Solutions to impacted class problems sought for next fall quarter

By Craig Andrews
Staff Writer

There may be no easy answers to the problem of impacted classes, but some solutions might be found before next fall, according to administration officials.

"We hope next year will be better. But there's still questions; we don't know if it (impacted classes) can be totally alleviated," said Frank T. Lebens, director of operations of the Provost's Office.

"The School of Communicative Arts and Humanities has had its share of closed classes this quarter," said Jon Ericson, dean of the school. "All of our departments are impacted."

A major trouble spot has been the critical thinking course, which is taught by the English, speech and philosophy departments. "Everyone must take it," Ericson said.

"I do believe steps are being taken now to alleviate the impaction," he said. Ericson has sent projections of future faculty needs to the Provost's Office.

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Lebens, however, said: "There's not been a definitive reaction to his projections at this point. We're doing some staff work to examine the need put forth."

Ericson said other schools on campus are aware of the problem in the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities. The School of Science and Math relinquished faculty positions to the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities. Thus, there were six sections of English 114 and eight sections of English 125 added this quarter, accommodating 408 additional students. But 467 students still need the two courses, Ericson said.

In addition, the School of Agriculture relinquished 3.2 quarterly positions because of the retirement of some instructors, Ericson said. The positions, to be used in the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities, will be filled this spring.

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Ericson said that these additional positions are only a "band-aid" for the problem.

Part of the problem of obtaining adequate staffing of faculty is that when needs are projected there is a two-year lag in receiving additional funds. Projections must work their way through the system budget, Ericson said.

Although sections have been added in several courses, there are not enough sections to solve the problem of impaction, said Ericson. But, he added, "As far as having the degree of the problem this fall and winter, we won't have that problem."

Lebens said, "We have been putting resources into that school."

In December the school was allocated an additional faculty position, and last Monday 1.5 positions were added, he said.

But, Lebens added, "We don't see SOLUTIONS, back page

County's future discussed

By Susan Harris
Staff Writer

With an eye on the future, a select group of local government and industry leaders met Saturday to discuss the direction of growth in San Luis Obispo County.

The Vision 2000 Conference was sponsored by Private Industry Council (PIC) and was state-financed to help communities with economic problems. "San Luis Obispo is a healthy county, but needs to focus on development," said Roger Elkin, executive director of PIC.

In a report of job generation done by a firm hired by PIC, it was...
City should be cautious of pro-industry report

If the Brewers Association conducted a survey and found that beer was good for your health, would you believe it? You may like to, but at the very least you should be skeptical.

A similar situation occurred when a study was conducted by the Private Industry Council (PIC) which showed that San Luis Obispo County needs more industry. Industry leaders and local government officials met Saturday for the Vision 2000 conference and discussed the possibilities for economic growth in the county.

Roger Elkin, executive director of the PIC said, "San Luis Obispo needs to focus on development."

The PIC report found, "While the economy of San Luis Obispo is quite healthy, new jobs are being generated, and unemployment is low, there are a number of problems..."

While one problem shows the income of San Luis Obispo County residents is 69 percent of the average state income, the other problem is that many residents want to maintain rural lifestyles.

It seems these two "problems" go hand in hand. Resi- dents are forsaking high incomes that would be available in urban smog pits for lower incomes in an environmentally ideal small community.

This city is fortunate that there are many environmental groups to keep checks on the City Council's decisions on growth.

The city must, of course, plan wisely for its growth. Mistakes were made with the construction of surplus stu- dent housing. Fields were paved and Mustang Village lies virtually dormant as a result of the city's bad planning and insistence of developers.

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Volleyball team praised

The women's volleyball team has been something of a novelty at Cal Poly the past several years: it plays a high caliber of opponents and often wins.

In the world of Cal Poly sports these ladies are a different breed. Instead of having mediocre seasons marked by the good play of a few individuals like most Cal Poly teams, this squad consistently wins with contributions from every team member.

It is a fine mixture of hitters and setters, and this has been shown by the team finishing fifth best in the country.

The stellar play of the Lady Mustangs was evident when they won the National Invitational Volleyball Tournament by defeating UCLA in Westwood and when they beat the University of Hawaii twice in a row, becoming only the fourth team to do so.

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"My office."

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Rutledge resigns as Cal Poly sports information director

By Angela Darnell

Steve Rutledge, 37, came to Cal Poly in August 1981 after three and a half years as the assistant public information director at San Jose State University. He plans to pursue a career in real estate in the Los Angeles area. At Cal Poly Rutledge has been in charge of disseminating information, including press releases, schedule cards and posters, media guides and game programs concerning the 17 intercollegiate sports teams.

Rutledge said he is not really sure why he's leaving, because all of his experiences at Cal Poly have been positive. The athletic program, the community and the university "are great," he said. "Some people think that I'm nuts for leaving."

Although there is very little he can say that is negative about his job, he feels ready to try something different. "After you've done something for awhile, sometimes you need a different challenge. You get a little burned out on it."

He said he believes that now he will see more monetary benefits in relation to the amount of time and effort he puts into his work. Rutledge has worked up to 60 hours a week for the public affairs office. But if money was all he wanted out of a job, he said, he would not have stayed with the program for so long.

Originally from Bellflower, Calif., Rutledge is a 1978 graduate of San Jose State University where he received a bachelor's degree in journalism. Throughout his career he has been recognized for many achievements in the sports information field.

He has had articles published in the New York Times and was a regular columnist for Collegiate magazine's sports page. He earned a national honorable mention from the College Information Directors of America for his 1978 fencing media guide. That same organization recognized Rutledge in 1980 for the best wrestling guide in the nation as well as the No. 2 rated track & field guide in 1978. In 1983, the program for the Cal Poly women's basketball team was rated best in the nation.

"I will miss the close working relationship I enjoyed with the coaches and athletes here," he said. With new Athletic Director Kendrick Walker, Rutledge expects the athletic department to "turn around and rise to the heights it enjoyed five or six years ago" when the football team was Division 2 national champion and the basketball team was third in the nation.

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House questions drugs in livestock

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration hasn't protected consumers from exposure to dangerous drugs given to animals that could turn up in meat, milk and poultry, a House committee charged Sunday in a new report.

The House Government Operations Committee said the FDA has lost sight of its mission to protect the public from the residues of veterinary drugs.

"FDA has consistently disregarded its responsibility for assuring the safety of drugs used in food-producing animals," said Rep. Ted Weiss, D-N.Y., chairman of the panel's subcommittee on human resources, in releasing the report.

"FDA has repeatedly put what it perceives are interests of veterinarians and the livestock industry in the availability of additional animal drugs ahead of its legal obligation to protect consumers from the potentially hazardous residues they may leave in meat, milk and eggs," Weiss said.

The committee's report was based on two days of congressional hearings last summer at which FDA officials conceded that only a small percentage of the estimated 20,000 animal drugs on the market have been approved by the agency.

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Mustangs win brawl, game

By Joe Packard
Speaker to the Daily

The Friday night game against Cal State Bakersfield was all that it was expected to be and more as Cal Poly emphatically served notice that it will be a protagonist in the CCAA basketball race.

It was a contest that had everything — two good teams, a large crowd, cheerleaders, the pep band and even a bench-clearing brawl — and Poly played some of its best basketball of the season in the important conference opener.

The whole team played well at both ends of the floor the entire evening as they ran down the Roadrunners, winning by a score of 86-67.

Coach Ernie Wheeler summed it up best:

"I never thought we'd be winning a conference game by 19 points. It's been a long time."

But I think that there were several big factors tonight:

Number one was that we had a tremendous crowd here with tremendous support, and when you have that kind of a crowd (mostly Poly students) and people are behind you, you're going to play better. Secondly, I thought we maintained our poise very well throughout the game and the third thing, what we've been working so hard in practice, we went out here and did tonight.

"We played well defensively. We ran the fast break when we had to, went inside when we had to, went inside when we had to, and when they made a run at us we were able to contain it and then come back at them.

"It was a great victory for us. We just beat an excellent basketball team. I'm really impressed with the play of our kids. They played hard and they played well together. I thought (Sean) Chambers played super and (Jim) Van Windeon was good. Chico (Rivera) had a hot hand — in fact, they all played well."

Poly never trailed in the game and jumped to a 6-2 lead on a dunk by Chambers. A couple of minutes later, fastbreak broke out between Van Windeon and Paul Phifer of Bakersfield and quickly escalated into a battle royale (to borrow a term from pro wrestling).

Order was soon restored and the Mustangs continued to increase their lead, twice getting up by 10 and then settling for a nine point halftime bulge. Rivera was particularly hot in the first half, tallying 13 points.

The referees were quick with the whistles in the intense game, calling a total of 49 fouls — 29 on Bakersfield — and Poly responded by sinking 30 of 41 free shots.

Bakersfield fought to within 11 points on two occasions, showing their considerable talent. Phifer amazed the crowd a couple of times, once on a perfectly timed Alley-Oop dunk play, but was otherwise held in check by the Poly defense.

The 6-9 transfer from San Jose State finished with just 11 points, zero rebounds, zero blocked shots and zero steals. Leonard Brown was high point man for the Runners with 15.

Coach Jim Parks attributed his team's demise to turnovers.

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**Gymnastics better record with win**

By T. Williams
Sports Editor

The Cal Poly women's gymnastic team stumbled their way Saturday night right past Chico State University and San Francisco State University, enroute to their fifth victory in two meets this season.

The Lady Mustangs scored 162.85 overall team points to extend their league record to 5-1. Chico scored 155.4 points and S.F. State scored 138.85.

Head coach Tim Rivera said he was pleased with the performance of the team. "We scored 10 points higher this meet than our first meet in December, which is definitely an improvement," Rivera said.

Rhonda Richter was a standout, placing first in the all-around competition with a 33.2. She sprang into second place in both the vault and the uneven bars with an 8.3 and 8.4 respectively. She also placed third on the balance beam with an 8.0 and third in the floor exercise with an 8.5.

"That's a good score considering this is the first time Rhonda has vaulted in five years," Rivera said. "The first time she worked out was last Monday."

Richter has been attending Santa Barbara City College and has not been a gymnast. She transferred to Cal Poly this quarter.

"We're expecting good things from her," Rivera said. Jana Lehman placed second behind Richter in the overall competition with a 32.5. She won the floor exercise scoring an 8.7 and she also edged Richter out first place in the vault with an 8.3.

Like Richter, Lehman placed in every event, scoring 7.9 to take fourth place on the balance beam and fifth on the uneven bars.

Paige Allan took third on the uneven bars and tied with teammate Kathy Pagani for first place on the balance beam with an 8.7. Tracy Gamble scored an 8.15 to take fourth in the vault.

Renee Azzari, a redshirt last year with a broken foot, fought back to take fourth on the uneven bars with a 7.95 and sixth in the floor exercise scoring an 8.05.

Lynn Rosenhall also staged a comeback at the meet. Rosenhall twisted an ankle three weeks ago in practice and "wasn't expected to compete," Rivera said. But she did, and scored a 7.8 to take seventh place in the floor exercise and also did well on the balance beam: "Lynn helped out the team score a lot," Rivera said.

The Lady Mustangs are expecting to do better than in last year national ranking of 16th. "All of last year's starters are returning and we have a couple of new transfer students," Rivera said. "We're definitely in the top 20 in the nation and probably in the top three in our region. If the team pulls together and stays healthy, we'll have a good shot at going to the nationals in April."

The Lady Mustangs will host University of California Santa Barbara at Cal Poly Pomona at 11 a.m. on Jan. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cal Poly Main Gym.

**Bears, Pats in Super Bowl**

Chicago (AP) - Bears quarterback Jim McMahon, in defiance of a Pete Rozelle fine for wearing an improper headband, wore another one — with the National Football League commissioner's name scrawled on it — in Sunday's National Conference championship game.

A week ago, in the Bears' 21-0 playoff victory over the New York Giants, McMahon wore a headband which displayed the Adidas brand across it, improper according to NFL rules. Rozelle fined McMahon an undisclosed amount for the violation.

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Interest declines in engineering careers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — College freshmen show a sharply lower interest in computer and engineering careers, despite much-ballyhooed national needs, and appear to be backing away from a 15-year focus on financial security, says a study released today.

At the same time, students are slowly returning to careers in education as a nationwide baby boomlet creates a teacher shortage — a turnaround from a decade earlier when there were more teachers than jobs and few people were entering the field, the study found.

The study also found that while the majority of the freshmen still consider themselves middle of the road politically, they have traditionally liberal views on such issues as disarmament, military spending, taxes, pollution and abortion.

The 164-page report was compiled by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program. It was sponsored by the American Council on Education and the UCLA graduate school of education.

The study was based on surveys of 192,453 students, or a little more than 1 percent of the fall 1985 freshman class of 1.66 million at 365 colleges and universities.

One of the most surprising discoveries was a sharp drop in interest in computer and engineering fields.

"This declining interest in technological careers stands in stark contrast to the growing national concern for increased technological training and technological capacity in the American workforce," the report said.

Only 4.4 percent of the freshmen indicated they intend to pursue careers as computer programmers or analysts, down from 6.1 percent in 1984 and a high of 8.8 percent in 1982.

In engineering, the drop was less severe, declining to 10 percent in 1985 from 10.4 percent the previous year and a peak of 12 percent in 1982.

Freshmen's interest in the biological and physical sciences also waned slightly, while the humanities and teaching careers gained. Businen remained the most popular major with 24.8 percent, up from 24 percent a year earlier and 23.1 percent in 1980.

Shuttle launches satellite

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Shuttle Columbia and its seven-man crew soared smoothly into orbit Sunday, overcoming a record number of false starts, and then sent the world's most powerful commercial communications satellite spinning off into space.

Columbia, kept earthbound through seven launch delays since Dec. 18, climbed flawlessly through a blue Florida sky from the Kennedy Space Center and left a smoke trail tinged crimson and white by the rising sun.

It was the first of 15 shuttle launches scheduled in 1986, expected to be the nation's busiest year in space.

Nine and a half hours later, the astronauts sent signals to eject the $50 million RCA Satcom KU-1 satellite from Columbia's cargo bay.

The weather over Cape Canaveral was crystal clear Sunday.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A worrisome worldwide epidemic of cigarette smoking will result in a 50 percent increase in lung cancer deaths by the year 2000, according to a study released Saturday.

More than 1 million people in the world will die of lung cancer at an average rate of more than half a million a day, said the study by the Worldwatch Institute, a Washington-based think tank.

Cigarette smoking is increasing worldwide at a rate of 2.1 percent a year, the study said.

Because smoking's health hazards appear only after years of exposure to smoke, the continued growth of the habit will mean increased illness in years to come, the study said.

"Tragically, the cost in lives and money can only be expected to grow," the study said.

"Taking into consideration more than three percent more tobacco is consumed now than 20 years ago, so without a sudden drop in smoking, lung cancer deaths, for example, will certainly increase by 50 percent by the turn of the century. Many such losses will be sustained in nations totally unprepared to deal with the new epidemic."

"It follows, too, that the incidence of bronchitis and emphysema will grow faster than tobacco use grows," the study said. "At the current rate the next 30 years will also witness an increase of 50 percent in these diseases."

The study, conducted by senior researcher William U. Chandler, is titled "Banning Tobacco" and argues for that goal. But the study says the world has a long way to go to reach it.

Despite a perception in the United States of a decline in smoking, total cigarette consumption has declined in only a few countries worldwide — and the United States is not one of them.

Greece leads the world in per capita cigarette consumption, the study says, followed by Japan, the United States, Canada, Yugoslavia and Poland.

The overwhelming 172 percent anti-smoking efforts, then, is at best a standoff in industrial countries and a rout in developing ones, the study says. "At the current rate, Western countries will not see a major improvement in the health effects of smoking for many decades, but Eastern and developing countries will see a rapid worsening."

The study recommended that countries with low smoking rates and no domestic tobacco industry simply ban tobacco altogether. In other countries, it suggests tobacco restrictions in public areas to protect non-smokers from the smoke and use of economic incentives, such as higher cigarette taxes and ending tobacco crop supports.
Pope blasts terrorism, reprisals

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II on Saturday condemned as a crime against humanity the massacre of innocents by those promoting a cause, but warned that reprisals only "prevent the moral isolation of the terrorist."

In his annual address to diplomats from 117 countries accredited to the Holy See, the pontiff said, "We are faced with fearsome groups of men who do not hesitate to kill large numbers of innocent people, and often in foreign countries not involved in their problems, in order to sow the seeds of panic and attract attention to their cause.

"Our reprehension can only be absolute and unanimous."

"The same," he went on, "must be said for the barbarous practice of taking of hostages using blackmail. These are crimes against humanity.

John Paul, sitting on a white throne and wearing a red mantle with gold fringe over his white robes, said many situations exist "to which a just solution has too long been denied."

"There are therefore feelings of frustration, of hatred and attempts at vengeance," he said.

"But the reasoning — or rather the desperate behavior — becomes completely perverted when one uses the tools of injustice and the massacre of innocents to plead a cause."

John Paul, speaking in French, said it was particularly reprehensible for the attacks launched in "cold blood and with the complicity of some movements and the support of some state powers."

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have enough resources to accommodate the backlog.

"I'm not interested in placing blame or pointing a finger at anyone," said Ericson.

Regarding Computer Assisted Registration, Ericson said, "My first seven to eight years at the university, when we had registration in the gym, we prided ourselves on the fact that a student could get into registration or speech. Now a student might not get either, he said.

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shown that county residents worry most about the loss of the rural character of the county. This was the first county-wide planning discussion ever held, and Stephen Walstrom, the principal author of the report, said it was "vital to the development of the county that it not be the last.

The report was compiled by interviewing more than 70 county residents and reviewing census data designed to answer questions on the development of new jobs, who generates these new jobs, development of resources in the county, the function of local agencies in economic development and how to constrain or stimulate the generation of new jobs in each of the communities in the county.

The conclusion of the study was that while the county is quite healthy and new jobs are being created and unemployment is low, there are still problems to solve.

One problem is a large discrepancy in the two types of jobs available in the area: highly-paid, technical jobs and low-paid jobs in retail and service. Because lower-paying jobs are undergoing the largest expansion, the income of San Luis Obispo County residents is only 89 percent of the average state income. The report forecasts this low economic base to expand because of continuing low wages.

"Secretaries here get paid half as much as they are paid in the Los Angeles area," Walstrom said.

The second problem exists between the residents who want to keep the rural lifestyle and residents who are encouraging planned urbanization. Conflicts between the local governments exacerbate the plans for economic development in the county, the report showed.

The report, while providing no suggestion on how to solve these problems, emphasized the need for city governments to work together to plan growth for the next decade.

New jobs are being generated by the movement of branch offices of private firms from the Bay Area and Los Angeles into San Luis Obispo County to reduce production costs while still maintaining their market, said Walstrom.

A positive figure reported in the study shows the unemployment rate in San Luis Obispo County is the third lowest in the state, behind Marin and San Mateo counties.

Conference attendees were selected by the Vision 2000 steering committee to include business, government and community leaders.

Workshops for the participants in the conference were held later in the afternoon to discuss different ideas and plans that could be put into action.

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