No simple solutions for registration problems

By Craig Andrews, Staff Writer

The plight of large numbers of Cal Poly students unable to register in classes which are already closed is a problem of "supply and demand," a Cal Poly official said Tuesday.

Computer Assisted Registration has helped departments to juggle class sections in order to have a more convenient schedule. "There's a lot of shoppers out there," Punches said. "Suppose you asked for a class at 10 a.m., and there wasn't any space. The computer puts you in the 4 p.m. section. You don't want the 4 p.m. section, and you try to add the morning class. In those computerized classes (CAR), doesn't make all students happy." But in certain courses, some students find it difficult to get in any section at all.

"I tried to add three philosophy classes yesterday and didn't get them. In all classes there were about 40 people waiting for five to 10 seats," said Beth Landry, a junior biological science major. Landry added, "That's a lot for us," said Scriven. But 464 students requested the course, he said. "On the other hand, there were 40 people taking 200- or 300-level writing classes, and an English professor who had an English professor who grabbed the first three through the door."

In winning the Founder's Trophy, which is given to the best self-designed float, Cal Poly captured its 16th prize in the past 21 years. Scriven added. "If 900 students want 90 spaces in Art 221, what can we do to accommodate them?" asked Punches. "We can't just go out and get more faculty and facilities," Art 221, basic black and white photography, is a popular course, he said. "We're always looking for resources; over the years you may have seen the building crews adding facilities on campus," said Punches.

"Do the best we can with the resources we have," said Mona G. Rosenman, English department head. Freshman composition, 200-level classes and 300-level writing classes are all heavily impacted, she said. One student walked into the English department office and asked, "Is there any chance of opening up another 215?"

Secretary Hope Myers replied, "We'd love to, but we don't have any more money. Talk to your congressman, write a letter."

Another student said he needed a class to graduate in June, but it was cancelled and won't be offered until next winter. Rosenman and Scriven both say departments may put off lower division classes until they are approaching graduation. "It's possible to graduate on time if students plan ahead," said Rosenman. But Scriven is quick to point out that the problem remains: "Whether they request it as a freshman or as a senior, we still can't accommodate them."

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Scriven said. But, he added, students can substitute one of four other philosophy courses for ethics, whereas last quarter there were only two substitute courses. The increasing number of students requesting the course is indicative of a spill-over effect from the previous quarter.

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You beg, you plead, you offer your first born child — futile. You won’t get that English class.

Unless you happen to be one of the few priority students, you, along with 50 other desperate students crowding the hallway, will be turned away.

"Try next quarter," they say.

"I tried last quarter," you answer.

Talmage E. Scriven, philosophy department head, said, "Obviously the situation here has to be remedied ... If something isn’t done in four years you’ll have 6,000 to 7,000 students out there who can’t graduate because they haven’t had philosophy."

The solution is more difficult, said Jon Ericson, dean of the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities.

"Last fall we met 56 percent of the students needing the required English course," he said. He added that this year there are 14,650 students while the budget only accounts for 14,200.

Who is responsible for the shortage of classes? Is it Dean Ericson? President Baker? The Chancellor’s Office in Long Beach?

Students should expect and demand acceptance into classes needed to graduate. Those who must unwillingly prolong their education because they were denied entrance into philosophy 231 or English 350 should not be penalized because of administrative mismanagement. By accepting too many students into the university, cashing registration fee checks and not fulfilling student course requirements, the university is, in effect, breaching a contract for services not rendered. It should be held liable.

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ON THE STREET

Did you have trouble adding classes?

Jim Ferrand, senior, child and family development:
I was one of the few students who didn’t need to add classes, but everyone I talked to was having problems. I just had to drop one class.

Joe Van Thyne, senior, construction:
It was as tough as completing a pass against Lester Hayes or receiving one from Marc Wilson.

Jennifer Fredericks, cashier at El Corral Bookstore for 30 years:
The complaints I hear the most are, ‘I can’t get my classes, the books are too expensive and the lines are too long.’ But on the whole the students are a good bunch.

Michelle Blandy, junior, agricultural business management:
I was first priority and didn’t have any problems. I got all my classes, not at all the times I wanted, but it worked out pretty good.

Walter Murray, senior, professional student:
I’ve been a senior for the past 10 years because I haven’t been able to get into social dance. Can you hardly believe it?
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Admissions standards: separate and unequal?

By Laura Roesenblum

Did the person sitting next to you in class get accepted to Cal Poly under the same admission standards as you did? Chances are they didn’t. Aside from different requirements established for entry into the many impacted majors at Cal Poly, other factors such as the quarter of application, whether the applicant is a freshman or transfer student or the ethnic background of a person can all influence admission to the university.

Majors not impacted on the Cal Poly campus follow the state-wide acceptance standards which enter to the upper one-third of California high school graduates and college transfer students in good standing.

California residents are given priority over non-residents and California community college transfers are given priority over transfer students from four-year universities and colleges.

However, when the number of persons who apply to a particular department exceeds the spaces available, the major is termed “impaired.” Based on grade point average, SAT or ACT scores, completion of preparatory courses, grades in specific courses, leadership skills, work experience and various other criteria, each impacted department at Cal Poly formulates its own admission standards above and beyond the minimum CSU requirements.

“Basically each department will establish a profile of their ideal student,” said Dave Snyder, Cal Poly admissions officer. “Thus points are assigned to reward a student who best meets those criteria. A student who takes four years of math with an ‘A’ grade may get 500 points, whereas a student who takes four years of math with a ‘B’ grade may get 400 points,” Snyder said. The students who score the most points are accepted.

Several impacted majors, such as applied art and graphic design, employ a faculty selection process whereby the department itself does the administration of enrollment and meets personal acceptance of a prospective student. With other impacted majors, it is the admissions office who turn down students based on the guidelines given by the respective department.

Last quarter 38 majors at Cal Poly were impacted. Some of the more exceptional profiles included engineering science which out of 45 persons applied accepted only two students, both with 4.0 GPAs.

The School of Business received 1,237 freshman applications and accepted only the top 164. Another part of the profile are the “exceptions” — ethnically, financially or racially disadvantaged people who are academically or economically disadvantaged. Students who do not meet the minimum CSU requirements may be allowed into the university under the “exceptions” category.

Snyder said the “university standards” category includes those students admitted who do not meet minimum CSU requirements but do not pass the higher standards set by the impacted departments. The Student Affirmative Action Program looks for disparities in the admission of underrepresented groups such as ethnic minorities and male/female ratios. According to Snyder, minimum standards are set to assure the applicant’s success at the university. The lower requirements are a reflection of the university understanding that due to the person’s socioeconomic status he or she did not have the opportunity to gain the same pre-college educational success as other applicants.

“There’s no reason to believe that the student will be any less successful than those admitted under the regular process,” said Snyder. “It’s possible that we will select a student who does not meet state standards but the selection criteria tends to drive those standards up.”

The quarter in which a person applies for admission is also a major factor in determining the person’s acceptance. Snyder said standards may go down in off quarters (summer, winter and spring) because there are not as many students applying. For instance, in spring quarter, the School of Business has accepted six lower division transfer students out of nine who applied. The six students accepted have average GPA’s of 3.29. In contrast, last fall quarter the School of Business accepted six lower division transfer students out of 140 applications. The average GPA of those six students was 3.5.

“The demand is not constant and neither is the supply,” said Snyder. “it’s not a very simple model at all. There are things that impact on the quotas.”

Snyder said the selection criteria is one of the only factors that does remain constant throughout the year.

If the most qualified students are applying in the fall of each school year then why not fill all the quotas at that time? If departments accepted students only once a year they could not make up for the automatic yearly fluctuations in the student population, said Snyder.

One of the major problems facing the impacted departments is what to do with the highly qualified students who applies in the fall and is denied entrance but would otherwise be a top choice in the off quarters. Students, especially high school graduates are hesitant about starting college only weeks after graduating from high school. Departments are looking for ways to attract these very qualified students to reapply for the following quarter. The School of Business receives fewer applications in the off quarters than it does in fall, thus the quality of the accepted students does tend to go down. Snyder said Kenneth Walters, dean of the School of Business in order to accommodate the exceptional students who are turned away fall quarter, Walters said the business school is implementing a two-pronged system.

First, the school advocates letting more students in during the fall quarter. Walters said this is a matter that the admissions office must address by shifting the quotas that it assigns to the school each quarter.

“Quotas don’t at all reflect demands. They reflect the historical size of the program,” Walters said. “We should look at revising the quotas.”

In addition, the school is forced to accept as part of its quota a large share of special admittance students such as athletes, faculty, staff and children, said Walters. “Special admittances should be separate, they take away from students who come on academic merit. We think that special students should be a special pool.”

The second procedure is to issue a letter asking those outstanding students turned down fall quarter to re-apply in the summer. Walters said this will begin next fall quarter.

The electrical engineering department also must turn down exceptional students in the fall quarters. James Harris, head of the electrical engineering department, has a solution: set up a deal with the local community colleges, so that the student can automatically transfer directly into the Cal Poly program in two years. Harris said both Cal Poly and the community colleges would benefit by getting exceptional students.

“Students who apply in the fall are all set up to go away to college,” said Harris. He sees his program as an alternative — the student can become accelerated to the San Luis Obispo college community, and have a guaranteed transfer into the Cal Poly major for which he or she originally applied.
Safety belt law gives drivers chance to save lives

By Susan Harris

With the new safety belt law in effect since Jan. 1, the people of San Luis Obispo and the rest of California are now required to buckle up or chance paying a fine.

"Half of those Californians could be alive today if they had simply been wearing their seat belts," said Keith Welch, executive director of Traffic Safety Now, California, a non-profit organization that seeks to educate drivers about the benefits of increased safety belt use. The San Luis Obispo Traffic Safety Department took an active part in the campaign to see this law passed, to "save themselves headaches," said Steve Seybold, San Luis Obispo Crime Prevention Coordinator.

"There have been no major injury accidents in the city of San Luis Obispo since the law was passed," Seybold said.

"However, it is difficult to look back in any of the accident reports and see if a safety belt would have helped prevent injuries since the officers are not required to record if a safety belt was worn," said Seybold.

"Under the new law the driver and all passengers are required to use safety belts or face a $20 fine for the first violation and up to $50 for any additional offense. Instead of paying the $20 for the first offense, you do have the option of going to traffic school," Seybold said.

"The citation will go on the offender's record although no penalty points will be given," Seybold continued.

"If the passengers are under sixteen years of age and not wearing safety belts, the driver will be cited and it will go on their record," Seybold said.

"Citations will be given only if the vehicle is stopped for another violation," Seybold said.

"California is the 16th state to enact a safety belt law. The state's current safety belt usage is roughly 20 percent, according to Jane Butts, associate director of Human Dynamics, an evaluation and project research company.

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One of the computer operating systems currently in use on the Cal Poly campus will soon be replaced by a more efficient system, said a representative of the campus instructional support group.

Instructional Consultant George Westlund said the phasing out of the RSTS system of the DEC 1170 computer and the implementation of the PRIME 9750 computer system will begin as early as spring quarter. At that time it is hoped PRIME will be operating at 50 percent of its communication capacity, said Westlund.

More than 115 course sections at Cal Poly which use RSTS will eventually be serviced by PRIME, said Neil Webre, computer science department head. At full operating capacity PRIME can service 64 people at one time, as compared with the RSTS service capacity of 48 people. "Often students can find terminals in the computer rooms, but have to wait to get on to RSTS," said Westlund. The increased service capacity of PRIME should alleviate this problem, he said.

There should be no restrictions on the provision of account numbers given to access the new system, said Westlund, whereas the maximum amount of account numbers given to students and faculty using RSTS is 2,000-2,500.

PRIME can also hold several times the information that RSTS can hold. RSTS holds 16 bits of memory, while PRIME holds 32 bits, said Dwight Heirendt, instructional consultant of the Cal Poly instructional support group. PRIME computes faster and is more accurate than RSTS, Westlund said. "It is not cheaper or more cost efficient, but simply more technologically advanced."

Cal Poly paid $148,000 for the PRIME system.

The decision to get PRIME Computers came as a surprise to everyone, said David Yang, resource manager of information systems. But the instituting of the PRIME system is not without problems.

"PRIME Computers are a 'relative unknown,'" he said. Only two state universities have used the PRIME computers. But, after underbidding its competitors by $2 million, PRIME was the obvious choice, Yang said.

The computer science faculty and staff are "reserving judgment" about the system until PRIME is fully instituted, said Department Head Webre. No faculty members have used PRIME. "And that's not just the computer science faculty," he said.

**Prostitutes frightened by killings**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A string of 13 prostitute killings stretching from 1983 through the new year has frightened and angered prostitutes and their advocates, who say police are indifferent to the crimes.

"The lack of seriousness they have given to this case says, 'Hey, you bump off a few hookers, it's OK,'" Margaret Prescott of the group Coyote, Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics, said Wednesday. "Promoting the idea that it's OK to kill someone because of what they do for a living is uncivilized and inhumane."

"No one cares because they're black prostitutes," she said. "If they lived in Beverly Hills or Westwood, then everyone would be interested."

But police said the case, to which a 17-member task force was assigned Tuesday, has top priority.

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The body of the latest Los Angeles victim, 22-year-old Tammy Lynn Scratching, was found Saturday in an alley. The autopsy showed she was strangled.
Campus radio station gets new transmitter link

By Rebecca Berra

Communications editor

The Cal Poly campus radio station, KCPR, is in the process of installing a piece of equipment with permission from the Federal Communications Commission which could save the station as much as $500 a month in phone bills.

The equipment, which has a value of $13,000, is called a composite studio transmitter link, and is designed to link the KCPR studios in the Graphic Arts Building to the station's transmitter site on Radio Hill.

"Basically, the STL is the means of getting the signal from your studio to your transmitter," said Ron Kwang, KCPR chief engineer. Unless a radio station's studio and transmitter are located in the same building, some sort of link is needed, he said.

KCPR is currently using high quality phone lines to get the station signal to Radio Hill. Although phone lines are the easiest and simplest way of getting a signal from studio to transmitter, they are also the most cost-prohibitive, said John Thawley, KCPR general manager.

The cost of maintaining these phone lines has recently been increased. In one month, the phone rates increased by more than $400, prompting the journalism department to seek a new means of linking the studio and the transmitter.

"The phone rates went out of sight last May," said Thawley. "We figure the STL will pay for itself in 24 years in saved phone bills."

The purchasing of the new equipment represents a substantial initial investment for the journalism department and the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities, said Randall Murray, head of the journalism department.

Murray said the idea of installing microwave dishes in place of phone lines first arose in the fall of 1983 when a recommendation to move the KCPR transmitter to Cuesta Peak was considered. Although the move was rejected, the idea of purchasing a STL surfaced again when the telephone line rates were raised.

"All at once the phone company raised our bill. Those kinds of things just wipe you out," Murray said. "Right now we're bleeding to death and we're trying to stop it as quickly as we can."

"It (the purchasing of the STL) had to be done and in a way, now we will have a piece of equipment we can use if and when we ever do consider a transmitter move," Murray said.

The equipment, which includes two microwave dishes and two antennas, is currently being installed and could be operating as early as next week, said Thawley.

"Once we have the STL in-stalled and operating, we'll be saving a couple of hundred dollars a month," Kwang said.

In addition to lower phone bills, the installation of the STL will also mean improved sound quality, said Thawley.

"If you were careful during Met operas you can hear the clicks in the background. Kwang said. "With the STL these background noises will be eliminated and the bass will sound better too."

Thawley said he thinks the new equipment will also make the station more self-sufficient. "It's like renting vs. owning a house. If you own your own house, you don't have to worry about rent increases," Thawley said.

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Trip to India

Student attends conference

A Cal Poly student took a mid-quarter break from school to travel to India as one of 12,000 delegates to a world conference on education.

Joe Clokey, an ornamental horticulture student, spent two weeks in the heart of India attending the annual conference along with representatives from 46 nations.

Besides focusing on the acceleration of education worldwide, the week-long conference celebrated the birthday of India’s head of education, Sri Sathya Sai.

"Sri Sathya Sai has done incredible things for education in India," said Clokey, pointing to pictures of the Sai-founded university in Pusaparti where the conference was held.

The university enrollment disregards the class system, allowing students to attend on their scholastic achievements rather than family name or money.

Clokey said 400,000 people were present to honor the head of education on his birthday. "Sai has been working towards helping India get out of its poverty all of his life," said Clokey. "His work is paying off, but it’s a long road to hast.

Sai’s objective is to bring human values to educational systems around the world.

"The government of India is behind Sri Sathya Sai because it knows the only way for India to get out of the hole it is in is to turn to education," said Clokey.

Any change in India will take time and patience, Clokey said after noting the poverty as well as the potential of the country.

Clokey said he thinks the only way for India to remain the largest democracy in the world is to eliminate the class system by improving the educational system.

"The children of the country are not yet set in their ways. It must start with them," said Clokey.

Clokey had the opportunity to travel to India because his father, a film producer, covered the conference for use in a documentary.

The group began its trip in Singapore, described by Clokey as a very Westernized city, and traveled to Madras, a port city on the Bengal Sea.

Descriptive scenes of the moon-swept areas left strong impressions in Clokey’s memory.

Madras was an unfamiliar place in comparison to Bangalore (a large city near the conference), said Clokey describing the makeshift dwellings and strong stench.

In comparison, Clokey said Bangalore was clean though "still a shock to a Westerner culturally."

If Clokey could alter any myth about India, he said it would be the story of the sacred cow.

Many believe the people of India starve as the holy cow sits in the road and lives as it pleases. "The so-called sacred cow works its tail off," said Clokey, after seeing the animals as plowing machines, fertilizers and transporters, not to mention keeping the weeds down to eliminate snake bites. "I’m not saying the cows aren’t sacred but they are definitely not wasted. They serve a major purpose."

Traveling through the countryside, Clokey said his eyes were opened to the poverty and starvation which exists outside the cities.

"Due to the green revolution in the last 20 years, India has field after field of rice, wheat, corn, cabbage and many other crops as far as the eye can see," said Clokey, questioning the fact that many starve despite the abundance around them.

Clokey blames this on a prevalent class system, the ma-jor obstacle against any effort towards a more democratic state.

"There is just no help for the poor," said Clokey.

Clokey said his experiences in India broadened his understanding of the way of life in the United States.

"Free education is a reason we have freedom," said Clokey. "The trip strengthened my commitment as a student. I now realize that the most important thing for both a nation and individual is awareness through education."

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Sturdy locks can help stop campus bike thefts

By Debbe Boxx
Staff Writer

Out of 46 of the bikes stolen last school year, only one was left unlocked, said a Public Safety investigator.

Ray Berrett said the stolen 45 bikes were locked with cable. "We've only recovered four or five of the bikes."

Investigator Wayne Carmack said, "It pays to buy a good lock. Not one (bike) was stolen with a U-bolt Citadel, Kryptonite or Master lock." He said if a thief perceives a lock as "too much trouble," they will go to the next one.

Carmack suggested cyclists go to the extreme expense of purchasing a good U-bolt lock. He said they are a pretty secure alternative. "Most of the time it will keep it where you leave it if locked properly."

For bicycles valued more than $200 or those with quick release wheels, Carmack said the best method of securing them is by taking off the two wheels and locking the frame and wheels to the bike rack.

"Cable and padlock are a waste of money," said Carmack. "All but one of the bikes reported stolen last year were locked with cable, and that one wasn't locked at all."

Carmack said he once helped a student who lost a key to his lock remove the U-bolt by using a cutting torch.

Comparing the Kryptonite and Citadel locks, Carmack said there is a weakness in the Kryptonite hollow tubing section. The Citadel has a solid crossbar, he said.

Mike Barnes, manager of Velo SLO, said the U-bolt has to be hollow for the locking mechanism.

Barnes said the Kryptonite lock, which costs $28.95, has a $350 guarantee which he has never known to be challenged. Barnes said a customer would have to fill out some paper work and have a police report in order to receive the guarantee.

"Of all thefts there are no claims of bikes stolen with a U-bolt lock," said Barnes. He said those are the best possible deterrent to stop casual thefts. "The U-lock is the only way to go."

Bob Sukoski, president of Velo Club and a representative of Spirit Cycle, said Kryptonites and Citadel are the best selling locks and cause the least trouble. He said cable locks are a deterrent for short periods of time; U-bolts are better for leaving bikes at school all day.

Sukoski suggests cyclists should use some form of lock to ensure safety. "You can be 100 percent sure with a U-lock."

There is a new combination U-bolt lock by Saiko that sells for $19.95 and has a $350 guarantee but, Sukoski said, he hasn't tried it yet.

"Locks aren't the answer. They only keep honest people honest. They can be defeated — they're only for a sense of security," said Berrett. "If somebody wants (to take it) they'll do it."

Berrett suggested stencilling bikes with a highly visible mark, such as black lacquer paint. "Marking for proper I.D. is the best deterrent."

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Student teams encouraged for Dexter Plaza design contest

By Katie Brittain

Students will have a chance to display their creative talents and earn money in a competition to design a new plaza next to the Dexter Building, in front of the Cellar.

Elaine Shaw, an organizer for the competition, said that in addition to about $450 in prize money, winners can use their finished plans for a portfolio.

“We hope that some students will get together in teams,” said Shaw. “That way maybe an art major with a landscape architecture major could combine their talents and produce the best use for the space.”

Registration and designs for the new plaza will be accepted from Jan. 17 through Feb. 24 at the School of Architecture and Environmental Design Office.

“We feel that the (present) plaza is inadequate, uninteresting and doesn’t meet the needs of students,” said Shaw.

A landscape architecture major, Shaw is working on the competition with two other landscape architecture majors, Grant Hamerot and Tom Smith, as a combined senior project.

Shaw said they hope to work closely with the winner to implement the plans for the new plaza.

“It’s important that the plaza be built after the plans are approved,” said Shaw. “It’s too common at Cal Poly for a design to be approved for an area on campus but never built.”

She said they hope construction for the new plaza will begin spring quarter.
FLOAT

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Due to cold weather in San Luis Obispo, many of the flowers intended for the float did not bloom in time, said Richard Jamieson, chairman of the Rose Float Committee. At Cal Poly Pomona, where half of the float is built, the flowers bloomed too soon, so more flowers were purchased from a grower in Upland, he said.

The theme for the parade this year was "The Celebration of Laughter". The Cal Poly entry, titled "Bubble Trouble", portrayed the amusing attempts of a young boy to bathe his dog and her puppies.

The float was a big hit along the parade route, as members of the Rose Float Committee passed out a thousand bottles of bubble blowing solution to the crowd. Paul Lewis, a spokesman for the Associated Students Inc. committee that coordinates float preparation at Cal Poly Pomona with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, said they even had the two commentators from Channel 11 blowing bubbles up in the booth.

The Cal Poly entry, which was the only float in the parade, completely designed, constructed, decorated and financed by students, utilized the technical skills of students at the two universities, said Jamieson. Cal Poly has been a part of a lot of technological firsts, he said.

Cal Poly entered the first float to be powered by propane, and was one of the first float entrants to use hydraulic animation. A lot of float designers are using hydraulics, though some still use ropes", Jamieson said.

It was also one of the first floats to use a centralized computer to control animation, said Jamieson. "The computer can coordinate 32 separate movements at one time", he said.

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An optical guidance system was designed by engineers at Cal Poly Pomona to track the pink line drawn down the middle of the parade route. "No one else does that", Jamieson said.

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Mustangs tough over break, ready for league

By Joe Packard

Some in one. There was a lot of good basketball played during the quarter break. The men's team showed much talent, skill and tenacity in running up an impressive 10-3 record in non-conference play against a wide variety of opponents and now eagerly await two rounds of games with foes in the tough California Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Here's a rundown of the team's performances since finals.

Dec. 6 — Cal Poly 80, Fl. Lewis (Cleo.) 56

In the opening round of the Cal Poly Tip-Off Classic, the Mustangs stroked to a 13-2 advantage — eight of those points by Sean Chambers — and coasted to the victory. Chico Rivers had 15 points and Melvin Parker came off the bench to pull down nine rebounds and score eight points.

Dec. 7 — Cal Poly 92, Hastings (Neb.) 46

A championship game.

Poly put it together in every phase of the game to win its own tournament for the tenth time in 15 tries. "We're playing with great confidence defensively and I don't remember a team at Cal Poly rebounding this well," coach Ernie Wheeler remarked after the game which ran Poly's record to 5-0. Chambers had 17 points and nine rebounds and was named MVP of the tournament along with teammate Rivers. The Mustangs also impressed the coaches in some aspects of the game.

Dec. 28 — University of California Davis 64, Cal Poly 53

A strong first half, enjoying a three point lead, Poly was shut out for the first six minutes of the final period and ended up losing to the talented Sacramento State Hornets.

"We just have to learn to be more consistent and we have to learn to make more points. We have to be more prepared and we have to be more ready by the coaches in some aspects of the game," Wheeler said.

Jan. 3 — Cal Poly 57, Sacramento State 56

This was another of those games that kept people in the crowd excited and one of those games that kept everyone on the edge of their seats right down to the last-second layup. Rivera sunk it, which ran Poly's record to 8-4. Parker topped the rebounding charts with 10.

Dec. 18 — Cal Poly 85, Wisconsin-Oshkosh 76

Poly allowed more points than usual, but had ample offensive production to post their seventh win in eight games. The leading scorer for Poly was Van Winden with 23 while Parker topped the rebounding charts with 10.

Dec. 21 — Cal Poly 81, Wisconsin-Oshkosh 76

By Tim Robinson

The Cal Poly wrestling team, which could be described In the NCAA's strongest Division I, could mean a national ranking or just a long, hard trip.

First, it begins with a visit to Oklahoma, who is ranked third in the nation, and Oklahoma State, who is ranked fifth... back to back, it should be a real eye opener... it will be a good test," said Cowell.

For Cowell, however, the biggest test might be his personnel. The Mustang wrestlers to face test weight category.

Without Corona and Boykin, the Mustangs are 2-1 in dual meets in the young season, but have dropped out of the top 20 rankings after being ranked 19th in the pre-season polls. The Virginia Duals will probably give Cowell and the Mustang wrestlers an idea as to whether the pre-season rankings were justified or not.

With the Cal Poly team at

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close to full strength, their performance in Virginia will also give Cowell an idea as to how close the Mustang wrestlers are or are not from making the NCAA tournament. It would be, however, overly optimistic to hope for any kind of an upset over either of the Oklahoma teams, yet with Tracy the chance of being shut-out is considerably less.

Tracy, a senior who has a 9-1 mark overall, wrestles at 177 pounds and is a legitimate All-American candidate. Tracy will probably be a strong key as to whether or not the Mustangs will gain national recognition.

The Mustangs also have Ernie Geronimo, who will be wrestling at 126 pounds, Wayne Nishura or Gheith Effarah at 134, Corin-do wrestling at 142 and Boykin at 150. Cal Poly’s Eric Osborne is still not healthy and either Lance Cowart or Brad Zimmer will wrestle in his 158 pound category.

The rest of the starting line-up consists of Ben Lizama, who will wrestle in the heavyweight class, David Lanham (190), Joe Pangelinian (118) and Anthony Romero in the 167 class.

The Virginia Duals and the back-to-back Oklahoma meets could mark the resurgence of Cal Poly as a wrestling powerhouse, or be a signpost as to how long the road back might just be.

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winning basket after a steal with seven seconds left. Parker also had a game high 12 rebounds.

Cal Poly blows out Cal Lutheran to extend their record to 10-3.

Cal Poly begins conference play Jan. 10, when arch rival California State University Bakersfield invades with another excellent team that has posted a 9-4 record against much of the same competition that Cal Poly faced in non-league games.

It should be a good game,” said Wheeler. “It’s always an intense struggle when we play (Bakersfield). We would really appreciate everyone’s support Friday night.”

Cal Poly has a balanced attack so far with nine players having made substantial contributions.

Sean Chambers, a 6’2” forward, leads the team in scoring averaging 13 points per game and in rebouding with an average of nine boards per game.

Jim Van Widen, a 6’6” center, and 6’3” forward Marvin Parker are close behind Chambers in scoring and rebounding.

Guards Chico Rivera and James Wells are both handling the ball well and scoring about 10 points per game.

Fowards Mike Cheissen and Darrin Massingale and guards Mark Shely and Mark Ota also have played important roles in the Mustangs’ success.
Bill the Cat sells secrets to Russians?

What’s happened to the quiet country?

By Susan Edmundson

BillPoly student was enjoying a leisurely three-week vacation, everything went "kaboom-plug" in good ol' Bloom County. For those of you unable to follow the trials and tribulations of the meadow residents during the break, here are some of the highlights.

Steve Dallas spent his Christmas Eve sending more letters to Asian mail-order brides. . . Oliver Wendell Jones received a state-of-the-art record player for Christmas . . . and an official contest was launched — readers were encouraged to send in postcards with drawings depicting Bill the Cat in a festive Yuletide setting. (such as spitting egg nog on an elf.) Winning entries will be printed in a February edition of the comic strip.

But, amid the hustle and bustle of the holidays, all eyes at Bloom County were focused on Bill the Cat who (as usual) was arrested for selling secrets to the Russians. Bill’s face was splattered across the front page of the Bloom Beacon, next to a photo of Opus, who was identified as a "close friend."

While Bill sat rotting in jail, the FBI searched for his accomplice, and narrowed it down to only one possible conspirator — Opus. Opus’ mug appeared on national television ("note the recent bonker surgery.")

FBI agents promised Opus he would walk out of prison a free penguin and be sucking herring livers within the hour if he would confess to everything. He did.

Enter Steve Dallas, hired to defend the accused red spies. (Melvin Belli was not available.) At the news conference arranged to proclaim Opus’ innocence, a crazed teen-ager who had sat through 20 straight hours of Sylvester Stalione movies and gone into an anti-Soviet hysterics began yelling "USA!, USA!" and shot Opus in his . . . NOSE — (shot the whole thing clean off, yikes!)

Now Opus sits in the hospital, the world’s first artificial nose recipient.

The world is waiting for news of his recovery.
Students attempting to enroll in History
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The present add/drop policy was approved by President
Baker last spring. Under the policy, permission to add is the
decision of instructors, but they are encouraged to base decisions
on established priorities as follows: 1) handicapped students
who registered through CAR, 2) graduating seniors who
registered through CAR and 3) verified processing errors.

Punches said the CAR registration system saves time.
"We were able to save seven cal-
days of registration and shift those into instructional
days."

"CAR is better in getting us
easier information," said Paul P.
Murphy, mathematics depart-
ment head. "What isn't better is that students are wandering
around a lot more." Murphy said the mathematics department is
not having trouble accommodating students.

"We've suspected (impaeted
courses) are much more a pro-lem for us in humanities than the major departments," said
Scriven. "Everyone has got to
take philosophy," he said. There
are ten instructors in the
philosophy department.

"One impossible solution
would be to get more money. So
is there any solution at all?"
asked Rosenman.

Resources can't be removed
from a department in less de-
mnd and shifted to a depart-
ment with great demand because
cycles in demand may cause a
great need in the first depart-
ment, said Scriven.

Punches offered no solutions to the
problem of space shortage in high-demand classes.

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time student," Sten said. "It was chaotic, but
after two days everyone knew what they had."

Sten also suggested using an on-line com-
puter to register students. Students would
line up in the gym, punch in the classes they
wanted and if the classes were available would
be registered in the class. If classes were not
available students would not be able to select
next until they had the required amount of units.

"The maneuvering after classes would be
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Closed classes frustrate students, faculty

By Gillian Greig

Frustrated students have been fighting for
spaces in classes this week that were already
declared closed after a CAR registration.

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need more sections," English professor Alfred
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