The future of the English major at Cal Poly could be threatened if a Chancellor's Office proposal to reclassify 14 English courses is implemented, according to English Department Head Thomas Van.

Van told Malcolm Wilson, associate vice-president of academic programs, in a Jan. 10 letter that the reclassification would affect the quality of education the English Department can offer to majors.

According to Tomlinson Fort, Jr., vice-president of academic affairs, the school was notified by the Chancellor's Office in November, 1982 that 22 Cal Poly classes would be affected by the reclassification of course type and size. The reclassification system, called mode and level, is being implemented on all CSU campuses, breaks down every course taught on campus into a category (lecture, discussion, seminar, etc.) and a course load size based on whether the course is lower or upper division or graduate level.

At Cal Poly, the reclassification would increase the number of students enrolled in 10 lower division literature courses to 45, nearly double what it is now. Four upper division courses would change from the required 22 student minimum class size to 32.

The English Department would have to compete with other departments for larger classrooms for the lower division classes since the English building rooms will not seat more than 40 students, Van explained.

"We do not compete successfully for prime time with the other departments for these classrooms. If we offer classes at unfavorable hours later in the day, we will receive enrollment," he said.

Wilson said the changes from the reclassification will affect all departments on campus, but some courses will have reduced class size, so there will be "less competition" for those 43 seats.

According to Van, the English Department will be operating at a loss if its upper division classes, as well as the more popular lower division classes that many non-English majors must take, require a larger enrollment.

"Many of our courses don't have the enrollment we would like, so we look to the general education courses like Great Books of the Western World to make up for the loss of students in the upper division classes," he said.

Upper division classes that do not draw 33 or more students could possibly be dropped from the curriculum, causing the department to lose money, he explained.

Van said he also feels there is a "personnel issue here" that could cause a "major collapse" in instructor satisfaction.

There is a great amount of pressure on the English Department to teach more writing classes, he said, estimating the English faculty teaches 60 percent of the writing classes now, when much of their training is in literature.

"I don't mind working as a service department to the school, but there is a big difference between service and service," Van said.

New entry plan stresses more than GPA

by Margie Cooper

Staff Writer

The only state university in the CSU system with an admission process that weighs an applicant's personal qualifications in addition to grade point average, Cal Poly Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo

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Chancellor’s office may reclassify courses

Lower quality of English classes?

by Lorie Wallin

Staff Writer

"We had to come up with a plan to resolve our admission problems (of applicant oversubscription)," he said. With an enrollment ceiling set at 15,600, there are 900 fewer students at Cal Poly this year. Last year when 60 percent of the applicants were turned away, only 5,617 out of 12,597 applicants were accommodated.

Why does Cal Poly attract so many students? "We offer more than just four or five CSU universities also offer," said Snyder, citing that the architecture department was probably twice as big as that of Cal Poly Pomona. With the only graphic communications program in the state, the university is also one of the few that offers the applied arts program. Cal Poly has led other universities in developing a fairly comprehensive engineering program, and he added that Poly's engineering technology graduates were in demand. He said business graduates had been successful in part because of a carryover effect due to the engineering graduates' great track record.

With students coming from various areas of the state, Cal Poly means different things to different people. To some, it is an agricultural school and to others, a high-technology computer school. 'We have different faces — perhaps that is why we are so successful.'

The previous admissions policy shortchanged students. With the selection process based solely on GPA and Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, no consideration was given to the type of courses an applicant had taken (simple ones versus college prep), or the demographic characteristics of the student population at Cal Poly. He said this is about 4.3 percent of Asian-Americans. Snyder noted the percentage of Asian-Americans in California high schools was about 4.5 percent, while they constituted 4.3 percent of the student body.

"They've had an easier time moving into white society," said Snyder.

The MCA plan, devised by Snyder, views applicants holistically. Academic ability weighs 75 percent in admission considerations, while performance outside the classroom can contribute no more than 25 percent. Under the plan, priority is given to community college transfer students. California residents, veterans, ethnic minorities and underrepresented groups (such as women in high technology programs or men in teacher education programs).

Cal Poly has largely been a homogeneous body catering to white, middle class students. By the year 2000, demographers statewide project that California's white majority will no longer be a majority and Mexican-Americans and Hispanics will make up the largest percentage of non-whites — presently only 12 percent of the student body is Hispanic.

An exception to underrepresented minorities at Cal Poly is Asian-Americans. Snyder noted the percentage of Asian-Americans in California high schools was about 4.3 percent, while only 0.4 percent of the student population at Cal Poly. He said this is partly because of the university's emphasis on quantitative education and that Asians seemed to be quantitatively oriented.

"They've had an easier time moving into white society; that's why they're represented in proportion to their numbers at Cal Poly," Snyder said.

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Cal Poly admissions system is multi-faceted  
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In theory, the MCA plan is trying to change Cal Poly's demographics so that they truly represent the numbers in society. Gov. George Deukmejian's state budget cuts which have raised quarterly fees by $44 seem to be working against the MCA plan to help correct minority imbalances. But Snyder said that many ethnic minorities applying to Cal Poly come from middle class families with civil service, teaching or military backgrounds "who are better off economically" and not unfamiliar with college. Studies show that minority applicants have at least one parent with some exposure to college education, and in many cases, both parents.

The types of programs and degrees offered at Cal Poly facilitate ethnic minorities' emergence into the middle class stratum. "Our graduates are not just shot gunned out of here into society, but are targeted to that segment of the middle class structure," Snyder said. "But we don't get lots of minority applicants because of the academic preparation that's needed," he said, adding the applicants weren't educationally prepared to enter technical programs — which is largely an "error of society." Although spaces granted to minorities did increase 22 percent in fall quarter over fall quarter, 1981, Snyder was not sure whether the number of applications had increased or whether the MCA plan was responsible.

Chancellor W. Ann Reynolds said in a Dec. 27 publication of The Chancellor Comments that in accordance with the California Master Plan for Higher Education (which in 1963 came up with a coherent system for state and community colleges to unify their goals and work under a central administration), "The CSU is to take its entrants from the top one-third of California high school graduates." And in the same issue, she called for "facilitating entry" by minorities into the CSU system so "appropriate numbers" of minorities would graduate.

Snyder said that in regards to minorities the entire educational system was a paradox, and that its primary failure was "not responding adequately to the needs of minorities." Any educational system has to have fairly rigorous standards for both entrance and exit without which the system would fail to do what it is supposed to be doing. He said many high schools in the past 20 years had tried to become all things to all people.

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Outdoors

Senior projects can be fun

South of the border excursion product of student's planning

by Lorie Wallin
Staff Writer

After 10 weeks of planning and preparation, it all came together during Christmas vacation—lounging on a beautiful isolated Mexican beach under 85 degree sunny skies while munching fresh coconut and sipping tropical rum drinks from hollowed pineapple shells. Not a bad way to wind up a senior project, huh?

Sponsored by the University Union Travel Center, the 10-day trip to San Jose del Cabo, Cabo San Lucas and Puerto Vallarta was the culmination of 22-year-old business major Carolyn Chilton's senior project when she led a group of tourists into Mexico.

Chilton volunteered to work in the Travel Center last year helping students with information on foreign countries, work/study programs abroad, and air flights. According to Rod Neubert, University Union recreation director, the Travel Center helps people travel on a limited budget by offering "low-cost" trips and student discounts, although he added that the center's services were also available to non-students.

Chilton had made several previous trips to Mexico and after eight years of studying Spanish, qualified as a tour guide. Before she had worked one quarter, she was leading her first tour group to Mexico, and not long after that, her second.

Last quarter she offered to guide a trip and make all the necessary arrangements as her senior project. After Neubert approved the proposal, Chilton's business expertise came into play as she wrote agencies for price estimates, securing package deals on flights and hotel accommodations. The grand total for transportation, hotels and student insurance came to $884 each. She publicized the trip speaking to Spanish classes, printing flyers, putting up a poster in the UU and placing advertisements with 14 radio stations and seven newspapers. (Her follow-up revealed that most people heard of the trip through the Mustang Daily.)

The response was good, and she said many people who signed up for the trip had never been there before. An organizational meeting and dinner was held prior to their departure in which Chilton outlined the do's and don'ts of "How not to get sick," such as: don't eat vegetables unless cooked; don't drink water unless purified; and order drinks without ice. She further explained about the currency and gave non-Spanish speaking tourists a few key phrases to help out.

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The Cooperative Education program is a work experience program through which students alternate periods of study with work related to their majors. The work is paid, and academic credit is given.

The following organizations are coming on campus to interview for co-op students, and you may come to the co-op office to arrange to interview with them. There are also many other companies interested in co-ops, and information on these positions is available at the office in Chase Hall.

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City of Palo Alto

Tues. Feb. 1
IBM
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Westlake Village

Tues. Feb. 1
Sandia Labs
ENVE, ET/AC/R
Albuquerque, NM

Tues. Feb. 1
Kaiser Permanente
IE
Medical Centers
Oakland, Sacramento, N.Ca.
Info Session Sun.
Jan. 30, 6 pm,
Staff Dining Rm A

Tues. Feb. 1
ME, AE
Container Corp. of America
Los Angeles

Fri. Feb 4
ME, AE
ACTG
IRIS
Bakersfield
Info Day on Summer co-ops, Chase Hall
Rm. 202, 11 am.

First Week of
Feb. (date not firm)
ME, AE, EE, CE
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
Bremerton, WA

Fri. Mar. 11
MIS, CSC, ACTG
Naval Civilian Personnel Command
In planning the itinerary, Chilton avoided strict travel schedules so as not to be in a position of having to do something at a given time. Instead, she opted for a loose plan allowing for trip members to travel in pairs on their own (as long as she knew where they were going!).

When the flight arrived in San Jose del Cabo, the airport there caused a few raised eyebrows. It consisted of nothing but a thatched grass roof which covered an open air baggage area. The group took taxis for the 20-mile trek over deeply rutted dirt roads to Cabo San Lucas where they encountered towering rock cliffs and a stone arch punctuating the tip of the peninsula. That spot, dubbed Land’s End, is where the Pacific Ocean meets the Gulf of California, some made the climb where they found to be so grandiose, had some made the climb the next morning to witness an equally stunning sunrise.

From Cabo San Lucas, the group took a journey on an 18-hour trip across the Sea of Cortez to Puerto Vallarta. A catamaran sailed them further to a rookery for pelicans on some rock islands and then down the coast to Mismaloya Beach where the movie set of “Night of the Iguana” stands amidst lush palms. The group feasted on seafood style during their stay, as shrimp and lobster dinners were had for $4.00. Three tacos and a drink could be purchased for under a dollar, although some tour members, being accustomed to American Mexican food, didn’t like the real thing and decided to wait until they got back to California to eat “Mexican” food.

Ranging in age from 20-35 years, trip members found different fascinations in Mexico. Several hearty souls hit the discos every night, with their favorite being City Dump, where they danced to American tunes of 10 years ago. Others worked on their tans soaking up the sun, while some found hiking up the river into jungle-like thickets where iguanas and multi-colored parakeets scurried about more to their liking.

Shopping was an adventure for all. Upon their arrival the exchange rate for pesos was 70 per dollar, and within several days the peso took a massive to 148 per dollar. “It was just like everything was half price,” said Chilton, adding that the group went crazy buying things three or four of every thing. Toward the end of the trip they had an excess of money left. Recovering pesos to dollars is a problem, she said, “so whatever money you exchange, be sure to use it all.”

She said that some members, in their wildest armchair adventures, had expected bad experiences with “banditos,” (thieves), and were surprised when the trip was completed without “banditos,” (thieves), and were surprised when the trip was completed without a thing. Toward the end of the trip they had an excess of money left. Recovering pesos to dollars is a problem, she said, “so whatever money you exchange, be sure to use it all.”

“I think it’s kind of scary when you’re in charge of everything and you don’t want people to be disappointed,” she said.

Outdoor News

Wildlife’s survey—The Cal Poly Wildlife Club will be conducting a wildlife survey at Soda Lake on Saturday, Jan. 22. The purpose of the survey will be to help provide for a study by the Bureau of Land Management. Among the species of wildlife which may be observed are an estimated 6,000 sandhill cranes, Golden Eagles and Rough-billed and Ferruginous Hawks.

The Wildlife Club invites anyone interested to join them. The trip will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday from the staff parking lot across Fisher Science Hall. Bring a lunch.

Editor’s Note: The Outdoors Editor will accept submission from any campus or community organization for “Outdoor News.” This column will not run on a regular basis, but will appear approximately every two to three weeks. Entries can be dropped off in the Mustang Daily office, Graphic Arts Building 226.

The outdoor section runs on Wednesdays—this week is an exception!

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Greater class size hurts majors?

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Fort said the English Department "does serve two roles at Cal Poly": to teach writing and literature to majors and "serve as a service department for non-English majors."

"The general education program adopted by this campus will increase the number of literature courses taught into non-English majors," he added.

Wilson said the mode and level system, in operation for the last 20 years in the CSU system, has to do with allocation of state funds.

"Every class on campus generates credit units based on the number of full-time equivalent students, he explained. "Cal Poly has been budgeted to receive credit for 14,200 full time equivalent students from the state, Wilson said.

CAC attempts to enhance awareness

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The CAC "can be vocal for all the ethnicities. It's just a matter of getting all those people vocal," he added.

The fact that seven of the 10 groups are participating today in the Multi-Cultural Fair shows there is a willingness and a desire, said Contreras, "but simply because we're ethnic doesn't mean we really have to put ourselves out and represent." Cultural awareness is especially important at Cal Poly said Contreras, because ethnic groups are "terribly misrepresented."

While there is a 19.2 percent Hispanic population in California, Cal Poly's student body is only 3 percent Hispanic. "We need to create an air of awareness and through that more ethnic groups will come to Poly," he said.

According to the vice chair, the flow of students through the Multi-Cultural Center has increased lately, but awareness of ethnic groups still needs improvement. "Just look at where we're located, that will give you some idea," he commented. "Not a whole lot of people know we're down here. The MCC is in University Union Room 103, across from the El Corral Bookstore.

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With work, John Scott is just swimming in it

by Teressa Mariani

He's been swimming since he was seven and competing in the pentathlon since he was 15. He made it to Nationals in Division II swimming and the international pentathlon competition in 1981 and 1982. And to top it all off, he's a Cal Poly architecture major.

But ask 20-year-old Poly swimmer John Scott why he swims year round and does nothing but train for the pentathlon every summer and he doesn't know what to say.

"I don't know," he says after a long pause. "I just like to do well at whatever I'm doing."

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Endless practice

Poly Athletes of the Week

Leaders display near-perfection

Some coaches use the term in their jargon, or they post the title on their bulletin boards — team leader. It's not the person who has the best stats the coaches are talking about, although they can have impressive performances.

Instead the coaches are talking about the person who does the work and does the work well, who may talk it up and sit out the enthusiasm but doesn't really have to, who leads by example.

— Two of those the Mustang Daily sports staff picked as Athletes of the Week.

From the wrestling team comes somebody who really leads by example, if the example you want to emulate is perfection. Right now, senior Louie Montano is ranked No. 2 in the nation by National Mat News. And why not? He's 23-0 in collegiate competition, having toppled the best Oklahoma University, Oregon State and other wrestling powerhouse teams. He has to offer. His last win, other than San Jose State's challenger, was against Arizona State's Tom Draheim, 10-2.

Montano, a 155-pounder, was All-America last year. No doubt the honor will be repeated — maybe even bettered — this season.

Tom Perkins helps lead the men's basketball team. He's done it. At 6-8, he can't be missed. The senior has started most of the season at center — both CCAA games and has pulled down the largest number of rebounds on the team to date with 79, which includes 16 CCAA rebounds for an eight rebound average.

He has the second highest season free-throw percentage on the team, with .797, close behind guard Mike Sein's .806, as well as the second highest team CCAA field goal percentage with .545.

The Mustangs go to Cal State Northridge and Los Angeles this weekend, with the sky book Perkins in tow.

Congratulations to the Athletes of the Week.
**Letters**

**Speakers suggestions**

**Editor:**

After seeing the ASI Speakers Forum presentation of Dr. Hunter S. Thompson, I was both inspired and appalled. Dr. Thompson had some enlightening comments and, well, he has given some courtesy and a few questions with a little backbone, he may not have had such a difficult time on stage.

ASI's News Coordinator, Doug Jones, conducted inAnna, winning the renegotiation of loans for another farmer. Foreclosures by the FMHA more than doubled last year. Farmers complain about the interest rates, the weather, dropping land values and losing the support of a government they say backed up by enduring courtesy and a few questions with a lit­

The Midwest. He has also ordered the Farmers Home Administration to review the loans on a case by case basis.

Hopefully, the latter proposal will help ease the strain of finances in all sectors of the agricultural economy. Conditions American farmers have faced in the last few years have combined to deal a blow that many are unable to absorb. We encourage the Reagan administration to work with the small farmers who do not have the capital to fight back. In the economy of today, understanding, not figures, should be the most imp­

Important aspect of farm loans.

**The AMERICAN DREAM**

**OF OWNING A HOME IN THE '80S?**

It is reassuring to know that the Mustang realizes it is important to recognize "Punk Rockers" and understand their outlook. It's more than listening to music and dressing dif­

ferently. It is both a response to and a state of war. Hopefully, this will ease the strain of the music and explore new sounds, searching for the right feeling. From there it's a natural progression. These inquisitive people eventually res­

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Often it is hard to understand people who are different. Punks aren't asking you to change your mind; just to respect their right to be themselves, to be dif­

ferent, to be individuals.

As an individual saluting individuali­

ty, I don't presume to speak for anyone other than myself. — Jennifer Langworthy

**The Last Word:**

A statement

**... Had a farm**

It is not a good time to be down on the farm.

The economy and other factors have left many farmers in the United States with an uncertain future. The California Bank of America estimates that repayment of 25-30 percent of the farm loans it has made, $2.25 billion worth, the largest amount of any commercial bank in the country, will not be paid on time. Dropping land values have caught farmers who used their farms as collateral several years ago unaware.

In the past few years, interest rates have risen, income has dropped, emerg­

dences have arisen, and bad weather has ruined many crops.

The response has not been silent. A few weeks ago 300 farmers rioted in Colorado when they were unable to stop the auction of farmland owned by Jerry Wright. President Reagan's grain embargo had kept him from making a profit, Wright said. Last Saturday, the front page of the Los Angeles Times, one of the most urban papers in the country, carried a front page story and photo about the auction of another farm in Ohio where local farmers also tried to stop. In November, Illinois dairy farmers shouted down an auctioneer forcing the Farmers Home Ad­

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ting on a case by case basis.

It is not a good time to be down on the farm. If a guest speaker is going to fall on his face as a stager, or emit an aud­

ence with his great speeches, he should be allowed to do so on his own. Jones' attempts to elevate Thompson's efforts were unprofessional and a poor display of speakers forum leadership.

Rick Coons

It seems to be human nature to dislike anything we don't understand. Con­

sequently, punks are often victims of uncalculated abuse and discrimination.

Granted, there are a few punks who seem to enjoy the image just for the ex­

conce to be malicious and violent — just as there are a few jerks in every crowd.

On the other hand, a wear-out stereotype? Society invariably judges people by what they wear. The Dead Kennedys, in a song called "Hallo­

ween", point out that people carefully plan what they wear on Halloween: "But tomorrow your mold goes back on... Where are your ideas?... Why not every day? Are you so afraid what peo­

ple will say?" Each person has the essential right to decide how he wants to present himself — hair and clothing — and who he will be, including lifestyle, ideas, and music.

Here I'd like to point out that Mon­

day's issue neglected to mention anything about female punks, and if the sketch contained any it wasn't obvious. We're all essentially the same — we're human. Punks weren't born punks. Somewhere along life's dusty path one or two individuals break away from the mainstream of music and explore new sounds, searching for the right feeling. From there it's a natural progression. These inquisitive people eventually res­

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