No simple solutions for registration problems

By Craig Andrews

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," said Gerald N. Punches, Cal Poly registrar. Punches attributes part of the problem to students juggling 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 computer classes (CAR), doesn't make all students happy."

But, in certain courses, some students are finding 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 said most instructors seemed fair in selecting students who may enroll in the classes, but, she added, "I had an English professor who grabbed the first three through the door."

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"That's a lot for us," said Warren. But 464 students requested the course, he said. "Only 171 could be accommodated."

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"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.

"We 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 course to graduate in June, but it was cancelled and won't be offered until next winter. Rosenman and Scriven both say separate students 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."

"The problem is extremely complicated; there's no easy answer," said Scriven. "We have courses where the problem is going to get horrendous," he said, noting philosophy courses 125, 230 and 231 as acute problems.

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Founder's Trophy

Float wins in Pasadena

By David Eddy

Cal Poly continued its winning tradition by taking home one of the major awards in the 97th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

In winning the Founder's Trophy, which is given to the best self-decorated float, Cal Poly captured its 16th prize in the past 21 years. After initially having trouble getting the necessary flowers, the Rose Float Committee reported smooth sailing in Pasadena. "For the first time in a long, long time nothing went wrong on the parade route," said Kent Vandergrift, design and hydraulics assistant.

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"CAR has been a help because we're able to see how courses are filling with the computer printout. I was able to add 13 to 14 classes (because of advance knowledge)," said Rosenman. Punches said CAR can forecast demand, but he added, "Students solving schedule conflicts for courses to add."

See CLASSES, back page.

IN A WORD

yestervær - n., man's inclination or impulse to evil considered as an essential part of human nature in Jewish traditional belief. Webster's Third New International Dictionary.

WEATHER

Lows in the 40s tonight. Tomorrow should be partly sunny and cooler with highs in the mid- to upper-60s.
We want our classes!

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.

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

Jennifer Frericka, 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 Blanky, 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?

BLOOM COUNTY

by Berke Breathed
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reader challenges students and teachers
Editor — Congratulations Mustang Daily — for the first time in three years I actually read the paper. (Dec. 5-6 issue.) It is a promising sign to see the Mustang staff aspire beyond Telegram-Tribune imitators. Please continue to challenge your readers.

The caliber of students is higher now and as students we need to challenge our professors and awaken them to our demands, that is, knowing what is current in their profession. No longer shall there be: "Not a teacher was stirring — because they wrote their final eight years ago and have been using the same one ever since."

Recently I told photography professor Michael Campbell that I was no longer going to fight for and stress the importance of conception, creativity and brainstorming as the balancing factor to techniques within my department. "I have two quarters left and I'm just going to shut up and get out of here," were my parting words to him.

But now I feel that other students want to wake this campus up too! Let's make the difference in the winter quarter. It's time for Cal Poly to be a thinking, creative and challenging institution...

Let's see the arts and social awareness continue to flourish in the San Luis Obispo area and let's see the Mustang staff continue to inform us and review all such events.

Your new section, Void Where Prohibited, is fantastic! Your plays on the bizarre realities of SLO Town were superb. I look forward to the upcoming Void.

MARY R. FULLWOOD

Suggestions made for KCPR improvements
Editor — I would like to commend the Daily for the article in the December 5-6 paper regarding KCPR and its responsibility to the student body.

Although KCPR has improved its variety, I feel that the potential of our student-run radio station is squandered on hour after hour of "alternative" music. I would therefore like to second Mr. Bernstein, director of Public Affairs, in suggesting that KCPR air some of the many lectures given on campus each week. This would allow more students to benefit from these events and thereby give the student body a true "alternative."

JONATHAN MC MURTRY

The Mustang Daily encourages reader's opinions, criticisms and comments. Letters and press releases should be submitted to Room 216 of the Graphic Arts Building, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo CA 93407. Letters should be kept shorter than 250 words, must be typed and include the writer's signature and phone number. Editors reserve the right to edit all letters for length and style and omit libelous errors. Letters will not be published without the author's name.
Dear Mrs. Huffnagel — I have been a faculty member on this campus for at least — oh, it seems like 100 years now — and I feel it's time this serious issue was finally addressed in the open. I'm sick and tired of students bringing into class seven-course meals. It's a messy, distracting habit. A cup of coffee wouldn't be so bad, but students bring sandwiches, potato chips and Mongolian beef and have the gall to eat them without offering me a single bite! It's maddening and downright rude! Fed up and frustrated —

Dear Mrs. Huffnagel — Perhaps those pesky students don’t realize they’re being rude. Often students have classes back-to-back without a chance for a lunch break. It’s hard to listen to a long lecture on an empty stomach — try shortening your lectures in order to allow time for a kaffeeklatsch. But students, don’t want to give in, fight back. Bring in meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy and a tossed green salad. A lecture delivered through a mouthful of partially-masticated meatloaf is sure to get the message across that you don’t want your classroom to be an all-night diner.

Dear Mrs. Huffnagel — I know you cannot print my problem in the paper, but I need an answer anyway, I have — dare I say it — Poly Butt Syndrome. The silent shame of PBS has haunted me to these past three years. It all started with my first meal card — 14 glorious meals per week. I thought I was in heaven, but by my third quarter at Poly I knew 14 meals weren't enough. I changed to the 19-meal plan but now I’m afraid I’ll never be satisfied. Is PBS hereditary? My mother went to Cal Poly. Does this mean anything? Is there any cure for this dreadful malady?

Dear Mrs. Huffnagel — Did Adam and Eve have belly buttons? Confused —

Dear Mrs. Huffnagel — I don’t know much about etiquette. Which fork should I use while eating at the Dining Hall?

Docile Reader — The clean one.

Dear Mrs. Huffnagel — Did you really mean about a lifetime subscription to Family Circle Magazine?

Docile Reader — No, but they did have a lovely set of Corelle dinnerware and a lifetime membership in the most beautiful women's club.

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HP was one of the few companies with which I interviewed that wanted to hire an individual with a degree in engineering rather than just an engineering. Everyone hired by HP is hired because they can make both short-term and long-term contributions to the organization. It feels good to be a useful member of the HP team.

HEWLETT PACKARD

HP is an equal employment opportunity employer dedicated to affirmative action.
Admissions standards: separate and unequal?

By Laura Rosembraum

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 accepted admission standards which equal 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.

However, when the number of persons who apply to a particular department exceeds the spaces available, the major is termed “impacted.” 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 its 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 ‘A’ grades may get 500 points, whereas a student who takes four years of math with ‘B’ grades 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 personnel and social needs of each prospective student. With other impacted majors, it is the admissions office which applies the general student 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 people applied accepted only the top 164. Another part of the profile are the “exceptions” — ethnically, financially or racially disadvantaged people who are admitted under the Educational Opportunity Program or those students who are accepted to the university with the approval of the school dean or the director of athletics.

The Educational Opportunity Program searches for applicants for prospective students who are academically or economically disadvantaged. Students who do not meet the minimum CSU requirements may be allowed into the university under the “exception” category.

Snyder said the “university selects the exceptions” category includes those students admitted who do not meet minimum CSU requirements but do not meet 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 ratio. 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 tend 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. In fact, for spring quarter, the School of Business has accepted six lower division transfer students out of nine who applied.

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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.

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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.

In 1984, 4,500 Californians were killed and 292,518 injured in auto accidents.

“If 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 usage.

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.

“The driver can avoid 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 18 years of age and not wearing seat belts, the driver will be cited and it will go on their record.”

“Citations will be given only if the vehicle is stopped for another traffic 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 Tom Battanent, of Human Dynamics, an evaluation and project research company.

In a survey by Human Dynamics, it was shown that the percentage of drivers who use safety belts fluctuates from 14 percent in Los Angeles to 29 percent in San Francisco.

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RSTS out, PRIME in

New computer system is more efficient

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 fall 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 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.

Despite an abundance of clues and a detailed composite drawing of a suspect, police say they are not optimistic about catching the killer soon.

"We're working with about 500 clues right now, and unless we get a break, it's going to be a long, plodding case," police Lt. John Zorn said.

The body of the latest Los Angeles victim, 22-year-old Tammy Lynn Scratching, was found Saturday in an alley. An autopsy showed she was strangled.

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Campus radio station gets new transmitter link

By Rebecca Berra

The Cal Poly campus radio station, KCPR, is in the process of installing a piece of equipment 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 two 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 installed 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 listen carefully during Met opera you can hear distracting 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.
Trip to India

Student attends conference

By Karen Krames

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 Pudaparti where the conference was held. The university enrollment disregards the 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 hasil.”

Sai’s objectives 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.

“Sai is a very Westernized city, and Clokey said his eyes were soon swept area left strong impressions in Clokey’s memory. 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 area left strong impressions in Clokey’s memory. Madras was an unusual pit 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 he believes, along with the general feeling at the conference, that education could begin to solve this problem.

Returning to the states brought Clokey a stronger outlook on the education available 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.”
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 extra 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.

Compareding 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 paperwork 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 deterrents 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.

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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. "They may 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 architecture majors, Grant Haserot 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.

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Voyager 2 discovers sixth moon of Uranus

PASADENA (AP) — A sixth moon orbiting Uranus has been discovered by the Voyager 2 spacecraft, and many more are likely to be found as the probe speeds toward its close encounter with the gaseous planet, NASA said Wednesday.

"We expect to see up to 18 tiny moons accompanying the nine known rings" that circle the solar system's third-largest planet, said Ellis Miner, deputy Voyager project scientist at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Hints of the tiny, newly discovered moon, temporarily designated as 1985 Ul until it is formally named, were detected in long-exposure photographs taken in late December by Voyager's supertelephoto television camera. NASA said in a prepared statement.

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Mustangs tough over break, ready for league

By Tim Robinson

The Cal Poly wrestling team, which could be described in short order as young, will begin a string of events this weekend. The returning team, which was ranked 19th in the nation, and Oklahoma State, which was ranked fifth, have dropped out of the top 20 teams in the nation. Then, the Mustangs will face the Virginia Duals on Friday.

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By Joe Packard

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, Ft. Lewis (Colo.) 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 State 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. Championshio game.

Poly put it together in every phase of the game to win its own tournament for the tenth time in 14 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.

For Cowell, however, the biggest test might be his personnel. The Mustangs have only two seniors back from last year. However, one of the returning seniors is Mark Tracy, who is ranked third in the nation in his weight category.

But there are other problems that have materialized for Cowell, such as the academic eligibility of Jesus Coronado and Malcolm Boykin. Both Coronado and Boykin have been unable to wrestle early this season but became eligible this quarter.

Without Coronado 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 preseason polls. The Virginia Duals will probably give Cowell and the Mustang wrestlers an idea as to whether the preseason rankings were justified or not.

With the Cal Poly team at the GRAPPLERS, page 14

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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 shutout 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 Pangelian (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.

Jan. 4 — 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."

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 rebounding with an average of nine boards per game.

Jim Van Wilden, a 6'9" center, and 6'3" forward Melvin 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 Chellsen and Darrin Massingale and guards Mark Shely and Mark Otta also have played important roles in the Mustangs' success.

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Bill the Cat sells secrets to Russians?

What’s happened to the quiet county?

By Susan Edmundson

While Cal Poly students were enjoying a leisurely three-week vacation, everything was hijacked—piggyback—by a 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 Sylvester Stallone movies and gone into an anti-Soviet hysteria).

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

Enter Steve Dallas, hired to defend the accused spy, (Melvin Belli was not available.) At a news conference arranged to proclaim Opus’ innocence, a crazed teenager who had sat through 20 straight hours of Sylvester Stallone movies and gone into anti-Soviet hysteria 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.

Bill the Cat fights back

December 31, 1985

As FBI agents arrive at the door of the Bloom Boarding House, Opus, inside, refuses to be taken alive.

Opus confesses

January 1, 1986

A promise made by FBI agents of Freedom and Happiness is too tempting to Opus as he spills the whole sordid story.

Opus is shot

January 3

Attorney Steve Dallas proclaims Opus’ innocence as a news conference but the accused spy is gunned down. Penguin plasma flies.

Bloom County
Students attempting to enroll in History also suggested using an on-line computer system to register students. Beecher said, "We're not in bad shape; we're meeting the demand. (CAR) has gotten progressively more improvements.'

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 calendar days of registration and shift those into instructional days."

"CAR is better in getting us earlier information," said Paul F. Murphy, mathematics department 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 (impacted courses) are much more a problem for us in humanities than the major departments," said Simmons. "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 demand and shifted to a department with great demand because cycles in demand may cause a great need in the first department, said Simmons.

Punches offered no solutions to the problem of space shortage in high-demand classes. "It's worse this quarter, and it's getting worse every quarter," said Simmons.

"The CAR system is unreliable," said English professor Jim Simmons. He said Cal Poly should switch back to the old system of lining up in the gym and picking classes on an individualized basis. "Classes were added and dropped there on the spot," Simmons explained.

"Although students may not have gotten all the classes they wanted (with the old system), students would get enough. Units to be a full time student," Simmons said. "It was chaotic, but after a week and a half everyone knew what they had."

Punches also suggested using an on-line computer 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 punch another choice until they had the required amount of units.

"The maneuvering after classes would be modest compared to today," Simmons said.