Everybody's Getting A's

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Concert Security

Administration officials on this campus would fit in well with the Free Americans of the Los Angeles Police Department who received an official of the ELA with a few hundred well-armed men and awarded several thousand rounds of ammunition for them for the defense of our school against a group of individuals who had faced a wall, use overwhelming force to solve it, and or from its history of military service or attack them. The ELA fired in Vietnam after burning a village to the ground. The ELA said it was self-defense. In the ELA's case, the problem is concern. Or more precisely, how to prevent the presence of large groups of people who enjoy smashing windows, breaking up people, and, in general, raising hell.

The problem was created after last week's bar concert. A large amount of white paint was sold and high school age students seemed to be in abundance, according to most observers, creating 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 11.100 to clean up this damage. Damage was to the majority of problems.

But how did the officials in charge, specifically Dr. Joe Lawrence, Activities Planning Center director, react? Did he resist 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. That, and recommendations that student affairs or services be available to the AIIL to stage concerts. Concert Committee chairman Ken Gordon, who has worked hard and hard to bring top flight concerts to this campus will have to do so alone.

An 'ed bo' committee was set up to iron out the problems and bring about Friday's Loggins and Messina concert. Security will be tough and the bobbies 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 botties, cans, food and plastic containers.

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

Concerts

Editor:

Loggins and Messina make their second appearances here at Cal Poly so far this year (Say by Brews, Rilla, Elwin Bishop, Vernon and more). You might be interested in the reasons behind the formation of the 'ed bo' Loggins and Messina Committee.

Even before the final show the concert, written between two small 'con's in the back of Cal Poly, the Committee had surfaced and associated with each.

side's methods of running the organization had been expressed, but it kept hunting fairly smoothly and quickly and as much as a goal for many years).

Due to extremely slow delivery from L.A. tickets didn't arrive until the Tuesday before the event. As the show started to match up in record time, it soon became apparent that many more non-student than student tickets were actually sold indicating that there might be more problems at this concert than with the usual well-behaved Poly crowd, so it was decided to add security officers on hand. With such short notice the campus police department replied that it 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 and the main problems were caused by the freaks people outside trying to get in. Result: two burnt windows and a out arm of a girl trying to crawl in over the balcony.

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When The Book Is Closed On Texts

by B. KOUTER
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 late in getting it in a shipment. But Mary Green, EI Corral Bookstore manager, says the problem is much smaller than it seems.

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

Green estimated that less than two per cent of the 700 different titles are usually delayed. "It is very common business. It is almost impossible to get books with any amount of accuracy," Green says.

Once the bookstore is informed by the Department head that books will be used for a class, a sheet is made of the necessity to see how many books are still owned by the students. Then they determine how many books the bookstore will buy back, how many will be sold through Poly Press, and how many will be sold on personal desks. Once this is determined they calculate how many new books will need to be purchased from the publisher.

"The easiest set is when a faculty member orders a new text. That eases down the stage considerably," said Green. If a shipment of textbooks does not arrive, the only thing students and faculty can do is wait. "If the textbooks run out immediately we immediately telegraph 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 said.

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 order as many books as they know they can sell.

"Publishers have the privilege to returning any books that are not sold. Publishers have to take that into account before they print more copies," Green said.

"Publishers are dropping titles by the dozense, they are letting books go out of print. If a title doesn't sell 500 copies per year they won't reprint it or carry it in stock," she said.

Applications for the Craft Center's Poly Royal Craft Sale are available in the Craft Center.

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STUDENT RESIDENCE AT 1080 POOTHILL BLVD., SAN LUIS OBIÑO, CA 93401 544-4640
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 escaped 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 .15 on a 4.0 scale, since 1966.

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 2.86 in spring 1966, to 3.14 in spring 1979.

Nationally syndicated columnist George F. Will writes that at Harvard, 80 percent of the class of 1974 graduated with 'A's 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 its last 10 years.

National average scores fell 8 points, in 1971, on the verbal and 11 points, in 1979, on the math, relative to the nadir of the test, according to a March 1981 issue of the College Board News.

According to Dunigan, SAT scores of students entering Cal Poly from 1964-65 fell from 471 on the verbal and 481 on the math, to 366 on the verbal and 377 on the math.

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

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

The College Board News also stresses the decline in scores is due to a decline in student quality. Likely, the same, the CEEB does not necessarily reflect an increase in the educational, social and economic climate, "it says.

One explanation is that actual grades have been going up. Professors are giving more 'A' and 'B' grades, states U.S. News and World Report. For example, some Princeton University students have the big term of 1970-71, nearly 70 percent of the total grade given was an 'A' and 'B'.

Cal Poly professors do not appear to be as 'ruthless. Only 47.5 percent of the grades given at Cal Poly in 1971 were 'A's and 'B's, says Dunigan.

Jon Ericson, dean of the School of Communication 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. Few records can be entirely erased, he adds.

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Credit systems, which were started at Cal Poly in 1970 with a corresponding jump in GPA's, encourage students to take classes outside their major.

Students can receive credit for a course without getting a possible low grade to bring down their GPA. "At Cal Poly professors have maintained the D and F grades, other universities in the country have abolished their use, thereby padding GPA's," says Ericson.

Recently, however, Stanford, which had been grading only 'A's, 'B's and 'C's, has started giving 'D's. And the problem is getting worse. Cal Poly professors do not appear to be as "ruthless, even when the CEEB attributes the decline in grades to 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. Few records can be entirely erased, he adds.

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Dr. Marc Rindfleischer of the History Department agrees with the possible explanation that some professors "compete for students," in an attempt of the family evaluations by the department that determine, in part, faculty hiring, tenure, and promotion.

Rindfleischer describes himself as "very sensitive to both subjective and objective measures."

Various other sources state that professors may have been generous with grades in the last 10 years, in order to attract students to help students maintain scholarships.

The quality students pulled into universities by affirmative action programs would be swept right out if teachers did not fall in, he adds.

"It is better to have a wide range of grades, more as a percentage of the class, than a very narrow range of grades."
Can Better Students?

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

"On a period of tight budgets," Will also says, "some academics say it's easy to have large enrollments and justify large budgets.

The trouble may be with the grading system itself, says Dr. Walter Schroeder 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, causing a lot of 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 a trend."

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

"The good student will perform at a high level anyway, regardless of grades," Schroeder 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 pad," admits, "Grades are good for ranking purposes, to evaluate students." Grade inflation distorts grades and destroys this purpose.

Eugene A. Rittmohause, 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."

After hiring, many employers send workers 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," Rittmohause claims. "We're shifting the burden to industry."

He also feels it is a drawback to have a record full of credit-on-credit marks. Employers would rather see a grade, even a low one, than a credit-on-credit.

They want to know what you're hiding, why you took the class credit-on-credit."

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Candidate To Speak

GOP candidate for the U.S. Senate Al Bell, will be speaking in the University Union, Rm. 804 on Thursday, April 8, at 11 a.m.

The event is sponsored by the California College Republicans.

Involvement Workshop

A student involvement Workshop will be held Saturday, April 8, from 9 a.m. to noon in U.U. Rm. 111, 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, Al President Mike Hartoe, Academic Senate Chairperson Leslie Labbard, and Staff Senator Chairperson Pat Teppe will make presentations about the function of various councils and committees throughout the campus.

The presentations 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 All 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 8 at 11 a.m. Cars will be washed for $1 at the Standard Station on Santa Rosa, across from Tree 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 9, and continue through Saturday, April 10 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 related to the theme.

Featured will be a Smithsonian Institution exhibit focusing on the years between 1776 and 1779 when the first French 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 Allen Ramsay, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Charles Wilson Peale, and Samuel Adams. Copies of such revolutionary period figures as King George III, Paul Revere, John Hancock, and Samuel Adams.

Newman Community

The Newman Community will have its first Fall study on Thursday, April 1, at 8 p.m. in University Union Rm. 211. 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-8.

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Tennis: Women Win, Men Lose

The Cal Poly women's tennis team takes a 2-4 record into its 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 by two sets to none margins. All three doubles matches were won by Poly but with much closer results.

Renee Leachman and Jannett Friedrich won with set scores of 7-4, 6-7, 7-4. Louis Chapman and Jan McIlhenny won 6-0, 6-7, 6-1; Heather Coyte and Debbie Gravlee beat De Anza's players in three sets, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

"Our win over De Anza puts us over the 200 mark and we'd like to stay there," coach Ronja Murray said. The team has an overall record of 2-4.

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Grades: Inflation Hits...

Continued from page 6 of the California State University and Colleges system says:

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Dums says she fears the trend toward grade inflation is reversing itself.

"Punishments are getting openly concerned," she 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 Kloseperger. "Grading should be in the hands of the professors."

"The administration can affect it only through hiring," says Ercol, "...by maintaining a high level of academic standards."