Tight summer classrooms may be imminent

By Matthew Hoy
Staff Writer

With Cal Poly preparing to take a 7 percent budget cut in the 1993-94 fiscal year, summer quarter classes may be tougher than ever to get.

English classes look to be the most. Poly often sought after and hardest to get this summer because they are required general education courses. But English department head Brent Kestich says he is doing his best to change that.

In order to decide which classes to offer and how many sections to create, Kestich uses the previous year's enrollments as a guide.

"If I see that a lot of students are trying to get into a class, (then) I increase the number of sections of that class," he said.

Kestich said that there usually isn't a problem prioritizing major classes versus general education courses.

"A lot of our G.E. courses are also major classes," Kestich said. "We're offering only two classes that are exclusively for English majors this summer."

The budget cuts and decreasing enrollment have affected the English department.

Kestich said his department is offering eight fewer classes than last year and is down two faculty positions.

"We're planning on being able to teach about 1,650 students this summer," he said.

Officials at Cal Poly's registration office are expecting approximately 5,000 students to sign up for summer quarter — a decrease of several hundred from last year.

Administration officials are determining how to adjust to the decline in enrollment and funds.

"We give them a base budget and suggest what they might be prepared to do in terms of adjusting that budget," said Charles Crab, Cal Poly's interim associate vice-president for academic affairs.

"We're telling (the colleges) to be prepared to roll back 5 percent," Crab said.

In the event that the state requires a 7 percent budget cut, Crab said that the colleges would cut 5 percent and the additional 2 percent would come out of the Academic Program Recovery Fund.

The Academic Program Recovery Fund was created by last year's fee increases in order to defray the costs of future budget shortfalls.

Approximately one-third of last year's fee increase went into the fund, Crab said.

African-Americans feel misunderstood

By Silas Lyons
Staff Writer

Four African-American Cal Poly students sat around a table in the dorm lobby. Slowly, as stereotypes were dealt with and dispelled, deep hurts began to emerge. They spoke of culture, of school, of love, and of being upset by the way people treated them.

"When I first came here, I cried many nights because I was so upset by the way people treated me," said journalism junior Cecilia Hastings. "And I cried to my mom and I cried to my dad and I said, 'I think that they kept me in school because you guys have always happened to me.'"

Poly's African-American enrollment is just over 1 percent. Some members of that numerical minority say they feel the overwhelming white presence constantly. Too often, they add, it is anything but a positive one.

"Of course, they say, there are all the old stereotypes. "Black people can dance — all of them," said math freshman Terri McKinney, recounting some of the more common generalities.

"Everybody has just tremendous vocal chords, and all the black people know a hell of a lot of songs," she said.

Electrical engineering freshman Charles Smith added to the list. "We're all tough, don't mess with us.

And have a smaller portfolio.

"I'm more quality than quantity," he said. "I'd much rather be more happy with the few that I would have than unhappy with many."
State installs toll-free line to hear budget trimming ideas

Sacramento, Calif.

One caller suggested charging student drivers to park at school. Another proposed higher bridge tolls for lone motorists. Someone else came up with the idea of charging a fee to register firearms. Those are some of cost-cutting or revenue-raising ideas received by the Legislature since it set up a toll-free number last Sept. 1. More than 1,200 calls have been made to the number — 1-800-559-5918. Staffers found 105 proposals with enough merit to submit to Senate budget subcommittees for consideration, Senate leader David Roberts said Tuesday. If all 105 suggestions were adopted, they would generate up to $2 billion. A proposal to abolish the Legislature didn’t make the cut, Roberts added. “I did not like that one,” he said.

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Discrimination on campus depicted in skits
Series of Civil Rights Week plays depict prejudice

By Elaine S. Takemoto
Staff Writer

The problem of insensitivity and discrimination toward stu-
dents of color pervades the classroom, the campus and the com-
munity.

Based on personal experiences, Cal Poly students from
diverse majors and ethnic back-
grounds participated in a series of skits which delivered this mes-
mage Monday.

The first skit depicted a "typi-
col history 315" class in which
constrution management senior
Jessica Warner shared a class-
room experience that left her
angry and confused.

She questioned the instructor about photographs that depicted
human victims of the Holocaust and the greeting remained of
Hiroshima after the U.S.
dropped the first atomic bomb.

"The picture of the atomic
bom only showed the destruc-
"tion of the building, almost as
if there were no human lives in-
volved at all," Warner said.

The instructor responded by
pointing out that while the
Holocaust was a German
atomy, the atomic bom was a
brand-new technological innova-
tion.

Warner, who is a Japanese-
American, has many family
members in Nagasaki City who
were there when the bom was
dropped.

"They were first-hand wit-
tnesses to the human tragedy," she said. "I've certainly seen
and heard far more about this tragedy than my history books
will ever show me.

Speech communication senior
Jerry Burge shared another
scenario he experienced in El
Corral Bookstore.

An African-American, Burge
was followed throughout the
store by a suspicious security
guard. He then waited at the
counter for assistance while
the clerk chatted with a friend.

After Burge twice demanded
attention, the clerk offered assis-
tance. And when directed to the
section he was looking for, a
woman literally pushed her way
in front of him to search for a
book.

"The problem here is
that...students of color are
treated as the invisible man or
woman," Burge said.

"It's not uncommon to be ig-
nored...they just don't want to
deal with you," he said.

"In El Corral, the next time it
happens to me, I'm going to
make a formal complaint," he
said.

The skits are part of a larger
presentation that Week Of Wel-
come counselors use in their full
orientation for incoming stu-
dents.

Human development senior
Janet Boynton presented a
similar series of campus ex-
periences to faculty last year, but
she said the only faculty that
showed up were those who were
already concerned.

"We offered to do it for all
county faculty its their full con-
ference," Boynton said. "They
close to have someone from out-
side the university come and lec-
ture instead of listening to the
students," she said.

From page 1
with us," he said, shaking his
head.

Intimidation really isn't his
thing, he said. A Los Angeles na-
tive, Smith said he took unneces-
sary French and Spanish classes
in elementary school to stay off
the streets.

Especially offensive are stereotyp-es that African-
American women are promis-
cuous.

"People think that we are
loose because we like to wear
clothes that accentuate what lit-
tle bit of positivity we have," said
American journalist Miron David-
son. "And that's in our culture.
That's one thing white people
can't realize and which is why
white men continue to carry the
tereotype that black
women are loose and sexually
available.

"All of a sudden we are con-
sidered to be dirty, or better yet,
(they think). That's the way they
act so we can treat them any way,
Smith laughed at the com-
ment.

"That stereotype about black
women being loose? I know that's
not true," he said.

"I can be the coolest person up
in this dorm behind closed doors,
... but as soon as I see him
maybe walking across the
Sandwich Plant, no one speaks.
It's like: 'Why aren't you speak-
ing to me? You speak to me in the
dorms, why can't you speak to
me outside? And I know you
know me.'

"That support is not here. Up
there, it's like: 'Oh man, did I do
that?'

"Since I came here, there's been
so many people who just
left, checked out," he said. "They're
going to a black college,
where they can feel supported.
That support is not here. Up
here, you walk into a classroom
and (all you see is) a white
 teacher and white students.

STUDENTS

We've got C.L.A.S.S.*
Mustang Village

Now Accepting Applications
for Peer Directors to
develop our new
Community Life and Services Staff.

Applications can be picked up the Mustang Village Office
between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Applicant must be a current student of
Cal Poly or Cuesta College.

All applications must be submitted no later than
Friday, May 21, 1993 at 5 p.m.

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CIVIL RIGHTS
AWAKENING WEEK

MAY

- "Racism in America" — Racism as a system as it prevails in the
western world. Lockey Geoghegan is Assistance Director of
Student Life and Activities at Cal Poly.

(12-112-2 a.m.)

- "HEV and AIDS" — A presentation by Roy Haller on the civil rights aspects of
the school.

(12-112-2 p.m.)

- "The Papers of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr." — A book review for Books at
High Noon. Ursula Bishop will speak about this book which includes
many of King's letters, speeches and sermons.

Staff Dining Room "B" 12-1 p.m.

- "Homosexual/Bisexual in a Heterosexual World" — A small group of gays,
lesbians and bisexuals discuss issues of sexuality and civil rights.

(12-112-2 p.m.)

- "Social Turmoil: Riot or Rebellion?" — A talk by Donチェック reflecting on
civil rights in the United States after the Rodney King beating verdict.

(12-112-1 p.m.)

- "Catch the Vision" — Abdul Ausin, counselor at the Al Wooten Jr. Heritage
Center in South Central Los Angeles, on the work of the center.

(12-112-1 p.m.)

- "Quiet Anger: The Riot Next Time" — A talk by Don Ausin about nonconsonating racism. Ursula Bishop psychology at Cal Poly.

(12-112-2 p.m.)

- "Last Stand at Little Bighorn" — A revisional documentary on the battle of
Little Bighorn.

Donation $1. Palm Theater 817 Palm Ave. 7-5 p.m.

STUDENT PROGRAMS

CIVIL RIGHTS WEEK PRESENTATION SERIES

VS. VANCOUVER

A presentation by Ray!latter on the civil rights aspects.

- "Racism in America"

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- "The Last Stand at Little Bighorn"
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Christians are attempting to gain a special status in this country of ours. They are trying to claim that the United States is a Christian country, founded upon biblical principles. The Founding Fathers were all God-fearing Christians, and they sought to bring this Christian country to the way they wanted it. This claim has been repeated ad nauseam, and the nation has grown used to it.

But they are wrong. Several of the Founding Fathers, like Jefferson, Franklin, Paine and Madison, were deists, not Christians. The government of the United States is not in any sense founded on the Christian religion. They seem so in the Constitution, in the Bill of Rights, in the First Amendment isn’t only for freedom of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, but religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. It has been interpreted by some to mean that government can’t interfere with religion, but religion can interfere with government. It has even been interpreted that Thomas Jefferson clearly says that it’s meant to be a one-way wall. As I’ve shown above, the interference is one way only, and what does Tim have to say about church messing with state?

“My belief, I believe, furnishes no example of a priest-ridden people maintaining a free civil government. This marks the lowest grade of ignorance, one in which their political as well as religious leaders will always avail themselves for their own purposes” (Thomas Jefferson, to Baron von Humboldt, 1813).

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A little history

By Seth Kroger

We are completely free to believe in whatever religion we want, or even none if we choose.

We recently house, titled “The Age of Reason”. Jefferson said, concerning Christianity: “I have recently been examining all the known superstitions of the world, and do not find in our particular superstition (Christianity) one redeeming feature. They are all alike, founded on fables and胡说八道.”

The people who founded this nation realized that mixing religion and government can have disastrous consequences. They didn’t find a Christian nation or a nation that belonged to any religion. There’s the Treaty of Tripoli, quoted above, which counts as part of the law of the land. In the Constitution, there is no mention of God or Christian references. The Bill of Rights mentions religion twice, both times negatively. Article VI stipulates that “no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States.”

Then there is the First Amendment, which, as a blanket prohibition against any “law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,” is a major landmark in the history of governments. We are completely free to believe in whatever religion we want, or even believe in nothing if we choose.

This freedom does carry a very small price. Neither church nor state may get involved with each other. What happens when a religion get involved with the state? They usually lobby the government to put some religious principle of theirs into law, or to endorse their religion to the public somehow. Let’s take school prayer for example. They want the government to set aside the time in schools for kids to pray. Our Founding Fathers were lobbying the government to specifically punish any of those religious practices. If they influence the government to do this, it would offend people with contrary beliefs, those who don’t have any religion, or those in religion that don’t pray, or that pray at times other than that set aside. Not to mention the fact that school kids already have the right to pray on their own if they like. They have successfully gotten the state to dabble in religion, which is what the First Amendment is supposed to stop (mind you, lobbying the government is legal; it’s just unconstitu­tional to succeed).

Some people try to get around that by claiming that isn’t what the separation of church and state means. It has been interpreted by some mean that government can’t interfere with religion, but religion can interfere with government. It has even been interpreted that Thomas Jefferson clearly says that it’s meant to be a one-way wall. As I’ve shown above, the interference is one way only, and what does Tim have to say about church messing with state?

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For all Cal Poly students who hail from places north, there sits a certain automobile Venus Flytrap 100 or so miles from here. There are no hairpins, dips or dives, unlike so miles from here. Instead, the terrain here is mostly flatland. Railroad tracks parallel the roadway. Oil well pumps bob sleepily in the distance. Endless rows of produce sprout bleakly into a distant horizon. You are not likely to find yourself stopped here unless you have an itch for fast food or are in dire need of a restroom.

Though temptations loom large to heat a quick path through this fertile crescent, both legend and truth warn against it. For King City, nondescript and selfsame as it may be, is home to one of the fiercest and hardest-working California Highway Patrol traffic divisions anywhere. And if you don't think you can drive at 75, the 19 officers waiting patiently in the north have this news: They've got tickets plenty of tickets waiting for you with your name on them. Those who wear the badge and gun near this town of 8,307 are well aware that nearby college students have made them into almost folklore deputys of the journey home. It's an image several in the squadroom seem to take pride in - sloping curves and tempting straightaways, it is that seemingly innocuous portion of Highway 101 near King City which cries out to be taken in a hurry. Take the case of the silver Volkswagen Jetta of Officer Rod Akin, who estimated, to pull over violators because speeding is a lopsided kind of sport, if you're in King City, you're in King City. You've got a lot of them around. There is a false sense of security that it's safe. "We're small," he says of his crew. "But we sting hard." Hard and often. Davies' officers write literally hundreds of tickets per week, and Cal Poly Mustangs (along with students from other universities) corner a fair share of them. No official records show the exact number of students they snag, but numbers would likely be staggering. Last Friday, the unit cited at least seven Cal Poly students within just a few hours. And from dawn until 11 a.m. Saturday, they had nailed three more. "We get a lot from Cal Poly," one officer said simply. "A lot." Akin continued. "And when they heard I transmitted their story, they said: 'Oh man, you're in King City.'"

"A lot of the guys I grew up with went to college in Sonoma and we knew that the people there were, you know, they lie," Akin says. "People lie to us 99 percent of the time." Akin stopped Friday after the plane clocked him at 77 miles per hour. The excuse? "Rushing to a bathroom." Unlikely, Akin thought, since the student had fresh King City CHP Officer Bob Davies, who commands the squad, things are different. "If they're truthful, they're going to get a lot more breaks from us," Davies says. "If they're not, you just do it as an officer. You can't develop a bad attitude about people because of the way they act."

Perhaps that alludes to the subtle, underlying seriousness which many King City officers bring to their job. Despite a love of the chase, officers say they've got tickets for up to 60 miles per hour when the driver's reasoning was compelling and their demeanor polite. All agree Whatever you do, just don't lie to an officer. "If they're truthful, they're going to get a lot more breaks from us," Akin says. "People lie to us 99 percent of the time."
Trial date set for accused rapist

By Gabe Joynt
Staff Writer

A trial date was set Monday for the man police believe attempted to rape a Cal Poly student last December.
Superior Court Judge Christopher G. Money set June 29 as Michael Charles Simon's trial date. A pretrial conference will be held June 24.
Simon faces assault and attempted rape charges in a December 12 incident. Simon allegedly tried to rape a Cal Poly student after she found him sleeping in her car and offered him a ride home.
Simon also faces charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm and of receiving stolen property.
Simon will continue to be held in San Luis Obispo County Jail in lieu of $250,000 bail.

Mustang Daily is asking YOU to participate in the Mustang Choice Awards. Fill out YOUR ballot and turn it into the box at the UU Information Desk or the Mustang Daily office in room 226 in the Graphic Arts Building. All entries must be received by Friday, May 14 at 3:00. Results will appear in the Poly Royal Edition on May 20.
"I'd better get on the road before you guys," And Akin, without missing a beat, without turning around, sends it back down the road to the man.

"We've got others out there, you know," he says.

• Mustang Daily News Editor John Hubbell and photographer Steven J. Mueller were given un­
access to the King City Highway Patrol last week — a privilege for which they are grateful.

They'll both be keeping a copy of this story under their seat for a good while, and staying out of small airplanes.

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CSM

From page 5

beard. Wear your seat-belt. Don't

drink and drive. Be careful.

Just weeks ago, the King City
Division lost an officer in a hor­
rible, slick-asphalt traffic acci­
dent on State Route 188, which
passes under Highway 101. The
patrolman was a good friend to
them, and the death is taking its
toll. Akin still wears a thin, black
badge over his badge. There is
open concern for a widowed wife;

otherwise upbeat truckstop con­
aversation, "It's still pretty hard; and
friends turns unexpectedly to "the acci­
dent," the mood becomes at once

Remember - One time is never enough.

Read MUSTANG DAILY at least twice.
Climbers take to wall for homeless

By Deanna Wulff
Staff Writer

Students rock climb for fun, for adventure and for the challenge. But soon, Cal Poly students will be climbing for the homeless in the Escape Route's third annual Climbathon.

The Climbathon is a 60-hour climbing wall extravaganza that features continuous climbing, competitions, games and raffles. It takes place today through Friday at the climbing wall near the University Union.

All proceeds go to the San Luis Obispo Salvation Army's fund for the homeless. Any student can participate in the Climbathon.

"It is a good way to get involved in the climbing wall," said Jeff Kirby, a mechanical engineering junior. "It helps teach you to be a stress free person."

In addition to climbing, the event will feature an advanced climbing competition on Thursday at 4 p.m. The climbers will compete on designated routes that will vary in difficulty and length.

Anyone can enter, but most of the climbers will be very skilled. "The climbing will be intense," said Paul Hatalsky, the climbing wall's manager and a mechanical engineering junior. "Some of the people have been climbing for 15 years."

Everyone who competes will be entered in an equipment raffle. The cost is $5 and sign-ups are in the Escape Route in the University Union.

A raffle will occur throughout the Climbathon and will feature prizes ranging from parkas to Teva sandals to the grand prize of a $460 Moss Tent.

If students miss the Climbathon, there are other opportunities to learn to climb and use the climbing wall.

The Escape Route organizes three to four climbing trips a quarter, usually to Bishop's Peak or the Pinnacles National Park. And, the climbing wall is open almost everyday.

"The wall is a great place to start climbing," Hatalsky said. 

"Climbing might cost you $80 to $90 at a mountaineering company, but at the Escape Route it only costs about $5, including shoes."

Added architecture freshman Ben Korman: "Climbing is fun, technically and mentally stimulating. It is addictive."