ELM test: hundreds face Poly disenrollment

By Stacy Herkert

As an entry as 100 students face disenrollment from Cal Poly fall quarter because they did not take the Entry Level Math test this year, students admitted to Cal Poly in the fall of 1983 or after are required to take the ELM test. The test is required to enroll in any math course that satisfies the General Education Breadth requirement.

"The intent is to let students know that the students were supposed to take the exam in the first two quarters they were here," said Art DeKleine, the math instructor who is in charge of administering the test.

Chris Cousins, a senior journalism major, is one of the more than 25 students who face the possibility of being disenrolled fall quarter. He said he didn't receive the warning about the test until the middle of October.

"I thought the warning was about as severe as the ones you receive from the libraries for an overdue book stating that they're going to put your records on hold if you don't pay," said Cousins. "I know personally since I've been in the California State University system that I've received notices to take a dozen tests. Cousins added "I'm only taking half of them and never heard about the test ever again. I think it's absurd." DeKleine said that students who received the warning are supposed to take the test and students whose records would be put on hold if they did not take the ELM exam earlier this year. "We tried every possible way to let these people know they have to take this test. What does one have to do?" DeKleine asked.

"It's the math department's problem, but we have almost 100 students out of this requirement when they've been told to take it in a sense, acceptable," he said.

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Center for the Arts approved for Poly

By Margaret Barrett

A Cal Poly Center for the Arts designed to increase the number and variety of artists and exhibits available to students and members of the community, was approved by the President Walter Baker early last month.

The center, which embodies not a building but a concept, will be headquartered at the Cal Poly Theatre. Bessie Swanson, associate dean of the School of Communications Arts and Humanities and chair of the center board of directors, said a small number of cultural events have been offered at Cal Poly through separate departments, but a campus-wide center for the arts will offer students a broader perspective, in addition to relieving faculty of the burden of organizing these events.

"We hope that having a center for the arts with a coordinator will help with the pre-planning so more students are aware and can take part in the events and the burden of arranging these performances does not fall on the professors or faculty," said Swanson.

A director for the center has not been chosen, but Swanson hopes to have the position filled by the beginning of fall quarter. The director will share an office with the manager of the Cal Poly Theatre "in the heart of the campus, near the student union" in order to generate student interest in the center and to insure "short-walking distances" for students, said Swanson.

The director will be responsible for arranging and coordinating performances and exhibits and raising funds for these projects. Swanson said funds will be raised through contributions to an endowment for the arts or to specific arts events by community members and organizations.

"I think the fact that we now have an umbrella for the arts will make funding easier," said Swanson. "We will have more confidence that the overall programming is planned out."

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Cal Poly bicycle club officer charged in local bike thefts

By Renee Shupe

The secretary-treasurer of the Cal Poly Wheelman bicycle club has been charged with two counts of felony burglary and one count of possession of stolen property. Records break-ins at the Velo bike shop in San Luis Obispo.

Kevin Weir, 25, spotted riding one of at least three of the stolen bicycles downtown at Farmer's Market Thursday, July 18 by San Luis Obispo police.

After questioning Weir until a week later when he turned himself in, Initially he was charged with one count of possession of stolen property, but the District Attorney's office has since charged him with two counts of felony burglary.

According to police, Steve Rubley, owner of the Velo store, more than $5,000 in bicycles and related accessories were taken in the two robberies which occurred in late May and early June. He said that an additional $3,000 in worth of damage was done to the systems.

"I plan to take whatever action in appropriate to see that justice is done," said Rubley. As of this article there are still virtually none of the stolen equipment has been returned to him.
On the street

Your biggest bureaucratic nightmare at Cal Poly?

By Margaret Barrett and Margaret Apodaca

Steve Widdicombe, senior speech communication: I breathe, I check here once and then my name was on the sheet at the bookstore. It took over a week and a half to get it cleared. I couldn't catch a break. I couldn't get books, so I had classes with no books, and it was my first quarter.

Andy Frenter, senior journalism: There are no bureaucratic problems at this school. Everything runs smoothly. You walk in and say what you need and it's done. Of course, I'm a notorious liar.

On the street

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'Ve are the World' needs to continue

Editor — This letter is written in response to the "On the street" column and the ad in the July 25 issue of the Summer Mustang. Various people were asked how they would balance the federal budget. Catherine Aaron's response simply cries out for response. She said to ask the people who did "We are the World" to solve it because they made a decade-long famine overnight.

I am afraid her view is fairly common, the ignorance betrayed by this remark is simply astounding. The proceeds from the "We are the World" fundraising have been a great help in meeting the immediate needs of thousands of people who are victims of famine. The current famine is more than a shortage of food. It is also composed of political and military strife, extreme poverty and drought conditions. Even if the rain return the people have no seed to plant it. They aren't even old, no tools to plant with (they were sold to buy food), nor any animals (they have all died). Even if the people are provided with the resources they need there is no guarantee that the rains will return. In addition most people are huddled in large relief centers in hopes of surviving one more day. Tom Jones or no one do not have the resources to even return to their homes. How can I be so depressing but the picture is still very bright. Our continued support of the relief organizations that emphasize that the problem is not there is necessary to the eventual to the eventual recovery of a vast portion of this Earth and the human race. Please do not stop giving yet; they need our help.

STEVE M. CURRY

Food for thought

A tale of a monster called 'bureaucracy'

Bureaucracy (soa): A system of administration marked by constant striving for increased functions and power, by lack of initiative and flexibility, by indifference to human needs or public opinion, and by a tendency to defer decisions to superiors or to impede action with red tape.

Webster's New World Dictionary

Once upon a time, in a backward little town called Op­sho Sud Nal, there was a state university called Yop Lac. Throughout the country of Akremna, this college was considered one of the best schools of its kind. Students came from far and wide to attend Yop Lac; its technical schools were unmatched.

In the great push forward, this school was at the forefront. Yet, as will happen in stories of this kind, things got turned around. Some people forget for whom they were going, and ended up moving backwards.

The student bookstore on this campus, the Larro Ly, got caught up in the spirit of the marketplace, and started making a profit. They charged students more than it would cost to buy the books; because of their monop­oly they made a tremendous pro­fit. Soon the money piled so high they lost sight of the students' needs and completely forgot that their main purpose of existence was to equip students with school supplies. They had been defeated by the villain of this tale: the bureaucracy.

The bureaucracy's appetite was so huge that it ate its own tail. They were asked how they would balance the federal budget. Catherine Aaron's response simply cries out for response. She said to ask the people who did "We are the World" to solve it because they made a decade-long famine overnight.

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The bureaucracy spread, devouring all in its path. Student, faculty and staff lost their time in search of bureaucratic objects, effort without reason and organisation with no goals.

The moral to this fable is obvious: think before you act. Ask yourself the most important of questions: why. For bureau­cracy must be fought where it first began … inside the human mind.

Ken Donster is a junior com­puter science major and staff photographer for the Summer Mustang.

Correction

Due to an error in the "On the street" section of the Summer Mustang, July 25, the comments of Albert Cavender and Sami Elsam were misidentified. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Mustang Policy

Summer Mustang endorses reader input on our news policies and editorial positions. Letters and press releases should be submitted to the Summer Mustang office in Graphic Arts Building Room 726, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. Letters must not exceed 250 words. All letters must be submitted by noon Wednesday in order to appear in the Thursday edition. Editors reserve the right to edit letters for brevity and clarity without notice. Letters will not be printed if they do not follow these guidelines.
Cable TV to be installed in dorms this fall

By Stacy Herkert

Cable television is expected to be installed in the dorms of the campus residence halls by the beginning of fall quarter, according to the on-campus housing manager.

A study was done by Sonic Cable to try to improve the quality of television. "It's limited in the sense that it's being offered," said Fort.

In 1984, a microcomputer deal was finalized with El Compu-Bookstore giving faculty, students and staff the opportunity to buy Macintosh and Lisa computers at discounted prices. The cost of these microcomputers ranged from $1,200 below Apple's educational sales representatives."

The creation of the Cal Poly Center for the Arts began in April 1984. A plan development committee made up of faculty and staff members was formed to develop bylaws for the center. Last November, James Wockenfuss, one of the leaders of the Iowa Center for the Arts, came to Cal Poly to act as a consultant, giving suggestions to the development committee.

Last spring was to have the center's council, chaired by Provost Tomlinson Fort, view the plan for feasibility, following usual procedures for beginning new institutes and centers on campus. After suggestions were made by the council, a campus review group composed of the plan, making further recommendations. The final plan was brought back to the center's council for approval and submitted to President Baker for his signature this spring.

"The Center for the Arts will add to the lives of all of us — students, faculty and townpeople," said Fort.
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A day as a SLO triathlete

Last Sunday I could not eat breakfast. I wasn't sick or on a diet. It was the simple consequence of anxiety. I had a case of the butterflies. It was the day that I managed to finish the San Luis Obispo triathlon.

All day long I watched people pass by, some running, some joggling and some barely dragging their weary legs along. Was this what I had to look forward to?

As the day grew warmer, so did my body. The anticipation was almost too great. But what did I have to worry about? I wasn't participating in this self-fulfilling event to win — I just wanted to finish.

Mom and Dad drove up to watch me, and of course provide the moral support that was so desperately needed. We went to church in the morning, then, as advertised in the August issue from Specialized, Wolber 'reduced prices on parts clinchers and sew-ups.

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As I arrived at Sinsheimer Pool I was given a packet of goodies — a water bottle and a whole bunch of triathlon magazine brochures. These people were too funny. I'm certainly no triathlete, I thought; just want to finish. While I was filing through the papers, a woman was writing 1059 down my arm in indelible ink.

Now I felt like a jock. This was serious stuff.

My number was called and I was in the pool. Then the worker said those six infinite words: "ON YOUR MARK, GET SET, GO!" And I went.

Up and back and up, and back. I felt good. I was on my way to completing 36 laps around a mile. My counter yelled out my lap total at every even lap-turn. "Only two more," he said. Before I knew it I was dry and ready to hop on my bike. I put on my helmet and I was off, wet head and all. As I rode out Orcutt Road I was smiling, singing, cheering on those who were returning from the 15-mile ride. "We're doing it," I yelled. "Hang in there," I said to one who was slowing down.

My family greeted me at the turn around point, camera in hand. I was good to see them, but I was still feeling independently strong. "How long will it take you to get back?" they yelled. "A long time," I said.

After the swimming competition, triathletes pumped my pedals hard — up, up, up those hills. "I just have to make it to the top," I said, along with a few other things. But when I reached the top the smile returned to my face.

I made it back to Sinsheimer where I carefully stepped off my bike onto wobbly legs, and prepared myself for the run. I changed my shoes, put on my baseball cap (I felt like Joan Benoit) and ran away.

Two down, one to go, I thought. I only had to run 3.6 miles and I would be finished. That wasn't too much to ask of my body now — was it? The run felt good. It was slow, but it was continuous. When I was about half way, a group of kids lined themselves along the road and cheered me on. They even sprayed me with a hose. Ah, it felt so good.

As I ran I thanked God for allowing me the strength and ability to participate in such a physically strenuous event. I was on a downhill jog when I saw three blond heads peering around the hedge. As I approached the sight, three little girls dropped themselves into tiny beachchairs.


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I faced a 15-mile bike ride, which lined the course, and waved to me as I went by. It was a lift that picked my feet up and moved them up the last hill. My final mile of the course was uneventful. I just ran. But as I got closer to the finish line I could hear the crowds cheering. Those they were calling out my name and encouraging me to sprint to the end. What a feeling. People clapping and yelling with excitement — all for me. Definitely worth every ounce of effort that I had exerted throughout my two-hour athletic endeavor.

As I crossed the finish line I was handed a medal. Everyone who finished was given one. I was proud. Proud of myself for starting and proud of myself for finishing. Mom and Dad were proud too. I could see it in their eyes. I dreamt that night. About the triathlon, of course. Swimming, riding, running. And I’m sure I’ll continue to dream about my accomplishment. I owe that to myself. After all, I experienced the pain — now I can enjoy the gain.

Author Janet Haserot is a senior journalism major and Summer Mustang staff writer.

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A determined triathlete squeaks into his cycling shoes after the swimming event.
Alumni named wrestling coach
By Brenda Bieleke

A Cal Poly alumnus will take over as the Mustang's head wrestling coach, athletic director Dr. Kendrick Walker announced Wednesday. Lamnis Cowell, currently the wrestling coach at Clovis West High School, will assume the head coaching duties immediately.

Cowell, 42, replaces Vaughn Hitchcock, who has been head wrestling coach at Cal Poly for 23 years. Hitchcock will continue to teach at the university.

Cowell, who has an impressive overall record at CWHS of 97-54, was chosen from a wide field of applicants. "It was clear to us that Lennis would fill our program," said Walker. "He fits our requirements to the T— both as a coach and in the classroom."

Cowell led the wrestling squad at CWHS to a record 85 straight dual meet wins and the 1983 and 1984 state team championships. For his efforts, Cowell was named Southern Regional Coach of the Year in 1983 and National Coach of the Year in 1984.

Cowell has set several goals which he would like to see accomplished while he is at Cal Poly. One is to win an NCAA Division One Championship, the other to generate more enthusiasm for the wrestling program. "I'd like to reestablish the (wrestling) tradition with the campus and the community to get them involved," said Cowell.

Cowell earned his bachelor's degree in physical education from Cal Poly in 1974 and his master's degree in P.E. from Poly two years later.

Cowell served as an assistant coach at Poly (1966 and 1974), head coach at Cuesta Junior College (1972-73), head coach at San Luis Obispo High School (1974-1978) and currently head coach at Clovis West where he has been since 1978.

Italian print industry studied by students
By Chuck Buckley

Three students and one faculty member from Cal Poly were given a free trip to Italy this summer by the Italian Trade Commission in return for feedback on the Italian print publications and manufacturing industry.

Graphic communications students Tyler Phillips, Nicki Duesberg and Roger Bolen were accompanied by Dr. Harvey Levenson on a two-week tour of Italy that began June 28. Levenson said their mission was to make suggestions to improve the Italian print industry's marketing capabilities in the United States.

Cal Poly was one of three universities in the United States selected by the ITC for the mission because of its outstanding graphic communications program.

Phillips said he, Duesberg and Bolen were chosen on overall performance along with an evaluation by a graphic communications committee on an essay that answered a question geared toward Italian print industry marketing in the United States.

Phillips said the group had its home base in Milan, in northern Italy, where most of the Italian print industry is located. The foursome toured two to three plants a day, ranging from printing plants of various publications to print equipment manufacturers.

"Many people would be surprised how much printing is done for the United States in Italy," Phillips said. For example, he cited the Sierra Club, which has publications produced at the Mondi Dorl plant. "A large percentage of print production is exported," he said.

Phillips found the Italian printing machines unsold designs, made for use with Italian clothing and cars. "And they are built to last, whereas Japanese equipment is designed more for obsolescence," he said.

"One thing I noticed about the workers in both large and small shops was a really high level of pride in their work," he said. But one problem Phillips noticed was a lack of consistent quality control in the printing plants. "Many places just get an ink set, check it by eye and print it," he said. "It seemed to be more of a craft."

Phillips said the lack of quality control will probably be addressed in a report the Cal Poly group must submit to the ITC. The report will critique the Italian print industry and make recommendations for improving their market in the United States.

"We did a lot of work, but we had fun at night," said Phillips. "The Italians have a vibrant culture and were very friendly." The group spent a lot of time in the open street markets and at the dinner table, often taking in two or three hour meals.

Levenson also praised the Italian cuisine. "The food was very good and very fresh," he said, adding he was going through withdrawals on his return to San Luis Obispo and had to go to a local Italian restaurant.

"And the driving is very crazy," said Phillips. "When you step into the street, life becomes an adventure. Their driving matches their lifestyle—really uninhibited."
Student retiree adjusts to university life

Former CPA studies agriculture at Poly

By Darcy Spangler Staff Writer

Retirement led to a second career for a 55-year-old agriculture management major. Sherwin Wiersig came to Cal Poly in spring 1982 as a sophomore and plans to graduate June 1986. "I retired once, but I guess the idea of practicality that Poly instills in its students. I did not make a mistake. I'm very pleased with my decision."

Thirty years he began his college education at UCLA, striving for a degree in accounting. He was unable to finish but studied to pass the Certified Public Accountant exam in 1960. Wiersig successfully practiced accounting for 25 years in Santa Ana and then moved to Fowler City where he was a temporary city manager and director of finance for a year and a half. In 1972, he moved to Ferndale where he had a small dairy and about 25 dairymen as clients to his private accounting business. Wiersig plans to graduate next June, and his objective is to learn as much as he can.

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Erosion
Barren hills wait for rains

By Brenda Blake

"Although the Las Pilitas fire has been out for weeks, San Luis Obispo County may not have seen the last of its problems stemming from the 75,000-acre blaze."

Because vegetation has been burned from the hillsides, fall and winter rains could precipitate erosion, mudslides and floods. "With a real heavy rain early in the fall, we could have some very serious erosion and in some areas, mudslides," said Dr. V.L. Holland, head of the Cal Poly biological sciences department.

Holland cited the shake slopes along Highway 101 where the hills have been cut back for the highway as potential slide areas. "Any significant amount of rainfall can cause flooding."

Although the areas are now sparsely in vegetation, the land around here is fire adapted, said Holland. The seeds of "pyrophyte" endemic, or fire annuals, lay dormant in the ground, some viable for 50 years. Some of these plants, such as one type of poppy, can emerge only after a fire, Holland said. Once burned by fire, seeds germinate and establish a ground cover. "Under those conditions, erosion will be minor," said Holland, who is currently writing a book on California wildfire with another Cal Poly biology professor, Dr. David Kelli.

Cha'parral and the knobcone pine up on the ridges also make up fire-adapted plant communities. "The knobcone pine have a closed cone -- they don't even open up until after a fire comes through. They then open up and send out seeds to the soil on the ground," said Holland. "If you go back up there next year you'll find lots of seedlings growing. Within 20 to 30 years a new forest will have grown," Holland said.

Most species of chaparral vegetation, including those found in this county, are able to survive fires because of their fire-resistant lignocellulose under the ground. In the chaparral areas the fire annuals reappear for several years, then exist on the burn site only as buried seeds once the chaparral resurfaces itself. Cha'parral regenerates rapidly; in 10 years it will develop full canopy, said Holland.

Rapid plant growth after a fire serves a viable function in preventing flooding and erosion. Under normal conditions, "a lot of the rain is intercepted by the plants. After you have a lot more rain hitting the soil," Holland said, which could cause flooding in the creeks. San Luis Creek, which winds through San Luis Obispo, flows through Reservoir Canyon, an area burned in the fire. "It's possible we could see erosion, mud slumping and flooding," said Holland, adding that work done on the creek in past years has alleviated some of the problems San Luis Obispo needed to have with flooding.

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