Students denied chance to buy half-priced Apple computers

by Rebecca Prough
Staff Writer

The opportunity to buy an advanced Apple home computer at less than half the regular price was denied to Cal Poly students, staff and faculty members when President Baker turned down Apple's offer for discounted machines.

Baker's decision on Dec. 13 not to accept Apple's offer of giving Cal Poly more than 50 percent off on the new computer and 50 percent off on all Apple accessories was a surprise and disappointment to many students and faculty members.

Dr. John Poling, Cal Poly physics professor, said, "This is such a foolish decision. It has hurt the faculty and the students."

Poling said the physics department was planning to buy two of the new computers, but now it might not even be able to afford one. And if they do purchase a new computer, it will most likely benefit the faculty and not the students since they can only buy one, he said. Cal Poly was to be able to purchase the computer for about $1,800. It normally costs about $2,500, Poling said.

I think this is incredibly disappointing and it will hurt me both personally and professionally," he said.

The new computer is called the Macintosh. It uses a Motorola 68,000 chip; an advanced piece.

The Macintosh is a computer with a large memory (1MB), high resolution, and a high-capacity disk drive. All of which was part of the one machine.

Dr. Walt Wilson, physics professor, said the Macintosh is like a baby Lisa (the Lisa is another new advanced computer), and it is much better than the Lisa. It has high resolution, better graphics, and is faster, he said. The computer is fully equipped and the only additional part that would need to be purchased is the printer, he said.

"I can be sure that a lot of them (the Macintoshes) would be sold on campus," Wilson said. The opportunity is over, but Apple might come back with another offer, he said, and "we don't want Baker to turn down this chance again."

The offer that Apple made was that it would sell the Macintosh computer to Cal Poly at less than half the retail price, and also give a 50 percent discount on all Apple accessories. The conditions were that Cal Poly had to purchase $2 million-worth of the computers in three years, and if it didn't, the contract would be cancelled at that time. There were no other restrictions, Wilson said.

"I can see no disadvantages, and a great deal of advantages — especially to my pocketbook," Wilson said.

President Baker said the administration does want to make computers available to the university, faculty and students at major discounts. IBM offered its computers at a 28 percent discount, and Tandy offered a 15 percent discount; but nothing in comparison of the Apple offer.

In a Student Senate meeting on Jan. 18, Baker stated several reasons for turning down the Apple offer. He said he was afraid Cal Poly would not be able to sell the $2 million-worth of computers in three years. Baker also said there was an obligation to service and support the Apple system, which wouldn't be possible because the Apple computer is not compatible with the University's system of computers.

Baker said, "People in the computer science department did advise the university in this matter." There was reason to believe the Apple system was volatile, and "we were under a tight time limit," Baker said.

Ralph Nicovitch, manager of Microcomputer Telecommunications and Data Systems, said there were some legal and commitment problems that involved the Macintosh.

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Protesting instructors did not represent Cal Poly

by Jesse Chevarria
Staff Writer

Members of the Cal Poly Faculty, Staff and Friends arrested during the recent protests against Diablo Canyon represented their own individual views but not necessarily those of the entire Cal Poly community according to an administration official.

"Faculty, staff members and students associated with the university are individuals and their personal situation is not something of concern to the university unless it impinges on their ability to meet their obligations to the university," said Howard West, associate executive vice president at Cal Poly.

Jacob Feldman, Poly architectural engineering professor, agreed with West that the group represented their own views. Feldman, who took part in the Jan. 18 protest, said, "It's no different from calling ourselves 'Doctors against Diablo.'

The people who were repressed themselves and were arrested at the demonstration include Polly Cooper, architectural professor; Jacob Feldman, architectural engineering professor; Ken Haggard, architectural professor; Mary Ireland, physical education professor; Paul Wolf, architectural assistant; Henry Hammar, architectural lecturer; James Hammar, physics professor; and Carl Jacobson, chemistry lecturer.

These people constituting staff and friends are Godrum Grell, Ellen Notermann, Barbara Seymour, Martin Wolff, Karen Wolff, Anna Zaren, Lynne Levine, Cheryl McClain, and Herbert Moss.

All were charged with Trespassing and Failure to Disperse. Please see page 5

Diablo Canyon protesters are taken into custody during demonstrations against the nuclear power plant.
Opinion

Graduation coordination

Graduation ceremonies at Cal Poly get more hectic every year.

The increased student population at this university has resulted in larger graduation classes— and greater commencement crowds. The crowds have always been large, but in recent years they have overflowed Mustang Stadium.

Last year, graduating seniors were issued tickets to the ceremonies. They passed their tickets out to family and friends and those who didn’t have tickets didn’t get into the crowd. It was a system that guaranteed a certain sized crowd. But it generated a lot of hard feelings and didn’t help the university’s image. It also generated a nice little market for those who had the presence of mind to collect all the tickets they could ley their hands on, and sell them to desperate students who didn’t have enough for all the people who wanted to see them graduate.

The weaknesses of the ticket system are apparent to school officials and last week President Warren Baker told the Student Senate that an extra 1,500 seats will be added for this year’s commencement. That means that for this year’s graduating class of 2,500 students, there will be room for only 1,700 guests.

That also means that there will be no tickets this year. But students should not get too excited. Each participant will be asked to invite four people, on the average. While this figure is not set in stone, graduating students should respect the rights of the rest of the graduating class and not go overboard with their invitations.

Graduates should be aware that under the present system, nobody will be guaranteed access to the ceremony. Obviously, since it will be first-come, first-served, early arrivals will get the seats. But if graduates are responsible and limit their invitations this year, there will be fewer upset family members and friends than in the past.

If this plan doesn’t work, and there is another massive over crowd, alternatives such as limiting the ceremonies to only those who are actually graduating in spring quarter, or holding more than one ceremony during the year may be implemented. And, of course, there are always the tickets.

Letters

Faculty protest acts are ‘insipid futility’

Editor:

Spring weather has blessed Cal Poly this fine spring season, and my appreciation for it is strong. General news of the Diablo protest this weekend came to my attention up in San Francisco, and I was pleased to read the reaction that the protesters are probably a group of fatalistic, opinionated hooligans who are wasting huge amounts of their time.

When I read Wedneday’s headline in the Mustang Daily, “22 Faculty arrested at Diablo,” I was shocked to find out that I was right! I have learned in my three years on college campuses not to put any act of insipid futility past the reach of the academic community, and this display our faculty has put on for the media certainly fits this category. The faculty members involved admittedly know how futile their actions were, but I feel that their actions were worse than futile because large amounts of money were unnecessarily spent by the state to satisfy these people’s desire for civil disobedience.

The main concern of the faculty seems to be that the risk of environmental damage for outweighs the benefits to society. My opinion is just the opposite because the risk that comes with nuclear power allows me and especially those protesting instructors to continue in the lifestyle to which we are accustomed—namely the mass consumption of large amounts of energy. I believe that it is safe to conclude our society is just as dependent on energy as it is on food, and who in a proper state of mind would protest the production of food even if there was the possibility of a catastrophe (such as the southern dust bowl years). The answer is only extreme hypocrites. I believe that these protesters would reverse their positions very rapidly if all electric power was removed from their lives. Even Mothers for Peace would change their minds when they found out that they couldn’t use their high power toys anymore.

As for the charge that Diablo Canyon would produce unneeded power. I believe there is a very real need because for every nuclear plant that comes on line, several fossil fuel-plants can be shut down, which is very comforting when you consider that the actual damage done to the environment by acid rain owing to the burning of fossil fuels is probably several thousand times greater than the damage done by nuclear power plants.

This small bit of wisdom and/or bitter complaint is not meant to be pro-nuclear activism and it certainly won’t change anyone’s mind on this issue, but I hope it will give those protesting faculty members some hints as to why so few Cal Poly students participated in their little show.

Brian K. Shaver

Articles, letter on Diablo should have been edited

Editor:

It was disappointing to read the articles on Diablo Canyon, in the Jan. 18 issue. Every one was grossly sprinkled with stereotypes and categorizations of the “protesters.” Only one article dealt with why all these people were there. In the interviews of that article, the Poly students concluded that they didn’t have time to find out about the issues. Regardless of people’s views on an issue, it is necessary for them to openly process a spectrum of information, without prejudice parameters. There are many perspectives to any issues and to write off information because it came from an environmentalist or a Reaganite is not very intelligent.

David Walker
President Warren Baker’s solution to the overcrowding problem of commencement ceremonies is a valid one. However, this solution may encourage the game of “survival of the fittest”—a game which the graduates’ parents (or guardians) may not afford to play. In my opinion, any solution that does not take these parents into account is a right step in the wrong direction, and might not help in solving the overcrowding problem.

The overcrowding problem of the 1988 commencement ceremony was mainly because the number of tickets printed and issued far exceeded the number of seats available.

Increasing the number of seats alone will not solve the problem. The solution lies in making sure that seats are occupied by only those people for whom they are reserved.

While it is difficult to put a limit on how many friends and relatives a graduate should invite to the commencement ceremony, it is easy to put a limit on how many parents each graduate should invite—a maximum of two.

Therefore, I would like to suggest that each graduate be given a maximum of two tickets for his or her parents (or guardians), and that the university should reserve seats for those V.I.P.s of the occasion. The rest of the place could then be given on a first-come-first-served basis. The problem that would remain to be solved would be making sure that only 5,000 tickets (2 for each 2,500 graduates) are printed and issued.

Although this may not be the best solution to the problem, at least it will give the graduates and their parents “a day to remember,” and I am sure that the rest of the students will understand and cooperate.

Enoch Tukahirwa

Letters
Graduation solution: parents should have priority
Letters

King viewed as people's hero

Editor:
I could not read Jim Austin's letter, "No Reason to remember King," and not had compelled to respond. Quite a few allegations were made as to why Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. should not be recognized as "an authentic American hero," all of which have no relevance when attached to the reason for a holiday in remembrance of this man.

When the struggle was begun to obtain a holiday in the name of a black man, we people with a dream, see as an outstanding figure, we knew that there would be many who did not agree. We realized that these people would respond with shrugged shoulders, indifference, hate, confusion, and fear. Why not? It is these people who throughout history knowingly, or unknowingly, promoted the "keep 'em down" slogan directed towards minorities.

But when allegations are made, knowingly, against a man who obviously has made an impression on enough people to receive a national holiday I have to say, "Stop!" How can Mr. Austin in all good conscience believe those allegations and then conclude that because of these allegations there is no reason for a holiday? Is it because Dr. King was black? Or, perhaps, because of Dr. King's blackness he had a different outlook?

First, let us realize that once a person is out front in the public eye he is subject to many discrepancies. Consider Lincoln who owned slaves, or Washington who had at least one affair. Are these reasons they should not receive holidays in their names? No.

Second, I do not believe that Dr. King would want to be an "authentic American hero." Instead, I believe he would have preferred to be remembered as a people's hero.

Third, if Dr. King was a mental lightweight, etc., then that does not say much for the integrity of the media or the public. In conclusion, I would hope Mr. Austin can come to live with Dr. King's holiday. It is not going to go away. I, myself, am going to enjoy the realization that this holiday, in remembrance of a black man dedicated to equal rights for all people, gives hope to those who found no hope before in the ideals of freedom for all and equality.

Dorita Greene

By Margie Cooper

Graduating Engineers...
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Letters

Protester bursts a sandy bubble

Editor:

This letter is in response to the Last Word titled “Business diamond in sand.”

Yes I admit, the only reason I participated in the protest at Diablo Canyon Sunday was to boost my own ego. You see, I have no care of the future of my planet and in my heart I would love to see PG&E obtain its license for Diablo Canyon.

This is what the author wanted to hear, correct? Well sorry to burst your bubble, but I lied.

True I did participate in Sunday’s protest, but I didn’t do it to boost my ego. Rather I used that moment to practice my right to assembly and freedom of speech to show opposition to something that should not exist; Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant.

I understand the author’s hesitation after being handed a pamphlet by the Revolutionary Workers. What he fails to understand is in any instance when you get a large number of people in one place it’s not surprising that you’d get such groups who use the opportunity to solicit their cause, no matter how relevant it is to the issue at hand. But it was his mistake to generalize the feelings and actions of those groups as the feelings of all the protesters.

The majority of those participating in Sunday’s protest, were independent citizens united in opposition and truly concerned about their future and the future of our planet. They weren’t out there because it was the “hip” thing to do. Contrary to what the author believes, many of us have asked questions and are more informed than he would like to think.

The statement that we are only concerned about nuclear power because we can not influence it is unjustified. Thanks to such self-centered “narcissistic cliques” as the Mothers for Peace and their many lawsuits, protests such as Sunday’s and the one in 1981, and letters of opposition to elected officials, citizens have been able to make an impact. Thanks to these selfish actions PG&E has been stalled for 10 years in obtaining its license for Diablo. As much as the author would hate to admit, these groups are working for all of us, not just their own ego.

Consider another thing. In 1976 we almost lost Detroit, Michigan. I’d hate to think that in 1986 or 1996 we might lose San Luis Obispo.

Ann Lynch

Instructors who protested spent three nights in jail

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Disperso

“We chose not to accept citations to appear on our own recognizance. We wanted to stay in jail and be arraigned as a group,” said Feldman.

He explained this gave the group protection, solidarity, and a chance to make a statement. The group pleaded not guilty to the charges, but failed to convince the judge. They were given a choice of four days in jail or a $115 fine.

Most of the group decided to stay in jail. They stayed in Sunday night a total of three days and two nights.

“We covered ourselves by taking a personal holiday without pay so we wouldn’t cost the school any money and not get into trouble,” said Feldman.

David Donald Koberg, architecture department head, explained that each instructor arranged for stand-in teachers to handle their classes.

“Each instructor is granted a leave of absence called a personal holiday one day a year. They must name the day ahead of time and are paid for it,” said Koberg.

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Vista Grande
Jazz-fusion guitarist Holdsworth enralls Cal Poly audience
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flushed Baker's decision.

The agreement had to be reached through the Foundation, and there were only a few people who actually made the decision, Nicovitch said. Nicovitch said the Apple is a high risk. He said Apple had had a successful product for five years.

Also, the Apple contract required Cal Poly to hire an Apple technician and have a walk-in computer room, which "we don't necessarily have the funds for," Nicovitch said.

Another reason for not accepting Apple's offer is that there is no available software for the Apple. Nicovitch said. He said they didn't want anyone to get stuck with a machine that couldn't hook up to bigger computers or be able to use the software available on the market.

"The Macintosh is just a fancy machine," Nicovitch said. "Cal Poly can't afford to pick a white elephant on a company that has already had a computer fail the Apple (11)," he said.

We want to get 10,000 computers on campus, Nicovitch said; and if three years from now they were all Apple, it will be too late to change to any other kind of machines. "We have to have our place in place before we accept an offer," he said.

Dr. Robin Grinwold, agricultural engineering professor, said, "It (Apple's offer) looked like an awfully good deal for the students and the campus." It is much better than any other offers we have seen, he said.

The Macintosh is "designed for student capability," Grinwold said. It can run four programs all at once and they can all be seen on the screen. It can also run pictures and graphs. And all the parts are interchangeable, he said.

"It bothers me that the proposals that the administration is making require two to three years to study," Grinwold said. "We should have had the chance to purchase these computers. If the decision should be left completely to the students, we should have a chance to make them," he said.

Another reason, "I've always been pleased to see Cal Poly on the edge of advancement, but this looks like a big step backward," he said. The administration should be thinking of the Cal Poly students and faculty and not worry so much about the politics of the situation.

Dr. Edna Atalla, acting assistant education dean and Information Systems, is one of the four people who made the decision to refuse Apple's offer. He said Apple needed an immediate answer to whether Cal Poly would be purchasing their machines.

The administration asked Apple's offer or no. Atalla said. He said Apple didn't realize the administration needed a lot of people's approval of Cal Poly is restricted by some rules, "and we had to worry about our position," Atalla said. "It's in a fiduciary decision in the name of the university," he said.

Atalla said the administration asked Apple for more time, but Apple got upset. "If the students have more time, we might have said yes," he said, "but Apple was also under great demands to meet a deadline.

"Apple should have given a system like Cal Poly more time to make a decision," Atalla said, "but we have not departed as enemies.

An administrator who was involved with the Apple situation and who wishes to remain anonymous told The Poly that the administration has been talking about purchasing a different company's products only, and wanted Cal Poly's participation badly. Cal Poly was the only university in the California State system who had an Information Systems, in one of the four people who made the decision to refuse Apple's offer.

The administration will announce the name of the computer company that will supply the students with computers.

Dr. Robin Grinwold, agricultural engineering professor, said, "It's a far better idea than what we have," he said.

"And this does involve many students," he said.

"The school is not buying the machines, the students are buying them," he said. "They should be able to make their own decisions," he said.

"You can't believe you have a unilateral decision in the name of the students," he said.

It is the price of the machine that is important, Ransom said, and "it is a sad break for the students and the school" to have to pay $2,000 for $4,000 if an IBM, instead of the $1,200 Apple was offering for the Macintosh.

"And there are other students upset by Baker's decision and they want Baker to salvage some sort of deal," Ransom said. "We don't want them to lose chances and we don't want him to screw up again," he said. "The offer seemed to be excellent," he said.

Nicovitch said that the administration does want to establish a campus plan where the students, faculty and administration get a result of all the computers, and not just one type such as the Apple. "We do want to find something in the $1,500 range for the students," he said.

Baker said Atalla is working on making arrangements with other companies to give Cal Poly a deal on their computers. Baker also said he encourages students to get involved.
Spurning "Yentl" (Madonna Theatricals) because of a dislike of Barbara Streisand is like negating Shakespeare because you can't understand the three-syllable words.

Although her screen and off-camera tempest is sometimes akin to an anti-aircraft gun, she's an unselfish actress. In order to get the best possible forming gifts always overshadow her potentially glaring personality. Even if the film surrounding her is "tail out (The Quick and the Dead)," Streisand shines like a beacon, delivering at least one marvelous scene of pure, unflappable movie acting. Streisand-the-movie-star plenty of moments in "Yentl." Streisand shines like a beacon, delivering at least one marvelous scene of pure, unflappable movie acting.

It's a charming, whimsical musical an enabling the film for many. However, its narrative poetry is limited. The setting of the film is Krakow, a quaint Jewish quarter of modern-day Poland. The film opens with a young girl named Yentl (played by Jodie Foster) sneaking past her parents' house to attend a wedding. She discovers that the bride is her cousin, Rachel (played by Barbra Streisand). Yentl learns that Rachel's husband has deserted her and that she is expecting a child. Yentl decides to help Rachel and her baby. The film closes with Yentl's marriage to her cousin, Rachel's husband, and with the two women's subsequent journey to America.

The film was directed by Ron Howard, who was trying to make a film about the plight of Jewish women in Poland during World War II. He was also seeking to explore the themes of love, loss, and the power of family. Howard was working with a limited budget, and the film was shot in a small studio in Los Angeles.

Yentl's success was due in large part to its score, written by Bangladesh. The film's score was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Original Score.

Streisand's performance in "Yentl" was praised by critics. She was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Actress for her role in the film. She also received a Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Musical or Comedy Film.

In the end, "Yentl" was a critical and commercial success. It was the first film directed by a woman to receive an Oscar nomination for Best Director. The film was also a box office success, grossing over $50 million in the United States.

"Yentl" is considered to be one of Streisand's best films, and it remains a beloved classic. It is a powerful story about family, love, and loss, and it continues to be seen as a landmark in Jewish cinema. The film's message of hope and resilience continues to resonate with audiences around the world.
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Poly matmen stomp Gators, face Las Vegas tonight

The Cal Poly wrestling team found the win column again Saturday with a 31-11 victory over San Francisco State.

The Mustangs, who have been struggling this season with inexperience and injuries, took advantage of the less experienced Gators, scoring five superior decisions on the night and upping their season dual meet record to 2-3.

Mike Provender, a big rally balling for Cal Poly when he outscored 118-pounder Cliff Letsa 12-4, Ernie Gereimos followed with a 7-3 win over Ed Westmoreland in the 116-pound bout.

At 134-pounds, veteran Chris DeLong ruled over Carlos Leveque 20-3. DeLong, ranked 13th in the nation, is now 14-6 in the season, the winningest Mustang this season.

Cesar Escudero kept Cal Poly’s momentum going in the 142-pound division, beating Steve Gillian 17-7.

The Mustangs suffered their first loss of the evening in the 150-pound category when Gator Bob Gonzales held off Cal Poly’s Eric Osborne 7-6. According to Poly coach Vaughan Hitchcock, Osborne’s condition was not the best, due to a five day layoff from practice a week ago. Osborne started the match with a pace that was too fast for him to maintain throughout. It was his first time at 116-pounds.

John Johnson was back in the lineup after recovering from a shoulder injury, but he didn’t have much luck. He faced Craig Perrones 14-1. Anthony Romero scored an even 1-4 with Andy Stieffen in the 147-pound bout to give San Francisco their second score of the night, but the Mustangs’ 20-5 win in the 195-pound bout meant a 23-5.

Roger Sayles raised his season mark to 10-3 with a 6-4 decision over Tim Johnson in the 177-pound match.

Jeff Steward, wrestling his third match in one week after a five-week layoff due to an ankle injury, scored a 20-1 superior decision to give the Mustangs a 31-5 lead.

San Francisco’s toughest man, heavyweight Morris Johnson, backed up his reputation and added six points to the Gators’ score with a 156-pin pin of Poly’s Dennis Townsend.

Hitchcock and his team, which he said is “wrestling better,” will face the University of Nevada, Las Vegas tonight at 7:30 in the Main Gym.

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**Intramural tourney sign-ups set**

The Cal Poly recreational sports office is offering students a chance to compete in a fast-paced, on-campus event.

Whether you’re in a doubles team or an individual, you can sign up for the badminton singles tourney. Deadline for entry in the racquetball tourney is Wednesday, Feb. 1, while the last day to sign up for badminton is Friday, Feb. 3. Both sign-ups are in the recreational sports office, room 104 of the University Union.

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**Sports**

**Poly women dunk Gauchos**

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In the first home meet of the season, the Cal Poly women swimmers easily outswam a struggling UC Santa Barbara team. A final score of 96-40 proves the easy rout.

With a time of 4:10:68, the Cal Poly relay team set the pace for the meet. Besides the title, the foursome qualified for the NCAA Division II nationals to be held in New York this March. The combined times of Anne Gatlin, Nancy Stern, Lee- da Tucker, and JoanMary Laubacher were low enough to easily slip under the qualifying standard.

“The relay team set the tone for the meet,” said Coach Duane McRoy. “All the girls swam outrageous.”

High point scorer for the Mustangs was senior Anne Gatlin. Besides being a member of the qualifying relay quartet, Gatlin also won three individual events. Although her 100-yard backstroke (1:00:34) was just short of the qualifying standard, Gatlin broke the barrier in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:13:62. This brings her national events up to 4.

For Gatlin the high point of the most wasn’t those accomplishments in the 200-yard backstroke. Gatlin touched the wall with a lifetime best of 2:13:30.

“I just went out a little faster, and it worked!” said Gatlin.

Yet another national qualifier for the Mustangs was Ann Steer. Steer’s time of 11:09:11 in the 1000-yard freestyle was just a finger nail away from the NCAA standard.

The women’s team wasn’t the only one that got it done. The Cal Poly team also showed great depth in the other lanes.

That is the difference from our last title,” said McRoy. “This year we have more depth.”

The women will travel to Cal State Hayward next weekend for a dual meet.