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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ON THE STREET

After the recent scare, will you take 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?"

"Noope."

"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 warming or something exciting?"

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

"Okay, 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, we 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 jestreams 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 30 percent chance it won't rain? How does she know it's going to drizzle tonight and rain tomorrow instead? And who kidnapped Lindbergh's baby? Well Roberta, we're waiting. Just tell us flat out: is it going to rain today or not?"

After many years of scientific 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.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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 love 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 parting of the Red Sea.

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. But if I was asking a friend and Tylenol was all they had, I'd take it. I feel bad for Tylenol.

Wyndi 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.

Chris Whitted, 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.

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"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. Oxford 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. Oxford 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."

by Berke Breathed

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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 workman 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.

Foul weather friends

Ducks storm the parking lot at Laguna Lake as heavy rains took their toll around the county this past week.
**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.

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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 fraternities offer students.

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

Some houses carry out yearly philanthropies such as the Alpha Phi Phi Thrash-a-Thon for Hospice. Alpha Epsilon Phi went to a ranch for the disabled in Paso Robles to help with planting and repairs.

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This spring Greek Panhellenic is 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.

Injured Poly students get clean bill of health

Kurt G. Hughes, a freshman chemist major who was hospitalized after being involved in a car accident on Highland Drive last week, has been discharged from Sierra Vista Hospital.

According to a hospital spokesperson, Hughes, whose car was totaled during the collision on Feb. 13, was released from the hospital on Feb. 14, following surgery.

James Knowles, who was injured in an unrelated accident Feb. 9, was held overnight at the Cal Poly Health Center and then released. He was injured after a motorcycle he was riding collided with a car on Grand Avenue.

**Thomas lectures on censorship of media**

*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 the media can present the "best legs" at Cal Poly. Phi Kappa Psi organizes a yearly Halloween blood drive.

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Society for the Advancement of Scholarship

Two students start a business designed to help others find scholarships for which they may be eligible.

By Sandy Bradley

Students who are seeking financial aid, but don't know where to turn, 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-year-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 $23,000. "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 the scholarships for students are so obscure and offer only very small awards, that students might think of scholarships the same way they think of grants for those who need financial aid.

"People need to be aware of the fact that although there are many scholarships, there are so many scholarships that they can only choose from at least one," 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.
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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.

Injuries have been piling through their mid-season schedule with three of their top gymnasts injured.

Rhonda Williams, 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 roadtrip to Seattle and Alaska and didn't compete against University of Manitoba last weekend.

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

Kristy Broder was hampered by a knee injury and although she was able to compete in Alaska and against Manitoba, she was not 100 percent.

The Mustangs added to their injured reserve list Saturday against San Jose State and Cal State Long Beach when Julie Williams turned her ankle in the floor exercise.

Williams was competing in the all-around competition to fill the void left by Richter and Lehman. 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 Allan for fifth place in the over-all 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 Rivera. "We have the biggest team in our division easily."

Rivera 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," Rivera 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 Cothem with a score of 8.8. "Sue had a great routine," Rivera 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 Rivera 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.

Injuries continue to plague gymnastics team

By Chris Counts

Paced by the outstanding play of forward Sherrie Atteberry, Cal Poly's women's basketball team defeated Cal State Los Angeles 71-63 last Thursday night.

The weekend trip to Southern California, though, wasn't a complete success. Plagued by weak shooting in the second half, the Mustangs lost to Cal State Northridge 70-60.

With a record of 5-4, Cal Poly is currently tied with UC Riverside for third place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association. Cal Poly Pomona, undefeated after nine games, remains in first place.

Atteberry led the Mustangs in scoring and rebounding against both Cal State Los Angeles and Cal State Northridge. While leading Cal Poly to victory Thursday, Atteberry scored 17 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. In Saturday's loss she contributed 22 points and gathered 10 rebounds. Assistant basketball coach Jill Orrock was impressed again.

"She's a hustler," Orrock boasted. "She gets the job done."

On Saturday, the Mustangs will host UC Riverside at 5:45 in the Main Gym, giving Cal Poly an opportunity to avenge an earlier loss.

"We dug ourselves into a hole with a loss against Riverside to open the season," Orrock said. "We'll get revenge this weekend."

We'll be seeing you on campus.

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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 Agriculture, 43 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 are in the School of Science and Mathematics.

At the end of summer quarter 1985, DeKleine said, approximately 200 students had a hold reason probably would not have been admitted to 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.

According to Paul Murphy, mathematics interim department head, students have two years to fulfill the ELM requirement. During their first year students must have received a passing score on the ELM examination or fulfilled the requirement by taking a college 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 530 or better," said DeKleine. "Of the people who do have to take the test, 50 percent of those repeating the exam the second time around," he said. But for those repeating the exam the third time the pass rate is below 30 percent. "Some students get desperate and take the test over and over again without seeking help," DeKleine said.

Students who repeat the examination unnecessarily, according to DeKleine, "need at least one quarter 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 with the Counseling Services Department to get tutors through the mathematics department.

The registration deadline for the March 15 examination is Feb. 26. Registration forms can be obtained from the Test Office in the Counseling Services Building. Deadlines 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 puts it to a vote.

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 area 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.