Summer admissions competitive
Quarter is not ‘back door’ to Poly for marginal students

By Brenda Suppanz
Staff writer

Many students have thought of summer quarter as the “back door” for getting into Cal Poly, but increasingly it has become the way for only qualified students to have a second chance while allowing the university to make the best use of its resources.

Dave Snyder, admissions officer, explained that while about six years ago the summer quarter was an easy way for students to enter Cal Poly, it has become almost as important as fall quarter.

“The competition is so tough that unless you’re a really qualified student, you’re not going to be accepted for the summer,” he said. Although the Admissions Office encourages prospective students to reapply if they were not accepted for the fall, Snyder said it is not a way for a marginal student to get in.

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Even though someone may be a solid student, which Snyder defines as someone who comes out of high school with at least a 3.0 GPA and a SAT score of 1000, they are informed that they are not qualified for the fall, but they are encouraged to try their luck with the summer.

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EDITORIAL

High dose of arms

In a crucial election year that’s pushed politicians to adopt aggressive anti-drug stances, the government appears ready to turn to the military. The fight against drugs is indeed a war, but it’s certainly not one for professional warriors.

The armed forces are trained to counter foreign soldiers, not drug traders. If they do everything by the book, they will shoot first and ask questions later. Drug trafficking, though, is a crime and must be treated like one. That means arresting the suspects, reading them their rights and granting them a trial — tasks most effectively executed by law-enforcement officers.

The combined manpower and firepower of the police, Border Patrol, Drug Enforcement Agency, FBI and other relevant forces is enough to fight drugs. But like the military, those agencies are plagued by interservice rivalries. Despite the enormous success of two sting operations — they were dubbed Pizza Connection I and Pizza Connection II — conducted by combined forces earlier this year, the agencies still have trouble cooperating. Once they agree on goals (quell the demand at home) and methods (arrest the buyers along with the sellers), an efficient and convincing crackdown can proceed.

The best way for the armed forces to fight drugs is to clean out their barracks, barrackshies and bombers. The rest of the war must be left to civilian law enforcement.

The best of professor potpourri

If there’s one thing I know as a full-time professional student, it is my co-workers (teachers). I call them co-workers because we all are connoisseurs in the business of education. Teacher and student are equally responsible for building educated people and for making higher education what it is (or should be). But varying degrees of apathy get in the way of this responsibility, and it’s not limited to students.

My junior-college teachers were more involved in the education of students than are the teachers I have had at Cal Poly. I would give Cal Poly a lower median rating on teacher performance. This is sad. Most would logically assume that Cal Poly should get a higher rating, what with the higher academic level of the institution inspiring everyone to great deeds.

On the bright side, I can be sure that Cal Poly has more really outstanding teachers. We have a sharp performance peak rather than a fat bell curve. Junior college had a higher level of general excellence, but the really good teachers at Cal Poly far exceed it. They are few great ones, as you are aware, but they are out there.

I have literally stumbled across some awesome talent at this school. It was blind destiny, I guess. I just filled in the bubbles and signed my name and what did I get? I actually got good education. But only thanks to an inspired few who kept me going as I squatted at my desk, awash in the mediocrity spouting from the remaining nine out of 10 podiums.

I’d like to name the inspired few; they deserve recognition. But this would be counterproductive. By inference, everyone else would be terrible and the good ones would be branded and scorned by their floundering and friendly competition. They might get a swelled head. Besides, if I spill it, they will be so much in demand that Cal Poly will prevent mortals from experiencing their wisdom ever again.

Instead, let’s look at types. I hate to categorize because I have to be categorized, but it’s a good way to understand. Here we go.

The Warden: “This is my class and you better not forget it.” The warden is right and you are worst. Fend of seating arrangements, attendance and participation — in any kind. Believe in the natural alphabetical order of everything. Prone to yelling about anything, especially if it’s not a problem.

The Pop Quiz: The pop quiz is used as a study aid. Belongs in a Siberian grammar school for orphaned children. The name of intelligence, education and humanity itself.

The PARKING METER: No matter how much you feed and encourage it, it’s always waiting until time runs out. When your hour is up it merely waits to process the next customer. Your input is often met with a red face. About as good at stimulating interest as it is at providing information, reproductive and programmed.

The Vibrator: Good-natured and honestly tries to stimulate its audience, but is often the victim of overcompensation and mechanical failure. Resorts to visual stimulation techniques in the absence of really interesting things to say. Textbook technique. Never has any new information, just a wish to be looked at. Expects a lot of energy but only causes eventual dissatisfaction and soul-searching.

The Throwback: Typically has long hair and/or B.O. May wear Lennon-style spectacles and/or sandals and shorts. Intelligent, but too caught up in the intelligence to make any sense. You’re on your own unless you go out at the same level. Valuable for individualism and as an easy prey for enthusiasm. A missing link in Cal Poly’s evolution.

The Platonic: Actually has some personal knowledge about things. In the absence of really interesting things to do or say. A book somewhere. You know the Platonic is intelligent because he or she is always trying to convince you of the fact. Enjoys listening as much as talking — communication is possible. Believes students have intelligent thoughts and actually wants to know what they are, asks as well as answers questions; often answers a question with another question. May be moody and passive, but this only represents a charm and proves they don’t mind being real people.

A rare breed, indeed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Schizophrenia misunderstood

Editor — In the May 9 edition, attorney John Hagar described the job of San Luis Obispo County sheriff as “schizophrenic existence.” This term is used loosely and broadly.

For those unfamiliar with schizophrenia, it is a brain disease, a real scientific and biological entity like diabetes, multiple sclerosis and cancer. It exhibits symptoms of a brain disease, including impaired thinking, delusions, hallucinations, and changes in emotions, moods and behavior. Schizophrenia is not uncommon and fortunately, it is treatable.

Schizophrenia is not a split personality, nor is it an idiosyncratic way of thinking corrigible through psychoanalysis ("Surviving Schizophrenia: A Family Manual").

PHYLIS BRECHAN

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Marine sergeant gets murder charge for wife's 'suicide'

EL TORO MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Calif. (AP) — A Marine sergeant was charged with murdering his 23-year-old wife, five months after the Riverside County Coroner's Office ruled her death a suicide, officials said.

Sgt. Joseph Thomas, accused of killing Melinda Jean Thomas, has been in custody since April 5, said Sgt. Deborah Bragagnini, an air station spokeswoman.

Naval Investigative Service officials announced the charges Friday.

Coroner's officials determined that Mrs. Thomas died of multiple blunt-force injuries in a Dec. 10 car crash off Ortega Highway, east of the Orange County line. Her body was found behind the wheel of the burned-out car.

Her death was classified a suicide, said Riverside County coroner's spokeswoman Karin Rhodes.

Marine investigators doubted the ruling and reopened the case, Bragagnini said.

Civil liberties groups calling 'zero tolerance' intolerable

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government calls it "zero tolerance," but industry and civil liberties groups have begun to question whether "overkill" isn't an equally accurate description of the policy under which luxury yachts and other private property is being seized in the battle against drugs.

In the latest episode, the U.S. Coast Guard on Saturday confiscated the yacht Monkey Business, the charter vessel that once ferried presidential contender Gary Hart and model Donna Rice to the Bahamas, after officers said they found 1 gram — or one twenty-eighth of an ounce — of marijuana aboard.

Only days earlier, the Coast Guard seized the $2.5 million yacht, Ark Royal, on grounds that one-tenth of an ounce of marijuana was aboard. No one was arrested in either case.

Even rental cars and leased boats and trucks are being seized by U.S. Customs Service agents.

Commission to review ruling that policy violates rights

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A state commission has been ordered to re-examine its ruling that a policy to protect unborn children from lead violates women's rights.

The Fair Employment and Housing Commission, which meets Thursday in San Diego, had ordered a Fullerton battery manufacturer to stop banning women of child-bearing age who could not prove they were sterile from working on an assembly line with a high level of airborne lead.

Queen Foster, 34, of Orange filed a job discrimination complaint with the state Department of Fair Employment and Housing after being refused a job in 1983 at the Globe Battery Division of Johnson Controls Inc.

She was denied the $9-an-hour job at a battery assembly machine because of a 1982 policy by Milwaukee-based Johnson.

"Our policy is directed toward protecting unborn children," plant manager Jim Cos said.

World

First of four Soviet convoys evacuated from Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Red Army troops lumbered into Kabul on Sunday after a daylong journey through mountains teeming with guerrillas as the Soviet Union began its retreat from more than eight years of war in Afghanistan.

The 300-vehicle convoy set out at 7:30 a.m. for the 88-mile trip from Jalalabad, passing through crowds of Afghan children who threw flowers and an occasional clod of dirt or dung.

As the motorized rifle unit crossed the towering mountains separating Jalalabad from Kabul, shots rang out from distant hills and the procession backed up in spots along the rough, one-way road.

Troops planned to spend the night in Kabul before heading north Monday.

The convoy was the first of four that will be evacuated from Jalalabad in northeast Afghanistan, near the border with Pakistan.

Syrian army threatens move into Beirut's southern slums

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The Syrian army warned Sunday that it will move into Beirut's devastated southern slums with shoot-to-kill orders and demanded that warring Shiite Moslem militias halt their 10-day-old bloodbath.

More than 7,500 Syrian troops and about 500 tanks and armored vehicles massed around the labyrinthine slums, where 18 Western hostages, including nine Americans, are believed held by factions linked to the Iranian-backed Hezbollah, or Party of God.

The Syrian troops include two battalions of elite Special Forces commandoes, Syrian and Lebanese army personnel and armored personnel carriers, said Brig. Gen. Ghazi Kenaan, Syria's military intelligence commander in Lebanon, told the pro-Syrian Amal militia commander in Lebanon, said the pro-Syrian Amal militia and Hezbollah to lay down their arms.

Asked when the Syrians would move into the 16-square-mile warren, Kenaan said: "This is our decision."

State

26 die, many hurt when truck bashes into church group bus

CARROLLTON, Ky. (AP) — A bus carrying a church group home from an amusement park became a fiery deathtrap when a pickup traveling the wrong way on an interstate crashed into it, killing at least 26 people, authorities said.

It was one of the worst bus accidents in U.S. history, the National Transportation Safety Board said. Between 30 and 40 people were injured in the crash, many suffering from burns.

The bus, carrying 67 teen-agers and adults from the First Assembly of God Church in Radcliff, about 35 miles south of Louisville, was headed south on Interstate 71 when the accident occurred about 10:55 p.m. Saturday. The group was returning from King's Island amusement park north of Cincinnati.

As word of the accident spread, distraught relatives clutching dental and medical records arrived here Sunday to help identify the dead.

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Baseball loses last game, playoff hopes at UC Riverside

RIVERSIDE — The Cal Poly baseball team gave new meaning to the phrase "down to the wire" Saturday, as the Mustangs were alive in the playoff race down to their season-ending game against UC Riverside.

The Mustangs needed to sweep the series from Riverside for not only a second-place finish in the CCAL but also for a regional playoff berth. The team took the first two games, 14-3 and 8-5, from the Highlanders, despite a makeshift lineup and hot, smoggy weather.

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The Mustangs scored nine runs in the first two innings, and finished the game with 18 hits. Mustang Pat Kirby was the game's leading hitter with four — a double and triple RBIs. Teammate Edwin Fines had three hits, while Todd Rice, Rich Shepard, Doug Noce and Drew Herson each hit two.

Cal Poly pitcher Erik Bratlien tied the school record for victories this season — also a school record. He fanned 140 batters this season — also a school record. He fanned 140 batters in a really good tournament. He fanned 140 batters in a really good tournament. He fanned 140 batters in a really good tournament.

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ROHNERT PARK — The Cal Poly women's tennis team returned from the NCAA Division II tournament with four of its members named all-American.

Taking the top honors for the Mustangs were Wendy Elliott, Amy Lansford, Debbie Matano and Tracy Matano.

The Matano twins went the farthest in the tournament as a doubles team, as they lost in the semifinal round to Allison Kincaid and Missy Kohn of Cal State Northridge.

The Mustangs finish the season with a 24-4 overall record, including a school-record 21-game winning streak.

The team won the conference title with a 12-0 record.

By Terry Lightfoot

WOMEN'S TENNIS

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The Matanos defeated second-seeded Xenia Asanastadou and Margie Maslun of Cal Poly Pomona, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, in their first match of the tournament. They then rolled over Edna Olverez and Jennifer Choy of Cal State Los Angeles, 6-0, 6-1, in quarterfinal play.

Cal Poly's two other doubles teams lost in the first round. Susan Norman and Vicki Kanter were dominated by Donna Sykes and Vicki Crooks of Athlone Christian, 6-2, 6-2. The team of Michelle Reen and Sandy Stace of Southern Illinois-Edwardsville easily defeated Cal Poly's team of Elliott and Lansford.

Elliott and Debbie Matano both made it to quarterfinal singles action, but were halted there.

The Mustangs finish the season with a 12-0 record. Mustang Lee Hancock was credited with the victory, while teammate Phil Crumback came in and got the last out for the save.

Elliott won 3-4 with three RBIs in the third inning, while Ramsey went 3-5 with 2 RBIs. And although they jumped out with a 1-0 lead in the first inning of Saturday's second game, it was all the Mustangs could come up with.

Riverside took advantage of Cal Poly's lack of hitting and responded with a strong offensive attack. The final score: 10-1.

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Experts assess potential quake damage on campus, city

SLO has more dangerous buildings than any city its size in California

By Karin Holtz
San Luis Obispo is a seismic danger zone because many of its buildings were constructed before 1933 with unreinforced masonry. This type of construction, which is just one brick piled upon another, was declared unsafe in 1933 in a state structural code revision under the Field Act.

"San Luis Obispo has more unreinforced masonry buildings for its size than any other city in California ... making it one of the most at-risk communities in the state," he said.

Five of Cal Poly's buildings were also constructed of unreinforced masonry buildings during that time (around 1933) so that type of building was constructed before 1933 as well.

Gerard said that some of the older buildings at Cal Poly, but high cost has been a deterrent to taking the steps to make them safe.

A Seismic Hazard Survey of California Buildings completed by the Seismic Safety Commission in January 1981 analyzed approximately 1,300 California buildings with a focus on state colleges and universities. The study found the cost-benefit ratio of the most at-risk buildings if they were brought up to par with current building standards for safety.

Two of these buildings are the Placement Center and the Computing Center, which are on the list of the least cost-effective buildings.

In response to this decision, a new facility is now being designed for the testing and counseling center.

In the event of an earthquake, there are other possibilities if an earthquake hits Cal Poly.

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Neel said the new engineering building would be a good haven during an earthquake because it is the lightest of the buildings on campus. The architecture and Faculty Office buildings would also be safe because they were built after the last upgrade in building standards in 1974.

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Gerard remains positive about the effects of an earthquake on Cal Poly. "We may see some major structural damage, but ... I would almost be willing to bet anything an earthquake of almost any magnitude that can be predicted to hit here would not cause any of our buildings to fall," he said.

"We are moving in the direction of being prepared," he said. "Hopefully we'll never use it, of course."

In response to the statewide concerns about earthquakes, the Seismic Safety Commission has been mandated to carry out an earthquake preparedness program under the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act.

Neel said a major focus of this program is unreinforced buildings, such as those in San Luis Obispo. The act requires all local governments to identify all such buildings in their area by Jan. 1, 1990. Governments are also required to develop a plan as to what they can do about mitigating the problem, Neel said.

Gerard said there has also been concern about the older buildings at Cal Poly, but high cost has been a deterrent to taking the steps to make them safe. In April, the Seismic Safety Commission has approved a program for the Testing and Counseling Center.

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Approaching tornadoes usually allow enough time for people to head for their cellars; a hurricane generally arrives not only with a name of its own but enough warning for people to board up win-
dows andatten down the hatches.

Earthquakes are not so considerate. Without warning, chandeliers shake, furniture rearranges itself and chimneys crumble. The shaking stops, and often only then do people turn to each other, wide-eyed, and in hushed voices ask the obvious: Was that an earthquake?

The Parkfield Earthquake Prediction project may help change all that.

Parkfield is a small community in southern Monterey County, far from almost everything except the San Andreas fault. Earthquakes have oc-
curred near Parkfield about every 22 years since 1857; the last one was in 1966. Based on this regular recurrence rate, scientists expect another quake between now and 1993.

The researchers are taking advantage of the his-
torical predictability of the Parkfield temblors by monitoring the earth movement in the area with an array of state-of-the-art seismic equipment. Their intention is to issue a warning to area residents when the instruments indicate an earthquake is likely to occur.

Parkfield is practically a test-tube experiment, said Mike Guerin, coordinator with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Since an earthquake is, in fact, the measuring device now in place will not only provide valuable information, but will decrease warning time as well, he said.

The Office of Emergency Services last week mailed about 130,000 brochures to households in the seven counties surrounding Parkfield, in-
cluding San Luis Obispo county, Guerin said. The brochures unfold into a poster-size explanation of the Parkfield prediction and include suggestions on how to prepare for an earthquake. The mailer also emphasizes that a warning means an earthquake may occur, not that it is certain.

Guerin compared the warning to a weatherman's prediction of rain. "You'd probably throw an umbrella in the car," he said. Area residents should follow the same kind of easy preparation steps suggested in the brochure, he said.

"There's a 60 percent chance it will be wrong," Guerin admitted, but the regular intervals of previous Parkfield quakes offer a better chance of accurate prediction than has ever been available before.

Gay Poly physics professor David Chipping agrees. "That there is going to be an earthquake is almost inevitable," he said, but pointed out that thebrchure includes lots of information on what to do in case of a canceled alert. Too many false alarms could keep people from responding to the one warning which turns out to be accurate, he said.

Although the Parkfield experiment will provide excellent data, Chipping said it may not be useful elsewhere.

"The trouble is, even when this is over, it's going to have is enough information to predict the next earthquake at Parkfield," he said.

Nevertheless, according to the brochure, the Parkfield project is considered the premier earth-
quake prediction experiment in the world.

The Parkfield quake is expected to have a magnitude of about 6 on the Richter scale. The quake's intensity diminishes as the shock travels away from its point of origin, so San Luis Obispo residents could expect to be awakened by it, but damage would probably be minimal. Chipping said some local for greater damage locally would probably originate further south on the San Andreas fault.

By Kathy Campbell

Figures 130 years of regular earth-shaking can't be wrong

Ancient prophecy called 'blithering nonsense'

By Karen Holtz

Obviously, the big earth-
quake that was supposed to
total Los Angeles last week
according to astrologer Nostradamus never took place.

So what happened?

"I question the accuracy of the prediction and interpreta-
tion," said Ned Beach, philosophy and religious stu-
dies professor.

The wording of the prophecy is "a blithering nonsense," said astronomy professor John Mottmann. Nostradamus predicted that "the new city will be destroyed by hailstones... (which is) vague babble you can interpret any way you want."

Beach said Nostradamus was a 16th-century Frenchman who wrote rhymed prophecies in 1555. Written in an oracular style and using symbolic im-
agery, the prophecies are very ambiguous and wide open to varying interpretations.

Mottmann said the whole thing was a type of propagan-
da thought up by people who wanted to sell some books.

"Hailstones wouldn’t sell books," Mottmann said. Nei-
ter would a catastrophe in some small town, so they decided to make Los Angeles the size. People would laugh at hailstones in Los Angeles so they made it an earthquake.

That is something that could get people to start believing, he said.

Mottmann said he doesn’t know if the month of May was indicated in the original prediction, but that astrologers decided the earthquake would be at the beginning of the month because that’s when Mars and Saturn are aligned.

"If anyone could predict the future, we’d all know about it," Mottmann said. "It’s all a nice comic joke."
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First Poly Cultural Festival draws few, yet meets goal

By Kelley Cummins

Despite a low turnout, the first Cal Poly Cultural Festival held Saturday featured club exhibits, music and fun. "We wanted to show our support for the event," said Erkine Prinson, a member of the Society for Black Engineers and Scientists. "We also wanted to show the community that we're a viable organization." Afro American Student Union member Kirk Erskine voiced a problem that is shared by most ethnic clubs on campus. "In the past we have tried to get publicity to let the campus know we're a club," he said. "This (festival) helps gain recognition." Festival activities represented the cultural mix of the clubs. There were pamphlets on the Multi-Cultural Center and on the Students for Social Responsibility. There were Mexican sweet breads, dips and corn dogs at the various exhibits. The music represented the ethnicity as well. A Cal Poly three-member acoustics band played and a Central Coast band called the Ya Ya's played slow and easy music. "Just listen," said Erskine. "On tape we have Reggae, Afri-can... all sorts of music to enjoy." The festival had a low turnout, with a few more than 50, but many club members said the low number of participants was not important. "No matter how little the turnout is, we still made some im-pact," said Adriana Szyszlican, coordinator for the Multi-Cultural Center. "The few people that came got something out of it, and that's what matters." Prinson was also unabashed by the low turnout. "It was small but worth it," he said. "We had a friendly atmosphere. People were coming up and asking questions, and that's the whole key." Harmon said he would like to see this non-profit event grow, but "the hardest part is to establish the event, because there's nothing like this on our campus."
Jones is matter-of-fact about her situation. She talks about it with the same degree of confidence and acceptance she uses to describe a fight to disarm a schizophrenic, knife-wielding teenager. It's all part of the job.

"If I were asked about this job and made waves at every turn and became a thorn in the side of the department, demanding that it be 1,000 percent equal, I probably wouldn't have lasted," she thoughtfully. "And not because the administration would get rid of me, but because I would have alienated everybody around me."

Jones said the level of acceptance of women in law enforcement has increased over the years. "This department is by no means perfect, but then again I don't know of any that are. I'm in a heck of a lot better position now than a female in law enforcement 20 years ago."

Jones recently helped the statewide Peace Officers Standards and Training organization develop a course for women. In June, she will participate in a POST workshop for supervisors on the status of female officers.

In addition to the problems women encounters, they have special needs, Jones said, ranging from the obvious — such as shower facilities — to the more subtle necessities, such as role models.

Jones hasn't won the shower battle (men have the only shower-equipped locker rooms) but she hopes to be a good role model for other women.

"When you get into this field, it's important for a woman to make her prove herself — and with her job and with her peers, but a rookie may not accept her leadership without a trial," Jones said. "The new guy isn't going to look at her as one of the guys, as someone who knows what she's doing out there. He's the one who's going to make her prove herself — and she's already done it all."

"Sometimes, a little judicious restraint is effective. "You get in a situation where he wants to play the leader and you let him fall all over himself. Then you pick up the pieces and take over before he embarrasses himself too badly.""
Poly student wins first in research contest

By Christine Kohn

Broccoli enthusiasts should not necessarily look forward to the future, according to research by a Cal Poly student.

Research by a crop science major at Cal Poly, where he was first place at the California State University Student Research Conference two weekends ago, finds that commercial seed companies can produce more broccoli seed.

However, this will not necessarily benefit the consumer, said contest winner Erik Wilkins.

"The use of sodium chloride solutions to develop broccoli hybrid lines has less labor for more advanced students," said Wilkins. "But this won't mean a lower cost for the consumer."

"I competing against 19 graduate and three undergraduate students," Wilkins presented his research to juries of five professors and three professionals from corporations, public agencies and foundations.

"It was significant that Erik won in this competition with so much less labor," said Robert Lucas, associate vice president of research, "and it says a lot about the quality of the curriculum at Cal Poly and helps to establish his recognition for his educational programs."

Wilkins was the first person to ever do research using sodium chloride on broccoli, and is currently getting ready to publish his conclusions in a professional journal.

"When this is published, it will probably be one of the most applied research pieces in the journal," said Wilkins. "Hopefully the research will be used by the industry in the future."

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score of 1,000 or higher, he said they may not qualify for en-
trance to Cal Poly. In those situa-
tions, Snyder advises the stu-
dent to do something else posi-
tive, instead of getting rejected
again.
One factor affecting a stu-
dent's admittance is the program
they are applying for.
"In some cases the selection
standards are probably lower,''
Snyder explained, saying that
regular quarters, the better. If
"Chances are slim as long as we
don't increase the number of
students we admit," he said.
The Admissions Office shoots
for 5,000 students during the
summer quarter, including 500-
600 new students. Last year was
a particularly good year, Snyder
said, because there were 5,000
students.
The figures for last year were
slightly up, due to a summer arts
program which involved 400 new
students, Snyder said. He ex-
plained that those students came
to Cal Poly as part of the sum-
mer visitor's program and that
they are the best people to enroll
because "they students go away
at the end of the quarter."
Considering the other extreme,
Snyder said it would also be
unusual for the summer enroll-
ment to result in too many stu-
dents returning for fall quarter.
"Chances are slim as long as we
are not that great in the summer.''
Snyder said there are people
gonna get in." Using the exam-
ple of aeronautical engineering,
Snyder said there are people
ranked 150th who are at the
same standard as those ranked
50th. "In some majors, it's
always going to be tough to get
in," he said.
From the university's stand-
point, students admitted for
summer quarter benefit the
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major and desirable seed companies
in future years."
After six attempts at a project in
three years, he started to prepare
for the research in November 1987. The actual ex-
periment took place from December 1987 to January 1988.
In comparison to other research projects presented in his
category, Wilkins said his pres-
entation was relatively un-
complicated.
"I think the key to my winning
was not necessarily in the com-
plexity of my research, but in my
ability to present that research
so that the audience could under-
stand it," he said.
Wilkins was one of 10 Cal Poly
students chosen to compete at San
Simeon for the second an-
nual competition.
Screening to determine the
representatives took place March
5 after the Academic Senate
reviewed nominations from the
seven schools on campus.
"Each school nominated up to
generate and undergraduate
students for the competition," said
Lucas. "Twenty-two stu-
dents competed and 10 were
chosen to go to San Simeon."