Several students in the electronic and electrical engineering department have voiced concern over the overcrowding of that department.

Following a letter to the editor in the Mustang Daily on Sep. 27 that questioned the actions and policies of department head James Harris, many students have come forward to publicize the problems they are facing.

In the letter, the father of a Cal Poly electronic major said that he felt the department misrepresented itself to his son who was planning to transfer from a community college. The department said that it would take an additional two years for a transfer student to receive a degree. The student claims that it will actually take three years.

The letter also expressed concern about the enforcement of prerequisites to remove students from overcrowded classes. The lack of attention to students working for the Mondale-Ferraro effort had differing views of the outcome of the Oct. 11 debate between Vice President George Bush and Rep. Geraldine Ferraro.

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Mark Hain, a senior E.L. major, thinks there are problems within the department that need to be worked out in order for it to run smoothly. There seems to be a distance between the new and the old. The problem is that the faculty itself doesn't seem to be getting along, he said.

He noted that there are separate faculty meetings held for tenured and non-tenured staff.

Lack of communication cited

Miller, who is senior class representative to the Electronic and Electrical Engineering Council, doesn't think the information about the department changes gets down to the students.

I got stuck in the middle without really knowing what was happening," said David Nelson a third year E.L. student who was removed from a class during Summer Quarter. "Let students going along keep going.

Sexton also said, "It took me about two days to finally get down to the students.

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In pursuit of the candidates

The game of Trivial Pursuits has caught on through the country in almost epidemic proportions. Gross sales in the past year far exceed those of other games, and now the games market is saturated with imitations.

Not only is the game market booming with the idea created by two Canadian journalists, but other areas have picked up on the idea as well. Greeting cards feature trivia questions in several categories, from sports to TV sit-coms, and it is common to find a group of college students spending hundreds of hours discussing the answer to the question who can come up with the best trivia question. Sometimes the competition becomes vicious.

The obsession with trivia, it seems, has even spread into the political arena, an arena where, with the upcoming election, the lions are hungry and hardly tamed.

The vice-presidential candidate debate between Vice President George Bush and Rep. Geraldine Ferraro Thursday evening proved to be the height of the parties' trivial pursuits.

Bush and Ferraro attacked one another back and forth throughout the 90-minute contest, of which both sides claimed to be the winner.

But what isn't clear is how does one pick a winner? Is it by who can expose the most ill mistake of his or her opponent's record? Or is it by who looks best or presents himself or herself best on national television?

Both candidates, perhaps under extreme nervous pressure, fired on administrative records for things those cabinets had no involvement in. First Bush credited the Reagan Administration for extending the law of the 1964 Voting Rights Act, when in fact the administration never supported the extension. Ferraro blamed the Reagan Administration for the decline in Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union, but, the Los Angeles Times reported, that trend began with the Carter Administration.

And so went the debate. The opponents came up with strange, sometimes trivial matters to burn the other. Sharp exchanges between the adversaries balanced the debate which led later discussions among other politicians and political scientists of who spoke better, who came up with the best arguments, who presented him or herself better — but not who proved him or herself to be the better politician or better choice as the second leader of our country.

What is strange is that polls show that the debate has apparently boosted interest in the race that is getting closer as the election approaches. The San Francisco Chronicle published a poll following the vice-presidential debate, with overwhelming results that the Democratic candidate Walter Mondale and his running mate Ferraro are gaining in popularity, now with an almost even split with President Ronald Reagan and Bush.

It's not the issues which has caught the attention of the American public. It's the trivial matters of who speaks fluidly and who looks the best on TV.

While making the decision of how to vote on Nov. 8, dig through the trivial matters to find out who would make the best policies, not who would look best or burn best.

Letters

Request nuclear answers

Editor

Any serious discussion on nuclear arms control should involve straight answers to some tough questions.

1. Should the U.S. begin to disarm? Is there anyway agreement on arms control with the Soviet's better than none?

2. Should the U.S. push for a nuclear weapons-free world, or is a balance of power preferable?

3. Is the prospect of an arms race so horrible that it would be better for the Soviets to run all by themselves?

4. Should the development of new weapons be the sole prerogative of the United States?

5. Would unpleasant facts concerning Soviet aggressiveness, viciousness and sheer madacity disappear if only American leaders would refuse to acknowledge them?

If liberal politicians and media commentators were inclined to give honest answers, indications are they would say "yes" to all the above questions. The questions cut above question The questions cut above question The questions cut above question The questions cut above question The questions cut above question The questions cut above question. Thus when the Democratic nominee for president, what's his face, answers so that he can reach an agreement with the Soviets where the President has failed, he is saying yes to question one.

When news commentators place the responsibility for not reaching an agreement on the Reagan Administration, they're indicating their affirmative response to the second question.

When the Democratic challenger blames President Reagan for straining the arms race, he gives his "yes" vote on three. When he attacks Reagan for not saying "no" to the Pentagon, the challenger gives his positive response to the fourth question. When liberals indicate their discomfort with Reagan calling the Soviets and "evil empire" that's a loud and clear "yes" vote.

The Soviets are extremely difficult to deal with. Their consistent military policy has been aimed at nuclear superiority, and they're arms control negotiations are means to that end and disarming the Soviet military, not making the world safer.

Thus America can hold out for a fair arms accord, risking the possibility of no agreement at all, or it can settle for an unfair agreement favoring the Soviets.

Wilderness not gift

Editor

What a gross myth you perpetuate by suggesting, as you did, that an unprofitable and generous Reagans Administration gave California the gift of its own wilderness be Reagans's signing of the California Wilderness Act.

In fact he opposed it. he felt the amount of land too high, he only signed the bill after its original, already compromised acreage was reduced by 25 percent or so, and only in the face of guaranteed passage of the bill with or without his signature.

It is the Reagans Administration's eternal ploy to sugar-coat whatever fiscal or environmental legislation they support in order to get rid of it. But what's the 10 percent wealthier Americans who hold the ballots supposed to think if they are told that the Wilderness Act is the gift of its own wilderness be Reagans's signing of the California Wilderness Act.

Stan J. Mallek
Work ethic acknowledged

By SUSAN DETHELESEN

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UN hunger for some answers

By JILL PERRY

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Miller also mentioned that computer science majors who are interested in working on computer architecture and design need to take several classes in the department. "The crackdown on the prerequisites will cause those people to have to take an additional 60 units to meet them," he said.

Miller noted that Harris said a new degree program in computer engineering will take care of any problem that is in the area in the future. "He doesn't make provisions for people caught in it now," he said.

Nelson said that he was dropped from a class during Summer Quarter and received a "U" on his report card. He was able to clear the grade from his transcript but the fact that he had to go to it in the first place angered him.

Miller said that students' transcripts are reviewed in classes where there are too many students enrolled to determine who has met the required prerequisites. "Who's checking the transcripts? And why does it take three weeks to do it? There is also the question of privacy involved," he said.

Miller thinks that the department needs a formal policy in writing so everyone will know where they stand. "A more formal avenue of communicating, he needs to put it in writing," he said. "More careful planning of classes later aren't scheduled on top of classes it needed as well."

One student who requested that his name not be used said that the department flowchart has some errors. "Physics 211, Modern Physics, is listed in the Fall Quarter of the junior year sequence at the same time as the class it is a prerequisite for," he said.

"The department's approach to the curriculum is unreal," he added. "They don't take into consideration students who are unable to get to school on a full-time basis. I'm going on a co-op to make enough money to go my last year of school."

Brent Saeger, a junior E.L. major, said: "First and foremost of the problems is that there were no teachers' names in the class schedule last quarter."

"Everyone knows that there are teachers you want to avoid and teachers you want to take," he said. "It's not to get the easier teacher, but the best one."

He added, "With priority scheduling, if you are ninth on the list and there is only one section with the good teacher, you are not going to go for that section because you know you wouldn't get it."

Another concern of Saeger's is the seeming lack of motivation for creativity and outside projects related to the topics being studied in classes. "I go to get help for outside projects that I am working on and it's not there. I'm being stifled in my motivation to do extra work."

He suggests that Harris list teachers in the class schedule, not just change classes at the beginning of every quarter, foster creativity in the lab environment and upgrade old, out-dated equipment.

Although many students who talked to the Mustang Daily were not happy about the problems of the over-crowded department, one didn't think much had to do with the department head Harris.

Department Head Harris responds. Department Head Harris said he is trying to implement changes that would make the department grow stronger.

Harris said that the root of the problem is simply not enough money. Things have been getting better over the last few years he said, with the increase of faculty, positions and operating and supply costs.

"Over a year ago, there was a hiring freeze and a 10 percent budget cut that is just now shifting the other way," he said. "Even with new positions available it is hard to recruit faculty from the highly paid electronics field. New Cal Poly grads are receiving an average of $27,000 to start. The top pay for an associate professor with a doctorate is only $34,000." Harris said, "We can compete on terms of recruitment."

Harris said that industry beginning to change the situation by promoting graduate programs to insure a steady flow of qualified students.

When Harris took the department head position he said that the teaching load was too high and affected the staff's ability to pursue outside research and professional development. "The component of education that was getting hurt at that time was the faculty," he said.

A limit was placed on class sizes and unit loads because of union pressure. The result of which was fewer available places for students, Harris said. "Now that he happened the component of education that is being hurt is the student."

Another major problem that faces the department is the inability, for a variety of reasons, to accurately calculate the student demand. Harris said the Mustang Daily that he is trying to make calculations that would make the department grow stronger.

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Richard Rice breaks out of the chute in the bareback competition.

Chris Culbertson prepares for the polo exhibition-Saturday afternoon.

Photos by Dave Diehl

Poly rodeo

By MICHAEL MARTER

Both Cal Poly rodeo teams started the season with come-back wins at the annual Fall Rodeo held Friday and Saturday in Collett Arena. After the first go-round Friday neither the men's nor women's teams were leading, but after the last bull was ridden Saturday, things were different.

In the first event of the day, Rea Phillips from West Hills College in Coalinga excited the crowd with a 76-point bareback ride, giving him a total of 142 points. A winning score is usually in the 120 point range. Hank Davies of Hartnell College in Salinas finished second and Steve Danylo of Pierce College in Woodland Hills came home third.

Calf roping also belonged to West Hills, an event usually dominated by Cal Poly's Rocky Carpenter. Jeff Fontes had the fastest time, with John Bell and Allen Gill coming home second and third, respectively, for Cal Poly. Carpenter "had one of those days," said rodeo coach Ralph Randa, and was assessed a 10 second penalty for not allowing the calf enough of a head start.

The women's barrel racing event was won by Hartnell College's Johanna Pipton, while Cal Poly's Connie Madonna and Wendy Monchamp split second and third places.
Steve Belveal competes in the bareback event. Cal Poly took first overall in the weekend rodeo held at Collet Arena.

The women's team gave the Mustangs their first win of the day when team member Wendy Monchamp turned in the fastest time in the breakaway roping event. Monchamp won a national championship in the event last year, and her performance this weekend demonstrated why. Sunie Switzer of West Hills College took second place and Tootie Miller of Merced placed third.

Wade Denny of Pierce College scored the most points in saddle bronc with Poly team member Jim Dunlap splitting second and third with Poly's John Bell who competed as an individual.

Goat tying didn't go Poly's way when Tammy Vestal of West Hills College turned in the fastest time and Jackie Clark of Pierce and Shawna Overton of West Hills split for second and third. Wendy Monchamp of Cal Poly had the fourth fastest time.

In the test of finesse and brute strength, Cal Poly individual competitor Rich Rice won the steer wrestling event, showing that team members don't always do the winning. Coach Rianda said he was pleased with Rice's performance and will place him on the team for the next rodeo, to be held Oct. 26 and 27 in Blythe. Team member Tony Curry was second and Wade Denny of Pierce college was third.

Team Roping was a three-way sweep for Cal Poly. Last year's national champion in the event, Rocky Carpenter, paired with Nolan Twisselman to win the event, with Tony Curry and Steve Siefert taking second and Allen Gill and Rich Rice being quick enough for third.

Johanna Pipton of Hartnell College turned in the fastest time around the barrels to win the barrel racing event with Connie Madonna and Wendy Monchamp, both Cal Poly team members, splitting second and third.

In a fierce contest of instinctive balance and anticipation, Cal Poly's Darryl Haarberg satisfied the eight second time rule and the judges' eyes to win the bull riding event. Troy Eflerman of Cal Poly was second and Ross Solis of Hartnell was third.

In the all-around points race, John Bell of Cal Poly tied with Wade Denny of Pierce with 140 points. Rex Phillips of West Hills had 140 and Poly rider Tony Curry, 115. Bell is a transfer from Cochise College, and will be a team member for the next rodeo, said coach Rianda.

"For the women, Poly's Wendy Monchamp scored a total of 165 points, out-distancing Tammy Vestal of West Hills and Tootie Miller of Merced by 50 points. Although the Fall Rodeo was not the typical Cal Poly rout of last year, both Poly teams out-distanced their competition in the end. The Poly men scored a total of 280 points with West Hills College getting 260 and Pierce 265.

The Poly women scored 230 to the 150 of Merced and 125 of West Hills.

Coach Rianda was happy with the Cal Poly cowboys and cowgirls. "When both teams win, you can't be but pleased," said Rianda. "Other than not having more people there, it was a great success."

Rianda said he was disappointed with spectator turnout for both Friday's and Saturday's rodeos--especially when Cal Poly has one of the best rodeo teams in the country. However, Rianda credited the promotional work done by the Cal Poly chapter of the Society for the Advancement of Management. "They did a fantastic job."
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Spikers need just three games
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Women win 17th,
fans set record
By JILL PERRY
Staff Writer

The proof is in: Seawater is beneficial to horses legs and the Mustang women's volleyball team spent Saturday night taking advantage of the fine Waves of Pepperdine.

After two easy wins and one nail biter, the No. 1-ranked Poly spikers walked away smiling in a 15-7, 15-11 and 16-14 match against No. 18 Pepperdine.

The evening began with Pepperdine using holes on the Mustang court to their best advantage with strong hitting, but Poly overcame that quickly with effective blocks and a few kills of its own by middle hitter Carol Tschasar and hitter Ellen Hugaishi, among others.

Game No. 2 involved a little more give and take with both teams making a few memorable saves from far back court and one long, but fast-paced volley which went to Poly at 7-3 because Pepperdine failed to return.

The third game brought out negative performances from both Pepperdine and Poly with several services into the net and balls hit into the stands. The Poly defense began to weaken noticeably as unnecessary holes developed on the court, digs were hit under the net and several hits were lost off the block because of bad timing.

"They dang near took it away from us," head coach Mike Wilton said of the third game, which remained at 12-14 for several serves on both sides. "But we showed some good tenacity and won it," he added.

From the floor, Tschasar, who had the greatest number of kills for the evening at 17, felt the Waves' biggest asset was their defense. "They were strong," she said. "It's amazing how they stand straight up and go for the ball. They hit anything and everything."

Not only did Pepperdine, who was 16-5 before the match, hold its ground, but Wilton noted that Poly hit roadblocks possibly due to the high turnout of fans. The evening's attendance made history for a Poly women's volleyball game, with a total crowd of 2,714.

In effect it can be theorized that the concentration factor decreases proportionately to the size of the Please see VOLLEYBALL, page 11.

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Mustangs even record as offense bogs down

by Rosemary Costanza

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Cal Poly’s starting quarterback Keckin couldn’t manage only 36 passing proficiency. He completed 19-of-41 for 250 yards in the air.

The Mustangs are not dead. They just had a bad night in Portland,” said Crivello.

Interception beats 49ers

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —Prefs set on 9 points. It was 1-1 in Western Football Conference play.

Bryan Hinkle’s fumble interception and return of 46 yards set up a 21-yard field goal with 1:42 remaining Sunday, and helped to a 20-0 victory over Cal Poly, previously unbeaten San Francisco

American Football League victory over the previously unbeaten San Francisco 49ers.

In the second half, Phillips settled on Stabler and the Saints began to show more consistency. The Saints exploded for 21 points in the second quarter on touchdown passes of 25 yards from Kemp to Drew Hill and 13 yards to Henry Ellard. Safety Nolan Cromwell returned an interception of one of Todd’s passes 33 yards for a second-quarter touchdown.

The Rams got a third-quarter touchdown on a 15-yard field goal by Morten Andersen in the first quarter and a 1-yard plunge by Hokie Gajan early in the fourth quarter.

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Volleyball
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Tschasar noted that the Mustangs' playing remained in a valley even though the win will no doubt help the spikers maintain their top rank in the NCAA poll and could elevate their No. 4 standing in the Tachikara Coaches poll this week. "We can play a lot better than we did tonight," she said.

Although Tschasar may not have been proud of the entire performance, Wilton had a few words of praise for her individual achievement.

The Mustangs will play unranked Utah State Thursday, Oct. 18, No. 15-ranked Brigham Young University, Oct. 19 and unranked University of Utah, Oct. 20. Then they will return to play in the UCSB I Tournament the following Friday and Saturday and the next home game will be against Fresno State, Oct 30.

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