Bird becomes focus of campaign

By Elmer Ramos

She was the first woman in the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office, the first woman in a California governor's cabinet, and the first and only woman to be appointed to the California Supreme Court.

Now, it appears Chief Justice Rose Elizabeth Bird may become the first and only woman to be appointed to the California Supreme Court.

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Police concerned about bike safety

By Ron Nielsen

Beginning Nov. 5 the Cal Poly Public Safety Department will crack down on bicycle violations on campus through a program of selective enforcement.

Sgt. Robert Schumacher said Monday that a dramatic rise in bicycle accidents at several intersections has prompted the increased effort. There have been as many accidents involving bicycles since September as there have been in the last two quarters combined.

"People have to remember that bicycles have to follow the rules of the road," he said.

The officers will be concentrating on riders running stop signs, speeding and traveling on the wrong side of the road. Flagrant violations of the law will be targeted, he said, and not students who exercise due caution in slowing nearly to a stop and looking carefully before proceeding through the intersection. Pedestrians, mopeds and cars violating the law will also be cited.

The program of selective enforcement will put four officers at chosen intersections during the peak traffic periods of 10 to 11 a.m. and again from 1 to 2 p.m. The intersection of Via Carta and South Perimeter will be the first target. University Drive and North Perimeter as well as the intersection of Grand Avenue and South Perimeter will also receive special attention.

One officer will stand near the intersection and alert other units by radio when violations occur. Police cars parked along each direction of Via Carta and further along South Perimeter will then flag down violators and issue citations.

"We will put as many people as we can in one location," Schumacher said. Public Safety will return to their normal all-day enforcement pattern if the number of violations has decreased within two weeks.

"We will make a great big show out there and hope that it will have an effect," Schumacher said. "If they see a unit they'll stop. It's a question of getting them to stop without a unit out there."

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IN QUOTES

It is inexcusable for scientists to torture animals; let them make their experiments on journalists and politicians.

— Henrik Ibsen
Yes on Prop. 65

Proposition 65 would increase restrictions on toxic discharges into drinking water and require warning the public prior to exposure to toxic substances.

Continuing cases of human exposure to cancer-causing toxins are evidence that existing controls are not enough. The pro argument by supporters of the initiative, including the chair of the State Senate Public Safety Management Committee, indicates that people in Patterson, Riverside, McFarland, Sacramento and San Jose have already been exposed to chemicals that may make them sterile or give them cancer.

Opponents, including Henry Voss, president of the California Farm Bureau, claim the initiative is targeted at state farmers. The fact is, Proposition 65 applies to all businesses with more than 10 employees. Small family farms would, thus, be exempt.

Indeed, the initiative is directed toward businesses. Publicly-operated water systems could be exempted, along with federally-regulated businesses and operations where federal controls supercede state controls.

Many of the state’s farmers could be drastically affected, and some of those same farmers contend the initiative would be an extreme solution.

But when pollution of state water is an ongoing problem, it seems ridiculous to call measures to stop it extreme.

Proposition 65 only applies to farmers at first, but after the industry adjusts to the new requirements, there will be long-term benefits. Safe water is, after all, of primary importance to a go-getting agriculture industry.

The Mustang Daily Editorial Board recommends a yes vote on Proposition 65.

Yes on Prop. 63

California is the American melting pot of the West. With a diverse population of over 25 million people, composed of ethnic groups from throughout the world, a common thread is needed to tie our state together.

By passing Proposition 63, and thus making English the official language of California, any new legislation would be focused on preserving, protecting and strengthening the use of the English language.

Declaring English as the state’s official language would encourage assimilation of immigrants into the American culture. English is the language of business, government and opportunity in California. To successfully function in California one needs to speak English.

Passage of the amendment will not eliminate bilingual police, fire or emergency services, as opponents threaten.

The varied backgrounds and views of California immigrants should be respected for the diversity and strength it has given the state. Yet, the common bond of a single, recognized language would bind the different heritages into a single culture.

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Fraternity pledge does community work

Editor — Regarding the letter titled “Student doubts frias are asset to the community” (Oct. 20) written by Mark Delarivaecho: gas Mark, what a way to start my day. I come to school, pick up a paper, and read about you and your friends. The frias don’t do anything for the community. Well on Oct. 17 at 4:00 p.m., 12 other pledges and I painted the “P.” I’m sure you were also doing community services at the time.

ROBERT MANN

letters to the editor

Alcohol just the stuff to raise school spirits

Editor — Many are concerned about the low attendance at Cal Poly football games, but a workable solution to this problem exists: SERVE BEER.

Nothing unites college students and alumni better than alcohol. If President Baker would allow alcohol to flow at tailgates parties and games, attendance would soar, the Cal Poly community would be united in a common purpose and general happiness would abound. Furthermore, the profits from sales of beer could be used for academic scholarships to build a winning team.

To discourage drunk driving, beer sales could be hatted in the second half of games, and police could make random roadside checks after games. Any problems with rowdiness would be overshadowed by the renewed school spirit alcohol would bring. Free tickets haven’t increased attendance, but selling beer will.

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DOWN TO EARTH

Jeff Kelly

Valley doubled in population in less than five years. The fields where I loved to play, the trees I loved to climb, literally appeared in a single day. And all of the growth, we were told, was controlled, “planned,” — as our San Luis Obispo officials are telling us now.

The “plan” is now complete for communities like Fountain Valley and the empire of Mission Viejo. It is a numbering grid of fast-food restaurants, shopping centers, wide streets flanked by perfect little lawns and city parks consisting of spindly trees leaning to metal stakes. It is a freedom of walled-in, box-like housing tracts with wishfully rustic names like “Greenbrook,” “Quail Ridge” and “Noh Ranch.” It is a land where type-A middle class adults struggle to hold their marriages together under the weight of three kids and six-digit mortgages... and so many have failed. It is an environment that produces people like myself, and makes them flee to places like San Luis Obispo.

I have heard all the arguments, the insults and the threats from developers and construction workers, but nothing can erase the reality of Fountain Valley and what this county is now facing. At some point, the people of this county — the people of this state — must stand up for our right to retain our open space and the sanity it preserves. California is not growing. California is being buried alive. Not everyone is the same around here when Los Osos, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo and Arroyo Grande are one continuous grid of tract homes. Give it a decade or so. Already the streets are being widened.

But it won’t be that bad, really. There will be plenty of fast food employment. It’ll just be... well, like every place else.

A huge increase in the population of this county is inevitable. We are registered to vote locally to consider those candidates who at least favor controlled growth. Beware of the words “local control,” they usually mean development, since developers tend to control things locally.

I am one of the most Cal Poly students, I don’t necessarily plan to settle here after graduation. But I do care about this county. This place does that to you.

The best thing about Cal Poly is San Luis Obispo. It is a peaceful, open place, hills to climb and long roads to bike past rolling pasture and grazing cattle. It’s disappearing right before our eyes.

It simply won’t be the same...
New law to ease some farm debts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan signed a major change in the nation's bankruptcy law Monday that backers said will give new hope to thousands of farmers being forced into foreclosure by impatient lenders.

The action was welcome news for Republican candidates in hard-pressed farm states a week before the election.

The revision, part of a law that creates 52 new bankruptcy judgeships, establishes a new chapter of bankruptcy law allowing farmers holding up to $1.5 million in debt to declare bankruptcy and seek protection from creditors under a streamlined procedures similar to those already used by small businesses.

The measure is restricted for use only by family farmers, defined as those who receive at least half their income from farming and for whom 80 percent of their debt is due to agriculture.

Supporters of the legislation, led by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, argued that current bankruptcy law is not designed to meet the special needs of farmers.

BIRD

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BIRD
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move to politicize the court and undermine its independence.
"The effort to remove Bird is an effort to clean out the (former Gov. Jerry) Brown influence," said Bickhart. "If it's successful, there is the danger that people will think, 'We've proven we can beat the judges, let's go after another.'"
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Loss of a landmark

A "legendary building" which has been home to generations of Cal Poly students will be demolished due to the widening of Higuera Street, according to building residents who say they've been told to be out of the premises by the beginning of next year.

The building's trademark is the south wall, which is painted with a multi-colored mural depicting an ark, human figures and the word "anarchy." The artwork could well symbolize the experience and attitude of residents who've lived at the home they call "The Ark."

John Hawley, supervisor of civil engineering for the city, said that road work is being planned to alleviate increased traffic problems due to the construction at Madonna Plaza, and to improve what has been considered a "bad street" for some time. The road renovation, which will widen Higuera Street by approximately 20 feet, will affect right-of-way structures on the street. Additionally, he said that decisions to tear down buildings are partially up to the owners, and that the "Ark" proposal is basically complete. The building is scheduled to be torn down by January 1987.

Architecture student Gregg Petroff said that knowing The Ark will be torn down has already diminished the togetherness and unity of the residents. "When I first got here, it was more organized, much more a community. This place was a symbol to all of us. There was strong leadership, there was common purpose and goals. We used to keep the place up much better, but now that we know it's getting torn down all that has kind of faded; it's slipping. Now it's more like a bunch of people who live here instead of a group," Petroff said.

Petroff was one of few people willing or able to seriously discuss his feelings about and memories of The Ark. Other residents seemed hesitant to reveal their full names, or offered information about the building's history and its residents which seemed contradictory or even ludicrous.

Some of the history Petroff described was surprising, but was corroborated by other residents, and literally evidenced by the writing on the walls — writing which revealed the often countercultural lifestyle of Ark residents.

Details of The Ark's past are sketchy, mainly because a scrapbook containing its history for the past two decades was taken by a former resident, but also because current residents are largely ignorant of the traditions and events which have made their soon-to-be-demolished home a landmark.

Still, residents say life at The Ark hasn't changed that much over the years. Potential arkmates are still chosen by in-house community decision, although past restrictions requiring that new residents be given free reign to paint, alter, or destroy the building's structure, contemporary arkmates paint pictures on the walls, construct elaborate lofts in the ceilings and build rooftop escape hatches. Their bathrooms are decorated with graffiti and wall sculptures wittier and more daring than any to be found in the University Union bathrooms, and their...
common areas are splashed with political slogans and symbols. One wall is covered with paintings of the head of Russia's Lenin.

Arkmates also carry on the tradition of community living in a family atmosphere. Every night, a different pair of residents cook dinner for everyone else. A dinner bell is rung, and they gather together in raucously congenial fashion. The meals are “much better than dorm or restaurant food,” according to residents. Recent offerings included salmon, quiche, pastas, steak, various kinds of vegetable stews, and desserts. Over dinner, residents discuss their daily experiences, classes, personal concerns, love affairs and political sentiments. The expense of meals and housing is shared equally by residents, who also share responsibility for maintenance and clean-up duties. Arkmates say that this unique combination of personalities and lifestyles has worked remarkably well — they’re not happy to see it ending.

“This place has gone through several phases, as far as I know,” Petroff explained. “Back in the 70s there was a radical phase, some kind of revolutionary reg-

gae people. I think that’s when the ark was painted on the side of the building. Then there was the psychedelic era, when people were getting into lots of heavy drugs. After that there was a gay phase, which was great because those guys really decorated this place. They were artisans. Then there was the decadent phase, when people were swapping roommates every other night. Lots of wild things happened to them, probably fun things too. Lately, there’s been an anarchy phase and now there’s a couples phase. Lots of the people living here are living as boyfriend/girlfriend.”

Much of this diversity has been possible due to the apparent beneficence of The Ark’s owner, who residents say is a reclusive and generous landlord. “She hasn’t been here for 10 years. She could’ve raised the rent a million times. She doesn’t charge utilities and keeps the rent the same no matter how many people live here. She’s really cool,” Petroff said.

A pair of visiting students from Copenhagen, Denmark said that The Ark is one of the surprisingly European things they’ve encountered in America. “Before we came here, we had the view of America from television. We thought they were all more conservative than us. But in Europe, these places are popular. A lot of students in Denmark live like this in student residential homes. We have a liberal view of marriage and who can live together. Like we have here, there’s a kind of social unity,” said Anders Jespersen, whose girlfriend is enrolled in Cal Poly’s architecture program.

As the final days of The Ark draw near, residents predictably are complaining about having to leave cherished living arrangements behind. Few are optimistic about finding places that are as economical and experimental as The Ark. Several are planning to live with friends they met at The Ark, but few say they believe that The Ark’s “ambiance and atmosphere” can be recreated.

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Rugby team to play at UC Santa Barbara

By Dan Ruthemeyer

Sports Editor

The Cal Poly Rugby Club will travel to Santa Barbara this weekend to play in its first tournament of the year. The Mustangs, who practice and play in tournaments the entire year, will concentrate this weekend on giving experience to the younger players instead of focusing on their tournament championship.

The Santa Barbara tournament will be a tri-country competition, including teams from San Luis Obispo, Kern and Santa Barbara counties. There will be both university and club teams competing with university teams including UC Santa Barbara and Fresno State.

The Mustangs, who lost two highly-regarded players from last year's team, will look to Andy Lawrence and Art Tracewell to provide the team with some solid play.

While Cal Poly will play its first tournament of the quarter this week, it will not begin its league season until early January. Until then, the Mustangs will play in tournaments and look to solidify their starting lineup.

Young said the Mustangs will probably come up with a starting lineup in late November when they compete in the Turkey Bowl Tournament in San Diego. Cal Poly, which won the Turkey Bowl two years ago, will look for the tournament to be the official start of its competitive season.

Cal Poly will play its first match Saturday at 10:15 a.m. against the Santa Barbara Grizzlies.

Halloween run to be Thursday

Cal Poly Rec Sports will hold the third annual Cal Poly Halloween Fun Run on Thursday from 4:30 p.m. in front of the Health Center. All runners are encouraged to wear costumes.

The five-kilometer course will take runners to the Swine Hill trail and back. Awards will be given to the top five finishers in the women’s, men’s and club categories.

A “costumed” division will also be included in the race. A qualified costumed must have at least four members who are connected in some way and have a theme. Prizes will be awarded to the fastest costumed team.

Registration is $6 for Cal Poly students, faculty and staff, and $7 for all others. This fee includes a custom-designed T-shirt (fears are $2 less without a T-shirt). Registration will be $1 more the day of the race.
It's a shame that we have to leave here. This is one of the nicest places to live. We have skylights in every room, and a good view of the city. The main point is the freedom. You can run up and down the halls nude if you want, and there's no bad rules — it's just like being a kid," said Andy Petroff, brother of Gregg.

"This house has always thrived on anarchy and creativity. That's why you see so much art on the walls and in the rooms. Like every year we had the dominant male competition, which females can enter though they have never won. The competitors have to see who can do the most ridiculous thing in front of the group, like eating cat food. Another year we had a chain saw band, named Virus B23. They had chain saws as their instruments — sounded great," Gregg Petroff said.

The discussions provoke reminiscences and sadness, until someone offers hope for a reprieve from the wrecking ball: "It's been 20 years that they've said we'd have to move out. Seems like every year they say it's going to be torn down. That's why they let us make our environment whatever we want it to be. So who knows, maybe they won't tear it down. Maybe we have another 20 years of anarchy."