Blame it on the rain...

Recent rains haven't dampened spirits at Poly, but they made it difficult for Plant Operations to repair an electrical short. The short shut down the University Union, El Corral Bookstore and Sierra and Yosemite halls Tuesday for several hours while workers drained manholes in their search for the faulty wire, said Jerry Gentileucci, manager of Architectural Trades Shop. The culprit was found between Must Gym and the Music Building.

Cal Poly received 3.12 inches of rain over the weekend for a total of 7.43 inches since the beginning of the year, said Joe Glass, professor of agricultural engineering. That figure is about 2 inches behind last year's totals, he said.

Showers are expected to continue through this morning with partial clearing this afternoon and sunny skies Thursday and Friday, said Dennis Hess, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. But that's not the case for Friday night and continue through the weekend.

Lower legal level of intoxication could mean a rise in DUI arrests

By Patty Hayes

At least two local residents — one a Cal Poly student — have been affected by a new California law that lowers the legal level of intoxication, a San Luis Obispo police spokesman said Wednesday.

The law, which went into effect Jan. 1, states that drivers with a blood alcohol content (BAC) of .08 percent — rather than the previous .10 percent — are legally drunk and can be charged with driving under the influence.

"Realistically, the change means that the borderline has dropped a little," said Sgt. Jim English.

Under the law, someone who may have come close to being legally drunk in past years would probably now qualify, he said.

"If before, the benefit of the doubt had been with the driver, now that is not necessarily so." Since officers cannot measure blood alcohol content in the field, the number of arrests may not increase, he said. Of those arrested and tested, however, many more likely will be charged with driving under the influence.

"We have always had a fair portion of people brought in at .08 or .09," English said. In the past these people would have been released, but now charges will be filed against them. According to managers of local bars, the new law does not seem to have caused a great change in the drinking habits of their customers, many of whom are Cal Poly students.

"There hasn't really been enough time to tell if the new law has made people drink less," said Elias Nimeh, manager of Tortilla Flats restaurant. Tortilla Flats has a breathalyzer machine for customers to monitor their BAC level, Nimeh said.

Luke Marden, an employee at Bull's Tavern, said that business is somewhat slow every year from New Year's Day to St. Patrick's Day. It is therefore not easy to tell if people are concerned about the new law or not, he said.

"We sure hope that everyone complies with the new law," Marden said. "We want to keep up our business, but we don't like to see anyone driving drunk."

Poly graduates don't suffer from country's lack of employment

But liberal arts majors still behind technical students in recruiting, number of job offers

By Glenn Hom

Cal Poly career-seekers, even those with half-page resumes and a weak handshake, can breathe a little easier thanks to the latest graduate employment figures.

Ninety-five percent of Cal Poly's 1987-88 graduating class reported full-time employment or graduate school attendance within a year of their commencement, said Richard Eqiunoa, director of career education and placement services.

"We would put that figure up against any university in the United States," Eqiunoa said.

Students will also be happy to hear that recent intense job market demand for Cal Poly graduates should continue to flood over into the new decade.

"I have no reason to believe that we're going to take any significant drops in our latest employment figures" as long as Poly continues its strong undergraduate program and applied curriculum, Eqiunoa said.

"We definitely seeing swings in the market," he said. Demand for technical majors has always been high, accounting and management information systems are strong and teaching is now on the rise.

The school's "learn-by-doing" philosophy has earned respect from companies seeking experienced graduates to fill entry-level positions created daily.

Cal Poly has a strong reputation as a technical university among California employers, 70 percent to 80 percent of which come from Los Angeles and the Bay Area, said James Donnell, cooperative education coordinator.

"The tendency is for our people, in comparison to co-ops from other universities, to be able to get up to speed much faster," he said.

That belief has apparently translated into more job offers — but not for everyone. Due to Cal Poly's commitment to such areas as engineering, architecture and the sciences, companies don't come on campus specifically asking for liberal arts students.

These students have a harder time, said Joe Diaz, coordinator for career counseling. "They have to define where they want to work and go out there and knock on the door."

"There is a growing trend, however, for employers to look more favorably upon the liberal arts graduate," Eqiunoa said. "Implying that employers have a greater appreciation for the breadth of education these students have received."

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5 INSIGHT...

A San Luis Obispo resident cares for critically ill children, and battles the state for funds.
Second Opinion

Colleges not free from review

The principle of academic freedom is indispensable to a free and civilized society. So, too, is the notion that employment and professional freedom ought not be limited by racial, ethnic, sexual or religious bias.

The U.S. Supreme Court correctly balanced those two principles Jan. 9 when it unanimously ruled that colleges and universities may not invoke academic freedom to shield their tenure-granting processes from scrutiny by the federal government’s Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

When the employment commission sought to examine the confidentiality of the tenure process were breached.

The real reason to come to such a setting is the duck pond. The world could learn a lot by just observing ducks. Notice that as Rice Krispies are thrown into the pond, the first duck that sees them does not board all the ducks for himself but instead quacks several times to let all share the wealth.

Even though a few are fall between two ducks, and one will get it. They will not fight or argue. One duck will not go and firebomb another duck’s nest. Ducks don’t hold grudges. Notice also that as Rice Krispies are thrown into the pond, the first duck that sees them does not board all the ducks for himself but instead quacks several times to let all share the wealth.

Rice Krispies bounce off the asphalt on the shore of a man-made lake. This pseudo-pond is like many across the nation, which generate peace for those who walk in its cheap cobblestone shores, or sit on its corrugated iron bridges or sit on its chipped paint benches scrawled with the names of young lovers whose time has passed.

This pond has been granted tenure at the University of Wisconsin.

Letters to the Editor

Student supports Sand’s booze ad

Editor — Ramey Jarallah’s attack on an ad in Mustang Daily that read “We have the booze you want!” is not very rational. Since this “student-run dry campus” does not supply students with a boozé, they need to go to the newspaper to inform the student body where the boozé is.

Newspapers have a responsibility to inform our news, and ads are a big part of the news. And if boozé is the news, then I say print it!

A.J. Schurmann
Graduate student

Editor — Time and time again in the last few months we’ve seen letters either complaining or attempting to justify the outrageous prices of El Corral. I am tiring of this pointless argument over an obvious fact.

For a change, I would like to offer some constructive advice. I have been amazed that nobody, with all their complaints, has even bothered to mention Polya Phonex Book Exchange. Every quarter it sells books for students, to students. Whether you sell your book through it or buy from it, you are saving a great deal of money over the bookstore.

The option is clearly there. You just have to be clever enough to figure it out.

Wendy Kunkel
Electronic Engineering

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Socialism could benefit U.S.

By Petry Hartlaub

I realize many of you are now looking up my address and planning a drive-by shooting. Cal Poly is not exactly legendary for its liberal viewpoints. I am a proud American who believes in democracy, but every time I see a bag lady or a hungry child on the streets, I have to wonder if things could do better.

The greatest problems in the world stem from a lack of communication and the greatest solutions involve compromise.

To most Americans, socialism is a bad word — like fascists or a blackboard or something you don’t want on a new filling. Well, I am about to show you approximately 95 percent of you are either practicing socialists or have been at some point in your life.

In a library, books are lent out for free to any citizen who carries a library card. This is a classic example of socialism, yet in my two years as a children’s librarian, I was never held at gunpoint and called a communist.

The library is looked upon by society as a good thing, so why not expand the principle to include socialized medicine, more government aid for the homeless and better job production programs? There is no hold placed on freedom when you are merely guaranteeing people the basic needs to survive.

Now that the Cold War has ended, we can stop putting mid-range nuclear warheads in Europe and start thinking about the elderly and homeless. Thirteen percent of our citizens 65 and over live in poverty. Larger and larger numbers of people crowding the sparse homeless shelters in America are families. It is time to start looking at the problem and stop looking at the other.

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Poly gets big victory to even CCAA mark

By Adrian Hodgson
Staff Writer

The Cal Poly women's basketball team broke open a close game shortly after halftime Saturday night and beat CSU Los Angeles, 73-52.

Ahead 34-33 at halftime, the Mustangs poured in 39 second-half points while holding the Golden Eagles to just 19.

Neither team, however, appeared to want the victory until almost midway through the second stanza. Both teams failed to get into their rhythms, largely because of turnovers; Cal Poly had 28 on the night, and Los Angeles had 26.

But with about 13 minutes to play, the Mustangs broke the game wide open. Sophomore forward Stephanie Rainwasser hit a 17-foot jumper from the baseline to extend the Poly lead to 45-37.

Seconds later, after a Mustang turnover, Los Angeles had a chance to cut Cal Poly's lead back to six points, but the Golden Eagles could not convert a two-on-one fast break. And, on the ensuing Mustang attack, senior guard Jody Hasselfield passed over three defenders to center Aimee Gasset, who made the easy lay-up.

From there, the Mustangs controlled the remainder of the game, extending their lead to 21 points with about a minute left in the first half, as the buzzer sounded.

"This was a team win," said Mustang head coach Jill Ovrick. "We rebounded a lot better than we did on Thursday (in a 86-65 loss to CSU Northridge)."

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Mustangs beat CSULA by 10

By Jay Garner
Staff Writer

About 15 minutes after Saturday night's game against Cal State Los Angeles, exhausted Mustang point guard Simon Thomas leaned against a locker room wall and smiled.

"OK, so maybe it was closer to a grin."

For the never-stop hustling Thomas, a display of emotion is rare. But Saturday's 82-72 win gave Thomas reason to grin. The Mustangs overcame some sloppy play in the first half and early in the second half, committing 21 turnovers to raise their overall record to 11-4, 1-1 in the CCAA.

Thomas scored 17 points and had a game-high nine assists. He shot 70 percent from the field, including 3-5 from three-point range.

"He's the guy who gets us going," said teammate Coby Naess, who scored a game-high 19 points. "He's an intense guy on the court and off the court."

Coach Steve Beason wishes all his players were as intense as Thomas.

"We are not an innately scrappy team," he said. "But we've got some individuals that are scrappy. It's going to take eight, nine, 10, 11 guys to sacrifice their entire entity, their whole being to win."

Beason praised Thomas, Naess, Shawn Reed, Kurt Colvin and Tim Knowles, who pulled down a game-high nine rebounds, for their play in Saturday's win.

He added that center Stuart Thomas (Simon's brother), who scored 17 points, can dominate a game if he's hustling.

"Su's not intrinsically motivated," Beason said. "But when he gets after it, he can dominate the boards." 

Behind Stuart Thomas' inside scoring and Naess and Simon Thomas' outside shooting, the Mustangs pulled out to a 19-15 lead with about 8:30 left in the first half. But the Golden Eagles had a chance to cut the Mustangs at 25-25 on a Darren Jackson jumper from the baseline.

With less than a minute left in the first half the Golden Eagles lead 31-30. But with three seconds left Naess sank a three-point shot from the top of the circle to give the Mustangs a 33-31 lead at half time.

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JOBS

From page 1, students have received, and they're putting them into more business-related situations. Agriculture students are at Poly also have had better success finding their own jobs rather than waiting for employers to find them.

But, according to Equinoa, while employment demands have fallen in such areas of production as animal and crop sciences, the demand has increased for people in the food sciences and agriculture management and business.

Overall, if the job market does shrink, Cal Poly could see a reduction in the number of employers coming here to recruit students, Equinoa said.

A shortage of employers isn't likely, however, as Cal Poly prepares for its 11th annual Career Symposium and third annual Job Expo, both to be held in February.

Nearly 100 potential employers will be accommodated for the symposium, but about 15 companies were turned away because of limited space, said Diaz.

The Job Expo promises to be just as full with over 65 employers — a sign that demand for Cal Poly students is far from waning.
Investing love

Hoping for progress

By Leslie Morris

Despite respiratory treatment machines, feeding tubes and nasal gastric tubes, the DeGroot home doesn’t look like a hospital. Despite seriously disabled children and infants in isolation, the DeGroot home doesn’t feel like a hospital. And despite the fact that 29 children died in the last seven years, the DeGroot home radiates hope instead of despair and life instead of death.

Natives from Holland, Sjany DeGroot, a registered nurse, and her husband Rokus run an intensive care home for severely ill and critically disabled children. Sjany started the home in 1975 after temporarily nursing a dying infant, who could no longer remain at French Hospital because of medical expenses. Sjany was working at French Hospital at the time. Today, Sjany and Rokus care for 12 children.

Two-year-old Melissa was born with neuro muscular dystrophy and placed with the DeGroots five weeks after birth. Completely paralyzed, Melissa breathed through a hole in her neck. "She was so sick she couldn’t swallow," Sjany said. "She had to be tube fed." Melissa cannot speak in sentences, or temporarily nursing a dying infant, who could have others. I wouldn’t be able to do this with just one." One of the greatest struggles for the DeGroots is dealing with the parents of "her kids." Not only does she deal with the losses and daily struggles of the children, she often finds herself counseling parents, especially after a death.

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Greeks may eliminate goddess competition

"Say meaningless,' too 'pageant-like'

By Larre Sterling
Staff Writer

In another controversy between tradition and the changes of a new decade, Cal Poly's greek community may eliminate the Greek Goddess competition.

The week prior to the start of Greek Week during spring quarter, a time when sororities and fraternities compete in a variety of events, a competition decides who will reign as Greek Goddess for the upcoming events and the rest of the year.

All sororities and fraternity little sister programs are invited to choose a member to represent them in the Greek Week competition.

According to Walt Lambert, coordinator of greek affairs, sororities oppose the 20-year-old Greek Goddess competition primarily because of its pageant-like form. During the competition, contestants are required to creatively introduce themselves and to answer a question. Involvement on campus and within the greek community is also heavily weighed.

"Our house doesn't believe that it creates a good image for the sorority system," Alpha Phi president Lisa Boscacci said. "Nor do we feel it benefits the greek system."

Strong controversy also stems from an argument that the Greek Goddess has no real duration after being crowned. Her only responsibility is to hostess one of 10 Greek Week events.

"Everybody thinks that it could be a positive thing, although it isn't now," said Chris Lane, Interfraternity Council vice president in charge of Greek Week. "We want Greek Goddess to be more like a Poly Royal Ambassador," he added.

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Evangelist returns to university to answer questions about God

Preacher Knechtle says students here "are more polite"

By Natalie Guerrero

Crowds are forming this week during afternoon hours to hear open-air evangelist Cliffe Knechtle from Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, answer many questions people have about Christianity.

"I started open-air evangelism because I wanted to make it as easy as possible for people to seriously consider the claims of Jesus Christ," said Knechtle.

Knechtle, a graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, has worked 11 years for Inter-Varsity, particularly to college students. Last fall he visited more than eight college campuses, including Purdue University, Brown University, the University of Illinois and the University of Miami.

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He said that the open-air format gives people the opportunity to stop, listen for five-to-10 minutes and choose for themselves the ideas that are presented.

This week Knechtle will be speaking on campus Wednesday from 11-1 p.m. at the University Union, Thursday from 12-2 p.m. at the University Union, and Friday from 11-1 p.m. at Dexter Lawn.

These open-air talks are sponsored by Poly Christian Fellowship, an Inter-Varsity chapter on campus.

Students brave the elements to listen to evangelist Cliffe Knechtle speak Tuesday on Dexter Lawn.

These moral and ethical questions, the love for people, and Biblical truths motivate him to pursue open-air speaking. "This concern about people, created in the image of God, motivates me to introduce them to Christ," he said.

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Students brave the elements to listen to evangelist Cliffe Knechtle speak Tuesday on Dexter Lawn.

These moral and ethical questions, the love for people, and Biblical truths motivate him to pursue open-air speaking. "This concern about people, created in the image of God, motivates me to introduce them to Christ," he said.

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Professor remembered

Herbert Kabat: From the Navy, to shark fights, to 'Mr. Physics'

By Laura Daniels

It was one week ago today that physics professor Herbert R. Kabat died in his office of a heart attack. Kabat has been described as humorous, zestful, sociable, low key, serious, reasonable and understanding, to name just a few qualities. But who was he?

Born in the small town of Somerset, Penn., on June 25, 1917, Kabat grew up there and graduated from the town's high school in 1934. With the Depression still going strong, Kabat received an appointment to Annapolis Naval Academy.

"He enjoyed the Navy life," said Lillian Kabat, who taught English for four years at Cal Poly before marrying him in 1967. "He found it adventurous and exciting. But the war came very soon," she said, referring to his action in World War II. Kabat was involved in submarine warfare in his tours of the Atlantic and off the coast of Ireland.

Kabat's duty then changed to the Pacific. In October 1942, the Duncan Destroyer on which he was serving sank in flames during a battle near Guadalcanal.

"The men were forced to jump into the water," said Mrs. Kabat. "It was dark, and the men began to drift."

Then a shark came. Kabat fought the shark with his fists from dawn until the rescue ship came at noon. Kabat's naval career ended, and he bore the scars of the shark attacks on his legs and hands for the rest of his life. Kabat's story was so unique, it was included in the book "100 Best True Stories of WWII."

With his engineering training at Annapolis, Kabat worked at Rheem Manufacturing Co., designing water heaters and other heating units. He became interested in teaching, though, and earned his credential at Stanford University.

Kabat first taught at Pasadena City College. He became a Cal Poly professor in 1952. At that time, there were only 2,000 students here.

"It was here that physics became a great interest to him," said Mrs. Kabat. "He taught full time until 1983, and then taught part time during fall and winter quarters."

He attended many summer courses and a year's sabbatical to learn more about his field. Because of this, Kabat was able to introduce many of the advanced physics courses now offered at Cal Poly, including quantum physics.

"He called him 'Mr. Physics,'" said Mrs. Kabat. "He was conscientious," said his daughter Nora, 18, now a journalism freshman here. "He would spend hours correcting the exams, writing comments or trying to come up with the best questions (for a test)," she said. "He wanted to be fair." "He was a patient explainer," said his son Dan, 21, a graduate of Poly.

"He was generous to students and his family," said Mrs. Kabat. Kabat had a strong voice. "He said he learned how to project his voice on the Navy decks. It was a humorous thing," Mrs. Kabat said. "Once a student came to him to drop a class. When Mr. Kabat asked why, the student answered, 'I can't take a nap in your class.'"

Professor Emeritus Robert Frost, former chair of the physics department, came to Cal Poly one year after Kabat.

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Team defense was also a factor in Saturday’s win. The Mustangs held Los Angeles to just 31 percent shooting for the game and only 8-for-36 on field goals in the second half.

“We changed up defensively by going to a zone in the second half,” Orrock said. “We stopped them getting inside, which they did in the first half.”

By playing a zone, the Mustangs also protected senior forward Gina Cardinet, who had picked up three personal fouls in the first half. Cardinet led the Mustangs in scoring with 12 points.

Although the Mustangs seemed to handle CSULA with ease, Orrock said she remains concerned about her team’s level of concentration.

“We get a lead and then we relax; that happened in the first half,” Orrock said. “We need intensity all of the time; that did happen in the second half.”

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Naess was playing with a slightly torn Achilles tendon. “It’s really tender,” he said. “I can’t come down full speed and make a cut. I’m definitely learning how to play with it.”

The Golden Eagles caught the Mustangs flat-footed in the second half, quickly pulling out to a 41-37 lead.

Beason had seen enough. He called timeout.

“He (Beason) was just pissed off at us,” Simon Thomas said. “He wanted to let us know that if we didn’t start playing right then we were in trouble. It kind of got us fired up, and we took it from there.”

Colvin hit a 10-foot baseline jumper to tie the score at 41-41. The Mustangs never trailed again.

In desperation, the Golden Eagles started fouling near the end of the game, hoping the Mustangs would miss their foul shots. But they kept fouling Naess, who is shooting 80 percent from the free-throw line. Naess hit all four of his free throws to clinch an 82-72 victory over the Golden Eagles.

“I think we need a kick in the butt more often,” Naess said, referring to Beason’s timeout.

Simon Thomas believes the team will improve its play.

“I don’t think we’ve reached our peak at all yet,” he said. “We have a lot of potential on this team, and we can play a lot better than we’ve shown.”

On Friday night the Mustangs discovered Hank Gathers, star of Division I Loyola Marymount, has a brother. Derrick Gathers led Cal State Northridge to a 90-78 victory over the Mustangs. Gathers outscored everyone with 24 points.

“He played super,” Beason said. “We just couldn’t stop him.”

Simon Thomas sparks the Mustangs with 17 points.

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"back" kind of guy," said Frost. "A very jovial, friendly person." Kat and Frost became friends through contacts within the department, which at that time included all of the physical sciences.

"He was describing his students," said Frost, describing the time Kat and Frost decided he hadn't taught his students enough, so he set up extra class meetings so he could get through the material.

Kat also loved nature. He loved to cycle and became an avid hiker and walker.

"He knew all the creeks and hiking trails in the county," said Mrs. Kabat. "And he loved picnics."

"It was wonderful to take a walk with him in nature. He had respect for it. He bought his children hiking shoes as soon as the smallest size fit them. The highlight of the year was a very big backpacking trip in the summer, always to a new area of the western U.S."

"He was a great father," said Nora. "He was reasonable, and he wouldn't nag about little things."

"My dad was a patient father — not a strict father — and not critical," said Dan, who graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in physics and mathematics at the age of 19. Dan recalled a camping trip in the summer with his father. "He was a planner, but (his plans) never worked out. We were backpacking, and we brought some backpacking food for dinner, but somehow it didn't turn out," he said. "It looked more like soup than food."

"Dad was really looking forward to that dinner, so he put it in the creek overnight so it could congeal or something. I don't know," said Dan. "But the raccoons came."

And instead of trying to scare them away, "he woke up the kids so we could watch."

Nora chuckled as she remembered once having a disagreement with her mother over the clothes she was wearing to a classical concert. She said her father looked at her and remarked, "Brown pants, a blue top and a gray sweater. Does that match, Nora?"

"I changed," she said.

"It didn't bother Dan or Nora to have their father so close by, but I found him to be helpful with class selections and in explaining homework."

"He had a slight case of the stomach flu the day before he passed away," said Nora. "But he didn't want his class to get behind, so he went in the next day."

Kat was found in his office by his office mate, Professor Doug Warschauer, just before noon Jan. 10.

Kat was at one time the president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Professors, which has since merged with two other unions to form the present faculty union, the California Faculty Association (CFA).

"His ideal was peace," said Mrs. Kabat. "Whatever committee or boards or whatever he was on, he was always a stabilizing influence."

Kat cared strongly for his Jewish tradition. Very active at Congregation Beth David, he recently co-chaired Passage To Freedom, which raised $7,000-8,000 locally for Soviet Jews who have left the U.S.S.R. and are awaiting resettlement.

"We wanted to benefit and help others," said Dan.

"A good member of society — someone I would want to be remembered in this way," said Mrs. Kabat.

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DOWNTOWN SAN LUIS OBISPO
University pays $7,500 for storage trailers to protect staging from rust and warping

By Heather Dowling

Trailers are going to be used to protect the Cal Poly stage from the weather. The $85,000 stage, which is used for graduation and special events, was purchased last year. It is made of angled steel and eventually will rust from rain, even though the stage has a weather-type protection.

"This type of staging would be safe, for example, if we had an outdoor music festival and we had a light rain," said Roger Conway, executive director for Associated Students Inc. and the University Union. "It would not do any real serious damage.

On the other hand, however, Conway said if it was left to the weather, it would rust, corrode and eventually become worthless, he said. The weather conditions would cause more rust and corrosion, and the stage would have to be replaced, he said.

Conway said that the stage is already rusting, but the weather protection makes it much worse.

"We surveyed the staging in late November, early December," Conway added. "We found some damage on the stage and we're working on it right now."

The main advantage of the trailer is that the stage will not be continually loaded and unloaded, he said.

"We basically load the staging, get some storage, drive it wherever it is needed, and unload it," Conway added. "Now we are not handling it twice."

He said it will also reduce some labor costs.

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Incoming Cal Poly students continue to score high on SAT despite national drop

By David Holbrook

Despite nationwide declines, the reading and writing skills of incoming Cal Poly students have remained strong throughout the 1980s, with Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores actually rising as more applicants scramble for the few openings in impacted fields, said Cal Poly English professors Wednesday.

According to a study released by Secretary of Education Lauro F. Cavazos, elementary and high school students in 1988 scored as poorly or worse in reading and writing than their predecessors had in 1984. Only black and Latino pupils showed an increase in the latest study.

The study found that children born in the late 1960s and early 1970s, when more federal programs like Head Start existed, scored consistently higher than children born later. Many of those programs stayed in place for minority pupils and this may account for their gain, although their scores still fall behind white students.

But Cal Poly students have not shown the effects of what Cavazos called a "dreadfully inadequate" American educational system. "I really haven't noticed a dramatic change in the reading or writing ability of students," said Professor Habib Sheik, who teaches English 215. "There's always been that situation where there's the below average student, but we usually get the above average students."

That response was echoed by other English professors who have found no evidence that their students are having inordinate difficulty with their work. "We're getting much higher SAT's than we used to," said Mona G. Rosenman, chair of the English department. "But is there a decrease (in reading and writing skills) all over the United States? Yes, there probably is."

The improvement is due to the inability of California's colleges and universities to meet a rapidly growing student population, not a higher rate of qualified students statewide, said Rosenman. This trend should continue to bring a demand for a college education that will exceed the supply of available desks. Entrance requirements will then rise in response and colleges should continue to receive talented students, despite a decrease in the average reading and writing skills of American pupils.

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