Poly faculty union challenges sections of teaching contract

Members address need for 'due process'

By Barbara Courain
Staff Writer

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 that gives 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.

"This was a good name that has now been ruined ... there needs to be some process ... some way to protect the faculty," Harmon-Elliot said.

Jim Howland, an English professor who is in charge of formulating the bargaining issues from Cal Poly, agrees.

"We need a process that will allow due process to occur ... some form to present both views," he said. "Then problems won't get blown out of proportion."

Howland said he is interested in setting legitimate protection for faculty members, but at the same time, the faculty must be held responsible when they are at fault.

Harmon-Elliot said that faculty pay is another big issue for the new contract.

"President Baker is behind this ... he agrees that the teachers should get better pay," she said. "We need to maintain the quality education that is so necessary to maintain the future of California."

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Cal Poly administrators waited almost eight months before informing economics professor Walter Rice — who was suspended from teaching and banned from campus for two months this quarter — of any allegations against him.

Rice, who has taught at Cal Poly for 25 years, received a copy of the allegations against him on Nov. 18. According to that report, the university started its investigation of Rice on May 5. Rice was told he was under investigation.

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ASI, IFC bring cheer to community with holiday drive

By Karen Kendzor
Staff Writer

Cal Poly students caught a wave of holiday cheer this season through participation in the fifth annual Holiday Sharing Drive, a three-week event sponsored by the ASI Student Community Services, Special Events.

The Holiday Sharing Drive is a campus-wide effort in which numerous community philanthropic events, said Gabrielle Friedly, special events co-director. Last year about 50 Poly organizations sponsored events such as food drives, toy collections, addressing Christmas cards, wrapping gifts and visiting the elderly, she said.

This year about 40 clubs have donated their time toward similar activities, said Friedly. Christmas caroling at retirement homes, canned food and blanket drives and the donation of Christmas trees are a few club activities that will happen through Dec. 8.

The Salvation Army just received two and a half tons of canned food in conjunction with the Holiday Sharing Drive, said Ananos. Nov. 5 marked the third annual Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic canned food drive.

Dino Giacomazzi, IFC philanthropy chairman, said the turn-out was good, with more than 300 members from 13 fraternities and 10 sororities. He said his club's turnout was slightly lower than last year's — probably because it was held on a Sunday rather than Saturday morning.

In addition to the canned food drive, all Greek caroling will be organized by Sigma Pi fraternity, said Friedly.

"It's important that people get to know what Student Community Services entails," said Ananos. "It-stretches beyond the holidays, sponsoring events throughout the year for the homeless, seniors and the disabled. SCS gives you the opportunity to just be able to work with other people."

In the past, a tree was decorated with ornaments representing every club that helped with the drive.

This year some expressed the sentiment that it was inappropriate for a state institution to put up a Christmas tree, said Friedly. Instead of a tree, Ananos said a welcome-back banner will be placed in the University Union after the Christmas break to thank the clubs that participated.

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More than an apple a day

The National Academy of Science has revised the recommended daily allowance for some minerals, like calcium.

Additional information from the American Dietetic Association and the National Academy of Science.

First day in December

New Councilmember Bill Roalman says he wants to keep in constant contact with students.
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 not right, but allow us to focus momentarily on a need closer to home. Any concerns, problems will arise. Our concern is about how Poly deals with them.

Part of the symbolism of New Year's Day is putting the past behind us and looking forward to an improved future. Cal 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 has not 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 decisions have been made in their absence, and that information is being done to smooth tensions between the three groups.

And perhaps most disturbing to many employees, the suspension of a teacher without explanation and the controversy over the removal of a man from his job by his peers as Coach of the Year are just three illustrations of the difficulties plaguing this campus.

Ideally, we should work off the premise that none of the college segments is out to get the other and that all can coexist harmoniously. But this is the real world, and it is inevitable that problems will arise. Our concern is about how Poly deals with them.

Many of the frustrations in the past quarter could have been alleviated or minimized by clearer policies, more communication and more accountability. It's too late to change this quarter, but things don't have to follow the same pattern in the future.
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.

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 Calendar

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 Hecox Gym.

• Men's Basketball — The team will be very busy over the break. They will face CSU Hayward at 8:00 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. 17 they will face Peru State, and then will face Mansfield 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.

• 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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Penalties incurred through federal aid program forgiven

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 combined 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 $235.9 million, 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 overpayments to beneficiaries under Aid to Families With Dependent Children.

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 overpayments 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.

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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.

The soft-spoken environmentalist who took nearly 50 percent of the vote in the Nov. 7 election replaces Allen K. Settle, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor.

Mustang Daily recently had a chance to talk with Roalman about his goals and aspirations as a new councilmember.

"I want to educate myself and the community about the main environmental issues facing us," Roalman said, "and also to bring more people into the political process. Try to de-mystify local government."

His strong environmental stance was no secret during his campaign. Roalman, a Sierra Club member, pledged to preserve the city's open space, protect the community's natural resources and promote recycling.

"We need to look at an expanded recycling program in the city and try to facilitate a composting facility for organic landfill," Roalman said.

"We need to come up with measures to protect the environment but also allow for needed growth," he said, "because we're going to grow."

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

This includes making good use of open space. Another feature the city needs to plan for, Roalman said, is a bikeway system. This isn't surprising since Roalman rides his bike everywhere he goes.

"We need to allocate more money to improve the bikeway system. Specifically, the natural place (for a bikeway) would be along the Southern Pacific property. Ideally, the link would be from Cal Poly all the way to Edna-Irby, way out there off Broad Street," Roalman said.

Other routes he would like to see included in this system of bikeways would be from the old train station towards Sinsheimer Park and from the Laguna Lake area to Broad Street by Highway 101. He would like to see certain local streets with safe bike lanes and bicycle traffic diverted away from hazardous intersections.

One example, Roalman said, is the intersection at California and Foothill, which he calls a "disaster area for bikes."

Other California towns with extensive bikeway systems include Palo Alto and Davis.

Along with bike lanes, he would also like to see improvements in mass transit. He encourages students to contribute their input on the transportation issue at the upcoming special meeting of the county Board of Supervisors. The meeting will be Dec. 6 at 1:30 in the board chambers.

Another high priority, said Roalman, is improving relations 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.

"Dialogue is essential," Roalman said. "Personally, I want to make myself accessible to students."

More than just an empty promise, Roalman is going to have a table in the University Union during Thursday's activity hour. He will spend the time talking to students and finding out what their concerns are. This will allow open communication and enable students to have their concerns addressed.

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Candy suppliers want dry milk limit lifted to avoid chocolate shortage during holiday

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 racing to its busiest time of year for dairy farmers, who contend that lifting the quota would cause massive price drops for their families to plummet.

Peter Van Leer, whose 40-year-old family business in Hackettstown, N.J., produces 30 million tons of dark and milk chocolate each year, said the import limit for non-fat dry milk is keeping prices too high.

"We have sympathy with the chocolate industry," said Mike Brown, an economist with the National Milk Producers' Federation, which drafted the letter. "There is a large amount of non-fat milk supplies have loosened in the last few weeks so that consumers will not face Christmas without their favorite chocolate desserts."

"We got a letter from a chocolate supplier, M&M Mars of Hackettstown, N.J.," Jerry's ice cream. "This is the busiest season of all. This is the first time we've had a chocolate shortage by temporary lifting of restrictions, saying non-fat dry milk to make a living. But we don't want the government to do silly things that are going to hurt the industry." Van Leer said this year's dry milk shortage has forced him to supply some of his chocolate at a loss because much of his chocolate sells at prices agreed upon months before shipping.

"We're hurt this season," said Van Leer, who has not yet tallied his loss. "I haven't had the heart to measure it."

Another major issue facing the council is the water shortage. Roalman favors the Stream Diversion project, which would divert three major streams between Cayucos and San Luis Obispo into the Whale Rock reservoir.

The other major task before the council will be the update of the city's General Plan, which is the blueprint for future of the city. Roalman is a Cal Poly alumnus and received a master's degree in City and Regional Planning from UCLA. Before running for the council he was the San Luis Obispo City Planning Commissioner.

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ROALMAN

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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 chocolatiers 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 desserts.

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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.

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

“Those 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:

- Cross country skiing in Bear Valley Dec. 27-Jan. 2. The $40 cost includes gas and food.
- Winter mountaineering in the Eastern Sierras Dec. 21. Cost is $19.75. Experience levels vary from beginning to intermediate. For more information, call Mark Wingate in the Escape Route at 143-2617 or 756-1287.

Liabrary 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.

IP to host info. meeting Nov. 30

International Programs will be hosting an information meeting on opportunities to study abroad on Thursday, Nov. 30, at 11 a.m. in University Union Room 220. My Yarabinec, representing the International Programs Offices in Long Beach, will be the featured speaker. Alumni of the overseas study program will be available to answer questions. Admission is free and refreshments will be served.

Mustang Daily will not publish during quarter break. The next issue will appear Jan. 10. See you next year.

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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 divisions.

Gorbachev said the meeting he called for under the 1975 Helsinki Accords, which established the European Common Market. Gorbachev said the sweeping changes in Eastern Europe are irreconcilable. He insisted they do not signal "the collapse of socialism," but rather the further development of a concept with noble goals and "immense humanistic and democratic potential."

On the eve of his historic meeting with American President Ronald Reagan in Paris, Paul II, Gorbachev said that Soviets have changed their attitude toward religion and now believe religious values can help in the restructuring of Soviet society.

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

Expanding on his desire to build "a common European home," Gorbachev said events recently proved the dramatic rush toward reform in Eastern Europe underscored 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 pressing 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, 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, 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 a Russian Orthodox 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 those who disagree with us are enemies."

And he said Soviets have changed their attitude toward religion, "which, admittedly, we used to treat in a simplistic manner."

Religion has been rejected to some extent in all major social upheavals, he said.
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 experiences 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 profession," 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 drawbacks, Cervantes said, but she overcame them.

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 Cervantes became a poet and received a college education. Today she is working toward a doctorate in philosophy, in the history of consciousness program, at UC Santa Cruz.

Because she is Chicano, Cervantes 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 symposium in Port Townsend, Washington," Cervantes expresses pride in her heritage.

"I write poems that are accessible," 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 Anthology 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.

Two truckloads of soldiers, wearing white bands and carrying red flags, were also seen entering the government radio and television station at about 2 a.m. They appear to be mutinous.

Defense Secretary Fidel Ramos said two companies of mutinous Philippine air force troops who had been guarding the base' gate left about 2 a.m., and the mutinous Marines took over security at the base perimeter.

They claimed to control all of the base, but this could not be immediately confirmed.

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