Students take more class units

Heavier loads make up for drop in enrollment

By Mike Munson
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Cal Poly students are taking more classes this quarter than at any time in the past decade.

Increased course offerings combined with lower-than-expected enrollment allowed students to register for an average of 13.92 units in Fall 1999.

The increased average, 1.15 units for undergraduates only, continues a steady trend over the past several years.

An $8 million increase in the school’s $441.7 million base budget for 1998-1999 allowed more class sections to be offered. About 130 more classes were open to students at registration this year than in Fall 1997.

Less competition for classes also helped to boost the unit average. There are 800 fewer students enrolled this quarter than the university targeted — more than 420 less than Fall 1997. Cal Poly anticipated a head count of 16,586 students, but only 16,296 are enrolled.

According to Linda Dalton, vice provost for institutional planning, the lower head count is partially due to a conscious choice to decrease enrollment. She said the university is trying to better match resources with students.

Dalton said the decreased enrollment was also due to fewer returning students than expected. She said the university would like to be more precise in its predictions, but pointed out that actual enrollment numbers are within 2 percent of the target.

“It is really hard to predict human behavior,” Dalton said. She said incoming student numbers did not contribute to the lower head count.

Marie Agnoli, a computer science senior, said decreased enrollment sounds bad for the university at

Microsoft brokers deal with CSU, Poly

Students may have access to popular software like Office 98 for a nominal fee

By Steve Noone
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Microsoft products currently costing hundreds of dollars may be available for free under a sweeping license agreement with the California State University system.

Officials are advising the Cal Poly community to hold Microsoft purchases until the deal goes through next month.

According to Craig Schultz, interim director of User Support Services for campus Information Technology Services, students, staff and faculty can expect a dramatic price reduction on some of Microsoft’s top software products as a result of the agreement.

In a memo sent out Nov. 25, Schultz wrote: “We would STRONGLY encourage placing a ‘hold’ on current Microsoft purchases until the contract is finalized. The cost savings to your college, department, or division may be significant!”

Jerry Hanley, vice provost and chief information officer for ITS, said 180,000 licenses will be available to CSU students under the agreement as well, and students may only be required to pay a nominal administrative fee for a CD-ROM with copies of all the latest Microsoft programs.

Hanley said the Microsoft System.

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Monologues opening today tackle movies of the 1980s

By Heather Hershman
Mustang Daily

In an era where films focus on the negative aspects of the teenage generation — drugs, violence, and malicious behavior — one Cal Poly student asks the question, “Whatever Happened to John Hughes?”

A theater performance running this week at Cal Poly tackles the lack of an inspirational film director like Hughes in today’s movies.

Math junior Mark Sitko created a monologue festival to help fill the void left after Hughes stopped making such films as “The Breakfast Club,” “Pretty in Pink,” “Some Kind of Wonderful,” and “Sixteen Candles.”

“I feel that in today’s media of movies we don’t have anybody like John Hughes,” said Sitko, director of this year’s monologue festival.

Sitko compiled 26 separate monologues from 25 different authors, including himself, and managed to make them all relate to each other.

“The only thing I changed was the names and the cities to make them tie together,” he said.

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ACCESS: Microsoft nears a system-wide deal with the California State University to provide some 180,000 licenses to its software for students, faculty and staff.

By Eric McClure
Mustang Daily

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Less than 100 miles away, the launching pad for this project is San Francisco State University. There, a project manager is on the job with his team of engineers. The project involves the installation of a new network infrastructure for the SFSU campus. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

This initiative is part of a larger effort by the California State University system to upgrade its technology infrastructure. Similar projects are underway at other campuses across the state, with the goal of providing students and faculty with the tools they need to succeed in the digital age.

Microsoft, as a leading provider of technology solutions, has been working closely with the California State University system to ensure that these projects are successful. The company is providing technical support, training, and resources to help ensure that the new networks are robust and reliable.

The success of these initiatives is crucial not only for the students and faculty at these campuses, but also for the state as a whole. By investing in technology, California is positioning itself as a leader in the digital economy, and ensuring that its citizens have access to the tools they need to thrive.

In addition to the larger projects, Microsoft is also working with individual campuses to help them meet their unique needs. This includes everything from helping to configure new networks to providing training for faculty and staff on how to use the technology effectively.

Overall, the projects underway at San Francisco State University and across the California State University system are key components of the state's efforts to stay competitive in the digital age. By investing in technology, California is ensuring that its citizens have the tools they need to succeed, and that its campuses are prepared to meet the challenges of the future.
Student worries perfect SAT score will baffle prospective colleges

Calabasas High student hopes to enter medical field with 800 math, 800 verbal

CALABASAS (AP) — Most high school students worry about their SAT scores being high enough to impress college admissions officials. For 17-year-old Yashih Wu, worries whether hers is too high to believe.

The Calabasas High School senior scored a perfect 800 in verbal and 800 in math on the standardized Scholastic Aptitude Test.

"I'm still nervous," Wu said. "It looks like you made a mistake," her college counselor said.

The overachieving student is no stranger to perfect scores. Her scores in the subject-specific SAT II tests in chemistry, advanced math and English writing were 800, 800 and 800. She scored a near perfect number of 770 on the history SAT II test and a 750 in biology.

"Grades and test scores aren't that important," Wu said. "I'm really proud that I did get these scores. It's not an end in itself," she said. "Now I just have to worry about college applications," she said. "I'm still nervous."

SherylBurnum, the school's college counselor, said the only concern is that the numbers will give university officials pause.

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Hoping to enter the medical field, she is applying to nine universities, including elite private institutions like Harvard, Northwestern, Princeton and Yale.

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Hey bright and savvy Cal Poly students...
Hit them where it hurts

For those of you that smoke, you have noticed a severe price change in the purchase of cigarettes. Prices skyrocketed on the last few days from roughly $2.50 to upwards of $3.10. What caused this change, you might ask. The new cigarette tax wasn’t supposed to take effect until 1999, right?

In anticipation of this price hike the tobacco companies have made a needed shift in the cost of cigarettes to compensate for the price hike mandated by the passage of Proposition 10, a bill sponsored by movie producer Rob Reiner and his Hollywood friends. Their efforts are aimed at reducing all smoking, primarily, of course, by those notoriously irresponsible teenagers. It is, in fact, difficult to examine the premise from which Reiner and his Proposition 10 campaigners are operating. Apparently, they believe that smoking is a menace to society, a dangerous act which must be gradually decreased until it is hopefully extinct. The way to do this is to raise the price, people, after all, make most of their decisions based on their pocketbooks. And if you hit the smokers out there where it hurts, they might just quit smoking.

So we know what this new excise tax is out to accomplish, and we know that, as with any specific excise tax, the increase in the price of cigarettes in California millions, if not billions, of dollars a year.

One might then begin to question the principles behind such a form of taxation. In a society where the invisible hand of capitalism is designed to guide economic trends and the consumer’s wishes are the measuring stick which various supply and demand forces are operating to determine the amount and price of their product, why does the government feel the need to tax goods the consumers want? And in this case, why should I, an umbrella supplier, be a good high demand consumer? Why has a law been passed that will work directly against the capitalist machine? Isn’t the theory of capitalism been put to the test in our nation? It has served us well, most people would agree. If consumers wish to have a product, they should be able to obtain it at a price they are willing to pay and the supplier is willing to sell it for.

Believe me, there are plenty of products in the marketplace right now that aren’t particularly good for you, from cheeseburgers to Snickers. Our economy produces plenty of goods that can affect your health. It is true that cigarettes are addictive—they can cause cancer and a variety of other nasty things—but since we live in a society where we can purchase anything we want, from a pet rock to a bala hoop, freedom demands that we be able to purchase cigarettes at our own risk, as we purchase fast cars and arrhythmia-causing meals at our own risk. The government has no place in assessing our personal risk in the marketplace, as long as we are not injuring others. Raising the price of cigarettes isn’t going to reduce smoking, it is only going to financially damage those citizens who, of their own free will, choose to smoke.

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No more Mr. nice guy

The time for talking with Iraq is over, now is the time for force. Unfortunately, it seems violence is the only argument that Saddam Hussein will listen to.

Time and time again, Hussein continues to flaunt the authority of the United Nations and the United States. Sanctions don't deter him, conditions of signed treaties are meaningless and talking is met with replies stating how the West is at fault for every problem that occurs.

All the while he manipulates his chemical and nuclear projects to a location where inspectors are less likely to stumble onto them. Why else would he bring the wrath of powerful nations upon his country? Are the U.N. inspectors about to find something? OK, let's throw them out for as long as we can, so we can hide the evidence better, he might think. And just before the U.S. is about to snap, we'll let them back in.

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In all likelihood, Hussein is just buying time so he can move his chemical and nuclear projects to a location where inspectors are less likely to stumble onto them. Why else would he bring the wrath of powerful nations upon his country? Are the U.N. inspectors about to find something? OK, let's throw them out for as long as we can, so we can hide the evidence better, he might think. And just before the U.S. is about to snap, we'll let them back in.

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Hussein has had his chance. The games that Iraq is playing with the world have got to stop.

Chris Hoffman is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.
I can understand some of the frustration of players and coaches after having a disappointing season.

— Andy Ludwig

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season averaging 360.8 yards on offense. Two-hundred of those yards were gained via the rushing game.

Tripp's tenure was the longest of any current coach on the football staff.

Under Tripp's guidance, the Mustangs excelled in several defensive categories.

During the 1994 season, Cal Poly led the American West Conference with 360 total yards per game and also broke 11 offensive records.

In 1995, the Mustangs were ranked No. 2 nationally in total offense as the team averaged 37.2 points per game, 7th best in the nation for Division I-AA.

In 1997, the success of the offense continued as the team was again ranked 7th in yards per game (424.9) and had two running backs (Antonio Warren and Craig Young) rush for over 1,000 yards.

Doug Lichtenberger, current assis­tant offensive line coach, was a two­time I-AA Independent selection as a center under Tripp.

Before Tripp, 49, came to Cal Poly he coached Canyon Del Oro High School under Tripp after only one season. He became the third offensive coordinator to leave Cal Poly in three years.

Arriving at Cal Poly, he served as quarterbacks coach at Boise State University.

Moropoulos is a graduate of Santa Barbara High School (1977) and received his Master's Degree in Education from the University of Arizona in 1988.

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — If he could, Mark O'Meara would never let 1998 end.

The Masters and British Open champion, who earned a career-high $1.34 million with a victory in the Skins Game, said O'Meara, who had a two-day, 18-hole total of 1-over 72.

Instead, he dropped down cross­legged on the ninth green and waited as Tom Lehman, Fred Couples and Greg Norman continued a Skins record six-hole playoff.

Defending champion Lehman birdied the par-4, 400-yard 10th hole with a 4-iron to win two skins and $270,000 over Couples, whose birdie attempt curved around the cup.

"It seemed like it took forever," Lehman said. "Freddie had four putts to win, and couldn't get it in the hole. That kind of thing wears on you.

Lehman finished second with seven skins and $420,000, also better­ring Zoeller's record. Couples was third with three skins and $150,000.

Norman, playing his second event since missing seven months because of shoulder surgery, was blanked both days.

Norman was eliminated on the third playoff hole. His second shot on No. 9 landed in water to the right of the green. He took a drop and hit his fourth shot within 30 feet of the hole, but missed the par putt.

That left Lehman and Couples in a match-play duel.

Couples, the career Skins leader with $1.54 million and 41 skins, missed four birdie putts that would have won the playoff. The first three putts slid by the hole, and the fourth, a 12-foot breaker, curved high around the cup.

"It's a big mind game," Lehman said. "Freddie had four putts to win, and couldn't get it in the hole. That kind of thing wears on you.

Lehman said his 4-iron to tie Couples' single-hole money record. Couples also won $270,000 in 1995 on the fifth extra hole.

Lehman completed a two-day, 18­hole total of 63 on the par-71 course. He was 1-under in the play­off. He shot a 61 in winning last year's event.

"I will always remember the players that I coached and who graduated. I still keep in touch with several of my former play­ers."

Offensive coordinator Craig Moropoulos was released the same day as Tripp after only one season.

He became the third offensive coordinator to leave Cal Poly in three years.
Women's basketball defeats Air Force in consolation game

Clark was obligated to finish out the season of time," Thrailkill said.

Clark held a similar position for the franchise but Tagliabue ruled

Thrailkill offered Clark a contract of time," Thrailkill said.

Clark to leave, a deal that was also

Niners exec Cleveland-bound

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — Dwight Clark is about to join a new team.

After 19 years with San Francisco, including the past 10 in the front

offices, Clark was expected to take a job with the expansion Cleveland

Brownies, where he'll be mentored with former 49ers president Carmen Policy.

Clark, who made "The Catch" that propelled San Francisco to the first of

four Super Bowls, was expected to be formally announced as the head of

football operations for the new Browns on Monday.

Clark held a similar position for the 49ers the last four years but he's best

known for the leaping touchdown catch that beat Dallas in the NFC

championship game following the 1981 season.

Clark, a friend of exiled 49ers owner Eddie DeBartolo but also closely

aligned with Policy, had been

working without a contract.

Clark and Policy denied the tampering allegations but Tagliabue ruled

that he wanted — the 49ers

two weeks ago but it didn't include

the promotion he wanted — the 49ers

team presidency — and he rejected it.

Over the weekend, the Browns and

49ers came to an agreement allowing

Clark to leave, a deal that was also approved by the NFL.

Under the plan, the Browns have agreed they won't hire any more cur-

rent employees of the 49ers — exclud-

ing players — through the 1999 sea-

son.

"The best thing to do for us simply was to have an embargo for this peri-

od of time," Thrailkill said.

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The Mustangs defeated Air Force Saturday 78-64 in the consolation game of the Lady Tackle Car Game Classic at Montana State.

The Mustangs lost the first two games of the tournament. They lost the opening game 77-66 to Montana. They also lost their second game to Siena, 85-66.

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Mustangs shoot poorly in blowout

By Jose Garcia

Mustang Daily

A group of senior football players have decided to come forward and voice their concerns regarding the future of the football program with head coach Larry Welsh at the helm.

Welsh just completed his second season with the Mustangs.

The players are hoping to meet with Athletic Director John McCutcheon today to address certain issues that they didn't want to go on record with until after talking with McCutcheon.

“We have a genuine concern in the direction the football program is headed with coach Welsh,” said senior tight end and6, and starting quarterback Chad Henry. “His biggest downfall is his communication with his players and just what he wants his players to know.”

— Chad Henry senior quarterback

Football seniors hope to meet with McCutcheon about direction of program

WITH AUTHORITY: Sophomore Chris Bjorklund led the Mustangs with 20 points in their loss at Portland State.

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There's no place like home, especially for the Cal Poly men's basketball team.

The Mustangs (12-2) have had trouble winning road games in the past and their troubles continued Saturday with a 103-64 loss to Portland State (4-3). For the Mustangs, it was their second road loss of the year. The first one was a 114-121 loss to Fresno State.

Cal Poly also struggled last season on the road. They were 3-12 out of town and won 11-4 in Mont Gym.

The Mustangs, who depend heavily on their 3-point shooting, missed their first 10 attempts from behind the arc. They made only three of 32 3-pointers from behind the arc in the game.

The Mustangs didn't shoot well inside the arc either. They shot a miserable 22 percent in the first half and just 34 percent for the game. The Vikings on the other hand, shot 57 percent in the first half and 51 percent in the second.

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Mustangs shoot poorly in blowout

The Mustangs played a lot stronger Monday, Nov. 23, when they stopped Sacramento State 60-56.

The Mustangs played great defense, especially in the first half. They held Sacramento State to 17 points in the first half, the fewest they've allowed since moving to Division I. They also forced 19 turnovers in the game.

Bjorklund led the Mustangs with 24 points. He also had eight rebounds and three assists.

Wozmik had 18 points while senior Ben Larson finished the game with five steals.

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Assistant football coaches fired

By Jose Garcia

Mustang Daily

A decade long trip is finally over for Bill Trapp.

The offensive line coach was released from his duties last week by head coach Larry Welsh. He was hired in 1988 by Luke Savage and also coached for Andre Patterson.

"Coach Welsh just decided to see FIRED, page 6