Poly faculty union challenges sections of teaching contract

Members address need for "due process"

By Barbara Courrain

The president of any California State University can temporarily suspend faculty members without giving them a reason.

President of the local chapter and state treasurer of the California Faculty Association, Adelaide Harmon-Elliot, wants to see this changed.

The contract between the California Faculty Association and the CSU Board of Trustees, which includes Article 17 giving the president this power, will expire June 30, 1991.

Six members from CFA have been selected to serve on a bargaining team that will bargain with the CSU for a new contract. The new contract will begin July 1, 1991.

"I want the issue of due process to be the major focal point of change in the new contract," said Harmon-Elliot. "It's not the contract that is the problem... it is the university's procedures...

She gave the recent example of Walter Rice, a Cal Poly faculty member. Rice was banned from campus and suspended from teaching Sept. 8 without being told why. Rice recently has been reinstated.

In cases like this, she said, students and faculty should have been protected. Rice was temporarily suspended by President Baker and has only recently been told why.

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Poly should make a fresh start

Just one month from today we will embark upon a new year, and a new decade. Obviously, there is much about the world that is wrong, and in the college community, the editors of Mustang Daily might like to see some changes, but allow us to focus momentarily on a need closer to home.

Part of the symbolism of New Year’s Day includes putting the past behind us and looking forward to an improved future. Call Poly, as an institution, would be wise to follow this age-old tradition.

The university is composed of three main segments — the administration, the faculty and staff, and the students. Fall quarter 1989 surely hasn’t been easy for any of these groups.

The administration has spent much of the quarter being criticized for its role in the college community. Members of faculty and staff have complained that personnel/administration improved students and, in the dark and without a voice, question what, if anything, is being done to smooth tensions between the three groups.

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Ultimately, the responsibility comes down to the administrators. They hold the power to make changes in response to criticism of relations on this campus. We recommend each of them make a New Year’s resolution to be more responsive to situtations as Coach of the Year are just three illustrations of the difficulties the administration has spent much of the quarter being criticized for its role in the college community.

Poly visitor center overly expensive

Editor — After reading the Nov. 20 article “Visitor center costs $45,000,” I found myself amused by the statement that the university wanted to design a building that would present a lasting first impression to the public. Let’s not make a box with windows (and doors) before the building is even built.

We have one of the best architecture programs around, and this is what we get for a grand entrance.

The cost, for what it is, is atrocious. I work for a building contractor, and we put together three-bedroom houses for less than $50,000 in Oregon (where costs are roughly the same as here). For the materials involved I could have brought them down in a truck.

I understand problems during construction could drive the price up, but there has to be a point where the building’s usefulness is not proportional to the price.

My appeal to the service that will now be provided; I just hope some of the alumni who gave that $20,000 use the booth before they become major controversies played out in the pages of local newspapers.

Letters to the Editor

Students donate to feed homeless

Editor — It was interesting to see people pass by the “Feed the Homeless” stand in the U.U. Plaza. Some were quick to dash off pretending it wasn’t there. Perhaps some students are poor, but I am sure they can spare some coins, food or toys. Despite this, I saw some very compassionate people spare their lunch money. Some donated their loose change while others gave as much as $5.

I really don’t know how rich or poor those students were, but in my heart, I do know they are all rich with something far more valuable than money — kindness, generosity and compassion. I want to thank those who gave. I am sure the homeless and the kids appreciate your donations.

Huey Mach
Cultural Advisory Committee, vice chair

Stolen Xmas tree upsets club officer

Editor — Where has the Christmas spirit gone? The College of Agriculture has a tradition of decorating the Erath Agricultural Building lobby with a Biblical Christmas tree. It is not only beautiful, but it is an incentive for our annual collection of canned goods for the needy during the holiday season.

This year there is no tree because nobody stole it from the lobby where it was to be decorated. In spite of this insensitive selfish action, we hope the canned goods collection will still be a success and bring joy to needy families throughout our community.

Michelle Parada
CFAA vice president (and the CFAA officers)
Poly nutrition professor discusses national dietary RDA revisions

By June Thompson

The National Academy of Science announced the new dietary RDA (recommended daily allowance) at the American Dietetic Association conference in October, according to Wanda Koszewski, associate professor of food science and nutrition at Cal Poly.

Although the RDA, which includes calories, vitamins and minerals, is to be revised every five years, she said this is the first revision since 1980.

"The RDA for calcium is increased to 1,200 milligrams a day, especially for women," she noted. "An eight-ounce glass of milk has about 300 milligrams."

Another recommendation is that smokers increase their intake of Vitamin C.

Koszewski, a registered dietitian, said a U.S. Department of Agriculture survey on food consumption indicates that "Americans average 37 percent fat in their total daily calories. The recommended proportion is 30 percent."

A survey on consumer behavior suggests the need for a more positive approach to a change in diet, rather than the negative approach of good food vs. bad food, she said.

Jason Wells, a senior majoring in nutritional science, agrees. "Every once in a while I go to McDonald's and splurge on a Big Mac and fries," he said. "But I know my limits. I'm known in my major for eating right."

Koszewski said eating right includes a variety of foods. The foods should be "high in fiber, low in fat and low in simple sugars, such as in pop or candy."

She also suggested eating less high-calorie foods and low nutrition-dense foods.

The National Research Council's new dietary recommendations, she said, are "two servings of non-fat dairy products each day; two servings of meat, fish or poultry; a total of five servings of fruits and vegetables; a total of six servings of breads, cereals and legumes; and two servings of 'other,' which includes cookies and ice cream."

Koszewski said some senior projects at Cal Poly show student diets include a lot of fast foods, but no more than students at other colleges.

Nutritional Science professor Sarah Burroughs said "some students are making the same mistakes as adults in general — their diets are too high in fat and in salt. But the interest in nutrition is very high all across the campus. Food Science and Nutrition 210 classes, which offer an opportunity to do self-study, are full every quarter."

Koszewski said students who have questions about nutrition education, counseling or dietary analysis can call Nutrition Peer Health Educators at the Health Center, extension 1211.

In the meantime, some student comments may be helpful.

Sandra Moorshead, a freshman majoring in nutritional science, suggests foods "high in fiber, like fruits and vegetables, because they reduce cholesterol and help fight against cancer, as well as have many other good nutritional qualities."

Diana Edwards, a sophomore majoring in food science and nutrition, reminds students that "it's not just calories that count. It's the amount of calories coming from fat, and some nutrition labels are misleading."

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Sports Calender

Here's a quick look at what's going on in sports for the month of December and in early January. If you're going to be around for awhile over Christmas break, check out what's happening in Cal Poly athletics.

• Volleyball — This is the big one, and it's happening this Saturday, Dec. 2. The Mustangs will be hosting UC Santa Barbara in the opening round of the NCAA playoffs. Cal Poly is the fifth seed in the Northwest region, and the Gauchos are seeded fourth. The last time UCSB came to Cal Poly, they were blown out in three games. The match starts at 7:30 in Mott Gym.

• Men's Basketball — The team will be very busy over the break. They will face CSU Hayward at 8:05 tonight in the regular season home opener. Then on Dec. 12 they will travel to Fresno, after which they will return home for three games. On Dec. 15 they will face Peru State, and then will face Manhattan University the following night. On the 19th they will face CSU San Bernardino at home. They will then hit the road, facing CSU Hayward in Hayward on the 22nd and the College of Notre Dame in Belmont on the 23rd. After Christmas, the team will head to Topeka, Kan., for a tournament which runs Dec. 28-30. At the beginning of winter quarter, they will face Masters College on Jan. 5 at home, and then Sacramento State the following night.

• Women's Basketball — The women also have a busy month of December in store. Tonight and Saturday night they will be in Hayward for a tournament. Then on the 9th they will visit St. Thomas State. On the 12th they will return home to face UC Santa Barbara, after which they will hit the road again, traveling to North Dakota State for games on Dec. 15 and 16. On the 19th, they will be in Fresno to take on the Bulldogs. Then after Christmas they will take on UC Davis on Dec. 28, Humboldt State in Humboldt on the 30th, and Chico State in Chico on Dec. 31. The women will kick off the new quarter with a home game against Azusa Pacific on Jan. 4.

• Wrestling — Tonight and Saturday night the wrestling team will be in Las Vegas for a tournament. Then on Dec. 18, they will travel to Eugene, Ore., to face the University of Oregon, and then on Dec. 19 will face Oregon State and Portland State in Portland. On the 31st, they will be in Fullerton for a tournament, and will kick off the quarter with two home meets on Jan. 3 and 4. On Jan. 6 they will return to Portland for the Oregon Classic.

• Swimming — On Dec. 9 and 10 the men and women swimmers will be in Cerritos for the Northridge invitational. On Jan. 5-7, they will swim at the UC San Diego Invitational in San Diego.

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Happy Holidays from Julian’s.
From page 1 on Sept. 1, and was then suspended and banned from campus on Sept. 8. Rice has until Dec. 8 to respond to the allegations in the report.

Rice said the "report alleges that I was aware of grading improprieties."

"After reading the report," Rice said, "I'm very surprised and hurt at the insensitivity of the administration toward (me) with respect to how they've handled my case. I'm further bewildered as to why they did not talk to me (until now)."

Eugene O'Connor, a business professor at Cal Poly for 25 years, said "there are a number of faculty concerned about the due process in this case."

"If nobody tells you of the charges against you," O'Connor said, "then how the hell do you defend yourself?"

Dominic Perello — a good friend of Rice, and a professor of economics at Cal Poly for 35 years — read the report Rice received on Nov. 18 and said, "I wouldn't have even read it. It is a bunch of hearsay."

Perello said he finds it "absolutely despicable" that nobody in the administration ever contacted Rice during the investigation.

"I can't make myself believe they know what the hell they're doing or care," Perello said of the administration. "The Keystone Cops couldn't have done any worse."

Economics professor Phil Adams — who has shared an office with Rice for 22 years — said he is shocked nobody interviewed him during the investigation.

"Why didn't they ask somebody who knows how he behaves?" Adams said. "They let it drag on and on when he (Rice) was entitled to know what was going on. That's what due process would require."

Academic Vice President Philip Bailey's secretary said Bailey would not discuss any aspect of the Rice case because it is a personnel matter.

Adams said he never noticed a change in Rice when "this alleg­ed misbehavior was to have taken place."

"If he (Rice) had been aware of irregularities in his grading he would have been outraged," Adams said, "and it would have stopped right there. He has always been a straightforward person."

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"Walter Rice dangerous? — yes, it's insane," Perello said.

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Perello said that Rice has needed support every day since the suspension began. "(Rice) has been thinking, 'I've put in 25 years and they believe this about me,'" Perello said.

"This is crazy, absolutely nuts," Perello said. "If our system can't do any better than this, we should turn it over to somebody else."

Rice said that since he has been allowed back on campus he has received a lot of support.

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A Cal Poly investigation found Attala guilty of sexually harassing a graduate student; he continues to teach.

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California gets $308.7 million debt erased

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WASHINGTON (AP) — California and New York are the big winners, but all states will reap dividends from a decision by Congress forgiving $1.4 billion in contested federal penalties under a family aid program.

The biggest penalty to be wiped out belonged to California — $308.7 million, according to Federal Funds Information For States, a research group. New York owed Michigan $134.0 million and Ohio $104.6 million.

No state had avoided the penalties, although South Dakota owed just $13,000 and Nevada owed $18,000.

The penalties were owed by all 50 states due to alleged over-payments to beneficiaries under Aid to Families With Dependent Children, the federal-state welfare program for children who lack parental financial support.

About 3.7 million families receive AFDC, the nation's largest cash assistance program.

Forgiving the debts and reforming the way states are penalized for overpayments "is extremely significant," said Alicia Pelrine of the National Governors' Association. "This is something we've been pushing for years. It's a tough, technical, gut-it-out issue," she said.

"We were delightfully surprised," said Jerry Friedman, deputy secretary for income maintenance at the Department of Public Welfare of Pennsylvania, which owed $92.3 million.

"Obviously if we were forced to pay up, it would have made our system hemorrhage. It would have been disastrous," Friedman said. He said the state had been preparing to challenge the debt in court.

The $1.4 billion is an estimate that includes only state over-payments made from the 1981 through the 1987 fiscal years. When figures for the 1988 and 1989 fiscal years are totaled, the amount of forgiveness could run as high as $2.2 billion, according to the Office of Management and Budget.
New councilmember takes seat, sets agenda for term in office

Roalman's goals include better student-city relationship

By Steve Jones

The City Council election's top vote-getter, Bill Roalman, will become the newest member of the council today as he is officially installed into office.

Roalman is a slow-growth advocate who feels the city's needs to be well planned.

"We need to come up with needed growth," he said, "because we are going to grow."

Roalman, a Sierra Club member, pledged to try to facilitate a communication between the city and the students. Although he said town-gown relations were already improving after strife caused by the housing ordinance, the key to maintaining a healthy relationship is to keep the lines of communication open.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — With the holiday season gearing up, a chocolate supplier is urging the federal government to avoid a chocolate shortage by temporarily lifting the import quota for non-fat dry milk.

But the chocolate industry is resistant to any loosening of dairy farmers, who contend that lifting the quota would cause generic milk prices to plummet.

Peter Van Leer, whose 40-year-old family business in Jersey City, N.J., produces 30 million tons of dark and milk chocolate each year, said the import limit for non-fat dry milk is 1,000 pounds a year.

"That's what we use in a day," said Van Leer, whose company supplies chocolate to Pepperidge Farm cookies, Godiva chocolates and Ben&Jerry's ice cream.

Dry milk also is used in the production of dairy products like ice cream and cottage cheese.

Van Leer and another major chocolate supplier, M&M Mars of Hacketstown, N.J., have seen the price of non-dairy dry milk skyrocket from about 85 cents a pound to as much as $2.50 a pound.

The council will be the update of the city's General Plan, which is the blueprint for future of the city.

"We favor the Stream Diversion project, which would divert three major streams between Cayucos and San Luis Obispo into the Whale Rock reservoir," said Mike Brown, an economist with the National Milk Producers' Federation.

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"The fall is the busiest season for the chocolate manufacturing industry as it works to meet increased demand for holiday baking and gift-giving," the chocolate makers wrote. "Without non-fat dry milk, the availability of a wide variety of chocolate based goods to the consumer will be restricted.

As of Wednesday, the USDA had provided no detailed response to the letter, said a spokesman for Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., whose office drafted the letter.

Dairy farmers oppose any easing of restrictions, saying non-fat dry milk supplies have loosened in the last few weeks so that consumers will not face Christmas without their favorite chocolate products.

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Malibu to explore proposal for first secondary school

MALIBU (AP) — It has celebrities galore, trendy restaurants with panoramic ocean views, a thriving tourist business and good surf, but Malibu doesn’t have a laundromat, car wash, mortuary — or its own high school.

No coin laundries or car washes are expected anytime soon, but this seaside community of 18,000 may get its first secondary school by 1991.

The Santa Monica-Malibu School District school board voted recently to study the proposal to create Malibu High School.

Teen-agers in Malibu now ride buses down busy Pacific Coast Highway to Santa Monica High School. For some students, it’s a 25 mile ride.

"These poor students out here now are put on to a bus awfully early in the morning," said Beryl Demby, president of the Parent-Teachers Association at Malibu Park School just above Zuma Beach.

"I know we have lost a lot of students to private schools because parents don’t want to subject their children to sitting in traffic on that coast road every day," Demby added.

The proposed Malibu High would share the property at Malibu Park School, which serves about 275 students.
Short Takes

Escape Route to offer Xmas trips

The Escape Route will offer a wide variety of fun, challenging, low-cost trips over Christmas break:
- Canoe the Rio Grande River in Big Bend National Park, Tex. on Dec. 26-Jan 2. The $145 cost includes gas and food.
- Rock climbing at the Joshua Tree National Monument on Dec. 26-Jan 2. Cost is $56.
- Cross country skiing in Bear Valley Dec. 27-Jan 2. The $40 cost includes gas and food.

Experience levels vary from beginner to intermediate. For more information, call Mark Wingate in the Escape Route at 543-2617 or 756-1287.

Library hours to change over break

During the quarter break Kennedy Library will be closed weekends. It will also be closed Dec. 25-29. The library will be open weekdays Dec. 11-15, Dec. 18-22 and Jan. 2 from 8 to 5 p.m.

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Mustang Daily will not publish during quarter break. The next issue will appear Jan. 10. See you next year.
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!

LOVE FROM THE STAFF
Gorbachev proposes Helsinki summit next year

Says changes in Eastern Europe signal new times

ROME (AP) — Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev proposed Thursday that a summit of European nations, the United States and Canada be held next year to speed up the integration of Europe and eliminate East-West tension.

Gorbachev said the meeting would be called "Helsinki 2" should be moved up from 1992 as originally called for under the 1975 Helsinki Accords on human rights and security in Europe.

He made the proposal in a speech from the Michelangelo-designed Campidoglio, Rome's city hall, where the treaty was signed in 1957 establishing the European Common Market.

Gorbachev said he saw the sweeping changes in Eastern Europe as inviolate. He insisted they do not represent "the collapse of socialism," but rather the further development of a concept with noble goals and "enormous humanistic and democratic potential."

On the eve of his historic meeting with President Ronald Reagan, Paul II, Gorbachev said that Soviets have changed their attitude toward religion and now believe "a strong religious culture will help us in the restructuring of Soviet society."

Gorbachev's 20-minute speech, delivered while standing in front of a 12-foot-tall statue of Julius Caesar, was interrupted three times by applause from several hundred dignitaries. At the end, they 3-clapped politely.

Expanding on his desire to build "a common European home," Gorbachev said recent events generated the dramatic rush toward reform in Eastern Europe "undermining the desirability of an all-European summit, a Helsinki 2 meeting. We would consider advancing its date from 1992 to, say, as early as 1990."

The Soviet Union had been pressuring for an international human rights conference to be held in Moscow next year as part of the process leading toward the next 35-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

The conference last met in Helsinki in 1975, when the United States, the Soviet Union, Canada and all European countries except Albania signed the Helsinki Accords concerning military security, economic cooperation and human rights.

"In the final analysis," Gorbachev said, "we envision Europe as a commonwealth of sovereign democratic states with a high level of equitable interdependence and easily accessible borders, as compared to the exchange of products, technologies and ideas and wide-ranging contacts among peoples."

Although he did not repeat it in his speech, the Soviet Union has said it is prepared to negotiate dissolution of the Warsaw Pact and NATO.

The United States has rejected the suggestion pending further progress in nuclear and conventional arms control talks.

Gorbachev, who was baptized in the Russian Orthodox Church but rose through the ranks of the official Communist Party, said the Soviets "have abandoned the claim to have a monopoly on the truth. We no longer think that we are the best and that we are always right, that we are the only sovereign democratic states with monopoly on the truth. We no longer think that we are the best and that we are always right, that we are the only sovereign democratic states with monopoly on the truth. We no longer think that we are the best and that we are always right, that we are the only sovereign democratic states with monopoly on the truth. We no longer think that we are the best and that we are always right, that we are the only sovereign democratic states with monopoly on the truth. We no longer think that we are the best and that we are always right, that we are the only sovereign democratic states with monopoly on the truth. We no longer think that we are the best and that we are always right, that we are the only sovereign democratic states with monopoly on the truth. We no longer think that we are the best and that we are always right, that we are the only sovereign democratic states with monopoly on the truth. We no longer think that we are the best and that we are always right, that we are the only sovereign democratic states with monopoly on the truth. We no longer think that we are the best and that we are always right, that we are the only sovereign democratic states with
Poet visits Poly ...
Socially committed Chicano artist
talks of her experiences, poetry

By Lee Jakobs
Staff Writer

A socially committed artist who writes about her own expe­
riences and social awareness
spoke at Cal Poly Wednesday.
Lorna Dee Cervantes, one of
the Bay Area’s best-known
Chicano poets, spoke about
herself and the process of writing
poetry and recited her poems

"I am keenly aware of my pro­
fession," Cervantes said. "It’s
strange being a poet." She has
been writing poems ever since
she can remember.
Cervantes grew up in
downtown San Jose. Going to
school and being Chicano had its
expectations for her education
she can remember.

She explained that having high
expectations for her education
was difficult. She was told by
high school counselors that the
goal of attending UC Santa Cruz
was too high for her. But Cer­
vantes became a poet and receiv­
ed a college education. Today she
is working toward a doctorate in
philosophy, in the history of
consciousness programs, at UC
Santa Cruz.

Because she is Chicano, Cer­
vantes said people often ask
what is the hardest thing she has
had to overcome. "My own lack
of self esteem," she said. "To say
yes, I am a poet, to just call
yourself a writer, you have to
have the ability to build your
self-esteem."

With a poem titled, "Visions of
Mexico while at a writing sym­
pomium in Port Townsend,
Washington," Cervantes ex­
presses pride in her heritage.

"I write poems that are ac­
cessible," Cervantes said. "There
are poems that are meant to be
read and poems that are meant
to be heard," she added.

Cervantes is the first Chicano
to have her work included in the
Norton Anthology of American
Literature and the Norton An­
thology of North American
Poetry. Also, Cervantes won the
Pushcart Prize in 1980 and the
Before Columbus American Book
Award in 1982.

Her works include
"Emplamada," and one of her
recent works, "From the Cables
of Genocide: Poems on Love and
Hunger." She has three new
books, two manuscripts and a
fourth new book coming out,
Cervantes said.

Cervantes’ poetry reading was
sponsored by WritersSpeak, part
of the 1989-90 Arts and
Humanities Lecture series.

"People have been writing and
will continue to write, because it
is a form of resistance. For
minority people to be writing
poetry in America is already a
political act, a form of resistance
in itself," Cervantes said.

Mutinous troops claim seizure of Philippine air force base

MANILA, Philippines (AP) —
Mutinous troops claimed Friday
to have seized the headquarters
of the Philippine air force in a bid
to topple President Corazon
Aquino.

But air force troops who had
been guarding the base’s gate
left about 2 a.m. and the
mutinous Marines took over se­
curity at the base perimeter.
They claimed to control all of
the base, but this could not be
immediately confirmed.

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