Seventy two percent pass Proficiency Test

BY SEANNA BROWDER

The results of the Junior English Proficiency Test that was given January 19 are in and students can breathe a sigh of relief.

Of the 876 students at Cal Poly who turned out to take the JEPT, 72 percent passed. This is one of the highest percentages for passing the test in California.

In comparison, California State University at San Francisco had 63 percent of those taking the JEPT passing and California State University at Long Beach had 54 percent passing. A statewide average of percentage passing the JEPT has not been completed, according to Dr. John Harrington the JEPT coordinator.

"I am very pleased with the results," said Harrington, an English professor. "I expected the percentage of those who passed to be high for several reasons."

Perhaps those who elected to take the test did so because they were sure they could pass it," speculated Harrington.

"Also, our students are better prepared before entering the university," he said. Cal Poly students have higher entrance test scores and GPA's than the statewide average.

The January test was the first time the JEPT was given at Cal Poly. The test is a result of a CSUC trustees decision that all CSUC students show proficient writing skills before graduation.

The test is required statewide, not just at Cal Poly. Harrington stressed it is not a Cal Poly English department test.

To fulfill the CSUC requirement, Cal Poly students at the junior level must take the JEPT; or a 300 level English composition or literature course. If a student fails the JEPT, he can retake the test or take the necessary upper division English course.

The JEPT is an hour long essay exam. The purpose of the test is to measure the student's ability to explain, develop and support an idea.

"The only way you can measure anyone's ability to write is to read an actual sample of their writing," said Harrington.

The grading of 876 essays is very complex, said Harrington. The essays were graded on a six point scale and each essay was read twice by different graders. The graders were professors from various schools on campus.

A failing score was between three and four. All essays given a failing mark were read again to make sure the score was fair.

Harrington said this method of grading has a high validity and is extremely controlled. It is used throughout the country and is the standard for grading essay tests.

The delay in returning the results to students was due to problems with the computer according to Harrington.

"There were a couple of breakdowns and bugs to be worked out in the computer. It was the first time we had tried this system," he said.

The next JEPT will be given on April 12, 1980. There is a JEPT given each quarter.
ASI intentions lost in bylaws

Does Cal Poly's student government really represent Cal Poly's students? The president, vice president, and student senators of ASI are elected each spring by the students, even though the voter turnout is low. Other staff members and Finance Committee members are appointed, but all their decisions are subject to approval by elected officers.

Yet elections do not guarantee representation. However good their intentions might be, student officers can easily become so absorbed in political maneuvering within the isolated world of ASI that they lose touch with the students they are supposed to represent.

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Student senators and Finance Committee members are supposed to find out what students want through "school councils," where they meet with representatives from the clubs and student professional societies within their schools. But many students don't even belong to clubs represented on school councils. Others may not feel that their opinions are really represented.

Student officers need more direct access to student opinions.

ASI President Rose Kraun's idea of surveying opinions through phone calls to students selected at random may help. But what we really need is an official, regular system through which student senators will communicate directly with students in their schools.

School councils should be replaced with regular open forums, well-advertised, in which any student in the school could suggest ideas and demand answers from the school's senators and Finance Committee members in an informal, no-holds-barred setting.

A more radical step would be to add initiatives and referenda as common as gushings of a propaganda punk group. Punk journalism, perhaps? As such, referenda should be taken off those that may be inclined to give New Wave a try. But referenda might also be the same time coddlle those that think the Dead Boys or the Runaways the next best thing to sliced bread.

I have several bones to pick with Mr. Stein's article. First of all, his estimation that the Talking Heads music falls somewhere between Calessi, Rock and Power Pop. That is an insult and a misrepresentation of their music.

Carter, Reagan win in Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - President Carter and Vice President Walter Mondale appeared Wednesday to be solidifying their victories in Minnesota party caucuses, but the triumphs were somewhat overshadowed by questions about the future of the state's banking industry.

The state's 1980 primary election was won by Carter, and Mondale narrowly edged past Minnesota Gov. Rudy Perpich, who ran about 13 percent behind Mondale.

Mondale's victory reflected the state's continuing conservative trend, which has repeatedly elected Mondale as governor. Carter's win was more of a political surprise, considering that he had been trailing Mondale in the national polls.

Some observers speculated that Mondale's victory was due to the fact that he had been running as a moderate, while Carter was perceived as being too radical.

However, Carter's win was seen as a sign of growing frustration with Mondale's leadership, and some speculated that Mondale's defeat could be a signal of things to come in the gubernatorial race.

Despite the victory, Mondale faced a tough challenge from Rep. Walter Minich, who had been running consistently behind Mondale in the polls.

The victory in Minnesota was significant for Carter, as it represented his first electoral win since losing the presidential race to Ronald Reagan last year.

Reagan, who carried the state by a narrow margin, was expected to face a tough challenge from Mondale in the general election, and his win in Minnesota could have given him an early boost in his bid for re-election.

However, the victory was not without its problems, as some observers noted that the win was more of a reflection of voter dissatisfaction with Mondale than a sign of support for Carter.

The win was also seen as a sign of the state's continuing conservative trend, with Mondale running behind in most of the key races.

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Outdoors

Fire fighters hired

The California Department of Forestry is accepting applications for seasonal fire fighters at a starting salary of $75 per month. Applications for the upcoming fire season must be postmarked no later than March 7, 1980. Seasonal fire fighters are used during the fire season that begins in June and usually ends around October, depending on the weather.

Applicants must be at least 18-years old, in good physical and emotional condition, and must be willing to work and live in remote areas of San Luis Obispo County. Specific requirements, physical testing procedures, and hiring information can be found in the job application packet. Applications may be picked up at the California Department of Forestry Headquarters, located one block north of Highland Drive on Highway 1; at the Cambria Forest Fire Station, 6136 Coventry Lane, Cambria; Nipomo Fire Station, 460 Juniper Street, Nipomo. Applications may be mailed to the Department of Forestry, 7140 Foothill Blvd., Foothill Blvd., 94970.

Fire dog competition

GRAND JUNCTION, Tenn. (AP) — The search for the best bird dog in the world begins each spring in gold trials in the chest of southern Canada and ends the following February in the cold mud of Tennessee. For three weeks or more each year, top bird dogs, each with two or more championship trophies to his credit, sniff their way through 10 miles of Tennessee grass and thicket on what was once a Yankee industrialist's winter retreat. Their goal is to find the elusive quail, to point him with style and vigor and to prove that his name belongs on the tarnished, denim silver cup bearing the names of his champion of champions predecessors.

The course, as both a test of would-be champions, hard, will be half each half, the dogs make it through the three-exciting trial.

To the owners, handlers and those who just enjoy watching a good bird dog work, the National Bird Dog Championship at the old Ames Plantation 50 miles east of Memphis is the World Series, Superbowl and a Big Game of them all wrapped up in one.

"I guess some people think we're crazy, spending all this money to raise a dog, train him and keep him in competition," said Dr. Terry Henshaw, a Cincinnati veterinarian, during a break in the 1979 championship. "But these dogs are special.

The trials have been conducted at the Ames Plantation for more than 70 years. The late Hobart Ames, a Boston industrialist, and his wife, Julia, who died in 1960, epitomized the bird dog fancier.

New Everest conquerer

LONDON (AP) — A group of climbers for almost 60 years by the swirling snows and howling winds of Mount Everest may soon yield to a team of British climbers already planning their spring ascent.

Did British climbers George Leigh Mallory and Andrew Irvine perish on Everest's icy slopes in June 1924? In 1975, a team from the Mallory expedition,29,021-foot summit. That was the last peak on the white snow, the climbers, two dark-haired, dark-eyed British men, were the last seen on the summit of Everest. Their photograph was over 50 years ago.

The climbers are: John G. Hunt, 69, who organized the 1953 British expedition that put New Zealander Hillary at the top. has reacted generously to the film's release, saying that the climbers were "one of the world's greatest human achievements." He dedicated the film "to show Mallory and Irvine triumphantly holding the British flag on the summit of Everest.

Such a photograph would rewrite mountaineering history.

"No one would be happier than I if it were proved they reached the top," said Hunt from his office at the Royal Geographical Society. "Mallory and Irvine were my childhood heroes, and it was this mystery that set me off for me when I was 15."
A reflective Saturday hike--down in the dump

BY BOB BERGER

I woke up to the sound of a ringing telephone. It's not a good way to wake up.

"Bergie, what's goin' on?" blared into my ear.

"Wakin' up," I garbled.

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I recognized the voice. For the last month my climbing partner, John Larrick, had been talking about climbing a sandstone butte in Price Canyon near Edna road, south of San Luis Obispo.

"We're doing Edna today, Berg. Get out of bed."

It was tough. Last night had been dedicated to celebrating the hockey team's victory over the Soviets. They deserved it.

By 12:30 p.m. my great white whale of a pick-up truck was rolling on Broad Street, headed south. We had recruited two more members for the expedition. John's girlfriend Kathleen and an old friend from dawn days, Don.

A couple of tall cold Coors later and we were in an exploring mood. It was quickly tested—our first attempt at reaching the butte was thwarted by a muddy road running through the oil fields off Price Canyon Road.

Back down two miles

Alaska sees
2nd goldrush

GLENNALLEN, Alaska (AP)—Some 200 strong they flocked to a section of the windswept Glenn Highway, lured by reports of a major gold find in the snow-covered valley below. But it proved to be an unapproachable barrier for Tuesday for most of those who tried to reach the mining area, 150 miles northeast of Anchorage, surveyed by three state geologists last summer in the Nolchina River Basin.

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of narrow, muddy road is never fun, except for John and Kathleen who were stuck in the back of the Whale.

The second attempt at gaining the sandstone steps put us within half a mile of the butte. Only a farm stood between us and the rock.

While we were standing at the fence, a tired looking "For pick-up with wooden panels came cruising up the dirt past a grey woodwindmill. A girl jumped out of the truck and jaunted up the road towards us. Her long wavy hair wisped around her face.

"Hey Freeman, how's it going?" I asked.

"Well, we were wonder- you're not a go<^ way to wake up.

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Kerrigan does double duty

BY DAVE BONTA
Daily Sports Writer

In this era of specialization, it is rare to find college athletes who participate in more than one sport during their athletic career. Even rarer, perhaps unthinkable, are athletes who compete in two sports simultaneously. Cal Poly's Kelly Kerrigan has done just that.

Kerrigan is a sophomore from Santa Clara who last year came to Cal Poly last year with the choice of competing in either track or swimming. Instead, she opted to participate in both.

Kerrigan said she stayed with both teams because she liked her teammates, coaches and felt she had equal ability in both sports. Kerrigan said she has been swimming since she was six years old, and has competed in track the last four years.

The physical education major is now on the Cal Poly women's track team where she is a discus thrower and a shot putter. She also competes in the 50-meter backstroke and individual medley in the women's swim team.

If swimming and track seem an unlikely combination, Kerrigan has found similarities between the two. She said that both require shoulder strength, flexibility and her weight lifting program complements both events. Kerrigan also said that the swimming provides her with an aerobic exercise which excludes her from the necessity of having to run during track practice.

In instances where she has had to compete in both sports on the same day, Kerrigan must wonder at times if it is coming to an end. Last year, Kerrigan said, she had an experience where she had to swim in preliminary heats in the morning, throw for the track team afterwards, and then swim in the finals of the swim meet in the afternoon. The resident of Santa Clara, she said, "might have to do that this year too!"

Wrestling coach Vaughan Hitchcock talks strategy to Rick Worel between periods.

Team needs morale boost

BY PIPER PARRY
Daily Sports Writer

Coach Vaughan Hitchcock feels that once the wrestling team gets on the road to the NCAA Division I Regional Finals in Las Vegas, his job will be a tough one—swamping the squad's morale.

According to Hitchcock, the team is frustrated because of its Saturday loss to Iowa State and the necessity of having to compete in both events.

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Scott Heaton highlighted the meet with his 65 victory over Iowa State's Perry Hummel. Heaton is ranked number one nationally in the 167-pound class, followed in the number two spot by Hummel.

Hitchcock and teammates Gary Fisher, at 118 pounds, and heavyweight David Jack each collected three points toward the squad's final score of 24-9.

Despite his loss Saturday, Rick Worel finished up the 1979-80 season ranked first nationally in the 177-pound class.

"With their last meet of the regular season behind them, the Mustangs are travelling to Las Vegas for the NCAA Division I Regional Finals Friday and Saturday."

Pressure from the upcoming regional finals has added to the wrestling team's frustration, according to coach Hitchcock.

"The frustration is a sign of pressure. We're looking for a maximum performance out of each athlete," he said.

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Christian rock in gym

The Cal Poly chapter of the Nazarene Student Mission Core is sponsoring the Christian-oriented folk-rock band, Sweet Comfort, on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 8 p.m.

The show, in the Main Gym, will also feature guitarist Phil Keaggy, who recently being held in Toronto. The band consists of Rick Thompson on drums, Kevin Thomas on bass, Steve Hueneberg on guitar and lead singer Bryan Duncan.

The Mustangs placed fifth in the finals in the 1979-80 season due to injuries of Poly's top three wrestlers, including Scott Heaton.
Keyes is cruisin'  

BY BILL BROCK  

If running can be said to be a natural high, then senior Maggie Keyes seems to take getting high pretty seriously. The 21-year-old from Martin has been the top gun at Cal Poly since her arrival here four years ago. She now has her sights set on a notch or two higher than the entral coast. This Friday, Feb. 29, she will be running in New York City in the AAU National Championships. The competition there is likely to be stiff.  

Running against the top names in the sport does not daunt the outgoing Keyes who said, "...the top women are getting to know who I am." She considers herself to be among the top six women distance runners in the U.S. today, behind such stars as Mary Decker, Jan Merrill and Francie Lawless.  

Maggie runs the 800, 1500 and has also run a few 3000 meter events. Interestingly, it is in the middle distance events that she considers to be her forte. When she came to Poly as a freshman she ran the 1500 in 4:28.4, a respectable time in anyone's book. Since then she has lowered the mark by over 15 seconds and has entered the elite of the sport.  

When you run the 800, the top rank is largely dun, it is "a race with Steve Miller. "He really knows me and knows how to push me," noted the attractive blonde. He has such an influence on her running life that she plans to continue training under him even after graduation.  

Keyes will graduate in May, majoring in the fleet-footed year specialty certificate. Since then she has raised the mark by over 15 seconds and has entered the elite of the sport.  

The policy seems to be paying handsome rewards. In the past she would have been a natural high, then one or two years of running the competition ahead of her.

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In the course of his work, the leader's doctors said in one of his reports in the course of his seven weeks of hospitalisation. Because she feels her racing style has evolved to the point where she is no longer nervous before a race. In the past she would start slowly and gain momentum throughout the event. Now she's relying on her improved strength to keep her in constant contact with the leaders.  

In addition to her physical attributes, the likeable Keyes cited her mental approach to the sport as perhaps her greatest ally. She says a cool head when the going gets tough is improving in her ability to "...make quick decisions in tough competition."

The future looks bright for the Poly star. She is hoping to make the NCAA National Championships in this, her final year of eligibility. On the basis of her current dominating facet, she must rate as a favorite for the title. In addition to domestic honors she is keeping all her options open and plans to compete in the Olympic Trials despite the immense pressure of the home crowd. Beyond that she plans to put to plan, "...maybe another one or two years of hard training."

Although it appears she won't keep up her torrid pace forever, she does have a few more years of outrunning the competition ahead of her.
Talent needed

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Metals futures perform well

Copper futures prices bounced higher Wednesday, reaching a 7-year high in New York with gold traded and commission house buying after other nonferrous metals gave a strong performance on London futures markets.

Analysts said tin futures established new record highs in London, giving strength to lead, zinc and aluminum, which are traded overseas, as well as to copper on the Commodity Exchange Inc.

Futures gained between 4.3 cents and 5.5 cents per pound, with the March contract closing at $1.316. A background piece of news late in the trading session that pushed prices to the daily highs was a report that about 3,000 Peruvian miners at Cerro de Pasco mine had gone on strike. The mine was one of several Peruvian mines threatened with a strike in a labor dispute.

Other precious metals climbed to the day's highs on reports—later denied—that King Khalid of Saudi Arabia had died and a military coup had taken control of the oil-rich country. The official Saudi news agency confirmed Khalid had suffered a mild heart attack but that he was progressing.

Offshore oil

Ron DiCarli, from the County Planning Department, will give a slide presentation on the "Track 53—Offshore Oil Leases" issue at the Feb. 29 meeting of the Natural Resources Management Club in Science B-5 at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

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