By Stacy Herkert

**ELM test: hundreds face Poly disenrollment**

Chris Couns, a senior journalism major, is one of the more than 200 students who fear the possibility of being disenrolled full quarter. He said he didn't expect to take the exam in the first two weeks, but he received serious warning.

"The intent is not to let them go to school, the students were supposed to take the exam in the first two weeks, but they waited too long," said Art Dekleme, the math instructor who is in charge of administering the test.

Counts, "I know personally since I've been in the California State University system that I've received notices to take a dozen tests," Couns added. "I decided to go because half of them and never heard about the test ever again. I think it's absurd."

Dekleme said that students received information on the notices and warnings that their 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 to get the message across?"

"It's the math department's job to see that these students get the message. We have almost 100 students out of this requirement when they've clearly been told they can't take it anymore," he said.

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By Renee Shupe

**Mendes' top goal is 'team building'**

Mike Mendes, the new CSU Poly communications director, said that his number-one objective is team building. We have to get better at team-building. We have to unite the students and the administration. We have to build a stronger community.

"We're very different from the typical university, yet we have a lot to offer," said Mendes. "I believe that the fact that we now have a center for the arts 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 shoulders of the arts faculty and administration."

"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 shoulders of the arts faculty and administration," said Mendes. "We could do that — well, that's what it's all about."
On the street

Your biggest bureaucratic nightmare at Cal Poly?

By Margaret Barrett and Margaret Apodaca

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

Diane Stember, senior graphic communications: I'm a graphics major and the classes are absolutely impossible to get. It gets a little easier because they give them to people with more graphics units more classes. So that means at the beginning you get nothing.

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

Pat Drealy, sophomore recreation administration: I want to take a marketing class but Business isn't my major. How am I supposed to know if marketing is for me if I can't get a feel for what the field entails?

Stan Lowe, senior graphic communications: Trying to deviate a class. They just send you around talking to everyone. First they send you to your dean and then somewhere else. They just send you around in circles. I walked around for an hour and a half yesterday, and I feel like I didn't get anything done.

Saji Harikani, senior industrial technology: The joy of having seniors standing in front of you and yelling at you to become someone, and you expect better behavior, but I'm still proud of the fall.

Scott Huerta, senior electronic engineering: My biggest hassle was my instructor didn't grade my last program. He gave me a C instead of a B. It took three quarters to get the grade changed.

Bureaucracy (sous). A system of administration marked by constant striving for increased functions and power, by lack of initiative and flexibility, by indolence and infirmity 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 Yslop Sud Nas, there was a state university called Yslop La. Throughout the country of Acirema, this college was considered one of the best schools of its kind. Students came from far and wide to attend Yslop La; 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 during their studies that they were going, and ended up moving backwards.

The student bookstore on this campus, the Larroc Lec, got caught up in the spirit of the marketplace, and started making a profit. They charged students more than they should have for school supplies. They had been defeated by the villain of the tale: the bureaucracy.

The bureaucracy's appetite was fit. 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.

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The bureaucratic spread, devouring all in its path. Students forgot their studies and the world they had spent their time in search. Teachers became so mechanical and unthoughtful that many feared that the horrible bureaucracy had changed them into robots (was nothing sacred).

The hero has not shown up yet in Yslop La. In fact, bureaucracy is slowly moving through Acirema, invading homes and churches, leaving a trail of backward objectives, effort without reason and organizations without 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 Dintzer is a junior computer science major and staff photographer for the Summer Mustang.
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. The Housing Office and many students living on campus have been trying to get cable television installed in the residence halls in the last few years. Studies were done by Sonic Cable to try to improve the quality of reception, which has been one of the major problems with the delaying of cable installation."

"The cable company will not sell us any of the cable channels attached to their computers. ' It's limited in the sense that it's considered the standard package being offered,' he said, to try to improve the quality of reception can solved. "We're looking into the possibility of adding cable to the rooms via the telecommunications project which is basically to provide a new telephone switchboard on campus," he said."

Concerning the possible problem of overcrowding in the dorm, Riner said he believed more people would be using the television facilities and there might be the need to add more viewing locations. "Hopefully it will improve the quality of life and provide more opportunities for the students to be entertained," he said.

ARTS

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

"The Center for the Arts will be the only on-campus center of its kind," said Fort. "It will be able to provide a new telephone switchboard on campus," he said."

"The Center for the Arts will add to the lives of all of us — students, faculty and townpeople," said Fort.
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 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 jogging 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 lunch, and then more lunch. They had deli sandwiches; I had an orange.

Only one more hour! Mom and I played a few games of gin rummy to pass the time. (I won.) Soon it was time to leave.

As I arrived at Sinnesheimer 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; I just want to win. While I was filling through the papers, a woman was writing 1059 down my arm in indelible ink. This was serious stuff.

Dad took care of my bike as I went inside to begin the swim. More waiting. I knew that as soon as I got in the pool I would be fine. While I was waiting in line, a voice came over the megaphone: "Be sure to obey all traffic rules. The police are out and will give citations. They want to close down the triathlon."

"Triathlon" and me. Too much to comprehend at this point.

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I made it back to Sinnesheimer 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 beach chairs.

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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. Soon, 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.

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Cowell, who has an impressive overall record at CWHS of 97-5-0, was chosen from a wide field of applicants. "It was clear to us that Cowell would fit 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 83 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 excited," he said.

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 assistant coach at Poly (1966 and 1974), head coach at Cuesta College (1967 to 1971), head coach at Allan Hancock 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.
Student retiree adjusts to university life

**Former CPA studies agriculture at Poly**

By Darcy Spangler

Retirement led to a second career for a 55-year-old agriculture management major. Sherwin Wiersig came to Cal Poly in spring 1983 as a sophomore and plans to graduate June 1986.

"I retired once, but I guess the juices are still going," said Wiersig. "I had an adjustment to make," Wiersig said. "With years of experience I look at things differently."

Before returning to college, the father of five researched schools that offered agriculture degrees and spoke with friends and clients who were Cal Poly graduates.

"I like 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 ago 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 Fountain 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.

"Sometimes I see a course that is going to be interesting and is not required, but I take it anyways," he said.

This summer Wiersig is working on his senior project, an intense study of the economic effects of the Federal Dairy Program, a 15-month diversion program for dairymen. His intent is to find out if the participants of the program came out financially better than the non-participants.

Wiersig's budget to complete the project is about $10,000, and the agriculture management department has provided $2,500 to him from the Bowell Foundation Fund. He also sent letters to dairy organizations in the state requesting funds, but has received only negative responses.

Wiersig will make up the difference with his own money.

"My feeling is that it's a worthwhile project," he said.
Erosion

Barren hills wait for rains

By Brenda Aelke

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 further 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 shale slopes along Highway 101 where the hills have been cut back for the highway as potential slide areas. "If there's a gradual rainfall in early fall" to prevent erosion problems, he said.

Although the areas are now sparse 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 Here, may grow up 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 wildlife with another Cal Poly biology professor, Dr. David Keil.

Chaparral and the knoebone pine up on the ridges also make up fire-adapted plant communities. "The knoebone pines 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. 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 lignocelluluses, under the ground. In the chaparral areas the fire annuals reappear for several years, then exist on the burn only site as buried seeds once the conifer is replaced itself. Chaparral regenerates rapidly, in 10 years it will develop Slick fully, 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 trees, and you get 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 did alleviate some of the problems San Luis Obispo had to deal with having flooding.

Hills left barren by the Las Pilitas fire, shown here at its height early in July, could be subject to massive erosion if fall and winter rains are heavy.

Computer recovered

By Renea Shupe

Stolen computer equipment valued at more than $7,000 has been recovered and returned to the Cal Poly Career Center.

According to Cal Poly Investigator Ray Berrett, the system, which included an Apple computer, disk drive, printer and software was stolen from the Career Center last June. A second system, valued at over $10,000, had also been removed but was recovered on the scene.

The computer was spotted during a routine investigation made by the San Luis Obispo Police Department involving an unrelated theft. Although police do have a suspect, no formal charges have been made. The Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo police departments have declined to comment on the case as it is still under investigation.

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