College: A career in itself

in KATIE KEELY
Daily Staff Writer

Creation of granting midterms, second hour and nonexistent parking, Cal Poly has in share of "professional" stress.

The students seem to identify themselves as being professional because they take more than five years to graduate from college. Although one seems to have a strict delineation of these students, research and interviews show five years as the average number of years a student requires to earn a degree.

There are a variety of reasons students graduate in five years or more. Some drop out and re-enter after one or two years. Others become professional. Because of the need for work, they have to work their way through school and take fewer units as they struggle through classes and work.

According to a variety of sources, students are not as easy to Poly because they feel the pressure from"professional. The theory that college is a crutch. It is a difficult thing to terminate school leaving at a professional because they like to work and don't mind the working atmosphere. They think the idea of four years is unimportant. There is no sense that they don't leave Poly's unique structure, which requires students to declare a major upon entering. Some students leave if they feel they can't do it any better. A revision in majors last year showed that students are interested in their major courses, who pick up a large number of units which don't transfer.

Poly's "well-rounded" registration may cause students to graduate on time if they can't get needed classes.

Most departments in Poly list in the curriculum outlines that students should take 18 to 28 units each quarter in order to graduate in four years. This recommendation apparently is not followed by some members of the student body.

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But Holley said students are not restricted from taking classes outside of their major, except for some architecture classes, which he said has only enough faculty members to teach those in the architecture department. He added that restricting students to classes relating to their major "might be a good administration device, but students might not like it."

Dunigan said the 1970 study showed the average student graduated with 18.5 excess units. These figures included the School of Engineering and Environmental Design, in which students in the three five-year program graduated with almost 34 excess units.

Some students who have placed themselves on rigid schedules might think it unfair that professional students can take classes with the same faculties. Others might think it odd that professional students are allowed to stay as long as they want at Poly when the university turns away thousands of applicants. But Holley said he was not aware of a problem with professional students.

Alumni, who graduated from Poly in 1959, said it is a convenience for the administration as "fit students into little boxes.

"We tend to expect as an institution that a student comes here right after high school and pursues a career after finishing after four years. In my opinion, the model doesn't fit."

Alberici, who finished college in four years because he was "something of a conformist," doesn't believe the traditional four years average always fits at Poly. He believes students should not feel guilty about taking more time in school if they choose.

"We're so tight and structured, nobody takes time to reflect on what's happening to us. What happens to a faculty member who loses interest, or the student who burns himself out at the end of four years?"

Chuck Stann, a psychology instructor here, said Poly's size as well as structure may force students to stay at the university longer. He thinks registration hazards are often the reason students spend more time here.

"One bad quarter over a year means 15 or 16 units over four years. It's a curse for students to get through. They say, 'Take these classes, and then you can't get the classes.'"

Stann thinks most students would find it difficult to graduate in four years. He said

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Mocking justice?

At one time or another, we are all likely to pass through the court system. A fair, just, efficient, objective system, right?

On a visit to municipal court recently, I was confronted with some rather frightening happenings. During the various hearings that were going on, I got the impression that the judge and court employees were on their lunch break.

Mustang Daily staff writer Tony Tranfa

During the trial, a serious affair, the court employees were laughing and literally playing games with each other while the defendant was present in the courtroom. A hurried, almost "I-don't-give-a-damn," attitude was present in the courtroom. At one time the judge didn't even feel it necessary to look at the evidence that was presented by the defense attorney. With much more as touching it, he handed it to the defendant and said, "Guilty until proven innocent."

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The bailiff in the courtroom continually dug in his heels while the defendant was being given his gun, keys and other toys from his belt as he walked down the aisle. He was also nodding his head and smiling when other officers were putting the defendant in handcuffs.

Before going to court, I had the premonition that it was a fair and impartial trial. Upon arriving and seeing for myself this thing we call justice, I concluded otherwise. To say I am disappointed in our local judicial system is an understatement.

When it comes to real obstruction of justice, this judge and these court employees are the ones who are guilty.

An institution of secrecy and intrigue

I am studying journalism, not because I want to be another "Woodstein" but because I enjoy writing, I like the concise, factual journalistic style and I try to be accurate and objective.

But in researching and writing at Cal Poly I have become thoroughly disillusioned. The secrecy and scrips at our campus are mind boggling. On more than one occasion, while interviewing those in the administrative hierarchy, I have had them tell me they had to watch their words.

Betty Suuman, a senior in journalism, is an associate editor of Mustang Daily.

If in an interview a few months ago, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies Malcolm Wilson told me he had to be careful about the information he gave me, because of pressure from above, I was researching a simple story on the graduate studies program—nothing controversial.

After researching and writing an article on the status of the Symphonic Band's possible trip to Israel, I called back Band Director William V. Johnson for a followup. He told me the administration had come down on him for his article and warned him not to say another word.

In the recent Legal Aid controversy, letters and memos were spirited about like so much on the subject. Wolff informed the (acuity members such an edict was in the category that would hinder the business of Cal Poly.

I also can understand that in any institution or organization, some material must remain confidential to the business of that entity can be carried on. But again, the type of stories I am handling do not seem to be of the category that would hinder the business of Cal Poly.

Is the conspiracy of silence simply caused, or is it too, on a scale bigger? Is someone trying to create an empire here? As has been charged with the question of alcohol and the legal drinking age, it appears all constitutional rights to free speech and thought cease within the sphere of the administrative paper palace.

I apologize to those I mentioned by name, because they will no doubt be reprimanded for their remarks. But it's all true, and those who are reprimanded have nothing to fear. Their actions have been documented and are offered only as examples.

I am not purposely looking for a Cal Poly style Watergate, not to expose but to one. I am just looking for facts in which might be of interest to the general campus population.

But encountering such suspicions and silence in simple stories is frustrating and makes me wonder—just what is going on?

OUR READERS WRITE...

EDITOR:

Thank you Phil Gilmore for expressing the feelings many of ourselves have for the over-proactive anapostering deemed necessary by some members of the administration here as an otherwise excellent educational institution.

Robert Arvey

EDITOR:

We would like to commend the person(s) responsible for the efforts in establishing a bike lane on Via Carla in the inner campus.

It's not nice to fool Bob Kennedy

Robert Aroyan

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Cover photo by Bill Faulkner.
SLO election expensive

Dunin followed closely with 2,805 votes or 17 per cent. Runners-up were Melanie Schneider, 1,982 votes (12.0); LaVeme Schneider, 1958 votes (12.3); and Don Fischer, 456 votes (2.7). 

Strong cold weather front

There was a weak cold weather system moving through the Central Coast according to a forecaster, according to a police report. The back side of the frontal system, which is typical of the winter season, usually produces strong northeasterly winds. No damage was reported as a result of the high winds, which are expected to subside by tonight.

Mendenhall dead at age 56

Charles Mendenhall, 56, Cal Poly agriculture information specialist died yesterday morning in Sutter Vista Hospital following a heart attack Tuesday.

One of Cal Poly's most-respected and well-known staff members, Mendenhall originally came to Cal Poly to study animal husbandry in 1941. He attended Poly until 1945. While a student, Mendenhall was a printer for El Mustang, predecessor to Mustang Daily. He also worked as student sports writer for the San Luis Obispo Telegram- Tribune.

After leaving Poly, he worked in public relations for the Stockton Union Stockyards and then spent 11 years as farm editor of the Modesto Bee.

In Modesto, Mendenhall helped several former students through college. He referred to many of them as his "kids."

Steve Stagnaro, long-time friend, said in a phone interview from Santa Maria yesterday that Mendenhall had helped many students through school.

"He gave students food and a place to stay, those that couldn't afford it themselves and needed help. He also traveled to see those students who had left school, with hopes of bringing them back to Poly."

Stagnaro, a former Poly student, said that Mendenhall had given him a lot of help along the way.

"He encouraged me and my journalism career. He was happy to know that I was succeeding at what I was doing."

At Poly, Mendenhall held other positions in addition to an information specialist. For a time he served as coordinator of alumni affairs and student information office.

Mendenhall was survived by a twin brother, John, of Livermore, Califorinia. An adopted son lives in Modesto. Funeral arrangements are pending at Reis Chapel, 991 Nipomo, San Luis Obispo.
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The Canadian media

FDA bans saccharin

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Food and Drug Administra-

tion last week banned saccharin, the only artificial

sweeter approved for use in the United States, be- cause it causes cancer in laboratory animals.

The Food and Drug Administra-

tion said it will take at least until July to fully complete the ad-

ministrative requirements before the ban goes into

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—There’s a mystique about skydiving, I don’t consider it any more dangerous than some other major sports—

by STEVE THORN
Special to the Daily

The aircraft is hovering at 8,000 ft. and your nerves are about to make the leap. For a few moments you’re being held until you pull the cord and the reassuring tug at the parachute slows you down to a safe landing.

Roger Plank, a junior mechanical engineering student at Cal Poly, has experienced this feeling several times and has now formed a club on campus where interested students and faculty can discuss the myths and realities of skydiving. The club is known as the "Stratostars" and its objective is the underscoring and appreciation of the sport.

"There’s a danger, a mystique about skydiving," said Plank. "It is pleasurable with a high degree of safety and knowledge. I don’t consider it any more dangerous than other major sports such as football and rodeo."

Plank was quick to stress, however, that the Stratostars would in no way be participating in the actual physical leap out of a plane. Plank has experienced great difficulty in organizing the Stratostars since May 1975.

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Roger Plank, pictured here with his feet on the ground, is a skydiver with many jumps under his belt.

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Johnson disenchanted by Munich Games

(Gerry Jones, Cal Poly's much publicized guard, is the first to admit that he is surprised at the Mustangs' rapid progression in post season basketball play.

"At the beginning of the season I was just hoping that we could finish first in the CCAA," said Jones. "I'm just as surprised as everyone else of our taking the Western Regionals."

After the Mustangs took the California Collegiate Athletic Association title on the last weekend of the season, Poly moved into the Western Regionals in Tacoma, Washington. There Head Coach Eti Rudder's squad defeated Seattle Pacific College and then upset defending Division II champion Weber State Sound on home court, 65-54.

Why the sudden success from the team that will have the most loses in the nation?

"We are really playing well together," said Jones. "Everyone who asks to the court knows their job."

The Mustangs travel to Florence, Ala., today to take on the Univ. of North Alabama on Friday night. The game will be broadcast on KVEC starting at 6 p.m.

Randy Jones says his arm is fine

(AP)—Randy Jones is back and now it is the hitters who must watch out for the 1976 Cy Young Award winner.

"I have to be 100% and I am," Jones told the press yesterday. "I had surgery to repair nerve damage in my left arm and he is going to take those hits and he will be better than ever."

The game also was the first of the spring between major league clubs and the anxious Padres did not waste any time finding out about the new hurler. Jones allowed two runs—both in the third inning—and four hits and belted himself out of two jams with double plays. Jones

Since Jones threw only 10 pitches in his first two innings, he went an additional inning. In that one, California's Mike Easler and Jerry Kenny hammertime Jones over the head and body. George Hendrick's double Chalk singled into second run.

Johnson only matters who's bat on that given day.
Mustangs pound out 24 runs in rout of 49ers

By CORTNEY BRATTON
Daily Staff Writer

The Mustang baseball team pounded out 50 hits to
Long Beach State's 17, en route to a six-run victory Sunday afternoon and a sweep of the series.

Along with the winning effort, Cal Poly scored the fourth run of the day for the Mustangs.

The first game saw little hitting off either team as the series ended with a 1-1 tie in the fifth game by Paul Davis.

Long Beach scored one run in the fifth of the first game as Allen Davis reached first base on an error, Cary Pelletier was hit by a Doug O'Brien offering, and Steve Penoglio singled home Davis.

The scoring for the Mustangs was in the second inning, after one run was scored. Smith walked, stole second and scored on a single by Mike Costa to make the score 1-0.

In the second game, the Mustangs hit Perry with a single to score on a double by Mike Felig. Paul Davis hit a single to score Perry and the series ended with a 1-0 Mustang win, making the score 8-0.

Long Beach ended the scoring in the final seventh inning as Rob Day walked and Pelletier added his second home run of the day to make the score 8-1.

All of the Mustangs that played in the second game of the doubleheader had at least one run batted in, some having two, and Felig led all players with four, followed by Smith and Tom Mosich with three apiece.

The Mustangs will take their 2-0 CCAA league record into a noon doubleheader Saturday against UC Riverside at San Luis Obispo.
Washington terrorized—gunmen take hostages

WASHINGTON (AP)—In an early morning raid on a Black Muslim center, a band of riflemen invaded the headquarters of the religious organization, organization a Moslem religious center and Washington's City Hall on Wednesday, killing a man and seizing scores of hostages.

At least 11 persons were injured—shot, stabbed or beaten.

A city councilman was shot and the mayor of Washington was barricaded in his office against the invaders. The one known killing was at the District of Columbia building. The victim's employer identified him as Maurice Williams, II, a staff reporter for radio station WHUR.

A police spokesman said the invaders were the work of Black Muslims, and were coordinated J. E. Samir, a police spokesman, said the gunmen were talking to each other on the telephone.

Chairman Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Tex., of the House Committee on Assassinations today he has of that assassination before it occurred. "participated in the assassination" of Dr. F. Kennedy indicating "there was prior conspiracy in the King assassination was in a detailed briefing to committee members. What his evidence is before the press and was canceled. He said it included his faith.

In New York, United Ari

Arms Corp. volunteered to cancel showings of the movie. It was stopped halfway through at all four theaters showing the film in the New York City area.

Aside from that, there were no clear demands.

Police negotiated with the gunmen, telephoning and by shooting through office building stairwells.

"We're asking what they're demanding and they said we'll find out later," Samir said.

It all happened within hours. First came the word at Bess Byth, a Jewish service organization, seven blocks north of the White House. Then, at one gunman invaded the Islamic Center. A mosque on Embassy Row, taking 15 hostages. Then came the shootings at the District of Columbia Building, within sight of the White House grounds.

By late afternoon, police said the district building had been evacuated, save for those held hostage or barricaded in their offices.

Council President Sterling Tucker was among the hostages.

SACRAMENTO (AP)— The unemployment rate in California declined sharply from 8.5 per cent in January to 7.8 per cent in February, the state reported today.

That compares with a national unemploy

ment rate of 7.5 per cent in February. It was the twelfth month in a row that showed a decline in the state rate. The state's unemployment rate had slumped from 9.7 per cent unemployment rate in the previous February.

Gluck added it was the first time in 10 years that unemployment dropped between January and February.

New evidence in King death

WASHINGTON (AP)—Chief Counsel Ralph A. Sprague told the House Committee on Assassinations today he has uncovered evidence indicating that others may have had knowledge of or participated in the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

Sprague also told the committee in a brief opening statement that his staff had evidence on the murder of President John F. Kennedy indicating "that there was prior knowledge on the part of some individuals of that assassination before it occurred."

But in two investigations, Sprague told the committee, the staff has been unable to thoroughly check witnesses' stories or determine whether they are corroborated or untrue.

The chief counsel gave only the hints of what his evidence is before the press and public were dismayed from the committee room so Sprague and his staff could give a detailed briefing to committee members.

Sprague said his evidence indicates there was a conspiracy in the King assassination as in contrast to a Justice Department investigation that concluded no evidence had been found that King was killed by anyone other than James Earl Ray, saying as much.

Ray, currently serving a 99-year sentence on conviction of that assassination, has offered through an attorney to testify if the committee will listen to his story that there was a conspiracy to kill King and he was set up to take the blame.

Ray's lawyer, Jack Kershaw of Nashville, said in a telephone interview Tuesday night, that a committee investigation had contacted him and they discussed joint investigation with Ray as early as next week.

Sprague told the committee his staff has some new information, additional information on facts already known in the two assassinations and "new information previously available but not presented."

Sprague suggested the staff has not been able to do more because of the lack of access to FBI files and lack of long-distance telephone service, both cut off by orders from Chairman Henry B. Gonzalez, D-Tex.

Ag club meeting

California Student for Agriculture will have a new defender, a commit

tee to Sec. John Niman at 8 a.m. today in Agriculture Rm. 130. Defender will speak on all the land use assembly bill now in the committee and the possible it will have if passed.

CAHPER barbeque

CAHPER is sponsoring a barbeque dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., March 12 at the San Luis Obispo Grange Hall, 2880 Broad St.

Come and eat all you can for only $1. (Non-members $2.50) Following the dinner, entertainment will be provided by Donny Gau, known San Luis Obispo performer.

EOP representative

A cuesta College representative for Extended Opportunity Program at Services will be available at the San Luis Obispo Grange Hall from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. each Thursday.

Various services provided through EOPS at Cuesta College include the provision of tutors in academic subjects and reading and peer counseling. More information is available at the 345-2943, extension 544-9814.

Cold Phase Book Exchange will be taking new to newly abashed college students from room March 24 through March 50.

The Exchange will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily in Mustang Lounge.

Italian Cuisine

Mon.-Fri. 11am-3pm (Lunch)
5-9pm (Lunch & Dinner)
Closed Sat. & Sun.* Phone 544-9814

Across from the Amtrak Station on Railroad Ave.

Summer camp jobs

An estimated 12,000 summer job opportunities at summer camps will be available for college students for the summer of 1977.

Job opportunities include counselors, swimming instructors, riding instructors, cooks and helpers and general maintenance. Most jobs include board and room. In many cases summer camp employment for college students will also provide additional credits.

Students interested in obtaining additional details on student assistance may request a free brochure by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Opportunity Research, Department 315, Box 600, Rainbow, MT 59601.