Computers may register the answer

It’s a source of registering fast—not getting caught in the rush to add those ideal classes.

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Despite the fact that it probably won’t be a panacea, Computer Assisted Registration (CAR) can help alleviate the frustration of students at Cal Poly within two years, according to Registrar Gerald Punchea.

CAR systems have already been implemented at most larger colleges in the United States, including Cal Poly Pomona which was chosen to test the system at Pomona.

According to Punchea, although the system makes registration easier for students—no lines at the gym—there is no more certainty of obtaining first choice classes.

At the first CAR at Fresno, 79.3 per cent of the schedules requested were completed. About 84.4 per cent were exactly as the students had requested, 13.97 per cent were incomplete due to closed sections and 4.81 per cent were incomplete because of time restrictions.

Costs include salaries for a director, programming assistance for the computer and computer support systems. Punchea said implementation of the computer registration system would be supported by funds from the CSUC system, but money for continued operation would have to come from the administrative academic budget. He said it would entail a budget cut in some other area.
Nixon interviews: Nothing new

This week, David Frost hosts the first of a series of interviews with former President Richard M. Nixon. There is a strong possibility that a lot of old ground will be covered on the dark period in our history called Watergate.

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My question is, why? Will new material or information on the Watergate liaisons unearthed by Frost’s probe? Can the truth possibly be coaxed out of a man who lied to the United States public and disgraced his national office? If a major congressional investigation and months of hearings could not worm the truth out of Nixon (inexcusable privilege), it is highly unlikely a British journalist can do the job.

What can Nixon possibly say that might justify or explain what happened? Among other things, we know burglars working for the President’s re-election committee burgled the Democratic Party’s national headquarters and equipment purchased with presidential campaign donations.

Some of these burglars, aided by the CIA, broke into the office of Daniel Ellsberg’s psychiatrist. Ellsberg leaked the Pentagon Papers.

How can we forget? Watergate is a part of our history that had, is having, and will continue to have a dramatic impact on our government. Power should be our governmental and intelligence agencies, as exposed by Watergate, have produced personnel by making our officials more accountable to the public.

We seem to have learned our lesson in some degree, like such as Jimna Carter have restored some American’s trust in their government.

Political scientists and historians will maintain that these Frost-Nixon interviews will have great historical significance. But I would say that Nixon has almost enough impact on historical significance. For one thing, I am interested in listening to Nixon’s excuses for why Watergate happened. There are no excuses.

Attention candidates

Mustang Daily will have campaign questionnaires for Associated Students presidential candidates until 5 p.m. of the day of the election. All presidential and student candidates should limit their statements to 40 words.

Mustang Daily will have photostats of all campaign statements and projects all campaign materials.

About the cover

In two years Cal Poly students won’t face long lines, closed classes and headaches every time they register. All goes according to plan. In place of the present registration format, which will be processed by the Computerized Assistant Registration System (CARS), students already use and more than 200 public and private universities and colleges. (Bottom cover photo by Ellis Bennett.)

Weather

Forecast calls for late weather through thunderstorms, chance of afternoon clouds, little chance of afternoon thunders. Highs expected in the low 80s to low 90s. Lows in the 60s to low 70s. Winds on the 15 to 20 miles per hour in the afternoon. The extended outlook: Mostly dry weather with a chance of showers in the mountains this weekend.
Inter-Varsity president to speak here

John W. Alexander, inter-varsity president, will be at Cal Poly, Friday, May 9, to speak on "Christian Leadership." All students are welcome to attend, according to Pat Wall, Inter-Varsity chapter at Cal Poly.

In addition, Alexander will be speaking at a community dinner at 6 p.m. Friday in the faculty dining room. All members of the community are welcome to attend the dinner, said Wall. The cost is $5. Reservations may be made by calling Irwin Williams, local community chairman for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, at 57-8276.

Before accepting the presidency of Inter-Varsity, Alexander was the Geography Department chairman at the University of Wisconsin. He is author of "Economic Geography," a university textbook. Other Alexander books include "Managing our Work," "What Is Christianity?" and "Practical Criticism." All are published by Inter-Varsity Press.

Also, he was a speaker at Urbana '78 and Urbanite-Chapman Exposition. An estimated 17,000 college students attended the conference; more than 50 were from Cal Poly, according to Inter-Varsity.

"Our first priority is for people in San Luis Obispo to have an opportunity to meet Dr. Alexander and to hear what he represents," said Wall. "At the student meeting we hope to instill an appreciation of leadership" and to help students understand the distinctiveness of Christian leadership as opposed to the leadership of the world."

Jewelry expo soon

"Selection '77," a juried exhibition of jewelry, silverware, flatware, and other metal media, will open with a reception in the Game of Cal Poly Alumni and Inter-Varsity Union on Thursday, May 9, from 7 to 10 p.m.

"Selection '77" will contain 36 pieces from 171 submitted works by 45 artists from California State University, Northridge, and from Robert B Coleman of San Francisco State University.

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Poly signs seven more

Although the season ended four months ago, the Cal Poly football team is still active.

Seven more prep athletes have signed national letters of intent to attend Poly next year. A trio of players from St. Paul High School, a C.I.F. quarterback, and four Orange County standouts will all be under Harper's wing in the upcoming season.

The players from St. Paul include Gary Gibson, a 6'-2, 200-pound, two-year Angelus right end; Bob Wiltz, 6'-1, 180 pounds, varsity left end; and Tom Gilmer, a 6'-3, 240-pound defensive tackle.

Rob Marin, an all-around back and receiver, and Larry Harmon, a lifeline who signed national letters of intent to join Poly's program.

Remaining out the recent signings are Kevin Hardcastle, one of the top receivers in Orange County; and Carl Cherry, a 5'-10, 150-pound inman from Marina High.

Martin was an all-C.I.F. selection and has been named to play in the North-South Shrine Game in August. He scored 94 touchdowns as a senior carrying the ball 194 times for 1,017 yards. Martin was also on the receiving end of 52 passes for an additional 715 yards.

Poly nine shut out UCSB; notch win number 40

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