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## Everybody's Getting A's

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# Concert Security

Administration officials on this campus would fit in well with the commanders of the Los Angeles Police Department who surrounded six members of the SLA with a few hundred well-armed men and poured several thousand rounds into them for the next two hours: when faced with a problem, use overwhelming force to solve it, or so goes the philosophy. As one military man said in Vietnam after burning a village to the ground, "We had to destroy it to save it."

In Cal Poly's case, the problem is concerts. Or more precisely, how to prevent concerts from becoming a playground for juveniles who enjoy smashing windows, beating up people, and, in general, raising hell.

The problem was created after last month's Montrose concert. A large amount of non-student tickets were sold and high school age students seemed to be in abundance who, according to most observers, created the majority of problems.

When the smoke had cleared it cost over \$1,100 to clean up the damage. Damage reports filed by Plant Operations Chief Dick Tartaglia and Chief of Campus Security George Cockriel noted that two plate glass windows were broken, irreparable cigarette burns were made in the plastic floor covering and a state vehicle was stolen.

These were cause for serious concern by administration officials. They have a duty to

control these types of events in order to protect the students attending them. Violence is an intolerable ingredient at any event.

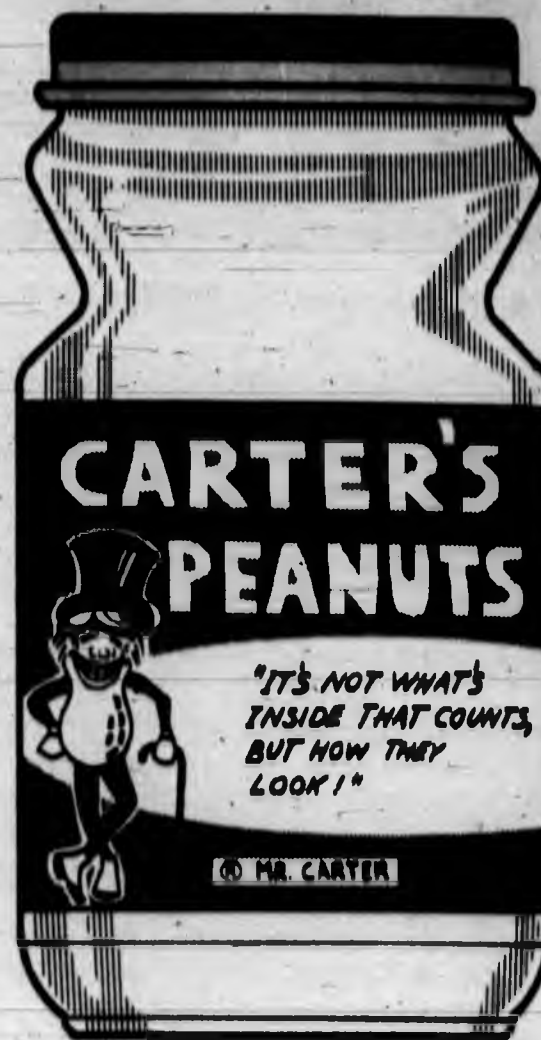
But how did the officials in charge, specifically Dr. John Lawson, Activities Planning Center director, react? Did he react by consulting with the Concert Committee and coming up with guidelines for controlling future concerts?

No, instead he withdrew the Activity Planning Center's advisor to the committee, Sam Spoden, and recommended that no state facilities or services be available to the ASI to stage concerts. Concert Committee chairman Ken Gordon, who has worked long and hard to bring top flight concerts to this campus, was made a sacrificial lamb.

An 'ad hoc' committee was set up to iron out the problems and bring about Friday's Loggins and Messina concert. Security will be tough and the kiddies had better behave, or there might not be any more concerts, warns Lawson. Eight security officers will patrol inside and outside the gym. Six-man student crews will be double checking student ID's and searching for bottles, cans, food and plastic containers.

The concert will go off as planned and everyone will probably have a good time. But how sad that instead of using a calm and rational approach, the administration has decided to use the 'big stick' philosophy to solve problems.

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On the campaign trail we find . . .

## Concerts

Editor:

Loggins and Messina make their second appearance here at Cal Poly on Friday. Besides being a bit more expensive, another innovation of the production is that they are being presented by the ASI instead of the ASI Concert Committee. So who cares as long as the concert goes on?

If you're at all concerned about trying to maintain the frequency and high-caliber of acts brought to Cal Poly so far this year (Savoy Brown, Stills, Elvin Bishop, Tower; to mention a few), you might be interested in the reasons behind the formation of the 'ad hoc' Loggins and Messina committee.

Even before the fateful Montrose concert, tensions between two small 'camps' in the ASI Concert Committee had surfaced and dissatisfaction with each

side's methods of running the organization had been expressed, but it kept functioning fairly smoothly and if anything, was picking up momentum (i.e. Finally being able to buy off campus advertising, a goal for many years).

Due to extremely slow delivery from L.A., tickets didn't arrive in SLO until the Tuesday before the concert. As the tickets were snatched up in record time, it soon became apparent that many more non-student than student tickets were being sold indicating that there might be more problems at this concert than with the usual well-behaved Poly crowd, so it was requested to have four security officers on hand. With such short notice, the campus police department replied that they could only supply two (as opposed to the eight minimum the

department said they would insist upon at Loggins and Messina).

During the concert the crowd was indeed rowdier and younger than usual but the main problems were caused by the ticketless people outside trying to get in. Result: two broken windows and a cut arm of a girl trying to crawl in over the glass.

Clean-up afterwards went quickly and as much as possible was cleaned up that night both in and around the gym. Complaints started coming in the next day when the carts of chairs ready to go back to the school warehouse were still out when the next morning's gym classes were scheduled to begin. Maintenance men had to move the carts back by themselves without what should have been the help of four committee members, though one member said that he had been at the gym

at the pre-arranged 8 a.m. but couldn't find any maintenance men and no one he asked knew where they were. After waiting half an hour he left.

It seems to us that these things need not have happened if the committee had had the cooperation it

needed to function at its best instead of continually being the target of criticism.

In response to the situation, ASI Activities Director Dan Lawson's solution without first confronting people on the committee itself or with the approval of the ASI program board or student affairs council, was to totally eradicate concerts by removing the committee

advisor, thereby disbanding the Associated Students Inc. organization. But it doesn't make sense to us to try to heal an organism by killing it first. Because Loggins and Messina was already contracted, a temporary committee was organized quickly to put on the show. Committee membership was by invitation only, selections made by the former advisor and a member of SAC, with Dr. Lawson having the option of final approval of the list. One name noticeably absent was that of Ken Gordon, very possibly the leadership Dr. Lawson had said he would refuse to work with at the first SAC meeting following the concert.

We don't believe that Dr. Lawson was right in carrying out the actions he did; in dissolving a student organization run for the benefit of the school leaving no alternative actions open

except for the ones he wanted, in denying off-campus advertising once again, in denying a lot of over 18, well-behaved Cal Poly students the opportunity to see an enjoyable concert in the only good-sized concert facility available in the county and in denying some of the previously very capable and willing members from the committee before, the chance to prove that although we made one mistake, we couldn't still finish out the year with some of the best shows this campus may have ever seen.

But, if you want your \$8 per quarter ASI fee to do something for you, maybe you'd better do a little talking to make sure it does because we can't do it by ourselves.

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# When The Book Is Closed On Texts

by E. KOSTER  
Daily Staff Writer

Every quarter even the most serious of students sometimes have difficulty reading a text when the bookstore runs out of a required text, or is late in getting in a shipment. But Mary Green, El Corral Bookstore manager, says the problem is much smaller than it seems.

"To us it seems like an awful lot of books arrive late because those books are the ones that create problems for us," she said.

Green estimated that less than two per cent of the 600 different titles are usually delayed.

"It is very inexact business. It is almost impossible to order books with any amount of accuracy," Green says.

Once the bookstore is informed by the department heads what books will be used for classes, a check is made of the inventory to see how many books are still owned by the bookstore. Then they determine how many books the bookstore will buy back, how many will be sold through Poly Phase, and how many will be sold on personal deals.

Once this is determined they calculate how many new books will need to be purchased from the publishers.

"The easiest part is when a faculty member orders a new book. That cuts down the steps considerably," said Green. If a shipment of textbooks does not arrive, the only thing the students and faculty can do is wait.

"If the textbooks run out we immediately telegram an

order to the publisher. If they have the book in stock and can ship it right away we will have it within 10 days to 3 weeks," Green says.

If the publisher does not have the book in stock and is not planning to print more, the bookstore attempts to find the book from used book suppliers.

"By the time we would get it from the used book suppliers two-thirds of the quarter would be over. The class would have to be taught from lecture notes," Green says.

There are many things that could slow or stop the delivery of books on the publisher's part.

"Inflation has worked hard on publishers and bookstores," Green says. Publishers cannot afford to keep large inventories. They only stock as many books as they know they can sell. Bookstores have the privilege of returning any books that are not sold. Publishers have to take that into account before they print more copies.

"Publishers are dropping titles by the dozens, they are letting books go out of print. If a title doesn't sell 5000 copies per year they won't reprint it or carry it in stock," she said.

## L & M May Sell Out

If you plan to buy a ticket for the Loggins and Messina concert at the door tomorrow night, chances are you'll be outside the gym, not inside the night of the concert.

According to Activities Planning Center Advisor Sam Spoden, the concert is 800 tickets short of a sell out. Over 2800 tickets had been sold as of yesterday.

"I expect the rest of the tickets to be sold by show time, making it the first sell-out in the gym this year," Spoden said.

Tickets will be on sale today and tomorrow at the University Union ticket desk between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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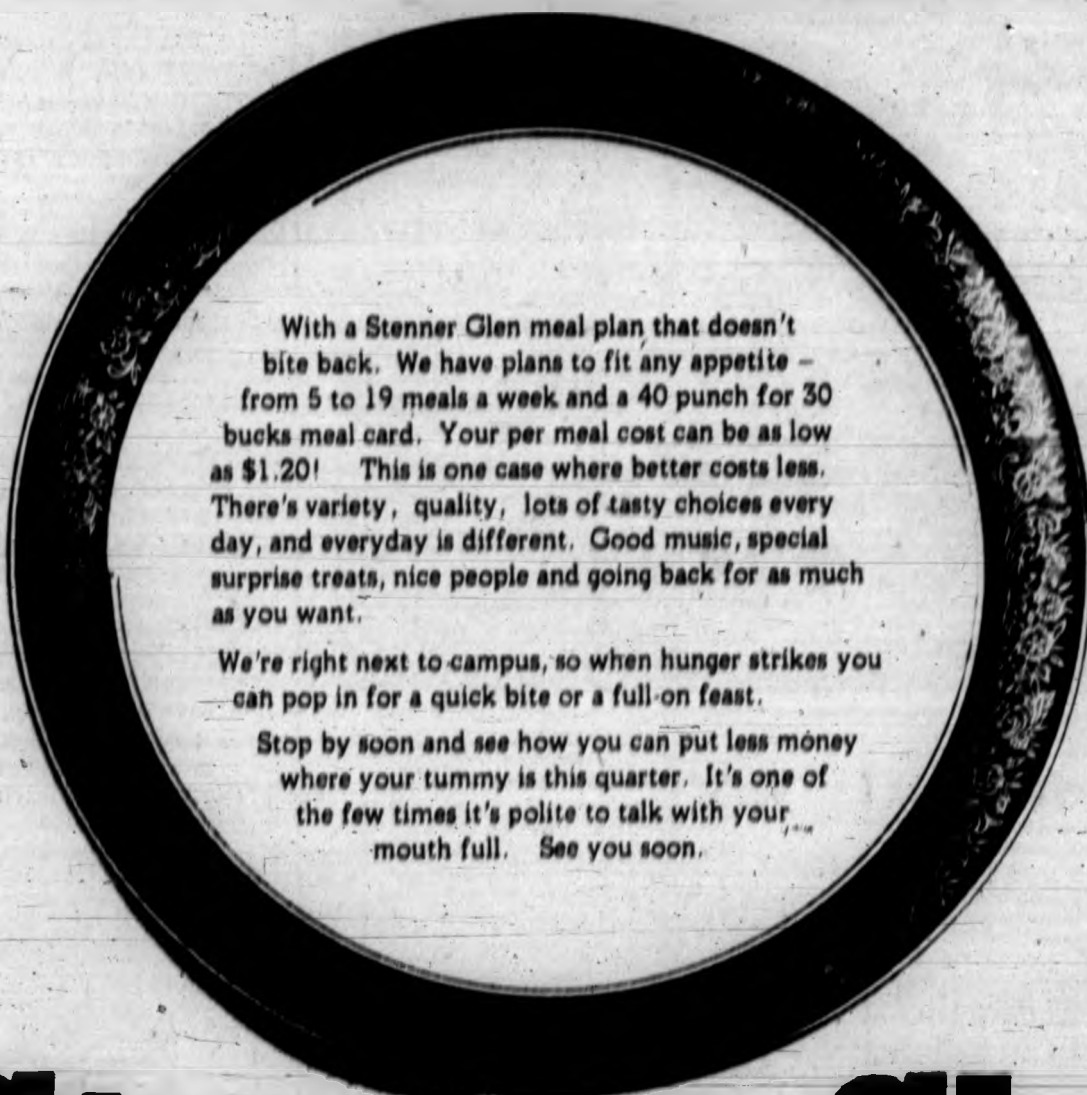
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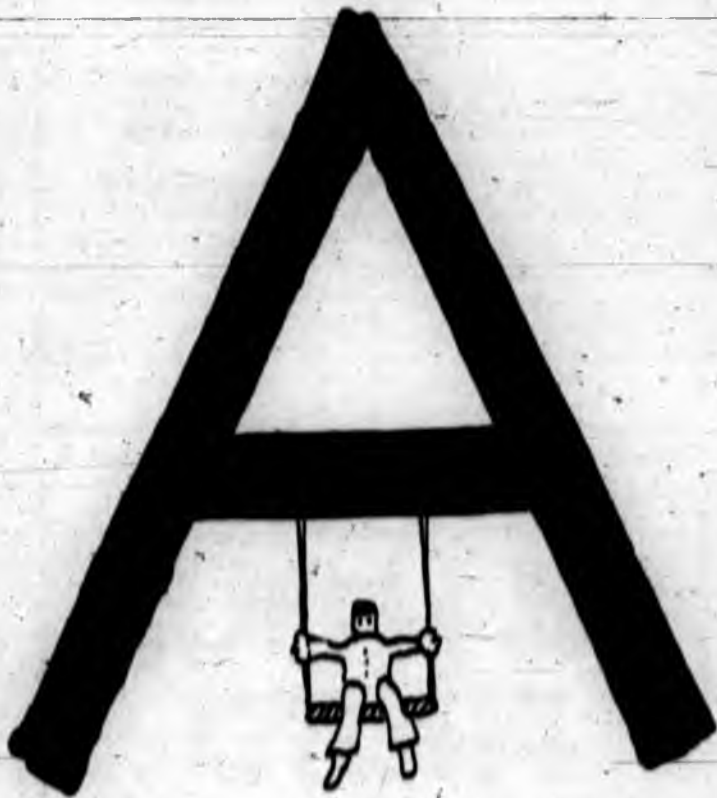
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# Do Better Grades

by BETSY SUSMAN  
Daily Staff Writer



Grades in the nation's universities have been suffering from a plague of inflation in the last decade: 'A's are given for what was previously considered B work. Although experiencing a mild case, Cal Poly seems to have avoided the epidemic. Studies show the national grade point average (GPA) has risen about half a letter grade since 1960. The average GPA of the total student body at Cal Poly has risen only .35 on a 4.0 scale, since 1960.

In a report prepared by Tom Dunigan, Cal Poly's director of institutional research, data from the Registrar's Office shows that the average GPA of the total student body rose from 2.89 in spring 1960, to 2.74 in spring 1975.

Nationally syndicated columnist George F. Will writes that at Harvard, 63 per cent of the class of 1974 graduated cum laude, or better, and recently the GPA at Stanford was an 'A-'. Students really don't seem to be getting smarter.

Scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) administered nationwide by the College Entrance

Examination Board (CEEB) have fallen during the last 10 years.

National average scores fell 38 points, to 494, on the verbal and 31 points, to 473, on the math portion of the test, according to a March 1974 issue of the College Board News.

According to Dunigan, SAT scores of students entering Cal Poly from 1964-74 fell from 477 on the verbal and 521 on the math, to 460 on the verbal and 517 on the math.

CEEB attributes the decline in scores to such things as fewer high school juniors re-taking the test as seniors (scores are usually higher as seniors) and changes in the types of people taking the test. More women and minority students are being tested.

"This population shifts from one year to the next in response to changes in the educational, social and economic climate," says Dr. T. Anne Cleary, chief of the Program Services Division of the CEEB.

The College Board News also stresses the decline in scores is not due to a decline in students' ability. Likewise, the puffed up GPAs do not necessarily reflect an increase in ability. There are some concrete reasons for grade inflation.

One explanation is that the actual grades have been going up. Professors are giving more 'A' and 'B' grades, states U.S. News and World Report. For example, "...At Princeton University during the fall term of 1974-75, nearly 70 per cent of the total grades given were 'A's and 'B's'."

Cal Poly professors do not appear to be as 'soft.' Only 37.8 per cent of the grades given at Cal Poly in 1975 were 'A's and 'B's,' says Dunigan.

Jon Ericson, dean of the School of Communicative Arts and Humanities, outlines possible administrative causes for the GPA increase at Cal Poly:

"Grade forgiveness allows students to take courses over for a better grade," Ericson said. The best grade may then be calculated in the GPA. Poor records can be entirely erased, he adds. Credit-

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credit systems, which were started at Cal Poly in 1973 (with a corresponding jump in GPAs) encourage students to take classes outside their major. Students can receive credit for a course without a possible low grade to bring down their GPA, says Ericson.

Although Cal Poly has maintained the D and F grades, other universities in the country have abolished their use, thereby padding GPAs. Recently, however, Stanford, which had been grading only 'A', 'B', 'C' or pass since 1970, reinstated the 'D' this fall, and Yale the 'F,' according to the U.S. News.

There are other explanations for grade inflation not as easily verified.

Dr. Max Riedlperger of the History Department agrees with the possible explanation that some professors "compete for student favor" in anticipation of the faculty evaluations by students that determine, in part, faculty hiring, firing, and promotion.

Riedlperger describes himself as "very ambivalent...A 'C' is still an average grade to me."

Various other sources state that professors may have been generous with grades in the 1960s to help students avoid the draft, appease campus unrest and to help students maintain scholarships.

Will contends that "some of the minority students pulled into universities by 'affirmative action' programs would be swept right out if teachers did

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not relax standards... (this) tends to raise the 'floor' under all grades."

"In a period of tight budgets," Will also says, "Some academic departments use easy 'A's to lure large enrollments and justify large budgets."

The trouble may be with the grading system itself, says Dr. Walter Schroeder, head of the Education Department here.

"We don't have well established objective criteria for evaluating any subject nationwide, or even statewide. It's up to each teacher. Setting criteria has many problems attached, though," says Schroeder.

Dr. Bernard Troy, associate professor in the Education Department says:

"More and more people are coming to question the grading... There are a lot of problems with grading. The grades are going up; it's just a symptom."

Ericson describes this "lowering of academic standards" as a loss for the students. Those not doing 'C' work for instance, are told they are, and deceived into thinking they are achieving, he says.

"The good student will perform at a high level anyway, regardless of grades," Ericson says. "This student is hurt when other students not achieving are evaluated at the same level."

Although Troy says, "I can't think of a valid way to grade," he admits, "Grades are good for ranking people." Grade inflation distorts grades and destroys this purpose.

Eugene A. Rittenhouse, director of the Placement Center on Cal Poly, discusses employers' reactions to grade inflation:

"As a major employer says, 'When we recruit on your campus it is a rendezvous with excellence.' Employers look for grades, work experience, activities outside the regular curriculum, and personal qualities. Take away the grades, and you've taken away a criteria to judge ability."

"Employers are bright," he says. "They know what is going on. They don't pay salaries for 'nothing'. If you've made the grades cheap, they have to find some other criteria of excellence."

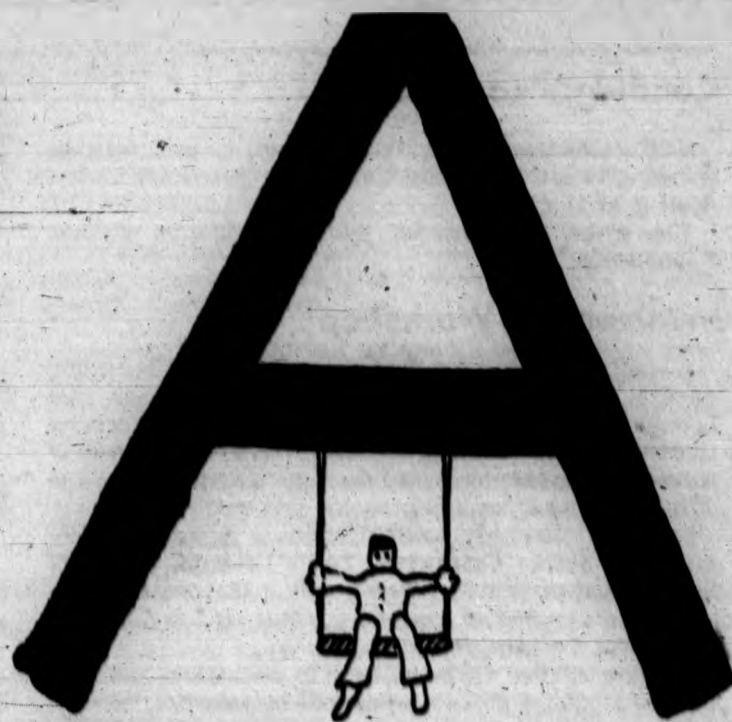
through the company's own management training programs, and grade their performance.

"It's too bad industry has to do what the colleges and universities should be doing," Rittenhouse claims. "We're shifting the burden to industry."

He also feels it is a drawback to have a record full of credit-no credit marks. "Employers would rather see a grade, even a low one, than a credit-no credit. They want to know what you're hiding, why you took the class credit-no credit."

In a recent statement, Glenn S. Dumke, chancellor

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## Involvement Workshop

A student Involvement Workshop will be held Saturday, April 3, from 9 a.m. to noon in U.U. Rm. 208, San Luis Lounge. The workshop is specifically aimed at informing students who would like to become involved in any facet of university, academic, or student governance about the different committees and positions that students fill.

President Kennedy, ASI President Mike Hurtado, Academic Senate Chairperson Leslie Labbard, and Staff Senate Chairperson Pat Tupas will make presentations about the function of various councils and committees throughout the campus.

The presentation will be followed by discussions and each student attending the workshop will be asked to fill in a

personal data sheet designating the areas in which he or she would like to become involved during next year. The next ASI President will use these data sheets in making appointments for next fall.

## Carwash

A carwash sponsored by the Cal Poly Golf Club will take place on Saturday, April 10 at 9 a.m.

Cars will be washed for \$1 at the Standard Station on Santa Rosa, across from Taco Bell.

## Bicentennial Festival

"In the Minds and Hearts of the People" will be the theme of a bicentennial festival that will open on Monday, April 5, and continue through Saturday, April 24, at Cal Poly.

Sponsored by the university's School of Communicative Arts and Humanities, the festival will include an exhibit of document, portrait, and illustration facsimiles; concerts;

lectures; and motion picture and video tape presentations relating to the theme.

Featured will be a Smithsonian Institution exhibit focusing on the years between 1760 and 1774 when the idea of revolution was just a burning desire "In the Minds and Hearts of the People."

Included in the exhibit, which will be displayed in the foyer of the Julian A. McPhee University Union, are facsimiles of paintings by such artists as Allan Ramsay, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Charles Wilson Peale, and John Singleton Copley of such revolutionary period figures as King George III, Paul Revere, John Hancock, and Samuel Adams.

## Newman Community

The Newman Community will be having its first Bible study on Thursday, April 1, at 8 p.m. in University Union Rm. 219. The topic for the quarter will be Revelations.

The Newman community will also hold a prayer meeting every Thursday at 11 a.m. in Science Building, Rm. E-20.

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The seven-member court ruled unanimously that the life-sustaining respirator might be withdrawn if a team of doctors, with hospital approval, concluded there was no possibility of her recovering from her present "comatose condition to a cognitive, sapient state."

The court also said there would be no civil or criminal liability for removal of the respirator, if that is the doctor's decision.

In addition, the court appointed Karen's father, Joseph, her personal guardian with

power to choose the doctors who will treat her and make the decision.

The state has announced it will appeal the court's decision.

The 55-page opinion of the state's highest court said that the doctors who originally refused the parents' request to remove the respirator may feel differently now because, "We assume that she is now even more fragile and nearer to death than she was then."

But, the court said, it was giving new powers to the father as guardian because if the present doctors still disagree, he may be able to find other doctors who may take a different view.

The court said that a hospital ethics committee or similar body would still have to affirm that there was no hope of recovery before the respirator could be removed.

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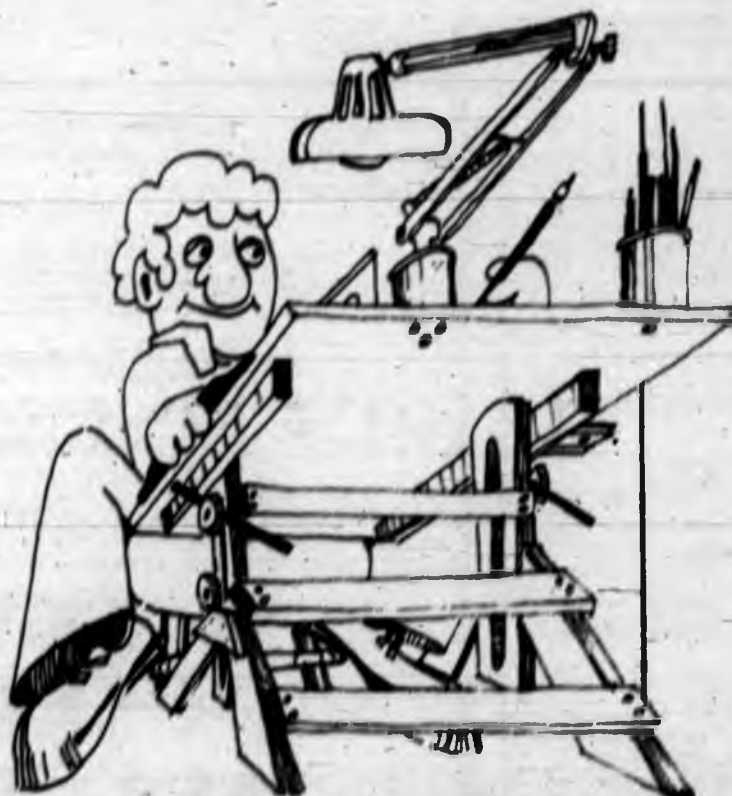
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The Cal Poly women's tennis team takes a 2-3 record into its final conference match at 10 a.m. Saturday at Pomona-Pitzer.

In preparation the team played a non-league match against De Anza Community College Monday and earned an 8-1 victory.

Five of the six singles matches were won in two sets by wide margins. All three doubles matches were won by Poly but with much closer battles.

Roxie Lachman and Jeanne Freidrich won with set scores of 7-6, 6-7, 7-6. Leslie Chapman and Jan McNabb's win came easier in two sets, 6-1, 6-2. Heather Coyle and Debbie Ciraulo beat DeAnza's players in three sets, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

"Our win over DeAnza put us over the .500 mark and we'd like to stay there," coach Sonja Murray said. The team has an overall record of 4-3.

Poly will face Pomona-Pitzer without number-one player Lachman, who will be attending a wedding. With Lachman gone, coach Murray plans to play Jeanne Freidrich (1-3) in the top spot.

Other Poly players who will face Pomona-Pitzer with their league records: Chapman, (2-2); McNabb, (1-3); Coyle, (4-0); Ciraulo, (2-2); Melanie Croce, (1-1); Vikki Bennett, (0-0); and Kerry Hyman, (0-0).

The Cal Poly tennis team had to go the day's final doubles match Tuesday before dropping a 3-4 non-conference match to Fresno State.

The Mustangs had earlier won two and lost four in the singles competition, and needed a sweep of the doubles matches to take the win.

Ken Peet and Rudy Van Solinge got the Mustangs their third point when they teamed for a 6-4, 7-6 win, and Jeff Magin and Jim Holst evened the match at 4-4 with a 6-4, 7-6 victory.

The day's final match found the team of Tom Zurn and Chuck Dosien playing for the deciding point, but they were turned back with a 5-7, 3-6 loss.

Singles play was close throughout, with three of the four Mustang losses coming in three sets. Van Solinge won 6-2, 6-4, and Magin 6-2, 6-2 for the only Cal Poly wins.

The netters are now 4-7 in non-conference play, but coach Ed Jorgenson says that most of the losses are to higher caliber teams than they will be playing in Central Coast Athletic Association matches.



Home tennis action resumes for the men Friday at 2:30 against Santa Monica City College. (Daily photo by Alan Halfhill)

## Track Squad To Get A Coach

by DENNIS J. HALLADAY  
Daily Sports Editor

A two-month old coaching vacancy will be filled sometime next week when Athletic Director Vic Buccola and a panel of Physical Education Department representatives select a new men's track coach.

Past coach Steve Simmons created the vacancy Jan. 28 when he left Cal Poly to take the head track coach job at Oregon State University.

The two-man, two-woman panel reviewed a total of 92

applicants before narrowing the field to three finalists. In-person interviews of those three began Monday and ended yesterday.

"We want to get somebody, hopefully, that has had college coaching experience, or that has been a highly successful high school coach," Buccola said.

"We want a coach who can teach our methodology as well as the activities, and one who can maintain the teams of national and international caliber that Cal Poly has had in past years."

"All three finalists are very outstanding and are highly capable," he said.

Buccola refused to identify the trio, but Mustang Daily has learned

that they are present Occidental College coach Steve Haas, University of Oregon assistant coach Tom Lionvale, and Steve Miller, head coach at Bloom Township High School in Chicago Heights, Ill.

Haas has built Occidental into a superior track school, and Lionvale was the former head coach at Central Washington College. Miller

is one of the top high school mentors in the United States and has received invitations to coach U.S. teams in Europe and Africa.

Because the school year is so progressed, Buccola feels that temporary track coach Ed Cadena is likely to be retained through the balance of the season, regardless of the panel's selection.

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## Grades: Inflation Hits...

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of the California State University and Colleges system says:

"It's very unfair to students to relieve them from the necessity of competing. They have to face it when they get out. I'm not wedded to (letter) grades, but academic standards must be maintained."

Dumke sees signs that the trend towards grade inflation is reversing itself.

"Faculties are getting openly concerned," he says. "They don't want to lose their quality standards."

"It is part of the professor's professional responsibility to take care of it," says Riedersparger. "Grading should be in the hands of the professors."

"The administration can affect it only through hiring," says Ericson. "...By maintaining a high level of scholastic standards."

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