The Ronca letter

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August 26, 1974

Dear Congressman Ronca,

John Ronca and I have always believed in the principles of the Republican approach to government - the same principles you ascribe to: fiscal responsibility (a balanced budget; decentralised government; a free economic system, unfettered by government); and a strong national defense posture. As our Congressman you have consistently espoused these ideals of Republicanism in Washington.

We sincerely believe that this district needs and deserves that kind of honest, straightforward representation at the national level. That is why we would like to formally pledge ourselves, as elected student leaders, to work in your upcoming campaign for reelection in whatever capacity we might be helpful.

Concerning the Cal Poly campus, we feel we could help in all or several of the following ways:
1) arrange interviews w/Mustang Daily
2) organise a letter-writing campaign in the Daily
3) on-the-air interview with KCPR
4) organise speaking engagements in classes and before clubs
5) set-up "precinct" walks through student dormitories, and student housing off-campus
6) arrange meetings with student leaders
7) organise a "legislator's press day" on campus with all incumbents; to meet with the press (student & public) and the students
8) utilise the Young Republicans club on campus to distribute literature
9) set-up and supervise a Talcott desk during registration
10) participate in general "walks" through the campus (College Hour) to rap with students

This is only a partial list of alternative proposals. We're sure you'll want to add more of your own. Having worked for you in the past has been a real pleasure, and we are looking forward to doing so again in 1974.

Sincerely,

GREGORY M. FOWLER
ASI Chief Justice
Former SAC Representative

John Ronca
SAC Representative
Former ASI Vice-President

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Was the ex-veep endorsing?

Former All Vice-President John Ronca—spokesman for a campaign to ban political endorsements in Mustang Daily—admitted Tuesday he wrote a letter on All stations last August opposing to Congressmen Burt Talcott that he use the student paper and radio station in his re-election campaign.

The letter was obtained by Mustang Daily from unidentified sources in the All office. The copy appears on page one of today's Mustang Daily. Ronca did not deny the authenticity of the letter but said he could offer it differences in his conduct and to the editor of the All Daily who permitted an opinion column containing Sec. 49409, Part l, Title 5 of the California Administrative Code, prohibiting the use of official campaign funds, Proposition 11 and 19. "He will not stop there,” Nieuwama added. "We plan on contacting the students and staff and asking them to support or against a candidate or ballot proposition."

Editorial

The All Daily endorsement proposal, according to All Daily, is based on fact. Actively in support of the All Daily's endorsement of Burt Talcott, the motion passed by a vote of 99-1 last week to direct the student newspaper to halt all endorsement of candidates and propositions by the All Daily to halt all endorsement of candidates and propositions by the student newspaper to halt all endorsement of candidates and propositions by the student newspaper.

If the Chancellor's office finds the paper in violation of the code, the issue will come down to the constitutionality of the code. The code, stated Ms. Nieuwama, "is a direct violation of the First Amendment which guarantees equal protection under the law."

Journalism Department Head John Healey expressed support for candidates and staff supporting student freedom of the press as well as the 14th Amendment which guarantees freedom of the press as well as the 14th Amendment which guarantees equal protection under the law. "We are not a house organ," he said. "We are a direct violation of the code."

In response to a statement by Dean of Students Everett Chandler in the Monday issue of the Telegraph Tribune that the Mustang Daily is more like a "house organ than an independent organ," Ms. Nieuwama said: "The allegation that Mustang Daily is a house organ is a dangerous one which severely threatens student expression on this campus."

"We are not a house organ," she continued, "if the paper was, it would be completely controlled by the All Daily."

The Mustang Daily receives a back on a breakdown budget from the All Daily. Said Ms. Nieuwama, "We are independent and will fight to remain so."
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**Don't do us any favors**

Major changes have been made in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) with little public attention to their effect.

The federal law, which provides that students have the "right to inspect and review any and all official records, files and data directly or indirectly associated with an individual," was passed last November.

The changes are so sensitive to correct technical errors and overights and to clarify the law's intent. They were made by the bill's author, Senator Jamea L. Buckley, in response to the fears of college officials and those involved in a student's application for financial aid.

The changes have increased the number of people who may have access to a student's file. In addition to accrediting organizations and those involved in a student's application for financial aid, new state and local officials, such as police, sheriffs and public health officials, may now inspect the file, in addition to accrediting organizations, parents of dependent students and a vague category of "applicants or persons in health and safety emergencies.''

Regulations in the original bill provided for a "trail of access," requiring that anyone who looks in a student's record must leave a statement in the file of his legitimate interest.

In the revised FERPA, this is no longer required of employees of the college, and the college keeps the file on what outsiders obtained access and for what reasons.

In another important change, student records are not to be shown confidential evaluations placed in their files before Jan. 1, 1979, nor financial information furnished in the past or future by their parents.

In addition, the new FERPA has defined other materials as not being part of education records. These are: records about students made by teachers and administrators for their own use, campus police records, employment records for college employees and medical and psychiatric records.

Students should be aware that the guts of their right to access have been taken out. The revisions in FERPA were made at the request of college administrators. It is not possible that the revisions could have worked any other way.

The regulations are loose and allow for local administrative interpretation. Confidential files on a student's political activities could be defined as a campus police record or a record made by an administrator for his own use. Who is to say? Why, the administration, naturally.

If a student were able to find out just what confidential files existed, he would be able to challenge their classification. But therein lies the difficulty - it is impossible to find out who is keeping what beyond the standard educational file.

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Paul Mono has found himself most comfortable to express his opinions in his cartoons.

"I started drawing when I was about five years old and now I just live a cartoon life," says Paul. "People always ask me where I get my ideas; I just read, read, read. Since I want to be a political cartoonist, current events are the most important thing for me to keep up on."

In addition to working on Mustang Daily, Paul does political cartoons for a politically orientated magazine in Washington D.C. "It isn't easy to break into the cartooning empire," says Paul. "It's really tough. I work 10 hours a day, five or six days a week to perfect my style. It's finally paying off. Now about 75 per cent of my work is bought.

"The world needs something to laugh at. I express my opinions in my cartoons in the hope that people will either laugh or think about them. That's really all I want to do."

Paul Mono discusses the idea with Layout editor Pete King

Photos by John Gordon
Chancellor talks on major issues

Cal Poly students and faculty members attended a question and answer period Tuesday in which Chancellor of the State University and Colleges, Glenn Dumke, and Dr. David Kagan, Statewide Dean of Student Affairs, spoke on campus issues.

Most of the questions asked of Dumke and Kagan centered around the issue of Cal Poly's growth. San Luis Obispo City Councilman Keith Gurri served the questioning when he asked Dumke if he thought Cal Poly should file an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) with the city before any growth plans were made.

Last December Gurri served as President Robert E. Kennedy to voluntarily submit an EIR to the city.

Before Dumke answered the question, Kennedy did. He said that the question had already been answered by the administration, and that the university had no legal responsibility to file an EIR. He said that Poly had always given the necessary information to the city voluntarily and that mutual sharing of information was necessary to maintain good relationships with the community.

"The city does nothing with the information we give them," Kennedy said.

Gurri then asked Dumke if the enrollment figures for the university were arrived at with any kind of community input. Dumke said that Poly's trustees were very interested in the impact Poly's growth had on the community, and that input was important.

"The president of the campus gets the necessary input," he said. Dumke added that Kennedy worked hard with the community to achieve a good understanding of the views of past president of the university,

Kennedy said he was disturbed by the university's recent growth and probably would level off in the 1980's. Dumke said that as far as he knew, Poly had not been political and in violation of the law. The SAC had asked that Cal Poly not be included in any growth analysis that would grow to 25,000 students in 10 years and would probably level off in the 1980's. Dumke said that as far as a growth plan was concerned, current growth plans might have to be re-evaluated.

Dumke added that the problem with enrollment increases were the allocation of funds for new buildings.

"I thought that Poly was not included in any growth plans that would bring trouble," he said.

"The city needs a hand in doing things," he added. Dumke said that Poly was unusual among other state colleges and universities because the number of students applying was increasing.

Engineers' Week activities

A Solar and Wind Energy Conversion Contest will kick-off activities for National Engineers Week on Wednesday, Feb. 19, at 9 a.m.

The contest, to be held on the west side of the library lawn, will continue until 11 a.m. Thursday. Winners will be picked on the machine that does the most work.

The most creative machine will also receive an award.

An employment seminar in conjunction with the national week will be held in Room 904 of Chumash Auditorium on Wednesday, Feb. 19, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Representatives from various companies will provide up-to-date information on employment potential in engineering and the possible developments within their respective companies.

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During college hour (11 a.m.) on Monday, Feb. 17, a seminar in which the solar machine will be a good opportunity for students to receive up-to-date information on employment possibilities on an informal basis.

After a noon luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 19, about 80 local high school students will be invited to enter the competition, with an open class, and a convention class (open to anyone who wants to participate).

Dismissed
Victor Steinhardt, shown at his piano performing here Sat., Feb. 13. He has appeared with the San Luis Obispo County Symphony in 1972 and 1973, and is currently a member of the music faculty at the University of Oregon at Eugene.

Steinhardt received his Bachelor of Piano degree from Mount Saint Mary's College in Los Angeles and a Master of Arts in Composition from UCLA.

Steinhardt gave two performances at Poly Sat., night performing a program of classical and ragtime music for solo piano.

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Book review

**Mis-speak in America**

By Edwin Newman, Bobbi-Merrill Co., Inc., 197 pp. (Available at Cal Poly)

The basic idea behind the book "Strictly Speaking" is that the English language has declined so much that it is leading to a decline in society itself. The author proves his point with examples of "mis-speakings" of the language by politicians, journalists, teachers, advertisers, etc. No one escapes his critical analysis.

And Edwin Newman succeeds in showing that our language has deteriorated to a very low point. He does it in a humorous way, but manages to convey his sadness at the decline.

Newman uses common cliches, errors, stereotypes and other uses of speech to get his point across.

At times he seems to leave his major point and criticize people instead—especially politicians and journalists. He laughs at their speaking and writing abilities, but he is really laughing at them, the reader feels.

The Watergate scandal provides him with numerous examples for analysis. In fact, the entire Nixon administration receives a great deal of credit for many language fallacies we have around. Newman points out. He uses examples from press conferences and speeches.

One thing I didn't like about the book is that at times, Newman made me feel very uneducated. In one chapter, he uses examples of language mistakes from the media. And sometimes the examples sounded just fine to me. I couldn't tell what was wrong with them—which could prove how easy it is to become immune to poor language!

Aside from his critique of the language misuse, Newman gives a fascinating behind-the-scenes look at politics around the world. World leaders become less impressive—their mistakes create an image they would rather not have. But it's an image much more appealing, and more human.

I enjoyed the book a great deal, but while I was laughing at the humor in today's language misuse, I was agreeing with Newman. He proves that communication is in such a state of disarray. "What makes the incorrect more attractive than the correct?" Newman asks in the book.

To answer that question provides a statement of the times. The subtitle of the book is "Will America be the death of English?" I would ask, "Will English, or the decline of it, be the death of America?" Read this book to find out! There could be worse ways to leave the world, and at least we will leave laughing at ourselves.

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Mustangs break fast
by JIM SWEENY
The Mustang baseball team went for the hat trick over the weekend but came up one short, taking two of three from St. Mary’s College. After splitting Saturday’s doubleheader, winning the first game 9-4 and dropping the second, 5-0, Cal Poly ripped the Gaels 1-0 on Sunday.

In their first weekend of competition, they displayed an inconsistent but potentially explosive offense. The pitching staff, touted as the team’s weakness, appears to be strong and the defense, if anything, solid.

Sophomore Nick Ongarso led the romp Sunday going four for four with a double, home run and three runs batted in as four Mustang pitchers were pounded for 17 hits, including three home runs.

The Mustangs opened the scoring in the third inning when first baseman Ted Bailey and Dave Fowler both hit runners giving them a 4-4 lead. They added two more in the fifth, one in the sixth and four in the seventh to ice the victory. The game was never close as the Gaels didn’t score until the seventh inning.

Paul Gengler picked up the win with three perfect innings. Fowler and Bailey each had three RBIs.

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Sunday no picnic for track squad

It was the agony of defeat Saturday night for the Cal Poly track team.

Dave Hamer, Clarence Edwards, and Curtis Byrd “just couldn’t put it together,” said coach Steve Simmons.

Hamer failed to clear the opening height of 1.4. “Dave has had technical problems the entire season,” said Simmons, adding, “he’s got a lot of work to do.”

Edwards, who tied the meet record of 6.6 just finishing ahead of Steve Williams 6.8.

Byrd failed in place in the 600 yard dash. “I don’t know, Byrd was running so smooth going into the last two legs...I just don’t know what happened to him,” said Simmons.

Loane on Academic All-American team

John Loane, kicking specialist on the Mustang football team the past two seasons, was named to the second team 1974 College Division Academic All-American team.

Balloting was handled for the co-sponsors, the College Sports Information Directors of America and the American Heritage Life Insurance Company, by the Michigan State Sports information office.

Loane, who completed his senior year last fall, has a 3.8 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale. He is a soil science major.

The 6-1, 180-pounder from San Anselmo, by way of College of Marin, led the Mustangs in scoring in 1973 with 68 points as the team legged a 6-1 record. He was the second leading scorer in 1974 when Poly put together a 6-4-1 record. He scored 60 points.

Loane put together a string of 10 consecutive conversion kicks for a new school record. He converted his first 17 attempts in 1974 and added to a slate of 36 in a row he carried over from the 1973 campaign.

He finished his career with a string of 11 straight intact and converted 60 of 60 for the year after making 47 of 47 as a junior. On Saturday, he kicked the Mustangs with two RBIs while completing 6-for-6 in the second gam*.

To be nominated for the academic All-American team an athlete had to achieve at least a “B” (3.0) average and be a football player to be selected on an academic All-American team.

Boston doc gets a years probation

BOSTON (UPI) - Dr. Kenneth C. Edelin Tuesday was given a light sentence one year on probation for his conviction of manslaughter of a fetus in a legal abortion.

Judge James P. McGuire stayed the sentence pending an appeal which Edelin’s attorney, William Roman, said would be filed “this afternoon.”

Maximum sentence for manslaughter in Massachusetts is 10 years. Romanos declined to make a specific recommendation to the judge but said in a brief unprepared statement that Edelin is “not the kind of individual who has any malice in his heart, and has been a long-serving charitable career ahead of him.”

Students have for many years been indoctrinated with the idea that science has proved the Bible’s record of creation to be untenable. The Biblical record of creation, we have been assured, is no longer taken seriously by well informed scientists.

One common discovery, of course, that much of what is taught from classroom podiums and in textbooks or sermons by human origin... even unthinking... the idea that it is the last word of scientific evidence. Myth. Logical and frequent repetition has made it sound credible.

Actually, in this moment there are thousands of scientific and unscientific and other educated people who have come to believe that man’s record of creation is much. Science is not far more scientific than the Bible’s record of creation. This, despite the evolutionary indoctrination received in school, one way or another, learning of your own existence — or possibly or matters of such basic importance as the development of medical science. The tendency of the average human scientist to question the possibility of the Biblical record of creation, and its evidence, is not a cosmetic operation that can be ignored or corrected by itself, nor as a panacea for overcrowded, overcrowded, and overcrowded. The secular literature is littered with the credibility of the Biblical record of creation.

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Ford veto predicted on oil tariff delay

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Ford ate breakfast with GOP congressional leaders in order to discuss an anticipated vote in the Senate Wednesday on a measure to substitute oil predictions that any effort by Congress to cut consumption.

"What we need to do is to sustain the veto, then let the bill pass," National Economic Council Director Forrest Scull said. "There is an even chance Congress will sustain the veto."

Ford's veto might be close. But he added, "White House lobbying doesn't discourage me. I don't think he (Ford) is making any concer.

Nessen admitted the White House was making lists of lawmakers and how they would vote. But declined to divulge any of the White House predictions.

Also during the President's meeting with 28 Republican Senate and House leaders, Treasury Secretary William E. Simon reportedly attacked suggestions in Congress that an allocation or quota system be substituted for raising oil tariffs, in order to cut consumption.

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