Trustees opposed to Prop. 61

By Suzanne Carson

Staff Writer

The California State University Board of Trustees has adopted a resolution against Proposition 61 because the board believes the "California Fair Pay Amendment" is not fair, and if approved, "it would have a profound negative effect." Trustees also agreed to support the efforts of organized groups opposed to the amendment.

Seventy-three-year-old Republican Paul Gann submitted the 971,000 signatures qualifying the initiative for the November ballot. The initiative calls for placing an $80,000 ceiling on the governor's yearly salary and a $52,500 limit on the salaries of other elected state officials. Last year the governor earned $49,100 and other elected officials earned $42,500. But under current law the salaries would be raised to $85,000 per year and $72,500 per year respectively by Jan. 1, 1987.

Gann believes that his initiative would curb "runaway salaries and pensions in California." Under the initiative the maximum compensation of all other elected or appointed state and local government employees and individual public contractors would be limited to 80 percent of the governor's salary. Vacation and sick leave benefits are also limited.

The CSU Trustees strongly oppose the initiative. According to a CSU report from the Chancellor’s Office, approval of Prop. 61 would adversely affect the system: "It would markedly hamper CSU’s ability to hire and retain faculty; it would cause able personnel to leave careers in teaching, support and administrative positions; and it would compel all employees to lose basic benefits of sick leave and pensions in California.

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Foundation to rethink divestment decision

By Mary Eddy

Staff Writer

At the recommendation of the Cal Poly Foundation Board investment committee, the Foundation Board of Directors on Sept. 26 will reassess their May decision not to divest from companies doing business in South Africa.

"The investment committee will be recommending divesting their equities over an 18-month period," said James Neal, a member of the Foundation Board and the investment committee. According to Neal, by using the 18-month plan, complete divestment would occur by the end of 1988.

Neal said that although he personally does not believe that now is a good time to divest because of the market situation, the board will definitely be taking a stronger stand for divestment. "(Cal Poly President Warren) Baker will also be asking the board to reconsider their decision," said Neal.

As for other board members, Neal said, "I can’t second guess the other board members, but I think that some members are for divestment and some aren’t.

Neal added that Gov. George Deukmejian’s recent strong stand against apartheid, especially his support for the University of California Board of Regents’ decision to divest, has made an impact on the Foundation. "At first the board was in favor of selective investments, but now we’ll have to reconsider," said Neal.

James Strom, another Foundation Board and investment committee member, echoed Neal’s belief that the committee will recommend divestment. "The investment committee is going to take a more stringent recommendation to the full board.

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Poly gives preliminary funding

More plans for arts center

By Gwen Dawkins

Staff Writer

Cal Poly and the City of San Luis Obispo have reached the next stage in their cooperative venture to build a theater for the performing arts.

In July the City Council hired a neutral consultant firm to find the best and most feasible location for a large theater. The firm selected Cal Poly as the best site. The next stage is to devise an agreement between Cal Poly, the city and the county.

Last week the City Council authorized further studies by the consulting firm of Goodhue, Haisley and Barker. The firm will be recommended to the full board.

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Opinion

A modern-day horror story

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these days it seems that everything has a sequel. First there was "Rocky" and "Rocky II," and so on. Even a movie as grimy as "Friday the 13th" has managed to squeeze out a sequel. Now, on the November ballot, voters will decide on Proposition 61, the sequel to Proposition 13.

But voters will be voters and Prop. 13 won in a landslide. But Jarvis and Gann turned out to be the underdogs in this particular battle. Why? They are both dead. Jarvis and Gann are both dead. The article depicted a different story. Strictly for entertainment purposes, I'd like to elaborate on the sudden death of Jarvis and Gann.

"Don't mess around with that; it's dangerous." The newspaper editor, an old man (Jerry Brown) said just before he fell to the ground. "The other day I overheard a conversation on the phone: 'John Marsh Sets New Attendance Record. Film at Eleven.' " He said the reporter was hallucinating. "I read one since I started school. I read a lot of magazines but I can't remember. I'm an English minor so I've read a lot in class. We read a lot of good books in class."

SUMMER MUSTANG - on the street-

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SUMMER MUSTANG

ANDY FROJKER
Summer Mustang columnist

"Whatever. So, it's definitely due Wednesday." I thought so, I haven't started yet. Have you? I haven't even started the one that was late due last week.

"You're crazy." That's OK. No one else I talked to had done it either. I'm a good boy while we're gone.

"Well, he said we could turn it in late." "He said his senior project due, eh?" "That's different." I'm still waiting.

"Right. Let me guess. They call it a senior project because by the time you turn it in you're a senior citizen." "Very funny, pal. How long did it take to churn out your 12-page masterpiece? Two hours?" "Hey, at least it's done." "Terrific. 'D' for done." "Give it up! What's this English paper about anyway?"

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"No. I've only been there three times.

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"Four. If you guys all get Fs I'll probably get an A."

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Letters to the editor

Bridge participants were misrepresented

Editor: When I picked up the August 7 issue of Summer Mustang I was surprised and somewhat elated. After reading the Summer Bridge Program here at Cal Poly, in which I am taking part, I could understand why people enjoyed the article. The article depicted a different purpose to the program, and ultimately, a different type of student attending the program than we, the Bridge participants, understand to exist.

The students in the Bridge Program are all very intelligent, highly motivated people. I am not making these claims because I am one myself, but we had had the opportunity to work with and around my peers in Bridge. I believe the article left us all looking like poor underachievers who need extra help to make it through college, rather than students new to the Cal Poly campus who have been given an excellent opportunity to become familiar with the academic and social life here.

The Summer Bridge Program is not a program designed to help prepare incapable students to survive. On the contrary, it is a program designed to help very capable but underrepresented students get the most out of this institution that might normally be offered them.

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ASI hopes to decrease its dependence on student fees

By Linda Voigt
Staff Writer

The primary goal of ASI for the coming year will be to relieve itself of excessive dependence on student fee dollars, ASI President Kevin Swanson said at a Student Senate board of directors meeting Aug. 6.

"Because over the past five years we've had increasing dependence on student fees and the profits from facilities such as the bowling alley and the copy center we need to increase our marketing and decrease our insurance costs," Swanson said.

ASI has proposed cutting insurance costs through a joint powers agreement with other student governments and auxiliary organizations within the CSU system. The Auxiliary Organization Association is presently researching a joint powers agreement through the Chancellor's Office.

"We want to generate income internally — to create programs that will produce income that we can shift into other programs and decrease another student fee increase in the near future because of our increased expenses," Swanson said.

According to Swanson, ASI is currently paying $130,000 for insurance. "Our insurance costs have increased about 350 times because of increased liability and other expenses. ASI has to provide insurance for Poly Royal as well as many student services," he said.

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Heavy subsidies include programs where the subsidy is more than 50 percent of the gross expense. Some of these include Rec Sports and Student Community Services.

A marketing director position, which was approved by ASI in spring for fall implementation, has been canceled because of insurance expenses. "Because our insurance was $130,000 the marketing director program had to be scrapped," he said.

"If it's done (joint powers agreement) we can possibly save between $70,000 and $80,000. The process of having sponsors and advertisers to help subsidize ASI-sponsored events is a relatively new field, and it's one we are exploring," Swanson said.
CSSA discusses state initiatives

By Cindi Floyd
Staff Writer

The top priority for the California State Student Association board meeting Aug. 9 and 10 was Assembly Bill 1720 (Hauser), which will allow California State University student newspapers to publish unsigned editorials as long as a disclaimer is attached, said Cal Poly's representative, ASI President Kevin Swanson.

The CSSA Board also discussed proposed legislation dealing with state salaries, funding for new educational facilities and AIDS policies.

According to Swanson, the Hauser bill will give student publications the right to exercise freedom of the press on campus as well as off campus.

The existing law preventing student newspapers from taking stands on political issues stems from language in Title 5 of the California State University and Colleges Education Code which reads, "Funds of an auxiliary organization shall be used for purposes consistent with the trustees and campus policy and shall not be used: To support or oppose any candidate for public office, whether partisan or not, or to support or oppose any issue before the voting of this state ... or any local government entity of any kind."

Swanson said, "It's unfortunate that student publications can't print unsigned editorial opinions according to the interpreted language of Title 5."

Another issue the CSSA board opposed was Proposition 61, the Gann Initiative. Twenty-thousand California public employees would be affected by the proposed salary and benefit limitations.

"It limits salaries and discourages qualified administration for high positions in the CSU system," said Swanson.

"This proposition would limit the potential growth for college graduates to enter public service in the State of California."

The need for funding to meet the growth of California's higher public education systems is the purpose of Proposition 56, called the Higher Education Facilities Bond Measure. The bond would provide $400 million to keep up with California's growth and facility needs. The CSSA strongly supported the measure and Swanson would like the funding to be spent on construction of a performing arts center.

The CSSA also took a stand against Proposition 64, or the AIDS Initiative.

It opposed this proposition because it says there is no concrete evidence showing that AIDS can be transmitted through casual contact. According to Swanson the evidence needed would be from qualified doctors or the surgeon general. The CSSA board, whose lobbying efforts represent 319,000 students, is made up of student representatives from each campus who meet once a month.
Ag management student is crowned Maid of SLO

By Pamela Varma

Just 5 feet, 2 inches tall, light on her feet and heavy on personality, she doesn't resemble the typical pageant contestant. But while last week at the San Luis Obispo County Mid-State Fair 19-year-old Jacky Coon, reigning Maid of Templeton, was crowned Maid of San Luis Obispo County.

Edging past eight other contestants, Coon was awarded the crown, dozens of gift certificates good for everything from dinners for two to jewelry, and the job of presenting prizes and meeting the entertainment at the fair.

An agricultural management sophomore at Cal Poly, Coon is not usually involved in such endeavors. In an ordinary year she would be spending early August getting her sheep in shape to show at the fair instead of picking up shoes dyed to match a bathing suit. This year comes. "I hated doing it. I just felt so stupid," she said.

Performing maidly duties such as meeting Kenny Loggins and Hurry Lewis have been the best part of winning for Coon. Nevertheless she said, "This was it. I'll never do another pageant." As Maid of San Luis Obispo County she will be invited to the Miss California pageant but won't go because "I don't have a talent."

She said concentrating on preparing her lamb, sheep and cattle for show is most important now. Coon has been showing animals since she was nine years old. She is also a member of the Cal Poly sheep show team.

For her impromptu question Coon was asked what her greatest lesson in life has been. She replied, "Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose, but you just have to take life as it comes." So for now Jacky Coon will take her own advice, show her animals at the fair and reign as Maid of San Luis Obispo County until next August.

Truck stolen Sunday for 'joyride'

A gold Chevy pickup truck was stolen from a parking lot behind one of the residence halls early Sunday morning and found on campus two hours later.

The 1985 truck, belonging to Robert Beasley of Grover City, was stolen from parking lot R1 at 3:50 a.m. It was recovered in the parking lot next to the fire department. "We call something like this a joyride," said Wayne Carmack, Public Safety investigator.

There was no apparent damage and the police department has no suspects at this time.

Mary Eddy
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Equipment failure closes down KCPR

KCPR radio was unable to broadcast Wednesday because of equipment failures at its transmitter site, said the station's chief engineer.

Ron Kwang said that when station workers tried to sign on at 6 a.m., they were unable to get the transmitter to operate. When Kwang went up to check the equipment, he found that the microwave receiver was not picking up the signal and that the antenna system was not working.

Kwang said it is not known what caused the equipment failure, but there is no evidence of vandalism.

On Wednesday afternoon repairs were being made on the receiver. "We'll definitely be back (on air) on low power either tonight (Wednesday) or tomorrow," Kwang said.

On low power, KCPR reaches the Cal Poly campus and most of San Luis Obispo. Kwang said the station can't go back to full power until the antenna system can be repaired.

— Mary Anne Talbott

NOTABLES

Talmage Scriven, interim head of the philosophy department, has been named permanently to that position.

The announcement was made by Jon Ericson, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, following a recommendation by philosophy department faculty. Scriven has been a Cal Poly faculty member since 1980. His areas of specialization include theoretical ethics, applied and professional ethics, social philosophy, game theory, logic and philosophy of language.

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Another way in which the university has shown it is serious about the facility is the fact that it has projected timetables and budget requests for the building of the theater.

The 1987-1988 capital outlay program shows plans for a performing arts center with preliminary plans and working drawings to be completed during the 1990-1991 school year. A sum of $400,000 has been requested to fund that part of the project. Construction of the facility is scheduled for the 1991-1992 school year with the level of funding at $10.2 million. Krauss said this is approximately half the estimated cost of the theater.

He added that in the past year there has been an approximately 70 percent increase in projected funding. Although the terms of the capital outlay program still need state approval, Krauss is encouraged.

The performing arts center is listed as number 17 of 19 requests for university improvements, but Krauss thinks it's possible to move the project ahead, especially with city cooperation.

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Administrative titles changed to add clarity

By Mary Eddy

The recent change in working titles and responsibilities in Academic Affairs was prompted by the interim vice president for Academic Affairs in order to clarify the positions in his department.

“When I came to this office, one of the goals I had for Academic Affairs was to get clarity and clear the confusion here,” said Malcolm Wilson. “The span of control is very wide at Poly and too many people were reporting to Administration.”

Wilson said the new titles have helped the members of his office work with greater organization and efficiency. “They’re very dedicated people and we have great teamwork here that can’t be beat,” he said.

One of the changes includes updating the title and duties of Glen Irvin, who was formerly referred to as vice provost. His new title will be associate vice president for Academic Affairs and university dean.

“His title had to be changed because we no longer have a provost,” said Wilson. Irvin will assist Wilson in the operation of Academic Affairs and will act as the vice president in Wilson’s absence. He will also be responsible for both graduate and undergraduate curriculum and academic planning.

Robert Lucas, who was formerly referred to as director of research development, will now be the associate vice president for graduate studies, research and faculty development. “The title of associate vice president for graduate studies and research is common in other CSU schools and university dean. His title had to be changed because we no longer have a provost,” said Wilson. Irvin will assist Wilson in the operation of Academic Affairs and will act as the vice president in Wilson’s absence. He will also be responsible for both graduate and undergraduate curriculum and academic planning.

Lucas’ duties for faculty development include providing opportunities for faculty members to update themselves on information in their field through grants, speakers and faculty fellowships. “Bob (Lucas) is already heavily involved in faculty development, so this is just a formalization of what he was already doing,” said Wilson.

Walter Mark has been named the interim director of institutional studies and will be responsible for providing up-to-date data about registration, academic programs, admissions and curriculum. “Mark put together the most recent catalog and is the source of which are goals of the SETC,” said Wilson.

Counselor advises Foundation:

Slow divestment is best

By Mary Eddy

The investment counselor for the Cal Poly Foundation Board advised the Foundation investment committee at their Aug. 8 meeting to divest because he believes that financially it is a good time to divest.

The investment counselor, David Duncan, a member of the San Francisco investment firm of Wentworth, Hauser and Violich, said that although it is impossible to quantify the economic costs of divestment, the Foundation should be able to “get their best money” if they divest during an 18-month period.

Workers on campus protest for fair pay

By Floyd Jones

In the shadow of California’s recent administration pay increases — Gov. George Deukmejian’s 70 percent increase and the CSU Chancellor’s Office 5 percent increase — the State Employees Trade Council has decided to demonstrate its displeasure.

Maintenance workers at Cal Poly marched for an hour in front of the Administration Building Wednesday afternoon to make the public aware of what they view as the inconsistent pay practices of the system. During the next few weeks workers in all of the 19 CSU campuses will hold similar informational pickets.

Cal Poly SETC Union steward Vin Aceto claims that the California State University system, through the pay control of the CSU Trustees, is trying to break up the SETC. Aceto said the CSU wants tighter control of campus workers “so they can tell us what to do in our work and how to work ... It’s a power trip.”

Aceto said a show of public displeasure of CSU pay practices could force the CSU to negotiate with the systemwide SETC and ease the chances of a strike, both of which are goals of the SETC.

As of now the Chancellor’s Office refuses to negotiate with the SETC because, said Aceto, it is trying to punish the union for the systemwide SETC and ease the chances of a strike, both of which are goals of the SETC.

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No one at the Chancellor’s Office was available for comment on Wednesday.

In addition to its request for a 5 percent across-the-board pay increase, SETC has outlined a 35 percent increase in faculty pay, increased the CSU’s pay control, and is trying to negotiate a new systemwide SETC for the CSU campuses.

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IN A WORD

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First glance

A Cal Poly grad finds success by helping her sister market a new line of shorts. Page 6.

ENVIRONMENTAL — adj., pertaining to the natural environment, especially human impact thereon.

WEATHER

Weekend weather will be warm and sunny, with some low clouds and fog in the mornings. Highs in the 70s, lows in the 50s.
An offer we shouldn’t refuse

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omething is wrong here. Something is very, very wrong. We want peace, right? (Everyone says peace ...) And the Soviets are the bad guys, right? (Darn dumb Commies ...) Well, now that we have the line-up straight, we repeat: something is very wrong.

The U.S.S.R. has repeatedly offered a bilateral (that’s both us and them) moratorium on nuclear testing as in verifiable. Since we don’t trust those Russian bastards, we have arms control agreements. A bilateral moratorium, (that’s both us and them) would serve as a solid foundation for a more widespread agreement. But refusing to agree to any type of ban severely limits the chances for an effective arms control policy in the near future.

Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has extended three invitations to the United States in the past year (as in 365 days) to join his country in a moratorium, and each time that invitation has been refused by President Reagan. The Soviets began their unilateral ban on Aug. 6, 1985 without even a glimmer of hope that the United States would join them, and yet they have persisted in their efforts to reach such an agreement. Just how long the Soviet Union will continue to refrain from testing while the United States improves its nuclear arsenal is very much in doubt.

Gorbachev and his people have made an effort to meet us halfway in establishing a ban on nuclear testing, but the Reagan administration demands that it must test testing in order to reach nuclear parity with the Soviets. It has already been a year that the United States has had a chance to catch up on its nuclear technology, and it’s high time we start to question when we will be able to take part in some type of testing agreement.

The Reagan administration must strike while the iron is hot (and preferably under 4 million degrees Fahrenheit). The Soviets have already given us a year to join them in a moratorium, and we shouldn’t be so naive to think that their offer will always be open. They might get tired of waiting for us and decide that it is in their best interests to begin testing again.

President Reagan must join the Soviets in their ban on nuclear testing and work to develop a way of checking to see if there have been any violations to the moratorium. If the United States and Soviet Union form such an agreement, other nations are sure to follow. And what better interests can the United States and Soviet Union have than to protect their countries from the threat of nuclear war (as in mutual annihilation)?

That’s the score — evil empire: 1, apple pie: 0. If we don’t take our first step toward peace soon all the rhetoric in the world won’t cover the fact that were wrong.

You’ve got problems? So what

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urphy, a philosopher on a level with Zen and Yogi Berra, once said that whatever can go wrong will go wrong. No question that this is true, and it is no truer than during the last few weeks when people are gearing up (or winding down) for finals. Here is some Murphyology for finals:

DIEHL’S LAW:
Midterms aren’t chapter summaries don’t and it’s impossible to read 475 pages of history in an evening.

EDMONDSON’S OBSERVATION:
Coffee is like sex. When it’s good it’s very good. When it’s bad it’s still pretty good.

GOOD’S THEORY OF RELATIVITY:
Political science is more important than sleeping.

English is more important than math.

“Cheers” is more important than physics.

History is more important than Mom.

“Church” is more important than math.

More important than church.

A.J.’S ONLY LAW:
Study sessions at Spike’s and computer programs finished at 8 a.m. the day they’re due don’t work.

Andrew’s first law of mathematics:
The number of errors made on any test can be determined by:

Second corollary: By, it is a perfect paper, the chances of any paper being verifiable, since we don’t trust those bastards, is very much in doubt.

Dean’s fit-in-law:
Typewriters and computer programs and study plans break down before students do.

Shoptaugh’s law on the limits of learning:
No matter how much you study, it’s impossible to know the information in the Biblical sense.

FD’S OBSERVATION ON MULTIPLE CHOICE TESTS:
You might choose the wrong answer, but, unlike essay tests, there is no open forum with which to show one’s ignorance.

Ford’s law:
Mechanical pencils run out of lead long before students run out of D.S.

Are classes easier during the summer?

Maris Sidenstecker, marine biologist and ecology student:
Yes. People are more relaxed — teachers and students both. I like it better.

Paula Engel, electrical engineering senior:
No. The classes may be smaller but the subjects are still the same.

Jennifer Hollister, child and family development freshman:
They seem really easy. Teachers have other options — they want their summer too.

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Professor undergoes heart surgery

Electrical and electronic engineering professor Eugene Fabricius was rushed to the hospital Friday morning after complaining of dizziness and subsequently underwent a quadruple bypass operation.

Fabricius remained in intensive care for three days but has been improving steadily.

Electrical/electronic engineering department head James Harris said Fabricius dismissed his 9 a.m. lecture class Friday due to dizziness. Some students found him sitting on the stairs of the building and they took him to an office and called paramedics.

The paramedics and Harris insisted Fabricius go to the hospital. He reluctantly consented, as he still wanted to teach his noon class.

After undergoing tests at French Hospital, his doctor deemed a quadruple bypass necessary. The operation was performed Friday afternoon.

In a phone conversation from his hospital room, Fabricius said the operation was quite a surprise, as he had no idea how serious his condition was. "I'm glad my students had the sense to call the paramedics, because I was unable to." Fabricius' summer classes will be taught by Harris and another professor. Fabricius said he will be unable to teach next quarter.

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Junior Writing Test
Students choose test over classes
By Lynnette Ward
Staff Writer
With the difficulty of getting into English classes, the Junior Writing Test could be a popular alternative for satisfying the Graduation Writing Requirement.

"The problem with using the other alternatives to fill the requirement is there are too many students for the number of teachers available to teach the classes," said Nancy Lucas, acting coordinator for the Writing Skills Office. In the past more students were using the coursework options to satisfy the coursework requirement. However, the GWR statistics for winter 1986 report that 56 percent of the students who took the test winter quarter passed, while 38 percent did not.

The GWR can be fulfilled by passing the Junior Writing Test or by receiving a grade of C or better and certification of writing proficiency in an approved upper-division writing course or in an approved junior-level literature course.

The GWR is the result of a 1976 mandate by the Trustees of the California State University requiring students to demonstrate their writing proficiency in order to graduate. This mandate was in response to pressures both inside and outside the university to reverse the decline in students' writing skills.

The Writing Skills Office defines the JWT as a 90-minute expository essay designed to test students' ability to organize and develop ideas, to make and support generalizations and to use language at a level appropriate to college graduates. The essay should be 500 words.

The JWT is offered once every quarter except summer. The cost of the test is $12.

Students are eligible to take the JWT for three consecutive quarters once they have completed 90 units. The test may be taken during any of the quarters of eligibility. Once the eligibility time has passed students may use the other two options for satisfying the GWR or request an extension of eligibility. However, the Writing Skills Office warns against waiting until the last minute. "Some people leave Cal Poly without their degree because of this," said Lucas.

JWT essays are reviewed by faculty members throughout campus who have been nominated by the dean of their school to serve on the committee. The number of faculty chosen to be readers varies depending on the number of essays. The readers must attend a training session to learn the method for reading and scoring the essays. The method they use is modeled on a system by Educational Testing Service, a private corporation which has done research and compiled statistics on the validity of the system.

Normally the essays are read by two readers unless a discrepancy occurs. The first reader reads the essay and marks the score with invisible ink. Then the second reader also scores it with invisible ink. The essay is then put under a light which shows the scores.

Scores range from six to one, six being the highest. The two scores are added together for the final score. Four and above are passing scores; three and below are failing scores. When a score of three and a score of four are given a third reader will then score the essay to determine the final score.

If the scores are two or more points apart then the essays are given to a third reader, even if the scores are both in the passing range. "It means someone is being too hard or too easy," said Lucas, adding, "A one-point spread is usually allowed but never a two-point spread."

Readers disqualify themselves when essays involve personal emotions or beliefs or specific information in their field. "Readers bend over backwards to be really fair; they know what it means to the students," she said. "The discrepancy rate is really low," she said, explaining that the readers usually agree.

"So if a student fails the test we urge them to take advantage of the free counseling," she added. "It's one-to-one work with a professional on their writing skills," she added. The Writing Skills Office also holds workshops before the test to give students pointers and an idea of what to expect. Fifty-nine percent of the students who failed the test the first time passed it the second time.

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Centrepointe nearly ready to house seniors

By Cindi Floyd
Staff Writer

The Centrepointe student housing complex on North Broad Street has converted its apartments into an active senior citizen housing facility.

On Aug. 15 the management of the complex gave tours to prospective residents of model apartments and other facilities such as a pool and library.

According to an employee at the complex, all units were expected to be rented within a year, but applications have been coming in at a faster rate. It is now expected that all Centrepointe apartments will be filled within the next three months.

Tour guide Cathie Montanez said, "Everyone who has signed up is excited about our food service, the two different apartments available and the well-planned activity program proposed."

The apartments range in price according to size and whether or not they are shared. Centrepointe has two plans people can choose from with prices ranging from $750 to $1,000 a month. Residents get one complete meal per day included in their monthly payment and other meal options are available.

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Students often dream of going into business for themselves, but few are able to realize their aspirations. One recent Cal Poly graduate has taken over the business side of a thriving new enterprise. Jackie Starr, a 1984 business graduate, has joined forces with her clothing-designer sister to promote a line of colorful shorts that are already selling like crazy.

Starr's sister, Janelle Cowardin, a college student in San Diego, created a pair of shorts for her brother, a volleyball player. Just for fun she put a logo on the shorts that said "NELLIES." Friends and other volleyball players liked the shorts so much they asked her to make them some, too. The requests for shorts kept piling up so Starr convinced her sister to make a go at mass production.

"My sister doesn't have a business background and she didn't know what to do to get started. So I said I would run the business end and she could just design."

Since the sisters began their serious attempt at the business four months ago, Cowardin has had to keep sewing at least 10 hours a day, selling about 100 to 600 pairs of shorts a month. Starr works on the business 20 to 25 hours a week, after she gets home from her full-time job. She currently works for a local firm, where she has polished the purchasing, accounting and marketing techniques she learned in college.

"Because of my background in school and my job experience, it really hasn't been hard to publicize the business. Of course, the kind of product we have almost sells itself. My sister goes to the beach and sets along a few pairs of her shorts. People always come up to her and ask to buy some. She doesn't even have to try to sell them. People know who she is and they come to her."

An article about NELLIES recently appeared in Volleyball Monthly and resulted in orders for about 20 pairs of shorts a week. The sisters have also been asked to sell their product at the next La Jolla Invitational Volleyball Tournament. While Starr says NELLIES has already gotten a good reputation at the beach, the sisters want to expand with national advertising.

Starr said they plan to stick to direct mail orders only as a way of keeping down costs to the customers. They hope to keep up with orders by sub-contracting the work. Plans for a promotional T-shirt and duffle bag are already in the works. And eventually, Starr hopes to promote an entire line of NELLIES wear.

"I've always wanted my own business," said Starr, "and even though it's a lot of work, it's exciting to have it actually happen."

Starr advises others interested in starting their own business to realize it's a lot of work that requires research and time. Starr said to "stay lean and mean, and realize that not only money, but also time is your own investment."
Study shows student prejudices

By Linda Voigt

The Mexican-American ethnic group is the minority most pre-judged against in Cal Poly, according to a survey conducted on Cal Poly students.

Daniel Levi, a psychology lecturer who has conducted research in the area of student prejudice for the past three years, said the high degree of prejudice against Mexican-Americans, "is a biological truism that women are biologically inferior to men. These arguments serve to justify their prejudices." A trend at Cal Poly, according to Levi's research, indicates an increase in prejudice against Asians and homosexuals. Levi attributes these increases to social and economic competition due to AIDS, as well as media coverage of AIDS.

In the early '80s it was not appropriate to be pro-gay, and now all the AIDS media is allowing people to be more open about anti-gay attitudes. No one said they were prejudiced against gays because of a past experience, as with ethnic groups, anti-gay attitudes. No one said they actually had no way to prove they were prejudiced against women, "I have trouble with that reasoning," Levi said.

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In response to the question of how students treat the people they are prejudiced against most, "I try to ignore them whenever possible," while 10 percent said they actually discriminate against them and 15 percent said their behavior is not affected by their prejudices.

Levi said, "There is a kind of oddity in the fact that only 10 percent ever did anything about their prejudice when the essence of social behavior is based on reciprocity.

"If you're one of those 15 percent whose behavior is not affected by your prejudicial feelings, go find one of those minorities and ask them whether they can tell if they are prejudiced against," he said.

A separate group Levi has researched includes women. He found that women, isolated from other groups, don't see that men deny being prejudiced against women.

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"If they (the Foundation) divest right away they could be lucky or unlucky depending on the current market values," said Duncan. "For example, right now the market is off 6 percent what it was a couple of months ago. If they have 18 months to divest they can get the best money for their investments."

Duncan said the period of 18 months was chosen because it is a "good period of time to be able to tie sales to gains." He added, "Eighteen months will allow the Foundation time to gain good prospects for their investment."

Duncan said that although his firm has not recently encountered many organizations interested in divesting from businesses operating in South Africa, universities such as Cal Poly are reassessing previous decisions made about the issue.

"There is a greater sensitivity in the university system for divestment especially since the U.C. Regents' decision," said Duncan, referring to the recent University of California Board of Regents' decision to completely divest their holdings in South Africa.

After the Aug. 8 meeting with Duncan, the chairman of the Foundation investment committee, Howard West, announced that the Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will review a proposal of divestment of stocks during an 18-month period starting from the date of the board action initiating divestment.

In opposition to West's proposal that the Foundation divest during 18 months, members of the Cal Poly Committee Against Apartheid are asking for immediate action against apartheid as opposed to a long-term divestment plan.

The 18-month period is supposed to allow time to reinvest wisely.