Horse program
buys a champ

by CANDI IRVING

The program includes 18 thoroughbreds, 15 quarter horses, two Apaloosas, and saddle horses maintained for use in the beef cattle enterprise program. Animal opportunities are offered to students for gaining experience with working stock horses on the 1,000 acres of range land which support a 100 head cow-calf operation plus representative bands of other breeds. In addition to the Foundation horse facility, a horse barn is provided for students participating in the horse show and rodeo teams.

Students from a cross section of the university's 61 majors also maintain their own horses on adjacent small ranches entering showing horses.

Richard Johnson, head of the Animal Sciences Department, was instrumental in planning the program as an option to the regular animal agriculture majors when he occasionally purchases a replacement mare to show or train and sells or trades the horse already in the program.

William Gibbard, animal agriculture major, expressed his delight in the change of the horse program, saying Thessalian and her kind are unique. "I'm so happy to participate in the students in this program," he added.

The horse program is self-supporting by the 18 mares sold at yearling sales and other income sources.
**Metric system to be studied**

Principles, applications, and conversion to the metric system of measure for classroom sessions will be the subject of an advanced mathematics seminar offered by Cal Poly Extension. Dr. Allen Miller, course instructor, traveled to Great Britain recently to observe the conversion to the metric system in British schools. He feels the course will appeal primarily to public school teachers.*

Additional information regarding the metric, measurement seminar or other Cal Poly Extension courses may be obtained by calling 968-9862.

Meeting set for carnival

The location for this year's Poly Royal carnival has been changed from the Yosemite parking lot to the staff parking area in front of the food processing building.

Carnival chairman J.T. Adair reports that 10 organisations have signed up for the event, but any other organisation can participate if it files before April 17.

All groups planning to participate should send a representative to tonight's meeting in Room B to discuss both location planning, and rate and ticket pricing.

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**Commentary**

**Groucho Marx: magic "woids"**

by DENNIS MELELLAN

When Warner Bros. broke the sound barrier with "The Jazz Singer" in 1927, the golden silence of the silver screen had come to an end.

The era of silent comedy, which had progressed from the wild mustard pie-throwing of the Keystone Cops to the refined, silent eloquence of Chaplin and Keaton, was also down to its final scenes.

But the Golden Age of Comedy was not over. Although sound enabled many great careers, it also signalled the beginning for a new group of movie comedians.

Schooled in vaudeville and Broadway, they used the added dimension of sound to produce even bigger belly laughs - laughs that softened the hard times of a country caught in the midst of depression.

Although Laurel and Hardy, W.C. Fields and Mae West had an audience in stitches throughout the 1930's, it was the outrageousness of Groucho Marx Brothers, whose constant barrage of jokes, non sequiturs and outright silliness set a pace that was impossible to top.

CHICO: "I'd like to say goodbye to your wife." GROUCHO: "You bottor loovo. It Is humor that has aged well. Others attempt to raise the film medium to any great artistic heights, but they are worse than base. It'swhat keeps Groucho going. It's how the Marx Brothers will be remembered.

No one could be more pleased than Groucho himself. He no longer paints on the black mustard and he's even too old to play the dirty old man who, with cigar in hand, raised more eyebrows than his own voice and sarcastic remarks.

GROUCHO: "You better leave. I hear they're going to tear you down and put up an office building."

He's old and frail now, but at 68 he is still vintage Groucho, as evidenced in Flappington's recent interview and his all-too-rare TV appearances.

Groucho is becoming the campus folk hero of the 1970's much as Humphrey Bogart was in the 1950's. Their common appeal must be that they both saw through the sham and hypocrisy of the world around them. Bogart may have laughed at his world, but Groucho made the world laugh.

There will always be a new generation on hand to rediscover the Marx Brothers. They didn't raise the film medium to any great artistic heights, but they did provide endless hours of entertainment and laughter. It's why we keep Groucho going. It's how the Marx Brothers will be remembered.

GROUCHO: "Why don't you have a hole in yourself and let the guy run out."

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**Engineering awards**

Each year the Mechanical Engineering Department names a student of the year as part of Engineers' Week. The honoree this year was Robert V. Nugent of Lancaster.

Nugent, a senior, is president of the campus chapter of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and a member of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honorary society.

The student of the year is chosen by the faculty of the Mechanical Engineering Department. Candidates are judged on the basis of leadership ability and grade point average. There are 41,788 students in the department preparing for careers in the aero-space and automotive industries, biochemical systems production, the petroleum industry, public utilities, and toy industry.

No solutions for clock ills

The hands of the clock may vary from room to room on this campus, but plans to convert to a uniform, master clock system have been abandoned because it is assumed that everyone has watches and thac "clocks are not very important any more," according to Chief Engineer Arthur Young.

Many of the university's clocks are on a master clock system based in the maintenance office. The system is designed so that the classroom clocks will correct themselves when in error. But the impulse relay that provides for this is said to be faulty, so that some clocks on the master system fall to correct automatically.

The remainder of the campus clocks not hooked up to the master system must be set individually. State electronics Disk Thrashts said problems arise here because "many classes are in session day and night, makes it difficult to correct the clock.

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Northridge leaps over Poly, 97-66
by ROBERT DRUMMOND

Mustang problems in the jumping and middle distance events were all Cal State Northridge needed to take the weekend dual track meet from Poly, 97-66.

According to track coach Dave Simmons the Mustang jumpers didn't perform up to their usual standards and were bothered by foul winds.

"When a jumper feels he needs to try and adjust his style which usually throws his timing off for s good jump," said Simmons. The Mustangs were again strong in the sprints and relays as the Poly speeders claimed first in all the quick events.

The Matadors cruised to an easy victory in the stayed relay when the Mustangs dropped the baton. Both the Mustangs and the Matadors are tied for the fastest time in the nation in the relay with a clocking of 41.1.

Simmons predicts the Mustangs will have no trouble adjusting to the wind.

Mustangs will have no trouble adjusting to the wind. Edwards, the former California state champion in the 100, had little trouble as he blazed a wind-aided 9.1 first piece in the 100.

"No one in the league can come close to it," said Simmons. "It isn't even close to his season best and would go 8.8 this year," said Simmons. Edwards "put smoke on the whole world" according to Simmons when his3-year-old strength carried him to a wind-aided 10.3 in the 100.

"I haven't seen anyone run the last 60-yards of the 100 as fast as Edwards in a long time," said Simmons. "He had his legs up around his ears. The freshman sprinter has only been nipped once in the 100 this year and that was a manager's decision by teammate Joe Prineo. Dave Hamar, the Mustangs leading pole vaulter, only went 1 foot 10 inch in the vault, yielding first place to teammate Ken Haagen who jumped 18 feet 8 inches.

"We wanted to save Dave for the 100-yard high hurdles," explained Simmons. Hamar was given second place in the hurdles when he tied Mustang Roger Patton. Both were timed in 14.6 but Prineo was awarded the win over Hamar should have won the race, according to Simmons, but he didn't show up for the meet.

"The Matadors were hurt in the hurdles because Lamar Anderson threw the pole vault a hand to take first place in the meet. Anderson's throw was only three inches off his season best it was not a bad effort with only fingers."

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