How students view videos

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Baker outlines plans to improve commencement

by John Bachman

President Warren Baker told the Student Senate Wednesday night that 1,500 seats for this year's commencement ceremony will alleviate the overcrowding problems which have plagued past ceremonies.

"I don't want to see overcrowding where people are denied adequate seating," said Baker. Cal Poly will continue the practice of allowing students who are completing their school work during the summer to participate in the June ceremony.

"For the near future we will be able to continue that practice," he said. Hopefully, students will show courtesy towards other students, and invite a limited number of guests, he added.

There are 2,500 students graduating, and 12,500 seats available. If students invite a maximum of four people each, Baker said there will be no need to issue tickets. There are many inequalities in using tickets, he said and added he does not like the idea of students or families waiting in line for tickets.

Baker spoke at the Student Senate meeting for nearly two hours, and answered numerous questions from senators and students on a variety of issues.

Baker had just gotten back into town from a trustee meeting in Long Beach, and said he had not seen the recent Student Senate recommendation that KCPR's transmitter be moved to Cuesta Peak.

The transmitter move he said, will depend on the Journalism Department, KCPR represents the Journalism Department throughout the community, and Baker said if they feel KCPR should be broadcast throughout the county, he would probably okay the move.

Baker went on to say that it is up to the Student Senate to provide the extra-curricular services needed by the students.

"Two most important things we must keep our eyes on is the quality of education and the quality of the life of the students," he said. "Our students participate heavily in recreational activities on campus. We have inadequate facilities for concerts and intramural activities."

Baker said this problem will have to be solved by the students because the state does not have the money to fund non-instructional activities. "We have no hope in the near future of receiving funding for this. Other universities have addressed this problem through non-state funding sources like some form of formula funding with student fees. This is a student issue and must be decided by the student body.

"At the time Baker said a facility could be put in the parking lot just

For a fee, library offers space-age indexing

by Nancy Stringer

Staff Writer

In less time than it takes to read this article a computer can scan more than five million written records in one database, decide which ones would best suit a specific research topic and list the bibliographic data on a printout.

The process is called a database search and is a handy resource for anyone involved in a research project. The service is available for a fee through the library.

What is a database? It is a computer tape or disc containing bibliographic information on a subject usually equivalent to the information contained in the corresponding printed publications such as indexes and abstracts.

A printout would include article citations listing the author, title of the article, journal title, volume, pages and data. Quite often the citation includes an abstract of the article.

Besides bibliographic information, there are two other basic type of information that can be obtained:

—Numeric data such as serial sales and number of employees of a company.

—Directory information such as lists of associations as periodicals.

Reference Librarian Jay Weddall said the library has access to almost 100 databases. The information is in a large computer in Palo Alto that is connected to the Cal Poly Library by telephone. The chemistry databases alone has more than five million listings.

Weddall said a database search is appropriate when a research topic that is narrowly defined needs to be researched thoroughly. It is especially helpful for a research paper, senior project or thesis.

But there are certain circumstances when a computer-assisted search does not work well and Weddall recommends that one come in and talk with one of the nine trained database searchers. "We can tell right on the spot whether it will be useful."

It is important to determine if this service is appropriate to the research project because it can get expensive.

"Costs tend to run from $8 to $80, but they can go

Musical Televisioii

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Canine companion offers independence

by Margie Cooper

Deberman pinchers evoke fear in many, but Beth Currier's dog Latham brings her help and reassurance.

Currier is a wheelchair user and is assistant coordinator of Disabled Student Services at Cal Poly. Latham is her canine companion.

Although strictures with polio at the age of 12, Currier maintains a strong desire for independent living. Latham helps her achieve this.

Latham came from Canine Companions for Independence, a non-profit organization in Santa Rosa. The organization provides specially selected and trained dogs for people with disabilities to help them lead more independent lifestyles.

The dogs are trained to perform tasks formerly impossible for the disabled, such as turning on a light, picking up a dropped object or pushing an elevator button.

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The dogs are taught to reach down and pick up an item, hold the item in their mouth and give it to their trainer, Currier said.

Currier trained with Latham for two weeks in Santa Rosa and said, "They teach us to be a professional dog trainer."

By using simple words like sit, stay, come and go, companion dogs are taught to respond and obey voice commands given by their owner.

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Letters

Remember the dream

Editor:

In response to the letter "No reason to remember King" I would like to believe that the Mustang Daily would not subject its readers to such inane ramblings which were nothing more than discretized, senseless, and patrid material from J. Edgar Hoover's garbage pile.

The letter merely resurrects poisoan rhetoric and parades it like it is something new.

It is evident from his statements that he has not bothered to listen to Martin Luther King's speech "I have a dream," because if he had he would realize that Dr. King repeats many times the "nature of his dream." I suggest that the writer challenge his intellect by concentrating on Dr. King's words every time the phrase "I have a dream today" is mentioned.

I am left wondering who the writer believes is an "authentic American hero." Superman? Batman? Does he propose that the United States establish a holiday in commemoration of his hero?

As a Nobel Peace Prize winner, it must come as a revelation to the writer that Martin Luther King is recognized and honored by a body that encompasses the world, not just the U.S.

In short, there is nothing new presented in this Hoover-like attack on Dr. King—it has been tried before. It is just a shame that many have expended energy reading a watered down, pitiful imitation of an argument written by an "intellectual lightweight who had a flair for the superficial and silly."

Stephan Cheek

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Student Senate calls for ASI officer 2.3 GPA requirement
by John Bachman

The Student Senate passed a bill Wednesday which will require all ASI officials, officers and committee members to maintain at least a 2.3 GPA. The bill is designed to alleviate discrepancies in the ASI's GPA requirement, which caused problems in the past.

In the past there have been circumstances where an ASI officer has had to serve on a committee and that person did not have a 2.3 GPA required," explained ASI President Jeff Sanders.

This bill, if passed by the student body and President Baker will help alleviate those problems, he said. Sanders said the bill would also help eliminate the possibility of ASI duties jeopardizing an officer's school work. "If someone has one bed quarter they could be removed from school. If you raise the requirement it will help that problem," he said.

In the past, he said, ASI presidents, who were required to have 2.5 GPA to serve as an ASI officer, were also required to have a 2.5 GPA to serve on certain required committees. Numerous problems resulted from these discrepancies.

The Student Senate voted 15-5-3 to pass the GPA Standardization Bill, and if it is OK'd by the student body and President Baker, then it will go into effect at the end of spring quarter, 1984.

In other business, the Student Senate received a survey from Senator Julie Clayton on proposed changes in commencement procedures. Out of 600 Cal Poly students surveyed, 56 percent preferred to have two ceremonies in one day. The other two choices in the survey were having one commencement in June and one in December, or restricting graduation to those who have completed all units required. The Student Senate also voted 14-0-5 to fund $897 so that ASI Vice President Steve Sommer could travel to Washington, D.C. and Boston with ASI President Jeff Sandara. The two are going back east in the beginning of February to lobby for both Cal Poly and the California State University system.

Baker faces campus issues
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north of the Health Center. A facility that costs from $8 million to $15 million to build would cost each student around $42 to $90 per year.

Baker said parking will continue to be a problem on campus. "Parking is a campus-wide issue, but a state-wide issue. He said that when the state looks at Cal Poly and its parking problem, the state wants to put parking on the first few buildings before it will put up a multi-level-parking facility. The flat land around buildings is currently being used by Agriculture, Dairy, animal science and Physical Education Departments.

"I'm hesitant to just pave them over," he said.

Baker also explained that equipment for the new engineering building is in the budget. "One of the nice things about building a new building is that you get new equipment with it. Baker also noted this is one of the first years that he has not had to reduce the budget. "I hope to restore a good deal of what has been lost or eroded. I feel the important thing about nearly exponential increases in fees is that for the first time since the depression fees will go up by the same percentage. He called it a "good compromise" from the $90 the trustees had asked for.

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Lifestyle

Favorite videos

#1 "Thriller" by Michael Jackson
#2 "Beat It" by Michael Jackson
#3 "Uptown Girl" by Billy Joel

Worst videos

#1 "Cum on Feel the Noize" by Quiet Riot
#2 "Foolin'" by Def Leppard
#3 "Total Eclipse of the Heart" by Bonnie Tyler

Students tell Quiet Riot to 'Beat It' in Daily poll

by Linda Reiff

Opinions were as varied as the videos themselves when 100 Cal Poly students were asked to list their favorite and most-hated musical clips. But one video danced on a storm of support—"Thriller." Michael Jackson's "short-length film" was applauded by 43 percent of the students, second choice was another Jackson creation, "Beat It." Since the voting was so spread out, "Beat It" came in second with only 18 percent of the votes.

MTV was selected by 64 of the 100 students as the station on which they watch music videos, while only two students said they watch music videos on both MTV and other stations.

Almost half of the students surveyed said they subscribe to MTV. One student slandered the station saying, "They're exploiting only one form of music to the public—pop rock—and in effect brainwashing the younger generation.

Many other students commented about the limited range of music on MTV.

"Uptown Girl" by Billy Joel received 11 percent of the votes for favorite video, putting it in third place behind "Beat It." ZZ Top's "Sharp Dressed Man" took fourth and Lionel Richie's "All Night Long" tied for fifth place with Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer.

"Thriller" received a score of 100 per cent from all the students surveyed, with 97 students ranking it first choice. Many students mentioned the video's overall impact on society, its influence on fashion, and its effect on music and culture in general.

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MTV has also captured the attention of the American music industry, creating a new genre of music videos and changing the way we consume music. MTV's success can be attributed to its ability to merge music, dance, and film into a format that is both entertaining and engaging.

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In San Luis Obispo County, approximately 17,000 people currently subscribe to MTV. According to Richard Case of Sonic Cable Television, roughly 6,000 Cal Poly students subscribe to basic cable packages, which include MTV.

$1,000,000 dollars

by Lisa Mckinnon

In the video "Thriller," who's "not like other guys," was true. Not only does Jackson provide entertainment for his audience, but he also makes a statement about the current music industry. He's "not like other guys," he's unique, and that's what makes him a true star.

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MTV came into existence in August of 1979, when two cable companies, New York's WPIX and Chicago's WVIT, began to broadcast video programs. In February of 1980, WPIX and WVIT were the first to air music video programs on a regular basis. Before MTV, the music industry was quick to capitalize on the medium of video, with endless numbers of music videos being produced to support the release of new albums. While some of these videos were of high quality, many were simply a means to promote a song or album. However, even as the music industry was reaping the benefits of music videos, there were concerns that the videos were taking away from the music and that they were not being taken seriously enough. One such concern was that the videos were being used as a way to promote the artists' celebrity status, rather than their musical talent. In addition, there were concerns that the videos were not being given the same level of attention as the music itself. Despite these concerns, music videos continued to grow in popularity, and by the early 1980s, they had become an integral part of the music industry. MTV played a significant role in this development, as it was one of the first networks to focus exclusively on music videos. The network's success has been attributed to its ability to create a platform for new and emerging artists, and to its ability to provide a medium for music videos that was both entertaining and informative.
Service and signal dogs offer new independence for the mobility-impaired

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"I am the first person in the county to own a 'service dog' which is different than a 'signal dog,'" she said. Signal dogs work with the hearing impaired, service dogs work with the physically handicapped.

Currier paid the initial expense to obtain Latham; a non-refundable $25 application fee and $100 equipment charge for his food, feeding dishes, leash and a specially designed backpack the dog wears. The pack is designed to carry food, books or supplies. Currier can either use the strap on the backpack to make it up hills or she can hang on to Latham's leash.

To qualify for a canine companion, a person must have a statement from a physician saying they have a permanent and severe mobility impairment, which requires crutches or a wheelchair, Currier said.

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Peace Corps—looking for volunteers

by Sherman Tuntmile
Staff Writer

The Peace Corps, whose representatives are in the University Union plaza this week, provides an opportunity for students to enrich the lives of others.

Jim Ishikawa, who is the campus representative and a graduate student in Agriculture at Cal Poly, said the Peace Corps are interested in students with degrees in agriculture, home economics, biological sciences, chemistry, engineering and mathematics.

Ishikawa, who served as a volunteer in Upper Volta (West Africa) in the Ministry of Rural Development said Cal Poly and UCLA are the only universities in the state of California with in-campus representatives. The reason for this, Ishikawa said, is because UCLA and especially Cal Poly, offer the quality degrees in the fields that are needed in the Peace Corps.

Besides the other special interests fields, volunteers with almost any background are needed. For example, the Peace Corps need foresters, fishery specialists, arachnologists, planners, carpenters, masons, plumbers, electricians, welders, teachers and health professionals.

Joseph Permutti, who served as a volunteer in Kenya for 3 years, talked about the Peace Corps.

"Peace Corps gives you interesting challenges and the many different ways people live, and you learn more about yourself and how you function under different situations."

All volunteers, when chosen, go through a 3 month training program with 5 years of actual work. The training consists of intense language training, cross cultural studies, health precautionary seminars and technical training.

Computer searches out numbers and references

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higher," he said.

Assistant Reference Librarian Wayne Montgomery explained that the cost depends on several variables. The on-line connect charge ranges from $3.50 to $38 per hour and users are charged for whatever fraction of an hour they are connected. Usually there is an additional charge of 16 to 50 cents for each record that is printed.

The printing is done off-line and sent to the library within about three to five mailing days. Or a printout can be done at the time of the on-line search and the user is charged for the additional time.

Though the database search is lightning quick, Waddell advises researchers to begin their process early in case "that all-important article isn't in the library."

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Mustang matmen stomp Fullerton, 40-3

by Sherman Turntine

The Cal Poly wrestling team rebounded from last week's tough road trip in Oklahoma to bring to a 40-3 win over Cal State Fullerton in the Main Gym Wednesday night.

The Mustangs were too much for the Titans as they won nine matches, two by forfeit, with only one loss. The Mustangs entered the meet with a 1-4 record while the Titans now own a 6-6 overall record.

Mike Provansano (118) was up 6-2 early against Kent Iwanaga and coasted to an 11-4 win. In one of the more competitive matches of the evening, Ernest Garonimo (126) suffered the only loss for Poly 6-4. Garonimo was up 4-2 at the end of the first round and seemed to be in control. But in the final period Ed Valencia scored a point for an escape and with five seconds remaining Valencia scored two points for a take-down.

Poly co-captain Chris Delong (134) showed his mat experience by defeating John Cholaldan 6-4. Gerónimo was up 4-2 at the end of the first round and seemed to be in control. But in the final period Ed Valencia scored a point for an escape and with five seconds remaining Valencia scored two points for a take-down.

Poly's 150-pound wrestler Tommy McSherry controls opponent Todd Allen of Cal State Fullerton on his way to 9-2 win. Mustangs defeated Titans, 40-3.

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After opening up its California Collegiate Athletic Association season with a pair of losses on the road, the Cal Poly men's basketball team will try to rebound tonight against the Spartans of California State Northridge. The Mustangs' main concern is rebounding, as Tuesday's game against Dominguez Hills, 48-47, saw their poor rebounding reflected in the final score.

Northridge's pivot-man is grabbing 12 caroms per game. The Mustangs will also have their work cut out for them in keeping Brown off the boards, as 6-9 pivot man is grabbing 12 caroms per game. The Mustangs will also have their work cut out for them in keeping Brown off the boards, as 6-9 pivot man is grabbing 12 caroms per game.

The Mustangs square off against Cal State Los Angeles Saturday at 6:05 p.m. in the second half of a women's men's basketball doubleheader. The Golden Eagles are 1-1 in conference play, edging Cal State Dominguez Hills, 51-49, after dropping their league opener to CCAA co-leader Chapman, 99-83.

Northridge gets the bulk of its scoring from its front line, spearheaded by 6-6 forward Cliff Higgins, who's tossing in 19.4 points a game to go with his 10-plus rebounds. The other forward, 6-5 Larry White, is sinking 12.4 points each contest. Last week the Matadors lost in two overtimes to Dominguez Hills, 81-59, and were then trounced by Chapman, 70-64.

CSLA's offense is paced by guard Michael Cooper and center Tony Brown, both scoring about 13 points a game. The Mustangs will also have their work cut out for them in keeping Brown off the boards, as 6-9 pivot man is grabbing 12 caroms per game.

Poly's Main Gym.