Pedestrian bridge nears completion

Cal Poly students, assisted by several construction industry-related firms and organizations are working on a unique project that will provide easier access for handicapped persons to one of the university's major classroom buildings.

When completed about May 1, the effort will result in a 48-foot pedestrian bridge connecting the second floor of Cal Poly's Erhart Agriculture Building with a walkway along North Poly View Dr.

The project began nearly two years ago when Ralph Teyssier, an architectural engineering major, and Paul Dooley, an architecture student, began their search for a senior project. They were later joined by two other students, Eric Dybevik and Joe Lapasinski, both construction majors; faculty advisors John Stuart and David Pierce; and consulting engineer Nick Watry.

When completed, the bridge will consist of two precast, post-tensioned concrete beams cantilevered from a precast pier and a cast-in-place, street-level support.

Major donor of funds for the bridge, which will be nine feet wide, is the Fund for Construction Industry Advancement, which provided a grant of up to $10,000 through the Associated General Contractors of California. Other contributions of funds have come from Watry Engineering Inc. of Burlingame, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute, and Cal Poly Associated Students Inc.

Classes suspended during Poly Royal

Hazel J. Jones (Vice President for Academic Affairs) reminds all faculty members that classes scheduled during the Poly Royal period from noon Thursday (April 22) through Saturday (April 24) will not meet as scheduled. Although classes will not be held, students and staff are expected to participate fully in preparation of and participation in the Poly Royal exhibits and events. These days are not academic holidays.

Athletics program meets Title IX rules

The intercollegiate athletics program at Cal Poly has been found in compliance with Title IX following a review conducted by staff of the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights over the past 18 months.

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker received official notification in a letter from Robert L. Brown, director of OCR's Regional Office in San Francisco. Brown said:

"Office of Civil Rights has now completed its review, including an evaluation of the plans the University is implementing, and has found California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, is in compliance with Title IX in the award of athletic financial assistance and in the operation of the other program areas in its intercollegiate athletics program."

Dr. Baker noted that the compliance review was based on a July 1979 complaint that was filed before the university's Task Force on the Role of Athletics had completed its report. The complaint alleged discrimination in the administration of the university's athletics programs for men and women.

"Substantive changes have been made in the administration and operation of Cal Poly's intercollegiate athletics program as a result of Task Force recommendations and continuing evaluation of the program," President Baker said.

"The USDE/OCR finding is evidence that we have made substantial progress, particularly in the areas of scholarship assistance and housing, facilities scheduling, and coaching assignments," he added.

Title IX is one of the Education Amendments to Federal Legislation passed in 1972 which prohibits sex discrimination in federally assisted education programs and activities.

O'Connell reappointed as CSU trustee

Chairman John F. O'Connell's appointment to a new two-year term as a trustee of The California State University was announced at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees.

O'Connell, a graduate of the CSU's Chico campus, has represented the 19-campus system's more than 1.5 million alumni since his initial appointment to the Board in 1977 by the statewide Alumni Council. The Council's action extends O'Connell's present term on the Board from Jan. 1, 1983, through December 1984.
Deadline April 16 for graduation forms

Students planning to graduate at the end of the 1982 Spring and Summer Quarters are reminded that Applications for Graduation must be filed at the University Records Office by April 16, 1982, in order to receive diplomas at the earliest possible date following graduation.

The April 16 date is also the deadline for students to file their Applications for Graduation in the University Records Office to ensure that their names will be listed in the Spring Commencement Book.

Books at High Noon

Spring Quarter's Books at High Noon will begin on April 13 with a presentation by Arthur Wertheim (History), who will review his own book, "Radio Comedy." Other speakers and books to be reviewed this quarter include:

- May 4: James Reed (Speech Communication). "See You at the Top," by Zig Ziglar.
- May 18: Patti Hamer Breckenridge (Ornamental Horticulture). "Frederick Law Olmsted: Father of American Landscape Architecture" (a literature review and slide presentation).

Books at High Noon is sponsored by the Cal Poly Library and is presented Tuesdays at noon in the Staff Dining Room. Faculty, staff, and students, as well as the public, are all welcome.

Film on El Salvador slated for April 17

A documentary feature nominated for the 1982 Academy Awards will be shown at Cal Poly on Saturday (April 17).

Titled, "El Salvador: Another Vietnam," the 50-minute film features history of the civil war-torn Central American nation, and interviews with principals involved in the present conflict.

The public is invited. Tickets, priced at $1.50, are available at the door. The film is scheduled for two showings at 7 pm and 9 pm in Room 286 of Fisher Science Hall on campus.

Among those interviewed in the film are El Salvador President Napoleon Duarte, murdered Maryknoll Sister Ita Ford, Secretary of State Alexander Haig, President Ronald Reagan, Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York, People's Revolutionary Army Commander Ana Guadalupe Martinez, and various former ambassadors, union officials, state department spokesmen, U.S. Congressmen, and senators.

The film was originally telecast nationwide over PBS in January of 1981, and has since been updated and revised to reflect recent events. The film is sponsored by Cal Poly's student organization, Central American Study and Solidarity Committee.

University Club sets golf tournament May 1

Faculty and staff are reminded that the 1982 University Club Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, at the Chalk Mountain Golf Course in Atascadero. Tee-off times will be between the hours of 9:15 am and 11 am. The tournament is open to all employees or retirees of the university and its auxiliaries on a first-come, first-served basis.

Persons wishing to play in the tournament should contact Bob Dignan at Ext. 2291 or Gerry Punches at Ext. 2541 on or before April 15. There is no entry fee for the tournament. The regular weekend green fees will be required for each entrant. Golf carts will be available.

Foundation Board

The Board of Directors of the California Polytechnic State University Foundation will hold a regular meeting on Monday (April 12) at 8:30 am in Adm. 409. This is a public meeting. For further information about this meeting or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact Al Amaral (Executive Director, Cal Poly Foundation) in Fisher Science Hall 290 or call Ext. 1131.
Special salary plan adopted by trustees

The Board of Trustees of The California State University took the following actions at its meeting March 24, 1982.

- Changed the current two-tier student fee structure to a single, uniform Student Service Fee for all students beginning in fall 1982, as follows:
  
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- Adopted a special salary schedule placement in engineering, computer science, and business administration, effective from April 1, 1982 through June 30, 1983, to permit newly hired Assistant Professors, in those cases where it is necessary to offer competitive salaries, to be placed in Range 4, steps 1 to 5, for salary purposes only; and to permit Assistant Professors in Range 3, step 5 to be advanced to Range 4, step 1 while remaining in the rank of Assistant Professor, following the normal consultative process.

- Resolved that the presidents and Chancellor’s staff in consultation with faculty representatives continue to explore alternatives which will aid in solving the housing problem facing CSU employees, especially addressing the needs related to the recruitment of junior level tenure track faculty.

- Directed the Chancellor to seek a reappropriation from the Legislature of any 1981-82 unexpended funds to offset an unidentified budget reduction of $3.6 million proposed for the CSU for 1982-83.

- Resolved that the Board strongly opposes reductions in federal support for financial aid below the fiscal year 1981 level of funding.

Rathbun selected for new ag duties

Dr. Larry Rathbun, Agricultural Education Department head, has been named associate dean for administration in the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources by Dean Lark P. Carter.

In making the announcement, Carter said Rathbun will serve as liaison to various off-campus agricultural groups and provide “administrative support on personnel and fiscal matters. He will continue, for the time being, his role as head of the Agricultural Education Department.”

Associate Dean John West will continue his role as an associate dean, Carter said, but his duties will be reduced in that area so that he will have time to teach part-time in the Poultry Industry Department.”

Nancy Raetz, secretary in the Dean’s Office, has accepted the position as administrative aide to the dean, Carter also announced. The dean said the changes are being implemented this quarter with the hope of more effectively serving the administrative needs of the school.

Aetna dental plan

Brochures outlining the Aetna Dental Plan for CSU employees have recently been received by the Personnel Office and are being distributed through campus mail to those employees who enrolled during the open enrollment period. Individual identification cards will not be issued.

In filing a dental claim with Aetna, employees must use specific claim forms that are available in the Personnel Office. The employee completes items 1 through 15 and signs the claim form. There is also a section where the employee can authorize Aetna to pay benefits directly to the dentist.

The dentist completes items 16 through 31. If the charges are only for examinations, cleanings or x-rays, itemized bills may be submitted instead of the dentist’s portion of the form. An itemized bill is one which shows the patient’s name, relationship, date of service, type of service rendered and the nature of the condition being treated.

All completed claim forms must be submitted to Aetna Life and Casualty, Group Claim Department, 600 B Street, Suite 740, San Diego, California 92101. Claim questions should be directed to that office by either writing to the above address or calling (714) 231-3357.

If you have not received an Aetna brochure by May 1, 1982, or if you need Aetna claim forms, contact the Personnel Office at Ext. 2236.
PolyPhonics concert

Cal Poly's own PolyPhonics will present their concert at the Cal Poly Theatre on Sunday (April 18), at 8 pm. This animated song-and-dance group will perform a tribute to television themes and commercials as well as a salute to the Academy Awards, with motion picture themes from 1934 to 1980. The group of 20 is directed by Jim Dearing (Music), choreographed by architecture major Robert Coltrin, and accompanied by Graydon Williams and the University Jazz Band.

The PolyPhonics consists entirely of Cal Poly students — all involved in different scholastic areas. Many of them have backgrounds in voice and dance and are chosen in competitive auditions. "It's a very dynamic, energetic chorus — highly entertaining with the very latest in arrangements for a pop choir," says Dearing.

Reserved seat tickets for this concert are $4 for the general public and $2 for students. They may be obtained by mail by sending a check and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to "Cal Poly Theatre Box Office, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, Calif. 93407." Over the counter sales for The PolyPhonics began on Monday (April 5), at the University Union Ticket Office.

Poetry reading contest

Cal Poly students have until 5 pm on Friday (April 16), to enter the fourth annual Mel White Poetry Reading contest, which will be held in the University Union from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday (April 17). Those who enter are asked to prepare a program consisting of two or three poems with introduction and transitions, and lasting from seven to nine minutes. Entrants may not use programs that have been used either in competition or in interpretation festivals prior to this contest.

Each entrant will present his or her program twice before a judge, then those receiving the highest evaluations in the preliminary round will participate in a final round. Cash prizes of $100, $50, $30, and $20, will be awarded for first through fourth place consecutively. The public is invited to attend the final round of the contest in Room 220 of the University Union beginning at 12:30 pm. Admission will be free.

Mel White donated the prize funds for the annual poetry reading contest upon leaving the speech communication faculty in 1978. Entry forms for the 1982 contest can be obtained from the Speech Communication Department, Room 33C of the Faculty Office Building, or in the forensics room, Room 318 in the English Building.