human Behavior" magazines. He is also chairman of the permanent subcommittee on peace and secondary education.

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Involution leads to frustration plus!

For 20 of my 34 years I was the perfect example of a clean-cut American kid. The kind of guy Pres. Nixon would probably meet up with while driving through Middle of the road, straight arrow. Republican, motherhood, apple pie and all that crap. Then I heard I was a dropout. It might have been a depressionsome mysterious malady for which no cure existed. I don't know. But suddenly I decided things weren't all poaches and cream like they were cranked up to be. The funny thing was I actually thought maybe I could influence things.

It started when Nixon resigned and Jerry Ford inherited the Oval Office. It seemed everybody, their mothers and grandparents were offering suggestions as to who our fearless leader should choose for his vice-president. So I got in the act too.

I sent His Majesty a telegram a couple of days after he took office, letting him know I wasn't particularly fond of any of the prominently mentioned candidates for the job, i.e Goldwater, Lichly, and Getler. I didn't also informed him Elliot Richardson would in my valued opinion, make a good Vogt.

Oh well, we now know how much weight I was able to throw around. Zilch.

That wasn't too bad, but it got me put on the CIA and FBI lists of degenerates to keep an eye on.

Undaunted by the lack of influence I'd had in his selection of a partner in crime, I decided Ford could use more of my advice. So, when he asked for suggestions on how to whip inflation, I volunteered another piece of my mind.

Being a fiscal conservative of the liberal sort, I believed the best way to whip inflation, then, now and in the future, is for the government to quit spending so damn much money.

And being a conservatism-scientist, I'm not overly impressed with every government's favorite pork barrel, the Army Corps of Engineers. The Corps is given an allowance of $1.3 billion a year to spend in their on-going crusade to dam, drain and cement every moving body of water all the way to the Continental Shelf. So I put two and two together and said Jerry the best way I could think of to cut Federal spending was to put the Corps dam builders out of business.

Well, I got my answer. Now from Ford, but from Major Genet D. A. Raymond, Deputy Chief of Engineers, who was appointed by Col. Russell J. Samp, Executive of the Corps. Ford had referred his letter for action. The reply read in part:

"In order to be responsive to your inquiries, it may be necessary to confirm our requested information. Additional information will be obtained.

"It is true that some of the Corps' expenditures are far from the campus will now be unable to go home for Easter?"

Those students whose homes are far from the campus will now be unable to go home for Easter? It wasn't that hard to figure out the source of this information. I figured the Administration realized that the spring vacation of many families were disrupted by the fact that some students were home last week and others this week! Why wasn't the quarter break arranged so that it would coincide with Easter week, thus avoiding all this trouble? If the students had "forgotten" to come to school today, would the Administration even notice or care?

Letters

Editor:

I would like to say a few words in those who have declared that Cal Poly students should register and return to classes in the middle of Holy Week. They are "Couragous! Let your heads in a bucket!" There, I feel a little better. Don't the Administration realize that:

1. Holy Week is traditionally a time for religious observances and not a time to enrich the coffers of the university and those of the campus book store?

2. That it is ridiculous to start a new quarter before the grades of the previous one have been sent out?

3. That many students, especially veterans, operate on a "Five-of-the-months" fiscal basis and this registration date has caused severe financial hardships to some students?

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American Student Travel Guide for 1975 is being distributed on campus Thursday and Friday at no cost to students. The Associated Students Inc. of Cal Poly is sponsoring the distribution of the guide.

The magazine offers suggestions for inexpensive student travel around the United States and has special sections on backpacking, biking, river floating and free things to do in 15 cities around the country.

The travel guide is available in 55 locations throughout the campus.

"His Land," a Billy Graham film, will be shown tonight in Chumash Auditorium at 7 p.m. The film, sponsored by the student religious club The Navigators, shows how Bible prophecies are coming true in the Middle East. Admission is free and the public is invited.

The Cal Poly Music Department will present a concert during University hour today at 11 a.m. in the Cal Poly Little Theatre. Scheduled to perform will be the 74 combined talents of the Men's Glee Club, the Majors and Minors and the Seniors. The University Jazz Band, formerly known as the Collegians, will be under the direction of Graydon Williams. Melnikowski and Williams are both members of Cal Poly's music faculty.

The performance is being presented as part of the University Hour Concert series.

Grades are finally out! At 3 p.m. Wednesday students began standing in line to receive their long-awaited grades. Students may pick up their grades today and Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The last day to apply for June quarter is April 18. All students who expect to be awarded their degree in June and who have NOT filed an application for graduation, should contact the Evaluations Office, Admin. 217A, immediately.

Decision explained

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The ASI chairman feels there are only two ways he would restore the upcoming campaign. If the candidate he supported pulled out of the campaign or if he won by a write-in vote. Plotkin termed the possibility "incredibly absurd."

He emphasizes most problems were solved by the student can be solved only at a state level. He points out dorm contracts, material and service fees and the hurdle over AB 5116 as proof of the importance of state level politics and as a justification for his absence from campus on many occasions.

"What do they think I'm doing for whom?" Plotkin exclaims.

One critic, Robert Chappell, has indicated he will hit on this theme when he campaigns for Plotkin's office at the end of May. Chappell is a member of Finance Committee.

Plotkin says if he has become more convinced this year about any single issue, it is the state level activity and its importance to the university student. And he adds, he won't let others believe his off-campus politics are only a play to insure a bright political future for himself.

The bylaws discussion in a meeting in Mid-November led SAC to an unprecedented move of going into executive session. That is where members of the press and public are asked to leave a public hearing.

This is usually done when there is impending lawsuit. SAC emerged from the executive session only to delay the vote on the issue until the Dec. 4 meeting, where the bylaws were eventually approved.
Gaucho's Kingman cools off Mustangs

by JIM SWEENEY

An old friend came back to haunt the Mustangs Tuesday as they continued to struggle on the road, dropping a 4-3 decision in U.C. Santa Barbara.

Gaucho hurler Brian Kingman, a familiar face to Cal Poly's coaching staff, who tried to allow only seven hits while striking out ten. Kingman, the ace road, dropped a 4-8 decision to U.C. Riverside, with a single game, and then tangle with the Mustangs Tuesday as they have posted a 9-8-1 record on the road. As a visiting team, they have posted a 9-8-1 record compared to a 9-1 slate as a host.

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Junior Dave Fowler gave coach Berdy Harr's crew its only lead of the game when he launched a single and a double (or a run in contest, sandwiching two singles the fourth inning.

Terry Ruggles followed one out later with a scoring single, but Kingman bore down, getting the final out to preserve the victory.

Paul Gengler relieved starter Gomez Heimstreet in the bottom of the fifth and the Gaucho struck again. Gengler was walking along when with two down he gave up a single and a double for a score and a 2-1 UCSB lead.

In the seventh, the situation went from bad to worse for the Mustangs. Gaucho Von O'Leary pushed a bunt down the third base line for a single. He was sacrificed to second, and scored on another single.

Cal Poly wrestling coach Vaughn Hitchcock has been appointed to the position of Team Leader-Manger of the United States Greco-Roman wrestling team for the 1978 Olympics.

Hitchcock's appointment was announced in Indianapolis, Ind., by John Daut, National Wrestling Administrator of the Amateur Athletic Union.

As Team Leader-Manger, Hitchcock will be in charge of the 1978 U.S. Olympic Greco-Roman team. He also will assist with the coaching of the team. Jim Peckham, athletic director and wrestling coach at Emerson College, Boston, Mass., has been appointed to the U.S. team.

Hitchcock, 41, served as Team Leader-Manger of the U.S. Freestyle-Wrestling team which competed in the 1975 World Games at Tehran, Iran. He was appointed to a similar position in 1974 but had to withdraw due to business obligations.

Since the spring of 1973 Hitchcock has been a member of the National AAI Wrestling Committee and the National Olympic Committee on Wrestling. He chaired the committee which formulated regulations and rules of conduct for the U.S. Olympic wrestling teams for 1976.

Hitchcock completed the project last October.

In 1975 Hitchcock was appointed to the 12-man National Wrestling Rules Committee and about the same time was voted into the Helms Amateur Wrestling Hall of Fame.

During his 15-year coaching tenure at Cal Poly he has guided the Mustangs to a dual meet record of 205-45-2 for an 86% winning percentage. His teams have never lost to another California college or university compiling a 135-0-1 record.

Cal Poly switched to NCAA Division I this season after capturing seven straight NCAA Division II titles and eight in nine years from 1966 to 1974.

Hitchcock selected Olympic mentor