Facing the ELM: students may not be able to enroll if test isn’t taken

By Duffy Carolan
Staff Writer

Students who entered Cal Poly in fall 1983 or after and who have not fulfilled the Entry Level Mathematics requirement must take the ELM test before the end of spring quarter 1986. Otherwise, they will have a hold placed on their class registration or may be academically disqualified.

Arthur DeKleine, mathematics professor, said he would like to see those who have not fulfilled the requirement take the March 15 examination to avoid any delays or complications with registration.

The ELM is a test of minimum math skills. Completion of the ELM shows students have acquired a basic understanding of arithmetic, elementary algebra and plane geometry. Students are exempt from the ELM requirement if they received a Math SAT score of 530 or higher, or have completed a college mathematics course at the level of intermediate algebra or above with a grade of C or better at a school other than a California State University campus. Also, students enrolled at Cal Poly before fall 1983 are exempt.

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Library workers are treated for vapor inhalation

By Dan Ruthmeyer

Three university staff members were taken to the Cal Poly Health Center Wednesday after inhaling hazardous vapors in the Robert E. Kennedy Library, police said.

Don Van Acker, environmental health and occupational safety officer, said library assistants Dianne Lane and Dell Hays, and custodian Shirley Long were taken to the Health Center at 8 a.m. after inhaling vapors from a mildew remover.

Cal Poly police and the fire department responded to the library after the staff members reported feeling ill. Fire Chief John Paulsen said that firefighters at the scene examined the affected staff members and took their vital signs. He said the staff members were helped out of the library by firefighters, but stretchers were not used.

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ON THE STREET
After the recent scare, will you take Tylenol?

Amy Stubbs, recreation administration, sophomore:
Tylenol? I use it all the time. It works good, I think — extra strength. Even if the seal's broken, I use it.

Chris Whited, graphic communication, senior:
I don't really use those things. Only when I'm in desperation, I use Disparin. That's a South African make of Tylenol.

Wendy Chan, physical education, senior:
Yes, because as far as tablets are concerned, they can't tamper with them. Capsules are what I used to use.

Mike Westover, art and design, junior:
I don't think I'd buy it if I was in the store. I'd buy a comparable brand. Tylenol. had. I'd take it. I feel bad for you, but if I was asking a brand. But if I was asking the store. I'd buy a comparable brand. I don't think I'd buy it if I was in with them. Capsules are what I concerned, they can't tamper with them. Tylenol.

"Hi boys and girls. Welcome to my neighborhood. Today we're going to play weatherman. Can you say 'high pressure system'? I know you could.

"Today we're going to learn how to forecast the weather. Okay everybody, let's take our Mustang Daily (be careful now, we don't want ink all over our hands) and hold it out the window. Did it blow away? That means it's windy today. Can you still see it? If you can't, it's foggy outside. Is the paper wet? That means it's raining again, boys and girls.

I'm thoroughly convinced that anyone can predict the weather as well as the experts; at least anyone with an aunt whose corns ache every time it rains. (I think that's why they call it relative humidity.) I can see the guys at the National Weather Service working on today's forecast:

"Hey Roy, whose turn is it today?"

"I think it's Walter's."

"Walter, again? He always predicts rain. Thinks he's Ernest Hemingway or something. Hey, Walter! What's it going to be today?"

"Rain."

"Come on Walter. Can't we have a little sunshine for once?"

"Nope."

"Come on Walter, we're in the middle of a drought. How about some early morning clouds, clearing up in the afternoon?"

"Sorry."

"Okay, how about a light drizzle? We haven't done that one in awhile. Or how about a tornado warning or something exciting?"

"Forget it. It's my turn and I want rain."

"Okay, you win. But when it's my turn to pick I'm going to have high winds and a cold front coming in from the northwest. So there!"

Why don't those guys just come right out and admit it? They don't know any more than the rest of us. What exactly are scattered showers? Yesterday, they had three inches of 30 percent chance of rain. Does Roberta Gonzalez really know what variable high cloudiness means? And where is she getting all those jetstreams from? Isn't that the same satellite photo she used last week? Why does she say there's a 20 percent chance of rain when there's a 10 percent chance it won't rain? How does she know it's going to drizzle tonight and rain tomorrow and be sunny the next day? And who kidnapped Lindbergh's baby? Well Roberts, we're waiting. Just tell us flat out: is it going to rain today or not?"

After many years of unscientific research, I've developed my own system for predicting the weather. You know it's going to rain today if:

• you felt good when you woke up this morning and decided to make the two-mile walk to school.
• you washed your car yesterday.
• you just got your hair done.
• the roofers told you they couldn't fix the hole in your ceiling until next week.
• you finally broke down and threw away your old umbrella.
• you planned to spend the day at the beach.
• the hillside above your house has just been torn up by a construction crew.
• your ten foot by ten foot cardboard architecture model is due.

RAINY DAY BLUES CAN BE EASILY REMEDIED
Editor — Many people seem to think that rainy days are depressing. I, however, find them a wonderful time to enjoy human nature. I would like to share a few amusements.

Large clots of loitering people in hallways are easily cleared by holding an almost-full coffee cup in front of you as you walk. For maximum effect, hold the cup at arm's length. The trick is to look like you're about to spill the coffee without really doing so and if done correctly the result is similar to the proverbial parking of the Red Sea. A recent editorial in this newspaper criticized drivers who perform unsavory acts in order to land valuable parking space. Get a set of keys and go "trawling for cars." Simply dangle the keys as you stroll down the parking lot and soon a car will follow your hoping to get your parking space. When you get a "bite" keep walking for awhile, then dart through a row of cars leaving the previously unsuspecting driver in a state of excited bewilderment. This method works well; my record is seventeen cars in one hour.

BRIAN D. SUJATA
Thanks to those who Skip-a-Meal today
Editor — It is a matter of great relief to me that the Skip-a-Meal program that in the past has been coordinated by the Campus Hunger Coalition (CHC) has been taken over by a group in the residence halls this year. I would like to thank those individuals who have made the continuation of Skip-a-Meal possible.

Oxfam America, the organization I understand has been selected to continue receiving the proceeds from the event which will take place today, is known for the effectiveness of its programs and its comparatively low overhead costs. Oxfam helps by sponsoring small scale programs that help poor people in developing countries become self-sufficient rather than relying on food aid on a continuous basis.

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Filipino shot to death in LA

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — An executive of the Philippine News, a newspaper opposed to the regime of Ferdinand Marcos, was shot to death at home Wednesday after receiving a threatening note, authorities said.

Several shots were fired in Oscar Salvatierra's bedroom at his single-story home in the foothills north of downtown Los Angeles, said police Sgt. Randy Tampa.

Aides to Sen. Alan Cranston, a longtime friend of Philippine News publisher Alex Esclamado, said the FBI had been asked to protect Esclamado and other News executives who had received similar threats.

Engineer tried to stop shuttle

WASHINGTON (AP) — An engineer at the firm that manufactured the solid fuel booster rockets for the Challenger said today he unsuccessfully argued against the space shuttle launch the night before its fatal liftoff because he feared the effect of cold temperatures.

Allan J. McDonald, a 26-year veteran of the Utah company, Morton Thiokol, said he testified Friday at a closed hearing of the presidential commission investigating the shuttle disaster that he had talked to NASA officials at length on the day before the Jan. 28 liftoff about his concerns.

Plane makes emergency landing

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — The plane carrying Gov. George Deukmejian on an inspection tour of storm-ravaged Northern California on Wednesday was forced to make an emergency landing on one engine, authorities said.

The two-engine plane developed trouble in a throttle shortly after takeoff from Sonoma County Airport, said Donna Lipper, a spokeswoman for the governor.

She said the plane returned to the airfield without incident, where workmen repaired the throttle. The aircraft took off again 30 minutes later.

Deukmejian's party landed in Sacramento about 12:30 p.m., said a control tower employee of Executive Airport.
Greeks participate in good deeds

By Gillian Greig

Although fraternities and sororities are considered a social group to most people within the university, the Greek system was created to help the community by donating time and manpower to charitable and needy organizations.

"Doing philanthropies lets the community know we are here to do other things than party," said Greek coordinator Walt Lambert.

Philanthropies are required by national houses and are written in the Panhellenic bylaws, but those houses that are local are not required to have a philanthropy. Lambert said many houses participate in both local and national philanthropic deeds.

Lambert explained, "Doing local philanthropies gives Greeks a good public image and lets them give something back to the community." He said it gives fraternities and sororities recognition and publicity.

"It's up to each house," said Karen Tracy, philanthropy representative on the Greek Council, concerning why Greeks have philanthropies. Sororities must have one philanthropy per quarter together.

Full quarter the sororities helped organize and participate in a Walk-a-Thon for Hospice. They also helped with publicity in starting a Hospice group on campus, which helped to establish recognition for the group as well as raise money.

Tracy said, "It was mandatory for 85 percent of each house's members to participate." If the percentage wasn't met by the houses, they had to pay a fine. The fraternities helped the Hospice movement with a barbeque and services check points along the walk-a-thon.

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"A lot of philanthropies go unreported," Lambert said. He considers a philanthropy as a task that takes time, manpower or helps the school or community. "A lot of houses get calls to help other groups which are never reported," Lambert said.

The fraternities offer the escort service at the University Union and Kennedy Library and paint the "P" on the hill each quarter. Lambert said these are just a few of the services fraternity students offer.

Last year all the proceeds from the Greek Sing during Greek Week were donated to an organization that was predetermined by Panhellenic. Lambert said this event has raised $500 each year for different groups.

Some houses carry out yearly philanthropies such as the Alpha Phi Psi fundraising for the American Heart Association. Kappa Delta also organizes a contest in which students donate money to vote for the "best legs" at Cal Poly, Phi Kappa Psi organizes a yearly Halloween blood drive.

Lambda Chi Alpha has organized work days in the community. Mark Berglund, a philanthropy committee member, said the fraternity helps its neighbors by cleaning the neighborhood and inviting them to dinner.

On Halloween the fraternity donated its time to organize a Halloween party for Casa De Vida, a community center for the handicapped. "These people don't always get to go out," Berglund said. "We wanted to make this event really special for them.

Lambda Chi Alpha also organized a Thrash-A-Thon last quarter. Fraternity members skateboarded on a ramp in the University Union Plaza for 72 hours to raise money for the American Heart Association. "We donated 350 to 350 naps into the project," Berglund said. The fraternity raised $2,200 for the Heart Association.

Alpha Epsilon Phi went to a ranch for the disabled in Paso Robles to help with planting and repairs. "These people said they couldn't do," said vice president Mike Terry.

This spring Greek Panhellenic are organizing a Good Neighbor Project where the Greeks will help the elderly with any services they need around their homes. The project will cover most of San Luis Obispo County.

By Daffy Carolan

A veteran journalist and former vice president of the Moral Majority spoke on the censorship of conservative views in the media last Thursday at Cal Poly.

Cal Thomas, addressing an audience of about 20 in Chumash Auditorium, said, "Most people, when they hear the word censorship, think it's a group of right-wing fundamentalists, brain transplant donor crazies who are trying to put a torch to people's libraries, burn 'Huck Finn' and return chastity belts to junior high school.

"Censorship is an important issue because we live in an information age where what we read, what we see and what we hear determines who we are and our world, he said.

Thomas advocates a free and open debate of ideas but said, "America, unfortunately, doesn't have this today." He went on to discuss how religious and politically conservative viewpoint are censored in the media.

"The people who produce books, television, radio, movies and all the rest have a predilection because there is no God, that there is no one we are ultimately responsible and accountable to," Thomas said. "I believe that the loss of the sense of the transcendent has turned our nation and our people, including our university professors and students, into a superficial kind of matter—people who are living only for now," he said.

Religious viewpoints are censored by the media people who decide what we'll see, hear and know, said Thomas. "Only 8 percent of the media elite (as Thomas calls the people in control of the media) attend church or synagogue," he said.

Thomas also spoke on the censorship occurring in communist countries. He said in Vietnam education is structured to "create and nurture hatred (of other ideologies) in the lives of children. He said that in Nicaragua, 'Children are learning math from problems such as two grenades plus three grenades equals how many grenades?'"

Thomas said, "Such incredible material shows the hypocrisy of the left in this country (America) when they blame the right for censorship."

Speaking about a survey on the people who control the media, Thomas said, "Not once in four national newspapers did the GOP win support needed by 20 percent of these influential decision makers," Thomas added. "More than one-half place themselves solidly on the political left."

Former Secretary of the Interior James Watt was viewed unfavorably by 59 percent of the media elite in an opinion poll, said Thomas. "No wonder he was perceived as being in trouble all the time."

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"Whether it's news or entertainment, television is the most influential medium today," said Thomas. "Most news comes from the three major networks, and all speak forth an ideology and a philosophy that is uniform."

Because television is a shaper of values and ideas, it is vitally important who controls it, Thomas said. Calling on news anchors like Bryant Gumbel, Tom Brokaw, Bill Moyer's, Dan Rather and Sam Donaldson, he said, "What is distressing is their dreary sameness, their predictability."

He added, "When speaking on El Salvador, budgets, allocations, supply side economics and big business you will no more find an opinion out of place than you will find a hair out of place on Tom's (Brokaw) lofty head while he's reading the news on 'Meet the Press.'"

Thomas called for the end of the "myth of neutrality" in network and press reporting and encouraged more students to seek jobs in journalism. "You can have a bigger influence and positive impact in a career in the media than you can as the chairman of the board for a major Fortune 500 company. "You don't find one brand or one product in the supermarket. We shouldn't find just one set in the supermarket of ideas," Thomas added.

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Students who are seeking financial aid, but don't know where to start looking, could try a computerized scholarship search service just introduced to the Central Coast by two Cal Poly students.

The Society for the Advancement of Scholarship, also known as Scott Lee and Joe Covarrubias, is a three-week old enterprise designed to help high school and college students alike find scholarships for which they may be eligible.

With 197,000 scholarships entered in the system, every applicant is guaranteed at least one lead for a scholarship.

The scholarship awards range from $100 to $25,000.

"We can't actually guarantee that you will get a scholarship, necessarily," said Lee. "But we can definitely give you at least one lead to start looking. It's basically up to the applicant to pursue the leads we give them."

"The best part of the service is that it gives people access to the more obscure scholarships that they might not even have known they were eligible for," said Lee.

One problem, however, is that often the scholarships are so obscure and offer only very small awards, so that to spend time and money pursuing them may not be worthwhile for most students.

Another consideration is that although applicants may be matched to a great number of scholarships, students might fulfill only one criterion for the application and not be eligible because of other factors.

For instance, applicants may be eligible for one scholarship because of financial need, but not be eligible because of their ethnic background or economic status.

Those interested in the $30 service first contact SAS, the Society for the Advancement of Scholarship. Then they fill out a questionnaire.

The 24-question application requires information such as grade point average, career objective, college major, race, religion, work experience, student activities, hobbies and interests.

"Plus, if someone is trying to get a scholarship on the basis of need, then a whole new spectrum of opportunities opens up," said Lee.

The application is coded and sent to National College Services. There, the information is input into a computer system and then a printout of all the scholarships the student is eligible for is returned to Lee and Covarrubias. They then give the printout to the applicant.

The printout contains the name of the scholarship, how much the award is, the deadline for applying, specific eligibility requirements and who to contact for an application.

Lee, a third-year architecture major, said he and Covarrubias, a physics major, had always talked about starting their own business together, but hadn't really been serious about it until now.

They both belong to ACE, the Association of Collegiate Entrepreneurs. "We saw other people actually starting their own businesses and making a profit," said Covarrubias.
"So we thought, why not us too?" Earlier, Lee had considered getting a scholarship but found it was difficult to find anything through Cal Poly services.

"There were very few to choose from," he said. "And since there was no type of service on the Central Coast to help me find one, I got the idea of starting up some kind of service to help others get leads for scholarships."

Lee and Covarrubias did some research and came up with the name of a company which had a database with a comprehensive listing of private and public sector scholarships, their requirements and all other pertinent information.

"Part of the reason we chose them is that they update their files four to five times a year, and for a service like this to be useful, we feel it's really important to keep the information current," said Lee.

"We both knew that it would be impossible for just the two of us to put together and maintain the complex database system needed for something like this," said Lee. "That's why we decided to work with this company back East. We pay them for the use of their information and printouts. All we're doing is marketing and advertising it."

One problem they've had is the unexpected amount of time they need to put into their business.

"It takes the most time to put all the information on applicants into our computer," said Covarrubias.

"We keep records on all the inquiries, letters and phone calls that we get.

"Right now we're getting about nine to 10 letters and three to four calls each day," said Lee. "Pretty soon we're going to have to hire office help."

So far they've had nearly 100 responses in the three weeks they've been operating, and the only advertising they've used is the distribution of flyers. As of now, 90 percent of those interested are Cal Poly students.

"We've had a great response so far. We're going to try increasing our advertising even more and see just how far we can take it," said Covarrubias.

They are now working on expanding nationally. They have targeted 10 universities throughout the U.S., including Princeton, where they have friends to help market the service.

"We feel it's important to talk to the counselors at junior colleges and high schools too, since that's usually the first place that people look when they need financial aid," said Lee.

Because the service is new in this area, no one has actually completed the process of going through their service and actually receiving a scholarship. The application deadlines are in March, so after that time Lee and Covarrubias will be able to start collecting data on the success rates of their applicants.

National College Services has been operating for five to six years but, according to Lee and Covarrubias, the service has no data on the success rate of its applicants.

The only responsibility of SAS or National Scholarship Service is matching scholarships with applicants. After that, it's up to applicants whether or not they are successful.
Injuries continue to plague gymnastics team

The Cal Poly gymnastics team has been plagued by injuries this season and things became even worse last week.

Kristy Broderick, one of the Mustangs' top all-around performers, is coming off a twisted ankle she suffered during practice. Because of the injury she missed the road trip to Seattle and Alaska and didn't compete against University of Manitoba last week.

Jana Lehman, also a top all-arounder, injured her ankle during the floor exercise at the University of Alaska earlier this season and didn't compete against Manitoba either.

Although Lehman and Richter competed Saturday, they could only perform on the uneven bars and the balance beam because of their ankles.

Williams managed to score an 8.25 in the floor exercise, despite the injury, which was good enough to tie her with teammate Paige Allen for fifth place in the overall competition with a score of 32.85. Injured or not, the Mustangs scored their second highest score of the season with a 163.60. CSU Long Beach won the meet with a score of 169.20 and San Jose State scored 167.45 — both are Division I schools.

"The depth of our team is the only thing keeping us alive," said coach Tim Rivers. "We have the biggest team in our division easily."

Rivers said he has 15 gymnasts on the team, but only six gymnasts can compete in one event and no more than 12 can compete during a meet.

"Our lowest score this season is 162.5," Rivers said: "Hopefully we'll score better next week and we'll get rid of that score."

Other top Mustang performances Saturday included a second place finish on the uneven bars by Sue Cuthbert with a score of 8.8. "Sue had a great routine," Rivers said. "She finally hit the routine that we've been working on."

Allan and Williams also tied for fifth on the balance beam with scores of 8.35 and Allan scored 8.6 on the vault, which was good enough to secure third place.

The Mustangs will have a rest this weekend as they don't have a meet and Rivers is hoping the break will give his team time to recuperate.

"Hopefully everyone will be healthy by the next meet, even Julie (Williams) — she's a tough competitor."

The Mustangs' next meet is Feb. 28 against UC Davis at Davis.

We'll be seeing you on campus.

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Operating services group management development program.

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from the ELM requirement.

DeKleine said there are 1,472 Cal Poly students who have not satisfied the ELM requirement.

Five hundred fifty-one of these students, mostly first-year students or transfer students, have never taken the examination before and will not be able to register through CAR for summer quarter 1986 unless they take the March 15 examination.

Students who enrolled in fall 1984 or earlier (489 students in all) do not successfully complete the ELM requirement by the end of spring quarter 1986 will be academically disqualified.

A passing score on either the March 15 examination or the May 10 examination will meet the requirement, DeKleine said.

According to data, of the 1,472 students who have not satisfied the ELM requirement, 492 are in the School of Architecture and Environmental Design, 67 are in the School of Business, 331 are in the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities, 54 are in the School of Engineering and Technology, 409 are in the School of Professional Studies and Education and 70-9re in the School of Science and Mathematics.

At the end of summer quarter 1985, DeKleine said, approximately 200 students had a hold on their CAR and were not allowed to pre-register for the fall quarter. He said about 10 students from this 200 were denied readmission into Cal Poly. "We feel these 10 students were generally not serious students, most with low grade point averages, and combined with various other reasons probably would not have come back to Cal Poly anyway," he said.

Math course at a school other than a California State University campus, he said.

"About 50 percent of Cal Poly students don't have to take the ELM because their Math-SAT scores are 500 or better," said DeKleine. Still, the people who do have to take the test, 30 percent of the students pass it the first time around," he said. But for those repeating the exam the second time around, "Some students get desperate and take the test over and over again without seeking help," said DeKleine.

Students who repeat the examination unnecessarily, according to DeKleine, "need at least one year of math, and sometimes up to a year of math before they can successfully complete the examination." Students can get instructional help by taking a nine-week remedial mathematics course offered by Cuesta College at Cal Poly. They can also buy an Entry Level Mathematics Workbook at El Corral Bookstore or arrange for tutoring through the mathematics department.

The registration deadline for the March 15 examination is Feb. 28. Registration forms can be obtained from the Test Office in the Counseling Services Building. Other test dates are May 10, July 26 and Oct. 20, 1986.

PROJECTS

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bring it to the Student Planning Commission.

"Any student project on campus comes through us for approval," Taylor said. The commission approves proposals in terms of the benefits projects will have for the campus. If approval is gained from the commission the proposal will go before the Student Senate, which votes on it.

Taylor said the commission is a resource students can use for needed funding, however students should be able to demonstrate that they attempted to earn some of the money themselves.

Examples of projects which have been approved by the commission are the Erhart Bridge in front of the Agriculture Building, the sculpture in the Reserve Room of the Kennedy Library and the entrance signs to the campus.

Taylor said any funds needed for approved projects are taken out of the campus improvement fund, which is built from a 10 percent tax placed on all assets from student clubs on campus.