Faculty approve four-year contract with CSU

By Paul J. Roberts

The California Faculty Association and the California State University Board of Trustees voted Friday to ratify a four-year contract.

The contract settlement comes after 18 months of bargaining and court battles between CFA and the CSU. The new contract, which will become effective July 1, provides substantial gains for the CSU faculty in salary and benefits.

Fifty percent of the Cal Poly faculty turned out to vote on the contract. Ninety-eight percent voted to accept the contract, higher than at any other CSU campus.

The heart of the new contract is an across-the-board 6.9 percent salary increase. This increase will make the CSU faculty salaries equal to salaries at comparable universities. However, although the new contract starts July 1, Gov. George Deukmejian won't make the funding available for the raise until Jan. 1, 1988, which will actually amount to only a 3.4 percent increase in the contract's first year.

Instructor Adela Harmon-Elliot, Cal Poly CFA president, said those who did not vote to ratify the contract were probably not in favor of eliminating the "hard-to-hire" pay scale category. This category allowed for professors in certain departments to receive a higher salary based on their professional qualifications, but didn't compensate existing faculty of similar and different backgrounds who may have had more teaching experience.

"Some people felt that the market pay scale should have been kept. But we have a lot of people from those (hard-to-hire) areas who voted in favor of the contract," Harmon-Elliot said. "And we have a good contract; we didn't have to give anything." Other highlights of the agreement include a $50,000 life insurance policy that includes vision care; a pay scale for newly-hired faculty that allows for salary overlap between assistant professors and associate professors, and between associate professors and full professors; improvements in the CSU affirmative action and discrimination grievance procedure; and early notification for faculty facing potential layoff.

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Scriven responded to the committee's concerns at the Tuesday meeting.

"The largest philosophy majors are at Cal State Northridge and Cal State San Diego, where they have 48 students in the major," he said. "We can run the program with 40."

Scriven said it was ironic that the curriculum committee believed the major program wasn't structured enough, because the philosophy department faculty considered it was too rigorous.

"The 13 professional philosophers in our department are satisfied with our program, as are the School of Liberal Arts curriculum committee and the heads of all the departments within the School of Liberal Arts," he said.

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Pope's Mass a real hot ticket

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Roman Catholics in San Francisco have a 1-in-3 chance of getting tickets to Pope John Paul II's September Mass at Candlestick Park.

"The basic format will be to distribute tickets to each of the archdiocese's 106 parishes, with one ticket for every three practicing, registered, church-going members," said spokesman Rev. Miles Riley.

"The tickets will be free. "There will be no fleecing of the flock. You can't buy your way into heaven, and you can't buy your way into the Pope's Mass.""

Traffic problems to get worse

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Californians waste 75 million hours and $2 million in traffic snarls each year, and those figures will more than double in the next 20 years, a state lobby reported Wednesday.

According to a study for Californians for Better Transportation (CBT), the time motorists spend in traffic on state highways will grow 174 percent between 1985 and 1995, and another 65 percent by 2005.

California drivers lose 300,000 hours per day due to freeway congestion, "the equivalent of 8,561 persons spending a complete year in gridlock" every year.

CBT estimated $50 billion must be spent to remedy the situation. The group is urging that California raise the gas tax in a referendum that is to be held next March.

Still no home for Singleton

CONCORD (AP) — Convicted rapist-murderer Larry Singleton was in Concord temporarily on Wednesday while state officials look for a community that will accept him, but Concord Mayor Ron Mullin made it clear "Mr. Singleton is not welcome in this city."

The 59-year-old parolee was convicted in 1979 of raping and killing a 15-year-old and hacking her arms off with an ax.

State corrections officials have vowed to locate Singleton in Contra Costa County. But opposition from residents has been ardent.

Falwell denies 'stealing' PTL

FORT MILL, S.C. (AP) — The Rev. Jerry Falwell on Wednesday denied he hoodwinked fallen evangelist Jim Bakker into giving up the PTL ministry and in a biting attack said Bakker either has a terrible memory or is dishonest or emotionally ill.

"When you consider the condition this ministry is in, you would take over management of Logan Manufacturing Co. in Utah, a snow-equipment maker and be paid $2 million for it. The company is now solvent and farm would be held as collateral until creditors are paid."

Reagan vows to protect gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan today vowed that he will not permit a "barbaric country" like Iran to close down oil-shipping routes in the Persian Gulf and cause "economic havoc" around the world.

Stressing the importance of the gulf as an international waterway, Reagan said, "Can you imagine the precedent that would be set if we all stepped back and said, 'Well, this barbaric country has a right to close down these international waters and bring down the economic havoc that it would on so many countries?'"

Reagan warned that American warships escorting Kuwaiti oil tankers under U.S. flag in the gulf will retaliate and "fire back in self defense" if fired upon.

He refused, however, to say how far the United States would go in punishing Iran if it attacked a U.S. vessel. "I don't think that's a question I should even attempt to answer," Reagan said.

While stressing that U.S. actions in the gulf will be defensive, Reagan said, "It's far better if the Iranians go to bed every night wondering what we might do than us telling them in advance."

Alliance formed against Chun

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Political, religious and human rights leaders formed an alliance Wednesday to rally "the great power of the masses" against President Chun Doo-hwan's government.

"If we rise up and join hands, it would not be too difficult to oust the military dictatorship and set up a democratic government," said leaders of the National Movement for a Democratic Constitution in a statement.

Chun's term ends next February, and he has promised to step down but declared last month that the next president will be chosen by the electoral college system now in use and that there will be no constitutional reform until after the 1988 Seoul Summer Olympics.
Old-timers say bridge bash had wrong date

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The nearly 1.2 million people who celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge on Sunday had the wrong day, according to a small but sincere group of senior citizens that held its own bridge walk on Wednesday.

The actual opening of the stunning 1.7-mile red-hued span was on May 27, 1937, a fact that had not gone unnoticed by those who planned the big birthday bash on Sunday. Officials scheduled the celebration for a weekend so more people could come.

But the Committee of Original Walkers wanted to celebrate the real thing, and they did so with the help of a three-man marching band and a collection of flags and banners. The group included many people who walked across the bridge on opening day 50 years ago.

"Fifty years ago, I did the bridge both ways on some old Sears skates. I didn't fall once," said 64-year-old Frank Lindgren, who was again on wheels on Wednesday. "This time I'm doing it on circa '37 Roller Derby skates.''

Asked if he'd taken part in Sunday's celebration, he replied, "Nah, I didn't come out Sunday for that gawdawful crowd... Too many people.''

Indeed, only 250,000 of the hundreds of thousands of people who showed up on Sunday could even squeeze onto the bridge. The others had to settle for the daylong schedule of events that included concerts, a carnival, air shows, a boat parade, a food fair and fireworks.

By contrast, only about 50 people showed up for Wednesday's stroll.

As the small group set off under blue skies for its 3.4-mile round trip, the tuba, trumpet and banjo played a jazzy version of "Has Anybody Seen My Gal?"
Cal Poly's resident police force is an obvious but hard-working target for criminal criticism

By Diane Zundel, staff writer

Bearing responsibility for the safety of more than 16,000 students is no easy task. This is particularly true when you are severely outnumbered.

Thirteen police officers, with the help of 22 dispatchers, parking control officers and student assistants, carry the burden of protecting Cal Poly.

The primary goals of the police are to "anticipate crime and crime hazards, prevent crime and, when necessary, arrest and prosecute the perpetrators of crime." Campus police also strive to enforce university regulations such as those regarding parking and bicycles.

Although some may believe otherwise, the university police and its responsibilities are the same as any municipal or county police department. "A policeman is a policeman wherever you go," said Richard Brug, director of Public Safety. "The duties are all the same. Crime is the number one priority here as it is elsewhere."

While law enforcement is similar among all branches of police, Cal Poly is unique because it is a university. University police do not deal with the transient population of a city. Instead, their "clientele" is primarily professional, educated students. They must be treated differently, Brug said. "The mission of a university is to educate people. We have to always remember this and contribute to it."

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Students aren't totally safe from violent crimes. They think we are in a secure environment because we're isolated. But this just isn't so," he said.

Major crimes include burglaries, thefts and rapes. The worst crime on campus, said Whitmer, was the murder of the library director in 1979. Within this past year, one rape was reported, although Brug estimated at least five or six more went unreported. Also, one attempted robbery and a theft of more than $40,000 worth of computer equipment occurred.

Compared to the other 18 California State Universities, dangerous crimes at Cal Poly are neither as serious nor as prevalent. Brug said Cal Poly probably rates seventh among the 19 universities in violent crimes. "Compared to other universities, Cal Poly is a safe place," he said. But petty thefts are so common that Cal Poly rates fifth in this category. Brug attributed the high rate to the fact that Cal Poly has more dormitory residents than any other CSU campus, resulting in an increase in people on campus and an increase in the chances for crime.

Brug regards the university police's rate of crime clearance as "pretty good." Clearance refers to crimes that are actually solved, either by arrest of the guilty party or by inverting an arrested person to another crime.

Brug said most major crimes have been cleared. The rape case was solved and the $40,000 computer theft resulted in the arrest of two people.
The police department includes a full range of personalities. Some are extremely high achievers and others "just do their time until they retire," said Whitmer. "Some of us may not look good in a uniform, but (we're) sharp and intelligent." He said wearing dark sunglasses or not smiling projects a negative image.

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Travel agents run rampant with summer plans

By John Grennan

It's that time of year again. No, not time to wrap up term papers and study for finals, but time to think about summer vacation plans.

Travel agents are experiencing their busy time of year as they spend entire days meeting clients, making reservations and hammering out last-minute details to ensure smooth, relaxing vacations.

Linda Cole, of Gulliver's Travel Centre on campus, said the hot ticket this summer is Europe, but her personal choice would be Jamaica.

"I'm really enthused about Jamaica," said Cole, who's been there three times. "I would choose it over Hawaii or Mexico."

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Standard high for CSU applicants

By Christine C. Temple
Staff Writer

First-time freshman applicants and transfer students hoping to attend Cal Poly will soon be faced with more demanding admissions requirements adopted by the California State University system. The new requirements will go into effect fall 1988.

In past years, anyone who applied with a 3.1 grade point average or higher was eligible for admittance to Cal Poly. To fulfill the new requirements, students will have to complete additional units in mathematics, English, science, social science and arts and humanities.

Currently, most community college transfer students need to complete 56 semester units, the equivalent of four years of college preparatory English and two years of mathematics to transfer to a CSU campus.

With the new requirements, 30 of transfer students' 56 units must include CSU general education requirements in mathematics, English, science, social science and arts and humanities. Dave Snyder, Cal Poly admissions officer, said these standards have been used for the past five years in the selection process once the existing admissions requirements had been met.

"Cal Poly is the only CSU campus with such high enrollment; they had to apply a cutting system to narrow down the number of applicants," he said. The new requirements should help reduce the number of applicants who don't meet Cal Poly's academic standards.

Fall 1987 figures show that out of 8,439 freshman applicants, 1,727 spaces were granted. Of the 186 lower-division transfer applicants, 53 were admitted and 2,067 upper-division transfer applications were received and 861 spaces granted.

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Library adjusts to lack of space

By Jenny Lampaun

As the supply of books has increased and the demand for space hasn’t been accommodated, some changes are on the agenda for the Robert E. Kennedy Library.

The library administration is now determining the fate of approximately 30,000 old, out-of-date books being stored in the Dexter Building.

“We’ve invited faculty (according to the subject) to come look at the books,” said Angelina Martinez, assistant director of collections development at the library.

The faculty can choose to let the books remain in storage, have them transferred to the main collection in the library or have them sent away for other uses. “We’ve had requests from libraries in other countries building collections,” Martinez said.

“In the past we’ve sent books to the Philippines, Mexico and the Bahamas,” said David Walsh, dean of library services. But a majority of the discarded books become a part of the library association’s annual book sale in April.

Literature and sciences, which is the largest section of books, have already been reviewed by department faculty. “They mostly wanted to keep them in stock,” Martinez said.

“We hope to have the Ps and Qs (literature and sciences) finished by the end of June; the entire process will be very gradual,” Martinez said.

The library administration is also checking books against certain bibliographies. “If they’re listed as sources we’re keeping them,” Martinez said.

After the process is over, some of the old, outdated books in the library will be transferred to the old storage space to make way for the 13,000 to 15,000 new books coming in every year.

Space snow may be zapping ozone

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Damage to Earth’s ozone shield above Antarctica may be caused by comet-like snowballs from space, not man-made chemicals, say two NASA scientists who contend their theory is being ridiculed because it is new.

“People always disagree with the conclusion,” said chemist Igor Eberstein, who devised the hypothesis with physicist Maurice Dubin. “Like many new theories, it generates hostility from people who have established views.”

Eberstein, who works with Dubin at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., presented the theory during last week’s American Geophysical Union meeting in Baltimore.

Dubin said by telephone Tuesday that he and Eberstein believe thousands of snowballs, ranging from molecules to roughly 30 feet in diameter, plunge into Earth’s atmosphere each day, disintegrating to form clouds of icy particles that destroy ozone.

Critics of the theory agree high-altitude clouds help cause the hole that appears for a couple of months each year in the ozone layer over Antarctica, but they believe the clouds are formed by water from Earth’s lower atmosphere, not by ice from outer space.

Dubin and Eberstein believe the ozone-destroying chemical reaction on those clouds involves a substance called hydroxyl, which forms when sunlight hits the icy particles.

But mounting circumstantial evidence shows man-made chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, react on the clouds to destroy ozone, according to UC Irvine chemist Scott Elliot.

Happenings
Fencing squad duels its way to championship tourneys

By Jenny Lampman
staff writer

Fencing, the historic art of offense and defense with the sword, has its own team right here on campus.

Within the past few years the 10-member team has become more competitive in its two fencing leagues. It has qualified for the Pacific Coast Championships and the Division I and II State Championships.

"This year we've really started going," said James LaBlanc, the team president.

The fencing team has competed in tournaments in Bakersfield and Fresno. Three of the members qualified to compete in the Pacific Coast Championships. "We did quite well for ourselves," LaBlanc said.

The team competes in both individual and group bouts. A group consists of three men and one alternate. Members compete in three categories of fencing, which are distinguished by the three types of swords used — the foil, the sabre and the epee.

The foil is a blunted sword; points are scored if the tip of the blade hits any part of the torso. The sabre is a light blade that also has a blunted edge. A point is scored when a hit is made above the waist. A point is scored with the epee when any part of the body is touched.

"It’s basically dueling, who hits who first," said Vincent Sartor, vice president of the team.

The individual bout lasts about five minutes and is stopped when a point is scored. The winner is the competitor who gets five hits first or who has the most hits after five minutes.

The team was once considered a club until a new regulation requiring that club members carry health insurance was passed. The team meets during the beginning and advanced fencing PE classes. "A majority of our members started to learn fencing in the beginning classes and then joined the team," LaBlanc said.

Although most of the team members have their own equipment, the school provides a foil, a protective vest made of copper and wire, and a mask. "It's not a cheap sport," Sartor said.

The sabre and epee sword each range between $40 and $50 and the vest runs about $80. LaBlanc spent about $400 for his own equipment and spent another $170 getting prepared for his last tournament.

Fencing may seem like a dangerous sport, but according to LaBlanc there are very few injuries. "It's mainly bruises, which usually means someone did something wrong," LaBlanc said. "If a blade breaks the players can usually hear it or feel it and they freeze on the strip."

Fencing is mainly a springtime sport but it does continue year-round.

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Acne ad creates instant stardom

By Alicia M. Kaplan

A Cal Poly student bounced his body in front of the camera crew for a few minutes and the next thing he knew he was a star. If you call dancing in an acne commercial stardom.

When Dominic Bohnett auditioned for a part in an Acne-Star lotion commercial he certainly didn't expect to win the part. "I did it just for the hell of it — it was something fun to do."

Bohnnett learned of the competition from a theater class, so he auditioned during the second day of try-outs. "I totally ad-libbed the whole thing when I got up there. I just danced and did a few leaps in the air."

Once he got the part, "The folks were stoked. They thought it was in character of me."

Bohnnett said he missed a lot of stretching. "But all the jokes aside, Bohnett said he learned a lot. "It was paid about $75 for the entire commercial. "I imagine our checks as quick as possible."

"I totally ad-libbed the whole thing when I got up there. I just danced and did a few leaps in the air."

"They had to choreograph their own routine," but Bohnnett said when they started shooting they had to be flexible because of problems with camera angles, for example.

"The others had a lot of dancing practice which I didn't. So when it came down to the shooting they chose to do some stretching, "Bohnnett said the stretching exercises didn't come too easy. "I sort of screamed 'ahhhhh!', and so I think they manipulated the cameras around so I wasn't in those shots."

Bohnnett said the producer came from Honolulu and probably chose San Luis Obispo for the cheap labor. He said he was paid about $75 for the entire time. "We all ran out and cashed our checks as quick as possible."

Even though he was legit or not, "I'm not in those shots." But at least it wasn't porno. I didn't have to take my clothes off."

Once when it came down to the stretching, "I imagine they are playing it in all the big cities," he said.

But all the jokes aside, Bohnett said he learned a lot. "It was a good experience. They actually said lights, camera, action, but at least it wasn't porno. I didn't have to take my clothes off."

West, Strom and Howard elected to Foundation posts

By Paul J. Roberts

The Foundation Board of Directors re-elected two board members and one new member Friday.

Re-elected to their current board positions were Howard West, chairman of the board and university associate executive vice president, and James Strom, vice president of University Relations. Lorraine Howard, interim dean of Student Affairs, was elected to finish former dean Russ Brown's unexpired term which ends May 1988.

The fourth position was left open at the request of Cal Poly President Warren Baker. Baker wants to wait until a new provost is hired to fill former provost Tomlinson Fort's position, because the provost has traditionally been on the board.

The board also re-elected three officers. West was re-elected as chairman; Lark Carter, dean of the School of Agriculture, was re-elected as vice chairman; and Leslie Labhard, home economics professor, was re-elected as secretary-treasurer.

In addition, the board voted unanimously to approve the 1987-88 budget which includes agriculture operations, El Corral de Agua, Food Services, athletic contributions and Foundation administration budgets.

The poultry program continues to run about $13,000 over budget every year. But the board said the program is worth the loss, that balancing the rest of the budget will compensate for the losses, and that the program will eventually break even, possibly through the help of industry cosponsored programs.

West announced that the Foundation has completely divested from companies with South African ties. The last investment in South Africa, an IBM holding, was divested in April, completing divestment 18 months ahead of schedule.

Baker also announced three board appointments through a memorandum addressed to the board. George Soares, an attorney and former Cal Poly ASI president, was reappointed as the community representative director; student Frank Crum was also reappointed to his current board position; and Dale Smith was appointed as the second student director. Both student directors are agriculture management students.