Students congregate in the computer center waiting for a free terminal to get on line. Much criticism has stemmed from the lack of dependability of Poly's Cyber computer system.

Cyber system plagued with its share of major mishaps

by Frank Van Brocklin

The main computer at Cal Poly has been causing problems for university staff and students during the past months, according to the university's information services associate vice president.

Curis F. Gerald said the Cyber system, the workhorse for student access and administrative processing, began causing problems in December. In each incident, the display screen of the operator's console went blank, and the Cyber system shut off. This has occurred several times per month with unpredictable frequency.

Also the time required to restore use of the computer varied from a few hours to a few days.

Control Data Corp., the manufacturer, performed weekly preventative maintenance of the system. Control Data engineers examined records kept by the computer of minor malfunctions and corrected these before major problems developed. However, this record was unable to explain the recent shutdowns, Gerald said.

Recently, Control Data sent two of its best trouble-shooting engineers to examine the Poly computer. The team discovered a wiring problem which prevented computer signals from being sent through the system.

Though computer service personnel hoped this had solved the Cyber mystery, their hopes ended when the Cyber shut down again on Tuesday, Gerald explained.

He said engineers cannot be certain if the problems have or have not been solved. The shutdown on Tuesday may be unrelated to the previous problems.

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Yesterday's election was postponed a week because candidates were threatened to contest it because of typographical errors and cuts in his statement that appeared in the ASI Times of the Mustang Daily last week.

The election was postponed until yesterday, with the stipulation that correct statements would appear in the ASI Times on Monday, May 23. Those statements never appeared.

"We can't have any more campaign statements until we look over the rules, said ASI Elections Chair Don Erickson. "The Mustang Daily didn't have room for the second to run on Monday. They wanted it to be a paid advertisement, and they won't give me the money to do that.

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MG plan passes Senate vote

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Republican-led Senate gave new life to the MX missile Wednesday by voting 59-39 to approve President Reagan's plan to store 100 of the nuclear weapons in existing underground silos in Nebraska and Wyoming.

In an important congressional victory for Reagan, the Senate endorsed a report by a presidential commission on the MX and freed $625 million for development and flight-testing of the missile. Twelve Democrats joined 47 Republicans in support of a resolution identical to one approved 239 to 186 Tuesday.

Taken together, the two votes mark a dramatic reversal from last December when Congress decided to block spending for the highly-accurate, multi-warhead intercontinental missile.

Reagan lobbied hard for the MX in phone calls, and formal meetings with House members and senators.

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2 Swollen streams pose hazard

Cool, rushing streams in the central and southern Sierra Nevada may look inviting to Memorial Day weekend visitors, but authorities are warning people to keep out or risk drowning.

National Park Service and Forest Service spokesmen issued unusually strong appeals Wednesday because a near-record snowpack is melting into the region's rivers east of the San Joaquin Valley.

"We just caution people very much to be aware if you slip in the water, you may be gone," said Art Cowley of Sequoia National Forest. "Only those folks who really have some experience on the river should be out there. It's not a place to have children."

Authorities extended their warning beyond swimmers. In past years, they have handled drownings among rafters, hikers, horseback riders, fishermen and even people who slipped when they went to get their feet wet.

The long holiday weekend is traditionally one of the busiest from the Kern River in the south to the Tuolumne River in the north. A forecast for pleasant weather has convinced officials that this year will be the same even though campgrounds at higher elevations remain closed by snow.

Ten days of warm weather has melted snow and forced river levels to rise.

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**Instructors detail various grading procedures**

From page 1 determine where it fails.

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Computer causes headaches

Evolution will be the theme of two speeches today by University of Kansas biology professor E.O. Wiley.

At 11 a.m. he will speak in Room E-27 of the Science Building on the "nonequilibrium" theory of species evolution. In the fifth and final lecture in the Biological Sciences Department series Wiley will explain the theory he helped formulate to account for the increase in complexity and diversity that evolution has produced.

At 8 p.m. he will speak on "Evolution versus Creationism" in the staff dining room. The speech will follow the annual awards dinner for the Cal Poly chapter of Sigma Xi, a national scientific research society. Sigma Xi will present awards for outstanding senior projects, master's theses and high-school science projects, master's theses and high-school science teaching. Wiley's speech will be free and open to the public.

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Speaker needed

Gloria Kooch, a local junior high school teacher, needs someone from a third world country or someone knowledgeable about the third world to speak to her ninth grade class before the end of the school year. If interested, please contact her at home, 596-7116, or at school, 499-1311.

ENERGY WINNERS

P.G. & E.'s Energy Conservation Contest Results

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| Sigma Kappa             | $100.00 |

Fraternities - Electric Usage

| Alpha Upsilon            | 38.7 %  | $150.00  |
| Lambda Chi Alpha         | 33.9    | $100.00  |

Gas Usage

| Theta Chi                | $100.00 |

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- Dave Baugher - Phi Kappa Psi
- Roy Cotterill - Lambda Chi Alpha

Bible Study

Bible study is held every Friday night in the University Union, Room 519. This Bible study welcomes all students, faculty, and friends. The purpose of this meeting is to come to a true knowledge of and relationships with Jesus Christ. For more information contact Jeff Lohr, 541-8096.

Peer education

Individuals interested in being involved with the peer education family planning program for the 1983-84 school year should sign up for an interview in the Health Center lobby at the main desk. For more information contact Denise Snyder, 546-1211, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Tennis Tournament

A tennis tournament to raise money for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at South Bay community Park is scheduled for June 4 and 5. The cost is $8 for singles and $14 for doubles. For more information contact Terry Masi and Steve Sw, 529-8182, in the evenings.

English Club

The English Club is holding a drawing to raise money for a scholarship fund. Twenty-three prizes will be awarded, including a trip for two to Los Angeles and a 10-speed bicycle. Tickets are $1 each or $5 for six. Tickets are being sold in the University Union Plaza and the English building. For more information contact Chuck Campbell, 549-9063.

Dietetics Club

The Dietetics Club is holding a meeting tonight at 7 in the Home Economics living room. For more information contact Chart, 541-1458.

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Boots and Spurs chosen club of week
1983, '84 Ag Council officers elected

by Marilyn Freeman
Staff Writer

Election of new officers was the main order of business at Tuesday night’s meeting of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources Student Council. Agriculture-business management major Mike Brandt was elected as the new Ag Council chair. He will be replacing this year’s chairman, Rick Gamberl. Other officers elected Tuesday include mechanical agriculture major John Post to vice-chair and ornamental horticulture major Carol Spoldstra to the position of secretary. Veterinary science major Julie Ryan was elected as next year’s treasurer. The new officers will take office at the beginning of fall quarter.

The Boots and Spurs Club was this week’s “Club of the Week.” They gave a presentation of their club activities and served barbecue ribs to the members.

Librunt hours announced

The library will be open during summer quarter for the following hours, beginning June 20. Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It will be closed Saturdays.

During finals week, Aug. 28 through Sept. 2, hours will be Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The hours of operation during quarter break, Sept. 3 to 18, will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed Saturdays and Sundays during the break.

It will also be closed July 4 and Labor Day, Sept. 5.

Special hours for automated retrieval and the Interlibrary Loan Department will be Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Special Collections and Archives Department will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Going into national finals

With these nice numbers, rodeo teams may finish no.1

by Sherre Turner
Sports Editor

To watch rodeo head coach Ralph Randa rub Deep Hearting Rub over his legs and put a woman's girdle on under his jeans to protect a hanging torn month ago in a rodeo, you would conclude rodeo is a sport of brutal physical knockdowns. It is that. But to hear Randa talk about the rodeo teams' chances in the National Intercollegiate Finals Rodeo at Bosman Montana, mid-June, you realize a rodeo is a game of numbers.

Some are bad numbers: one team was cut by a header suffered by the coach, for example. "My wish had to go in and buy it (the girdle). I was too embarrassed to buy it," he said. A girdle, he told, was the least protection in this type of injury.

There are a lot of good numbers to make up for that. Like the national rankings estimated by National Intercollegiate Rodeo Manager Jede Robinson, who said the men's team is currently 15th in the nation, the women's team eighth. "The women's team will do well, that's for darn sure," said Randa. "If we (the men's team) don't make the top 10, I'll be disappointed. Even the top five. And if things go our way, we could be looking at another national championship for Cal Poly." The team last came closest to a title in 1981, coming in second.

Randa said the men's team going to Montana is set, having topped at the last rodeo of the season this weekend at Lassen Junior College in Passen-

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Softball sizzles with spring competition

It's intramural softball playoff time again; the time of year when all those teams that said they were just out to have fun get down to serious business. Playoff games started this week and will resume Tuesday, May 31 after the Memorial Day break. Good luck to all the teams that need it.

Nancy Whitacker gets the first half of a double play in Tuesday's playoff game.

The fine art of slow-pitch softball is demonstrated by winning pitcher Tim Goodspeed.

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Heart disease can cheat you out of the best years of your life

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People leaving on doon.
Do you need to sublease your apartment or room for fall quarter? Two female roommates are willing to pay up to $200 extra for a single room. Interested call Laude 540-2741.

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Broadcast rights

The woman who successfully removed prayer from the public schools is at it again.

This time Madalyn Murray O’Hair wants radio and television broadcasting on the subject of religion banned from the airwaves. And she has already granted a hearing with the Federal Communications Commission. For a woman who once stated, “I never try to change anyone’s convictions,” she is coming dangerously close to depriving thousands of people of an important avenue through which they can practice their beliefs. The elderly, the sick and those lacking transportation to distant places of worship are only part of a varied group that depends on radio and television services to continue in their faith.

O’Hair is also infringing on the constitutional rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion. The airwaves belong to all of us. In the United States, if we have the desire to make our views known, whether Communist, Christian or any other ideology, we have a right to be heard—either by being granted time on the news or by buying air time and following FCC regulations. O’Hair wants all that to change.

Ever since the 1963 decision banning prayer from public schools, O’Hair has been on a Supreme Court rampage. She has taken four cases to the high court. She has asked that the word “God” be taken out of the Pledge of Allegiance, that tax exemptions for buildings used in public worship be removed and that Bible reading and prayer be prohibited on U.S. space flights. All of her requests have been denied.

O’Hair’s current activities are clearly a waste of time and money. The FCC has granted her a hearing on the strength of only 27,000 signatures. In order to show the FCC that O’Hair’s workings are not worthy of the taxpayers’ money or federal employees’ time, the Mustang Daily Editorial Board urges students and faculty to please send a one sentence message along with their signature and address to the FCC at 1919 M St., Washington, D.C. 20054. This will serve as a petition signature.

O’Hair claims she never tries to “change anyone’s convictions.” Stop her before she infringes on your freedom to choose what you hear and to believe what you want.

Letters

Mere formality

Editor: I am writing in response to the letter written by Laura Sanchez who believes that the government is putting too much pressure to register with the selective service and on the rich. I’d like to take this opportunity to straighten her out.

The federal government has passed a law stating that every male, when reaching his 18th birthday, must register with the selective service program. If an individual does not comply with this regulation, then he may be exposed to a fine of $10,000 and/or imprisonment. Therefore, if a person does not register with the selective service and is over 18 years of age, he is breaking the law.

Showing proof of registration to receive financial aid is just another formality and if you don’t want to do this, then federal financial aid should be unavailable to you. And yes, I am one of those students who are poor and receive financial aid. I am proud to be registered with the selective service and I feel I owe a duty to my country to protect its liberty. Sometimes wars can’t be avoided, like the revolutionary war, and if we are to remain a free nation as we are, we must be willing to defend it. This country was not founded on patriotism and people who aren’t willing to defend their liberty. If everybody, 200 years ago, felt how you feel now there wouldn’t be a United States of America. Perhaps you feel this way because you are blinded by our extensive freedom.

One last comment, you are going about this in the wrong way. Instead of banning individuals from showing proof of registration when they apply for financial aid, why don’t you put your energy into requiring every male applying for entrance into Cal Poly to be required to be registered; that way you would be including everybody, rich and poor.

Jay Colombial

Inner beauty

Editor: One need not be Islamic to appreciate Teresa Mariani’s article about Iranian women’s modest attire. The interview with the foreign women revealed what I feel is very necessary for all of us to know about one another in this society. Our culture tramples women into believing they should look like Barbie dolls. This article was refreshing and an appearance determines personal worth.

Eating disorders such as anorexia nervosa and bulimia epitomize the fact that women face being overweight, unattractive, and therefore rejected. I believe it’s time women quit striving for Barbie-doll perfection and start realizing what true beauty is.

A person’s body is merely a container of the wonderful aspects a human being embodies: intelligence, personality, love and many, many more. When a person’s inner being attracts another, that relationship is developed because of something spiritual and permanent. Let’s seek what is inside ourselves and others; we may be pleasantly surprised.

Laurie DeMaria

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The Last Word: Words to live by

Dear Matt:' I’m sitting here in the UU trying to study, but somehow my heart’s just not in it. So I figured it was about time for a letter home. I know I’m really putting off studying when I write a letter to my little brother.

Anyway, I thought of you because I just found some great graffiti on the bathroom wall I know I have to share with you. (Yes, I know this is not a typical subject for a letter home.) I think I told you this before—the university puts big sheets of cardboard on the bathroom stalls specifically for graffiti. I don’t know about the men’s room, but women write about some very different things. But mostly the graffiti sheets are a cross between Ann Landers, column, Sunday School sermons and good and bad dirty jokes. The most interesting are the running written discussions. Topics are usually the nuclear arms race, Christianity, and advice to the lovers.

Under the heading “Protest at Vandenberg,” one woman wrote that unless students protest now and stop working in majors that feed the arms race (like engineering), massive warfare will soon ensue. Beneath that, someone else who isn’t quite as politically motivated wrote “Oh, God, she’s still talking about the peace movement.”

Underneath that, an insulting slur of the first message wrote “F— You!!!” in response.

I always wonder what those people look like. Graying veterans of the Berkeley riots? Who knows. But judging from the above typical response to people who don’t share their viewpoint, most well-writers urging protest don’t have much of a sense of humor.

The majority of well-writers seem to be highly religious. This shows up in their response to everything—“Put your faith in the Lord and He will give you strength.” This answer is given in response to graffiti pleas ranging from “How do I get through Andrus’s speech class?” to “I see no reason for living anymore, what do I do?” For this, I could have gone to Loyola Marymount. But I guess I’d rather see “Praise the Lord” scrawled all over the wall than “Ridgeway H.B. Roof” crossed out and written over with explosives.

Before I forget—here’s the graffiti I thought you’d like. I wrote it in my English notebook for future reference.

If you love something, Set it free.
If it returns to you, it’s yours.
If it doesn’t, Hunt it down and shoot it.

Just a thought. Love, T.J.

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