Financial VP ready to retire

By Evann Gastaldo
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Frank Lebens was a chemical engineering major from Nebraska, but as soon as he came to Cal Poly in 1971 to get his master's degree, he was hooked.

But after over 26 years of working for Cal Poly, Lebens plans to retire around the end of fall quarter.

"It was a desire to stay in the area that first attracted me to take a position at Cal Poly," said Lebens, vice president for administration and finance. "To do that I had to change careers, and I was willing to do that since my family was extremely enchanted with the area."

Lebens went from working as a chemical engineer in Washington to working as assistant to the director of Personnel Relations when he accepted a job at Cal Poly in 1972. Lebens worked his way up from his position as university budget officer to associate vice president for Academic Resources. He has held his current job for the last decade.

"I can't think of any place I would rather have spent the vast majority of my career," he said. "It's an institution in which we can all take pride."

Lebens grew up in Nebraska and received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Iowa State University. A Vietnam veteran, he then served in the U.S. Navy as an engineer officer for five-and-a-half years. It was while in the Navy that he experienced California living for the first time.

"California was always a draw after my initial exposure," he said.

After moving to Washington in 1972, he worked as a chemical engineer in the paper-making industry. He came to Cal Poly in 1971 to get his master's degree in business administration. He has been here ever since, with the exception of three years spent in Texas as vice president and treasurer of the Federal Intermediate Bank of Texas.

Since Lebens became a vice president 10 years ago, Cal Poly has gone through many changes, said Dan Howard-Greene, executive assistant to Cal Poly President Warren Baker.

"Frank has been responsible for managing significant change, including the implementation of a number of projects and initiatives that have brought functions to the campus that were previously managed more centrally in Long Beach," Howard-Greene said.

Some of these changes that Lebens worked on include the budget, housing and parking programs, he said.

"Frank's leadership has been important in making sure that we have been able to accept those expanded responsibilities," he said. "Many of the initiatives that Frank has led here on the Cal Poly campus are often cited as models for other campuses in the CSU system."

Baker said he appreciated the role Lebens has played in representing Cal Poly at the system level, especially in areas of technology initiatives and the budget.

Lebens' division has also been heavily involved in development of the new Master Plan. Howard-Greene said.

"We're going to have a difficult time replacing him. He's done an excellent job," Warren Baker, Cal Poly president, said.

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Greene said. The Master Plan is a document outlining future plans for the campus. Under this plan, many new facilities have been erected under LEBENS' administration, including the Performing Arts Center, the Rec Center and the Advanced Technology Lab, LEBENS said. More facilities are still in the planning stages, he added.

"It's been a very dynamic time from a facilities perspective," LEBENS said. "It's been a busy 10 years. We've had some major challenges."

The accomplishment LEBENS is most proud of, though, is not an initiative or a building.

"What makes me look good is how well my talented staff performs," he said. "I've been fortunate in building a very effective and talented organization that works very well together."

LEBENS said he feels the cohesive ness of his staff, the 300 people who make up all the departments in the Administration and Finance Division, is a benefit to him and to the university.

"They're a real inspiration to me," he said. "They push me to be better. I've derived a lot of joy from watching them develop and perform." He feels is mutual, said Vicki LEBENS has no doubt his staff will instantly received another call over the radio.

Across town, SNAP headed to a small house party. As soon as they arrived, portraits were heard coming from a car leaving the property. At the door, the hosts was appreciative to see that it was SNAP and not the police. She even apologized for the inconvenience.

"At first, they're kind of upset because you're killing their party, but then they're like, 'OK this is better' than a ticket,' and they kind of calm down," Cochran said.

SNAP teams do not receive calls for college parties only. Around 1145 p.m. Sunday, they visited the San Luis Obispo Veterans Memorial. The band had been playing too loudly, Cochran told the organizer as she asked him to remove his license from his wallet. "This is a pretty typical night," Tougeron said of the 15 visits paid to noisy parties. Of these 15 parties visited on Saturday night, SNAP served eight DAGS as well as three warnings. "Most parties are typical," Cochran said. "They're students just like I am -- they've got calculus just like I do."

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Opinion

Where have all the good knights gone?

The famous blue dress with the "stain" will always leave an image in our minds about former president Bill Clinton. How about the famous way a cigar was tucked and used, and the scandalous phone calls between Monica Lewinsky and Linda Tripp? 

Commentary

American society will never forget the sex scandal in the White House that led to the downfall of Clinton's wholesome image. According to British and American sources, Britain is considering bestowing an honorary knighthood on Clinton. After the scandals over pardons and gifts during his final days in office, Clinton is hoping to rebuild his reputation. An honorary knighthood could be seen by his supporters as the kind of international recognition he needs and deserves. England is making a mockery of honor, and it cheapens the image of a knight.

The earliest knights were minor knights who held land in exchange for military service rendered to a sovereign or lord. In the Middle Ages, noblemen were the rulers. They were powerful military leaders who could command the people who lived on their lands. The kings would lead their people into battles (not sex scandals) for the king. They had military defense, which included manning castles, mounting patrols and accompanying the king to war. Not too long ago England also recognized Elton John as an honorary knight, and his title is now Sir Elton John. The world is recognizing and awarding two of the biggest sins: homosexuality and adultery.

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Ryan Miller

Sure-fire secrets to fill an opinion page with drive

T here comes a time in every opinion editor's life when he realizes he is out of ideas. This problem is exacerbated when columnists regularly neglect to turn in columns. I make no personal jabs when I say this, but the fact remains that when one pallbearer steps out for a rest, the rest have to shoulder a bit more of the load.

Unfortunately, if this happens too often, those left holding the coffin tend to get tired a bit more quickly. If nothing is done to remedy the situation, it all takes on a bit more of the load.

In an effort to keep the lefthand side of the opinion page looking as little like the gutter of a bowling lane as possible, I've whipped up a few columns on the fly. Over the past year, as regular columnists repeatedly became regular column-forest, I've treated readers to wild stories and holiday gift ideas. I even offended a good portion of the usually-challenged student body with my secular tirade against allergy sufferers. (Yes — it was secular!) (Or was it?)

And now, after it all, I find I have nothing left to say and a vast amount of space in which to say it.

There are, however, certain tricks of the trade I've picked up since September to hide the fact that I'm not always bursting with content. So now, with only a dozen issues of Mustang Daily remaining to grace your hands with newsworthy, thought-provoking words, I've decided to share with you a few of my tricks, opinions aside.

First of all, if I have a large amount of space to fill, I often simply cut material from Cold War-era Russian dailies and paste onto my page. Hardly anyone ever notices, or, if they do, they don't really care. The simplest remedy is to employ a certain computer engineering junior who e-mails me each time I employ this method. It's become something of a game with us. (Keep those e-mails coming, Wayne.)

When there aren't any copies of "Postensko Now!" lying around, I usually just leave the space blank with instructions to the teacher on how to fill it. Mustang Daily has had coloring contests, drawing contests and crossword contests. The most recent winner, mechanical engineering freshman Andrea Meinhard, will receive a near-new arc welder and a $5 gift certificate to the Madame nutrients store for the following contribution:

"I'll tell you a story, by golly, of a sad lad, his car and his folly. He finally found love when he died from exposure by trying to park near Cal Poly. Congratulations, Andrea, enjoy the gift certificate. I recommend the trip.

When all else fails, I leave the space blank. Sometimes, I just can't think of anything to fill the large gaps in my pages until they've already been printed. For these times, I wake very early the next morning, then run around to each Mustang Daily drop off point and scramble something in the hole. It's very hard to match the exact fonts, but after several months of this, I've become quite adept at muttering 9:35 a.m. Good morning.

Now that I've got all that off my chest, I feel so much better. And now this week's content: Compugram a stunning looks at the perks of campus dining. Winners will be judged on pace, originality and whether anyone actually eats them. Use this space:
Opinion

Independence is a state of mind

There is something exciting about scrawling a signature on that fine binding contract. This sounds weird, but everyone knows it’s true. There is a feeling of exhilaration that washes over you the moment you realize that they are truly self-sufficient and responsible for all decisions. From video stores to lease agreements, a person’s signature gains significant importance the day of legal adulthood. Then one day, that euphoria of self-reliance is shattered. After weeks of searching, my roommates and I found a house to rent. The day we went to sign the contract, we found that we’re renting to the parents! The age at which a person becomes legally responsible is a fudge signifying independence to the world. Independent to make decisions, students forget about the role of parents in their lifestyle they lead.

One of the best examples of the significance of parents’ roles in a student’s life is through financial support. Every year in March, the FAFSA, a form that is instrumental to funding most college educations, is due. Students filling out a FAFSA understand the impact of parental support through the final estimated contribution expected from parents. This is for students who file as independent (which can be done if born after Jan. 1, 1978, according to the Cal Poly Financial Aid Web-site). There are special circumstances under which a person can file independent, where parental earnings aren’t considered, but these are very specific. Students are told they are dependent, and financial aid is established through this. A parent’s role in a student’s life is also demonstrated through the issue of housing. As I mentioned earlier, there is a parental agreement that a number of property management companies require to be signed. This is a guarantee that the parents will make sure the rent is paid and will be responsible for any legal action (yikes). Besides the parent agreement, a number of students live in houses purchased by their parents to rent out. This is a huge benefit to any house-hunting students, knowing that they don’t have to worry about having a roof over their heads.

Another important role of parents is guidance. That first taste of freedom is sometimes tainted by the absence of parental guidance and support. From the first illness in the dorms when no one was there to bring soup and comforting words, to the first failed test without warning words encouraging improvement, a lot of students miss the wise advice of their parents. Many people are still really close with their parents and will be throughout their entire lives.

The day I turned 18 I thought I was truly free, only to realize I cannot live without the financial and emotional support of my parents. I wouldn’t have it any other way. Somewhere in the back of every 18-year-old’s mind is the knowledge that they will always look to the support from their parents, no matter how significant. Until that day when turning 21 … 23 … 32 … self-reliance is a state of mind rather than a number recognized by the government.

Dena Horton is a journalism sophomore and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Letter to the editor

Death threatens mar free speech
Editor,

I would like to commend the Mustang Daily on its recent article (“Events aim to combat intolerance,” May 15). It’s good see that there’s front-page awareness for the multi-racial, multi-ethnic gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender community.

I was quoted in the article regarding an incident last year when a fellow student was talking about wanting to “kill fags.” He was discussing how he and his friends go out and “beat them up back home,” and if he “saw one of those fags right now,” he’d “crack his skull with a baseball bat.”

In response to Mr. McGurk’s letter to the editor (“Eliminate offensive, dissenting opinions,” May 17) I’d like to reiterate: This student was talking about killing another human being. The issue here is not about “political correctness” or being offended by an opinion; it’s about real people being hurt. I believe in freedom of speech as essential to our democratic ideals and vision, but when someone starts talking about killing another person (for any reason) a line must be drawn. Freedom of speech does not include talking about killing someone – any person – because that person’s right to live is the most vital freedom and takes precedence.

In high school, my friend Christopher experienced a member of the football team walking up to him in art class and breaking his finger, saying, “Now try and draw, faggot.” The violence is real.

Matthew Shepard and Tina Brandon are examples of people who were recently murdered because of their sexual orientation. In a time of high school shootings, talk of wanting someone to kill needs to be addressed. My point is that hate speech is wrong. At any time. Any place.

We all have the right to live free from threats of being murdered.

Angela Blewitt is an English graduate student.

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Sports

McConcheon, said, which puts the project within a few days of the original 30-day estimate. The on-campus tennis courts were removed between November 1998 and October 2000. Since losing their home courts, the men's and women's tennis teams have been practicing and competing off campus. This season, the women's team practiced and held most of its home matches at Cuesta College. The men's team practiced at Sinsheimer Park and held its matches at various locations including Cuesta, Morro Bay High School and Avila Bay Country Club.

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that they're going to be out there working on it, then I'll have to take her word on it," he said.

Cal Poly received the project bids from various contractors on April 13. The project is moving according to a schedule Dunkle outlined last month, as reported in Mustang Daily on April 12. In that article, she said that construction would start about 30 days after the bid date.

The project should start within the next 10 days to two weeks.

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year, just a down year.

After that, Haskell played semipro baseball up in Alaska where he "opened some eyes." This brought Haskell to Poly.

"This year's been kind of an aver­ age year," Haskell said. "A kind of original 30-day estimate. But when I think about it, then I'll have to do what needs to be done just to help out.

Haskell receives help from his family. Haskell plans on playing professional baseball and making enough money to support her. "Who can complain about playing baseball?" Haskell asked. "Getting paid to play a game every single day."

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MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

With June's draft rapidly approaching, baseball players throughout the state are getting nervous. Years of dreaming of pro baseball all come down to this month for many players, including Cal Poly's Brian Haskell.

For Haskell, the draft is more than an opportunity to fulfill his baseball dreams, but also an opportunity to support his girlfriend and 2-year-old daughter Madison.

"If the draft goes well and is in my best interest, I can get some money and support Madison and Cassidy to the best of my ability," Haskell said. "So I have a lot to look forward to this June."

The draft isn't anything new to Haskell. During his freshman year at Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College, Haskell was drafted in the 15th round of the 1998 draft by the Minnesota Twins. He turned them down, however, and according to Haskell, "that's not a bad thing."

"When I was talking to the Twins, I had no idea (about Madison) so it wasn't really a factor," Haskell said. "It really isn't a factor now, but some people think it might be... with the draft and everything. You have a tennis college father, they think it's in the air, but I don't really hear it."

Before Christmas of 1998, Haskell found out his girlfriend was pregnant.

"When I first found out, I was definitely afraid," Haskell said. "I didn't know how to tell my parents. When they found out, they were cool about it; that was the first time I could sleep through the night."

Continuing with baseball his sophomore year at Oklahoma, Haskell said he "had a down year. Not a bad year but a down year." He finished 2-15.

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Tennis courts project on schedule
By Katherine Gernhardt
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