Students take more class units

Heavier loads make up for drop in enrollment

By Mike Munson

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 1998.

The increased average, 14.13 units for undergraduates only, continues a steady trend over the past several years.

An $8 million increase in the school's $141.7 million base budget for 1998-1999 allowed more class sections to be offered. About 150 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 80 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.

Maria Agnello, a computer science senior, said decreased enrollment sounds bad for the university if it means fewer returning students than expected. But she said it is part of the trend over the past several years.

Microsoft brokers deal with CSU, Poly

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

By Steve Noone

Microsoft products currently costing hundreds of dollars may be available for free under a sweeping 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 Harley, 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.

Harley said the Microsoft System.

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Vietnamese commencement exercises for Microsoft Front Page, 3,000-

configuration. "We do deals like this all the time outside of the technology industry," he said. "Take energy for example, we have an agreement with the (University of California) system to use the windows software, and that saves us millions." "Under the agreement with Microsoft you can still buy whatever software you want — that'll just be cheaper," he said.

CSU students are eligible for 180,000 desktop licenses under the agreement, but a method of distribution hasn't yet been determined. Hanley said that CD-ROMs may be made available at El Camo for an administrative fee of "about $15," and that registration will be required at the time of purchase. But after that, "(the students) will own and can use the software forever," he said.

Full-time faculty and staff members will have the "Standard Desktop Configuration" installed on their computers, but allowing part-time employees to install the software on their home is still under consideration. Hanley said that the potential $10 million price tag of the contract must be figured into the CSU system's budget before agreements can be finalized.

"Part of the issue is how we pay for it in the second, third and fourth years," he said. That has not been determined yet.

According to Swisher, agreements and partnerships between state educational systems and private industry have also prompted debates over the commercializing of university education, but he maintains that this agreement will he a landmark for the future. "If you talk to higher ed leaders they'll tell you we're struggling to find funding for everything we need," he said. "This is a way that helps us — that's a good thing. We need to be careful to provide quality products and services without compromising anything else — but we do that.

"Regardless of sponsorships, partnerships, or other purchasing deals, the curriculum will always be up to the professors," he said.

"It's an extreme dynamic which is what I like. ... It's a milestone character for me. I never have done a more intense or in-depth character as 'Michael.'" — Ned Schuft

"Michael" in monologue festival

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The Campus Market is a popular gathering spot during the winter season. Some items can't be found in other stores. This is a great place to find San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly products. Gil Scott, who runs the campus market, said, "We try to do something every quarter," Scott said. "It took a few years to prepare for the show. We spent two quarters reading monologues and formulating the script and working with the actors." "Whatever Happened to John Wayne?" is the fourth annual monologue festival put on by Alpha Pi Omega, Cal Poly's communication club. "We try to do something every quarter," Scott said. "The show will run today, Tuesday, and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in building 45, room 212. Tickets cost $5 at the door.

"My characters are always a little ashamed and proud of our past, unhumbled and content with our present, and scared and excited for our future," said Bob Cushing, a Campus Market clerk.

"I love the fact that it's an original show, and I don't think we'll ever do anything else — but we do that." — Ned Schuft

"Michael" in monologue festival

Packaged with the Cal Poly Touch

Pick it out, stuff it in, and package it up real nice. That's what Campus Market employees do for the grand opening during a gift basket worth $100.

The winner of that drawing, Ryan Pittman, got to enjoy Cal Poly products such as jellies, jams, pro-

duce, and school supplies. Other necessities such as a DORM CR and bathmat added to the usefulness of the basket while Martinelli's sparkling cider brought a celebratory element to the prize. While this basket happened to be a prize, the Campus Market does regularly carry gift boxes with the Cal Poly Logo stamped on the side. Campus

Mananger, Mike Merrell says the crates come from a woodworker in California and each box is filled with Cal Poly-colored stuffing and Cal Poly products like jams and spreads with names such as Cranberry Orange Spread, Orange Marmalade, and Oliallberry jam.

"The most popular (gift box) is anything that has Oliallberry jam in it," Bob Cushing, a Campus Market supervisor, said.

Other gift boxes include such things as Cal Poly wine glasses, Martinelli's Sparkling Ciders, Costa Rica coffee and the Campus Market commuter mug.

Cushing says some gift boxes are shipped as far away as Alaska and Hawaii.

For those looking for holiday gift ideas for family and friends back home, the Cal Poly Food Science and Nutrition Department cooks up products that can't be found in stores back home. Some items include Cal Poly BBQ sauce, apple butter, and Kiwi Spread.

If you want to bring a little of the Central Coast to your house, The Campus Market also sells produc-

es from around the county. Frank's Famous Hotdogs on California Boulevard has its famous mus-
tards on the shelves. Cal Rey's Salsa Fresca from Templeton and Allocco's California Dill and Garlic Mustard from Cambria are both Market items.

Then of course, there are the school supplies such as folders, notepads, binders and pencils all displaying the Cal Poly logo. These are nailed down at the desk items and stockling stuffers.

Regardless of whether you're looking for gifts or just a new item to add to your collection, The Campus Market is filled with possibilities.

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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 their SAT scores are high enough to impress college admissions officials — 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.

"We're doing things right, despite the funding challenges." — Rick Ramirez, vice president for finance

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

"It looks like you made a mistake," Burnett said.

The overarching 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.

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

"Grades and test scores aren't that important. 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."
Hit them where it hurts

For those of you that smoke, you have noticed a severe price change in the price of cigarettes. Prices skyrocketed over 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 not necessary, I think, 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, with any specific excise tax, it will hit the strata which, in this case, is smokers in California millions, if not billions, of dollars a year. One might then begin to question the principles behind such a form of taxation. Is it fair? Does it make a needed shift in the cost of cigarettes to smokers out there where it hurts, they might just quit smoking. Is it fair? Does it not injure others? Raising the price of cigarettes isn’t going to reduce smoking, it is only going to financially injure those citizens who, of their own free will, choose to smoke.

Aron J. DeFerrari is a political science junior.

Non-Liberal Arts majors are not ‘communicationally challenged’

Editor:

After reading Eddie Drake’s daily dally on “Liberal Love” I have decided to set things straight for us non liberal arts majors about some of渎adventent stereo­
types he made about the engineers and scientists of Cal Poly.

First of all, we are not persons who “just do what they are told.” Look around. What do you see? Buildings, cars, comput­ers, and the technology which enabled Drake to print his article in the Mustang Daily. Whether you like it or not, scient­ists and engineers alike have made possi­ble the existence of almost everything you’ve ever touched by the process of cre­ative invention. If you don’t call that open mindedness then you have no right to call political scientists, historians, and journalists freethinkers, since thought is nothing without creation and implemen­tation. Coming as us “mindlessdrones” does not help persuade readers that liberal arts majors have an important role in today’s society. What does that make you, the queen bee?

I agree percent 100 that it is not wrong for liberal arts students to bedibed as lazy slackers. But stereotyping science and engi­neering majors as being “communicational­ly challenged” people who can’t think for themselves is a misconception which we dislike as much as you alter being called a member of the lazy slacker clan.

The bottom line is that your effort to clear the stereotype of liberal art stu­dents is hypocritical. Scientists and engi­neers shape this society as much as Liberal Arts majors do. Einstein has shaped this world as much as Bill and Hillary Clinton have. So the next time you decide to pre-judge or make a clever snap at a technical majoring student, be careful, he/she might be inventing this society one day. Sound familiar?

Allen Victor is an aeronautical engineer­ing junior.

Priority registration is a joke

Editor:

I read with interest the article regard­ing priority registration for certain “lucky” classes. It was quite interesting how each group interviewed had such good reasons why their group should have priority to register before others. I thought the primary reason to attend Cal Poly was to attend class, but apparently, there are a lot of people who need to tail­or their schedule around their extracur­ricular activities.

I was lucky enough to have first priority registration for Spring Quarter 98, but it wasn’t enough to get me into SPC 201, Public Speaking or SPC 202, Principles of Speech Communication class. All together, there were over twenty sections for these two courses. When I went to register with my No. 1 priority, all sections were full. There must have been a lot of people who exercised their priority status that quarter.

I also found it interesting that eligible disabled students receive priority so they will have the same opportunities as stu­dents without disabilities. I guess not being able to get into a class isn’t one of those opportunities. When I enrolled here, I assumed that getting an education was everyone’s primary goal, and we all took our notation in the registration sys­tem and waited for our turn to come up. After reading the article, I feel much more educated.

Larry Hammond is a social science senior.

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Opinion

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 float 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 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 so far as we can, so we can hide the evidence better, he might think. And just before the U.S. is about to stop, we'll let them back in.

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There is more to Hussein than just being a powerful nuclear dictator. He also has his own agenda. America is still a superpower to contend with - it's about

keeping lethal devices from a man who appears to place little value in human lives. If we continue the policy of semi-appeasement, Hussein would have every reason to believe that the United States isn't willing to use the muscle to back up its words, and will take our nation less and less seriously. That is why the United States needs to call his bluff and respond with force - to halt his ambitions now.

Of course, entering into armed conflict is never something to be taken lightly. However, attacking Iraq now seems to pose a relatively minor threat to U.S. troops. Missile strikes from air and sea would hypothetically destroy potential weapons sites without ever setting one foot in Iraq. The knowledge gained from the Gulf War should also allow for better strategic planning to minimize danger to U.S. troops. And naturally, the sooner an attack is made, the less time Hussein has to build up any weapons.

I was actually against attacking Iraq when the U.N. teams were toured out earlier this year. At that time, an attack seemed to be a bullying tactic from a powerful country that hadn't given negotiations a chance. However, we did negotiate; conflict was avoided. Yet the problems persist.

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.

Counter Point

War is not the answer

On Nov. 14 President Clinton called off the fine wave of an assault on Iraq less than one hour before it was scheduled to begin.

I think I saw it on the news later that day when I hit CNN on my way through the channels. Part of me was relieved that we settled the matter without resorting to war, but I admit that another part of me, the bigger part I might add, was disappointed.

Things are so simple when we just send in the big guns aren't they? No big deal to me either way. I thought my friend is expecting me at her house with a stack of movies so we can lounge on the couch and eat Domino's. Sad I know (I am getting to my point!). At the same time that I was on my way to Hollywood Video, millions of people in Iraq were breathing a sigh of relief. For them the major stress of the day was not which cheesy '80s movie to rent, but whether or not bombs would be falling on their country at any moment.

Not until I picked up the newspapers and started reading articles did I realize the significance of it all. The attack plan presented to President Clinton estimated the killing of 10,000 Iraq men, women and children as the minimum case scenario. This did not include the possible deaths of our friends and family in the U.S. Armed Services. It may sound overly simplistic - war is never simple - but 10,000 lives are something we must take very seriously. After examining my own life, I am glad President Clinton made the decision to call off the strike.

The Iraqi people live under an oppressive dictator. They are people just like us, yet their lives are dominated by fear and hardship because of Saddam Hussein. They should not be made to suffer because of his actions.

Unfortunately, this is not the first and probably not the last time Hussein's treatment of the United Nations weapons inspectors will cause an international incident. As in the past, an eleventh-hour peace offering once again kept the U.S. bombs at bay and Hussein still in control.

After so many of Hussein's broken promises, it is easy to get frustrated. Bombing his country will not affect him though. Only the innocent people, already living a life of hardship, will be hurt and killed. Even if we do bomb Iraq, things may not improve. The bombing will make Hussein look like more of a strong leader defining the heartless enemy. Instead, change must come from within.

The people living under Hussein's tyranny will rise up if they are given the chance. Instead of sending in the cruise missiles, the U.S. should use its resources to support opposition groups and democracy in Iraq. Patience is not easy, but it is worth saving 10,000 lives.

Mike Munson is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

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Henry won't be one of the players attending today's meeting.
The football team finished the year with a 3-8 record (1-0 in the last three-win season) after a 10-1 campaign in 1997. The 10 wins marked only the third time a Cal Poly team had won that many games in the program's 84-year existence.

According to last year's offensive coordinator, Andy Ludwig (current offensive coordinator with Fresno State) the assistant coaches are primarily responsible for relaying information from the head football coach to the players.

"It's the assistant coaches responsible to communicate the coaches philosophy to players. They are the ones that act as liaison between coaches and players," said Ludwig. "I can understand some of the frustration to communicate the coaches information from the head football coach to the players."

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Ludwig also talked about how difficult the transition period is when a new football coach with different philosophies is hired.

Welsh became the school's 14th head coach in 1997 after Andre Patterson left to become an assistant coach with the NFL's New England Patriots. Currently, he is the defensive line coach for the Minnesota Vikings. Since Welsh has taken over, six assistant coaches have either resigned or been dismissed.

Recently, offensive coordinator Craig Moropoulos and offensive line coach Bill Tripp were let go by Welsh.

Moropolous recently commented on his dismissal in the Telegraph-Tribune.

"The people that are closest to the program know what the problems are — that's not a slam at anyone, it's just the way I feel," Moropolous said.

O'Meara sets Skins record with $430,000

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 $1.78 million on the PGA Tour and $370,000 in the Skins Game on Sunday.

"This year has been a tremendous year," Tripp said. "I will always have a special relationship with the people that are closest to the program."

Before arriving at Cal Poly he served as quarterbacks coach at Boise State University.

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

O'Meara clinched his first Skins title on the 16th hole of regulation, knocking in a 12-foot birdie putt worth two skins and $140,000. That pushed his two-day total to eight skins and $460,000 — bettering the $370,000 Fuzzy Zoeller won in 1986.

"This year has been a tremendous year for me," said O'Meara, who will play two more non-PGA Tour events in South Africa and Australia before year's end. "To win the Skins Game against so many players wouldn't be anything else that happened to me this year."

O'Meara's luck ran out when the Skins Game went to a playoff for the fifth consecutive year. He dropped out of contention for the largest skin ($270,000) with a bogey on the first playoff hole at Rancho La Quinta Country Club.

"I still would've liked to keep going and play for that super skin," said O'Meara, who had a two-day, 18-hole total of 1-over 72.

Instead, he plugged down cross-lagged 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 shot to win two skins and $270,000 over Couples, whose birdie attempt curved around the cup.

"It seemed like it took forever," Lehman said. "I was just thinking too much about the fact there was a lot of money on the line. I didn't want to lose the playoff."

Lehman finished second with seven skins and $420,000, also bettering 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.

Lehman, the career Skins leader with $1.34 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-footbreaker, topped 10, curved high around the cup.

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

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

Lehman completed a two-day, 18-hole total of 63 on the par-71 course. He was 1-under in the playoff. He shot a 61 in winning last year.
Women’s basketball defeats Air Force in consolation game

Mustang Daily

The Mustangs defeated Air Force Saturday 78-64 in the consolation game of the Lady Tree 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.

The victory propelled San Francisco to the first of five Super Bowls, was expected to be a job with the expansion Cleveland Browns, where he'll be reunited with owner Eddie DeBartolo but also close­

By Clark, who made “The Catch” that prop­

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 office, Clark was expected to take a job with the expansion Cleveland Browns, where he'll be reunited with former 49ers president Carmen Policy. Clark, who made "The Catch" that propelled San Francisco to the first of five 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 and had seven rebounds against Montana. Griffin is second on the team in scoring, averaging 12.3 points. She's also third on the team averaging 5.3 rebounds per game.

She made six of 12 shots.

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Clark has been the lead play­
Mustangs shoot poorly in blowout

Football seniors hope to meet with McCutcheon about direction of program

By Jose Garcia

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 Keith Hurst, who will be one of the seniors meeting with McCutcheon. Although Hurst didn't state any specific issues that will be discussed, he did say the main concern is the lack of communication between Welsh and his players.

"He's one of the smartest coaches I know," said senior right tackle Chad Henry, "but his biggest down side is his communication with his players and just what he wants his players to know."

— Chad Henry

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Assistant football coaches fired

By Jose Garcia

A decade long trip is finally over for Bill Tipp.

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

"Coach Welsh just decided to see MEETING, page 6