**Free English workshop to aid deficient grammar**

Students distressed with the minute, angling, myriad English grammar principles may find relief by participating in a series of English writing workshops beginning next week. The workshop sessions will be on a voluntary basis, no charge, no credit, no grades bestowed, according to Dr. Edward Cairns, director of English composition, who's handling the English Workshop program.

Twelve sessions—and tentatively one more—are scheduled throughout dozens of class periods, Mondays through Thursdays.

Cairns said the program was designed to assist students struggling with English composition classes but that anyone having difficulties with or wishing to develop his writing skills can attend the sessions.

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**Job outlook improved**

For students graduating this year, job prospects are the best they have been in four years. According to Dr. Robert Valpey, dean of Engineering and Technology, "The upsurge is tremendous, especially in the fields of engineering and technology. The year there have been more liberal engineering recruiters on campus than there have been students to be recruited." Job prospects are even better for future graduates. Valpey says there are indications that students who complete their undergraduate degree studies in engineering between 1973 and 1980 may have their choice of careers.

The 1973 Engineering Manpower Report and other nationwide trends support Valpey's assertion. These trends are in direct contrast with the decline of jobs two years ago. The College Placement Council (an organization that works with colleges and employers in helping students in their career planning and placement), said there would be a decrease ranging between 10 per cent for Ph.D. graduates, 25 per cent for engineers with four-year degrees and 45 per cent for bachelor's degree holders.

"Prospects appear brightest for those students majoring in engineering, particularly at the bachelor's level, where hiring is expected to improve by 45 per cent," the council said.

The council also found that business, science, mathematics and other technical disciplines should also show strong improvement in job openings. Aerospace companies, though not in full numbers in the survey, reported that they planned to hire about 81 per cent more than in previous years. Metal industry employment is expected to increase by 52 per cent and chemical firms foresee a 50 per cent increase. Liberal arts and other nonbusiness graduates will probably have only a four per cent increase.

Another survey conducted by Frank Endicott, professor emeritus of education at North-Western University, said the job outlook is very good for women and members of minority groups, and the hiring is expected to increase by 18 per cent over last year in the hiring of women graduates with bachelor's degrees.

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**Cease-fire by Saturday; POW's home in 60 days**

WASHINGTON (UPI)—The Vietnam war will end "with the final peace in Southeast Asia," said President Nixon Tuesday night.

Nixon said an agreement was "within reach" at a meeting Friday night and that the signing would occur "immediately at a time that will be announced later." The agreement would "put an end to war and bring peace with honor in Southeast Asia." In a nationwide address Nixon said an agreement would put an end to war and bring peace with honor in Southeast Asia.

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Most people consider floods to be an Act of God. To hear a KSLY viewer tell "it was God's will" for a $20 million flood in San Luis Obispo is enough to make one doubt the credibility of the news. Odom claims that not enough grass was on the banks to absorb the water, when it was the lining of grassy banks that was preserved to prevent flooding.

Of course, the floods were the best thing to happen to the local businesses, particularly restaurants. Many view the deluge as an Act of God, while others claim negligence. The latter is probably the more correct interpretation, since no one would purposely move the water from its natural stream beds into the Laguna Lake area. The water was deliberately released to flood the area, and it demonstrates quite clearly what is at stake when you consider the increasing flood risk.

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One of the things which makes San Luis Obispo an attractive place to live is the relative natural state of the creeks. It would be a shame to squander this for a Los Angeles style flood control, which isn't really effective anyway. The steelhead trout and grassy banks can be preserved, and the flood danger lessoned, with some imagination.

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Simon award gets bounced by lady defending Crazy Horse

I would like to make a few points concerning Paul Simon's latest "awards" (Jan. 17), particularly the one concerning the bouncer at Crazy Horse. The article seemed to assert some sort of blame on the bouncer for causing trouble. I suggest that Mr. Simon get his facts straight before printing such accusations, as do the tuna. So the tuna, like the porpoises, should have porpoises. Please work to protect these beautiful beasts.

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Ex-Peruvian president to discuss Latin road

Former Peruvian President Fernando Belaunde Terry will speak at 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 99 in Chumash Auditorium on foreign affairs and the importance of road transportation in developing nations.

The talk is jointly sponsored by the School of Architecture and Environmental Design. Admission is free.

Under the Belaunde administration, Peru joined with the governments of Colombia, Ecuador, and Bolivia in the development of the Marginal Forest Highway through those countries in 1917.

The highway brought settlers to unused land along its route. A study showed that the road would result in growth of now houses and living complexes along its route. New industries bolstered productivity to help feed the growing nation.

Construction of the highway resulted in growth of new houses and living complexes along its route. New industries bolstered the economy. Agricultural productivity increased to help feed the growing nation.

Belaunde was troubled by the fact that South America's population lived densely along the coast while fewer than five per cent lived in the back country of the jungle heartland. Much of the continent was not being used despite its being one of the largest arable land masses in the world.

SAC to speak on registrations

Dual registration, ASI elections guidelines and an elected representatives' brochure will be the items under discussion at the Student Affairs Council (SAC) meeting scheduled for tonight at 7:15 p.m. in the College Union room 252.

The items of dual registration will deal with stopping students registering at Cuesta College from this university at the same time.

Discussion of ideas for putting together a brochure telling about the ASI elected representatives will also be included.

Two ASI representatives will discuss ASI elections guidelines. Other business will include officer's reports by Robin Baggett, ASI pros., Tony Santos and Denny Johnson, ASI vico-Pres.

Applications are being encouraged in majors which are likely to have student spaces unfilled, including several in engineering and technology, agriculture, and in science majors such as chemistry, physics, and mathematics. Late applications are also being excepted in business administration, economics, and political science.

Belaunde urges students wanting to begin their studies at the university next fall to contact the counselor at their high school or community college, or to visit the university Admissions Office, between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., on weekdays and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Bike-A-Thon

Chris-K Club will sponsor a Multiple-Sclerosis Benefit Bike-A-Thon Saturday. Cyclists will begin at Mission Plaza in San Luis Obispo, travel along Johnson Avenue and Orutt Road in Los Osos and return along Highway 197 (Edna Road and Broad Street) back to the starting point.

"All bike riders are invited to join in the Bike-A-Thon," says James Marshall, president of Chris-K.

Participants obtain their own sponsors and Multiple-Sclerosis is paid for each mile the biker rides. The donation per mile is up to the sponsor. Riders under 18 must have parental consent and all funds go to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Applications blanks are available at the Activities Office.

ASI budgets due Thursday

Deadline for submission of 1974-75 ASI budgets is Thursday, Feb. 1, according to Mike Metting, ASI finance committee chairman.

Groups wishing to receive funds from next year's ASI budget must have submitted requests to the finance committee by the deadline date.

As of the Jan. 11 Finance Committee meeting, only two such requests have been received, according to Metting. Those will be under discussion at the Finance Committee meeting of Jan. 26.

The Feb. 1 deadline will not apply to those organizations that submitted statements informing the committee of intention to submit a late request. Deadline for such requests was Jan. 15.

NOW PLAYING

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X-rated
Mustang pole vaulter Dave Hamer clears the fourth foot finish in the Sunnyside Invitational meet during a recent meet. Hamer, who last weekend cleared 17 feet, became the first Mustang to clear 17 feet.

**Brown Sunkist winner**

Wehn Reynaldo Brown and Dave Hamer competed in last week's Sunnyside Invitational indoor track meet at Los Angeles, they were in with some tough company.

But the Mustang pair came through with top performances to earn places when the final results were in.

Brown jumped* superbly in clearing 7-4 for his first place effort. His winning height equaled his own record that he shares with Ola Burrell. Burrell set a mark in 1971 while Brown equaled it the following year. Brown beat out world record holder Peti Maesdorf and Olympian Dwight Boone.

Coach Steve Simmons, mentor of the Mustang track team said that Brown is only one of five Collegians who have jumped that height.

Hamer would have had a tough time in winning the pole vault. As it was, Hamer settled for fourth place, vaulting 15 feet, one foot below his total last year. Brown Smith of Torrance won with the world record vault of 17-1.

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**Cost of living Increases**

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Despite this progress, the effort to curb inflation must continue," said Chairman Herbert Stein of the President's Council of Economic Advisers in predicting sharp retail food price increases in the first few months of 1974 as a result of wholesale food price increases in December—the biggest in a quarter-century.

**Faculty ready?**

Faculty and staff members, how are your basketball skills shaping up?

If you are ready for a little action, a team comprised of faculty and staff members is being formed to challenge the Celt basketball team next Monday at 6:30 p.m. The game will be a preliminary contest to the Mustang-Hayward State game.

Those interested in playing are asked to see coach Dave Humann at 844-8534.

**Judo club set**

A coed Judo club is being offered by the Judo Club of this campus beginning Thursday night.

The beginners class in Kodokan Judo will be held Tuesday and Thursdays the entire quarter from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 301 (the wrestling room) of the Men's Gym.

The cost to participants will be the quarterly Judo Club fee of $1 for men and $1 for women, with the renewal fee being $2 per quarter.

**Harper to remain here**

It appears that Mustang football mentor Joe Harper will stay at this university for another season.

Hamer has been invited to be interviewed for the head spot at San Jose State earlier this month but last out when Fresno State's Darryl Rogers was named to the post.

Hamer was one of four to be interviewed and was considered to have an inside track of previous connections. Others mentioned as possible replacements were Los Angeles Rams assistant Dan Vorens and a Stanford assistant coach.

Guiding the Mustangs is an $1,000 mark this past year and a third place national ranking. Harper was named Kodak's District I Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

**intramurals**

Students interested in signing up for intramural sports for the Winter Quarter are asked to sign up immediately at coach Don Heason's office in the Men's Gym in room 104.

Sports for the Winter Quarter include basketball, volleyball, soccer and wrestling.

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