**Graduation in four years: an unrealistic goal?**

By Ken Dinzer and Craig Andrews

Cal Poly is recognized as a four-year university, but only 13 percent of students entering as first-time freshmen graduate on schedule.

Of students who recently graduated, only 25 percent completed school in four years, while 55 percent needed from four to six years.

Although the problem centers on technical majors, all schools on campus report that students are subject to being in school longer than originally expected.

Gustav Wassel, dean of the School of Engineering, said Cal Poly has only one of the longest engineering programs in the state. "We have approximately 3,100 students working on engineering degrees; Berkeley has 2,700. However, they graduate 800 each year; we graduate 550."

Wassel said the extra time is due mostly to the number of units students are required to take. "Students in the engineering departments at UC Berkeley are required to take 186 units; those at UC Santa Barbara need only 180. While the same amount of time at Cal Poly must have at least 206."

For a student to obtain an engineering degree, 90 units are required at Cal Poly (12 quarters), but he must average over seventeen units per quarter. However, the average, full-time undergraduate in an engineering major takes less than 14.5 units per quarter.

"Only the serious student can finish in four years," said Phillip Bailey, dean of the School of Science and Mathematics. "If you're going to school full time, it's a lifetime job with odd and varying hours ... you have to live the university."

The average number of units taken by Cal Poly students per quarter is 11.5. Bailey said the faster pace of the quarter system makes it seem like things are worse than they really are.

But he feels something can be done to lighten the work a student must do, without changing the quantity of information. "By offering larger unit classes, students could take a fewer number of classes per quarter. For example, chemistry offers quantitative analysis in two quarters. If we changed that to one quarter by offering more units for the class, that would mean fewer midterms and finals for each student."

Architecture majors have some of the heaviest workloads. One landscape architecture major said, "The amount of work they expect out of us is incredible. Everyone does all-nighters, not because they're behind, but just to stay caught up."

There is nothing wrong with making students choose between school and sleep, said K. Richard Zweifel, associate dean of the School of Architecture and Environmental Design. "I think it's fair to expose students to the dilemma of making a decision ..."

Architecture students Stan Chow and Mike Bohn work on plans for the remodelling of Tehama Hall, one of the new engineering buildings. Students are required to graduate in four years, but it's not realistic to expect a student to graduate on schedule. "Nobody that's realistic would expect a little more time. Both parents and students would be wrong to approach higher education with a time limit."

"Many students try to make up needed units during the summer. 4,608 undergraduates enrolled for classes during the 1983 summer quarter, 2,786 were seniors. The average number of units they took dropped to less than 10. Many classes aren't offered during the summer, and in some majors (such as art) the department is practically shut down."

Another problem is sequential courses that aren't offered. Kevin J. Capitolo, who graduated last summer, said he took five years to complete his architectural engineering degree because he failed a prerequisite course that was offered only once per year.

For students enrolled in cooperative education, only four units per quarter are gained for working in industry. Six units would be fair, said Fred Abbits, director of cooperative education. "The type of work (co-op students are doing) is very significant. We have students with perfect passing grades."

For some majors internships are required to graduate. An internship is a job relating to a student that lasts for at least a quarter. Often these jobs are hard to come by, and once found, force a student to take at least a quarter off from school.

"I think it would be nice to substitute internships for senior projects," said Paul T. Deschenes, who is about to graduate with a business major.

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**Permit required to drink in parks**

New city ordinance allows alcohol in some designated areas

By Susan Harris

Staff Writer

Under a new city ordinance, anyone wishing to drink alcohol in designated areas in many city parks will be required to get a permit through the San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation Department.

Permits can be obtained by filling out a park use permit at the Parks and Recreation office on Lizzie Street. Those permits are reviewed and, if approved, signed by Parks Recreation Director Jim Stockton or a member of his staff.

"We're not banning alcohol in city parks, we're just restricting it to certain areas," said Stockton.

Areas which are restricted and will require a permit include: Santa Rosa Park, except for the section northeast of Buchanan Ares; Mitchell Park; Johnson Playground; San Luis Obispo Swim Center; Lagoon Lake Municipal Golf Course; Mission Slough and Vista del Lago Playlots; Throop Park; Mission Plaza, unless the event is scheduled by the director; and Meadow Park.

These permits will also work as a reservation system. "One permit will be issued per day if you want to use a designated area," said Stockton.

A park users' fee must be paid when applying for the permit. Charges for using the barbecue and drinking areas in Santa Rosa Park will be $15 and permits for Johnson Park will cost $20.

The question of banning alcohol in city parks arose when residents around Mitchell Park started a petition requesting an emergency ban on alcohol to stop transients lurking in that area.

The San Luis Obispo City Council referred the problem to the Department of Parks and Recreation for study. A seven-member team researched the parks, and then proposed to ban drinking without a permit resulted in Ordinance 1042, which the City Council passed Sept. 24.

"The new ordinance will take effect Oct. 24 and will be on a trial period until January, when the City Council will review the ban," said Stockton.

An alternative proposal had been written by ASIJ President Mike Mendes, his staff and councillors Robert Griffin and Ron Dunn. Their idea had been to have a two-week trial of the parks individually, instead of blinding all the parks with the same restrictions.

"The restrictions should have been on a selective basis," said Mendes.

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Student Senate off to a quick start

Here we go again, folks. Tonight marks the beginning of a new year for our student government. The first meeting of the Student Senate takes place in Room 220 of the University Union at 7 p.m.

This, and all other meetings are open to the students, whose input is a crucial aspect of the governing process. There are many important issues facing our student leaders this year, and an active, informed student constituency is very important.

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The Reagan administration has joined with several other countries to regulate the trading of the U.S. dollar on the open market with the intention of lowering its value. The hoped for result is to help balance out our huge international trade deficit by making American goods more affordable overseas.

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Soviet hostages may be alive

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — An anonymous telephone caller told a Western news agency Tuesday that two Soviet hostages were killed because fighting had not been halted in Tripoli as demanded by the kidnappers. But official Lebanese sources said the Soviets were still alive.

The call, which claimed to speak for Islamic Jihad, a Shiite Muslim fundamentalist group, said: "We have executed the Soviet commercial attaché and the doctor. Our demands still stand. We are not going to execute any more today."

There was no way to authenticate the call. Hospital sources said they had no bodies of foreigners in their morgues.

The four Soviets were kidnapped Monday in west Beirut and Lebanese police named the commercial attaché as Oleg Spokin and the doctor as Nikolai Vesky.

Lebanese Intelligence sources told The Associated Press that none of the Soviets had been killed.

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Hearing devices

Cal Poly Theatre to have aids to amplify sound

By Carol Maltasse

Hearing-impaired people who attend events at the Cal Poly Theatre will be able to use a cordless amplification system by next month, said the coordinator of Disabled Student Services.

Harriet Clendenen said the amplification system was purchased with funds from a Wilshire Foundation grant from the Wilshire Foundation. The system consists of battery-powered hearing receivers, which can amplify more than 53,000 people. The remainder of the grant will be used to purchase a computer to be used by the deaf, she said.

The receivers can be checked out before any performance and users will be responsible for returning them at the end of the event. They can be worn anywhere within the theater. Headphones, a tele-loop or a receiver which interfaces with a hearing aid can be attached to the receivers.

The grant for the amplification system is the second the university has received from the Wilshire Foundation, said Clendenen. A previous grant was used to buy a voice-synthesized computer terminal and a gas-powered tram that transports disabled people around the campus, she said.

Elizabeth Shaw demonstrates hearing device to be installed at the Cal Poly Theatre.

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Crisis
Self-help groups can provide counseling

It happened just when your job loses a job and you're going through a nervous breakdown, anything from feeling stressed out to you to hospitalization for a nervous breakdown. Such experiences are frightening, and they are increasingly common. According to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), within a six-month period, about 30,000 American adults — 9 percent of the adult population — experience some form of mental disorder (including alcohol and drug abuse). Everyone at some point in life may find himself or herself in a situation that could result in symptoms of mental dysfunction, says Dr. Morton Silverman, a psychiatrist at NIMH. Even common physical illnesses can precipitate mental problems, Dr. Milton Greenblatt, professor of psychiatry at UCLA, reports: "Medical disease is accompanied by emotional difficulty in about sixty to seventy percent of cases. We're all at risk to some extent. We're all trying to keep our heads above water."

This is why mental health experts think we should all learn "psychological first aid" that we can apply to keep our balance under stress. Even when professional help is necessary, such first aid can cushion the fall and make recovery faster. And ultimately, no matter how much expert guidance you get, it is up to you to pull yourself back together again.

To help Americans do this, some 30,000 mental-health self-help groups have been created in the last 10 years, now serving half a million people. And professionals are increasingly supportive of the concept. "There's no question," says Alfred Katz, a UCLA public-health expert, "that such groups work." A 1979 study at the Florida Mental Health Institute found that mental patients who were in peer support groups (both in hospital and out) did significantly better than those who were not. Impressed by such reports, NIMH has granted $400,000 for a four-year study of the effectiveness of an Illinois-based assembling called GROW, Inc.

In their open meetings, these groups discuss life-enhancing techniques that can be useful to almost everyone. Recovery, Inc., was begun in 1937 by Chicago psychiatrist Abraham Low. It became completely patient-managed by 1952, and now has about 10,000 support groups meeting weekly in the United States, Canada, and Ireland. Their emphasis: training people to function normally despite fear and nervous symptoms.

GROW, Inc., co-founded by Coe Keogh, a Catholic priest and former psychiatric mental patient, began in Sydney, Australia, in 1957 after Keogh and others sought to help one another recover from mental breakdowns. They systemized what worked best for them, and eventually developed more than 600 "caring and sharing" mutual-support groups in seven countries, including programs in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Hawaii.

Emotions Anonymous International, begun in 1971, received permission from Alcoholics Anonymous to adapt its 12-step program for use with people who had emotional problems. With headquarters in St. Paul, it now has 1,000 chapters in 17 countries.

One rainy night recently, people attended a Recovery, Inc., meeting in San Diego. About 15 people gathered in a church hall. No one looked weird or unusual; the problems they had ranged from the serious (suicidal impulses) to the mild (quarrels with friends). One retiring young woman told how her mother had destroyed her plans to visit a brother in a distant city. "I had terrible thoughts about my mother for always telling me that I'm incompetent," she said. "In the past, I couldn't have handled such anger. I might have freaked out. But I've learned from Recovery, Inc., that we don't have to act on impulses. I shared my feelings with a friend and regained my objectivity.

Members congratulated her on not yielding to symptoms. "We've found we can control our thoughts and impulses," commented another woman, who had joined the group after a nervous breakdown. Once a psychological first aid had saved someone from "going crazy."
According to Gary Emery, psychology professor at U.C.S.B., the person who is not a clinically defined depressive is suffering from a "serious emotional disturbance" in a "serious emotional disorder". The difference between "being on the edge" and having a "serious emotional disorder" is that you can endure symptoms and function reasonably well in the outside world, but there is the ability to withstand these visible crises of anxiety, anger or depression, and accompanying symptoms such as dizziness and heart palpitations.

Says GROW's co-founder Kough: "If all members of the human race gathered on Earth and were asked to evaluate their personal worth for the first time, they would learn to evaluate themselves more soundly."

Artie Bus, who heads GROW in Hawaii, shared a personal triumph in a meeting in Honolulu. "I told one of the members I had been cut in two verbally," she said. "I cried, went to bed and slept." Then, when she was calmer, she was able to think back on the incident and realize it hadn't been that bad.

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Clockwise from left: 1. A view of San Luis Obispo from the roof of the Victorian house. 2. Bedroom in the turret apartment. 3. Full view of the 1890 house currently under restoration. 4. Cal Poly students restore the back porch to its original condition. 5. Outside view of the turret apartment.

Photos by Tom Anderson
Renovating a home
the Victorian way

By Janet Hazerot
Staff Writer

It's more than a big house with a lot of people working on it. It's more than just a place where one big happy family lives. It's a community of students and business people who share one roof with many walls.

The familiar Victorian home on the corner of Islay and Broad streets is in its final stages of renovation, said Sara McEre, part owner of the nine-apartment housing complex. The house was built in 1895 by Charles Eriksten, a worker for Pacific Railroad.

"My former husband and I purchased this house along with my parents in 1973," said McEre. "Work has been done along the way, but in 1980 I moved back in and began the big push to finish the work."

Since then McEre and her work crew of Cal Poly students and others have stripped windows, exposed the original wallpaper and discovered and refinished wood floors.

The central hallway of the house had been covered with red carpet, but it has since been uncovered exposing a beautifully carved wood floor, said J.R. McDonald, a recent Cal Poly graphic design graduate who has lived in the house for four years.

"They are taking a lot of sensitivity to give the house that old look," said McDonald. "A lot of old people are coming back and telling us what it was like in 1931. It's helping us give the house a more original look. One lady has some pictures of the garden that she is bringing by."

Students are not the only tenants. "We've had all kinds of different people living here, teaching us all kinds of different things," said McDonald. "There is a disc jockey from Morro Bay, a hair stylist, a worker for Cal Trans and a veterinarian that just moved out."

McDonald said living with a variety of people has helped him to have a broader outlook on life. "We all get along really easily with each other," he said.

McDonald has seen changes in different occupants during an interviewing process which prospective occupants undergo. "Even though we have our own apartments, we see each other a lot, so we all get to interview people before someone new moves in," said McDonald.

"On some occasions the housemates put a long table down the center hallway and eat dinner together," said McDonald. Usually it totals about 13 people.

All of the architectural work is being managed by Daren Joy, a 1983 architecture graduate from Cal Poly. "I decide what goes where and which colors to use," said Joy.

The house is experiencing a rebirth. "We are subtracting things that were added," said McDonald. "We are erasing earlier mistakes."
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Reservoir meets agreement

Kesterson to divert tainted drain water

FRESNO (AP) — To meet the first required reduction of runoff into Kesterson Reservoir, Westlands Water District will begin diverting some selenium-tainted drainage water onto land in the district today, officials said.

An agreement between the district and the federal government requires Westlands to divert tainted drain water into Kesterson to meet this month's initial 20 percent cutback in drain water sent to Kesterson.

Westlands spokesman Don Upton said Monday the water will be spread across fields much as a farmer would irrigate. The waste water then will seep into the shallow ground water aquifer, he said.

In the district today, officials quinted drainage water onto land to begin diverting some selenium-tainted drain water to Kesterson in western Merced County by next June. Bird deaths and deformities at the wildlife preserve have been blamed on drain water containing selenium, an element that is toxic in large amounts.

A temporary permit to spread drain water on the site of proposed long-term evaporation ponds near Tranquility was approved by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Board Friday.

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But he also described three cases of delayed bacterial keratitis, or infection of the cornea, in patients who had the procedure done as much as three years before.

“Some of these complications have been difficult and sometimes impossible to treat,” said Dr. Dennis O’Day, a professor of ophthalmology at Vanderbilt University, said he has been treating patients who have suffered severe damage after radial keratotomy.

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He said his 13 patients who suffered optic nerve damage infections caused by surgeons who have knifed through the cornea and cut the lens, or hit the optic nerve with a needle.

Certain medications can cause cataracts or retinal detachments and undercorrection or overcorrection may lead to astigmatism, he said.

“There are some (cases) where surgery clearly does not work,” O’Day said. “The problem is that we can’t identify these people.”

O’Day said there is always a small but definite risk of complications with eye surgery. “There’s something to say about technique, but other than that it’s like a bolt of lightning — you never know where it’s going to hit.”

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Radial keratotomy, a controversial eye operation that can dramatically improve vision, can be unpredictable and may lead to infection in some cases, doctors said Tuesday.

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Dr. Denis O’Day, a professor of ophthalmology at Vanderbilt University, said he has been treating patients who have suffered severe damage after radial keratotomy.

“These are some (cases) where surgery clearly does not work,” O’Day said. “The problem is that we can’t identify these people.”

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12-pound gorilla born in Los Angeles Zoo

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The Los Angeles Zoo has a newborn baby gorilla, the first since 1980, and the woman who is hand-rearing the tyke said Sunday it's just like raising her own two children.

"They're very much alike when they're newborns," said Laurie Middleton, who works in the children's zoo nursery.

The 12-pound, 2-ounce lowland gorilla, born late Friday or early Saturday is the offspring of Carol, 22, a loaner from the Sacramento Zoo, and Kay, 21, who is also the mother of the last gorilla born here five years ago.

"For a gorilla he is a large baby," Middleton said. "His eyes are open, he's very alert, very quiet, very content. He's eating very well. He seems remarkably healthy. He's a very good looking baby," she said. "We all agree he has a very sweet face."

On Sunday, the baby met his roommate, a 3-week-old orangutan.

"I introduced them for the first time this morning, kind of held them both in my lap, and they just stared at each other," Middleton said.

Los Angeles Zoo spokeswoman Luisa LaMarc said the baby's visit was only temporary and that the gorilla was actually the property of the Sacramento Zoo.

Rosell said Berry's condition was good when he entered the facility, but results of tests were not immediately released.

Jerry, 12, was admitted Saturday for tests on his stomach, according to Rosell, the actor's spokesman.

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Cal Poly club promotes health in business sector

Ken Kramer

The Cal Poly AFB (Anchored Fitness Board) keeps members involved in the field of corporate fitness. AFB, promoting the need for health and wellness in the business sector, will hold its first meeting on Thursday at 11:00 am in PE 218.

The main reasons for the club's formation on the Cal Poly campus are the growing number of students pursuing a career in corporate fitness and the need for an organization among students presently opting for the public/private fitness certificate program in the physical education degree.

The Cal Poly extension of the national organization began in 1981 when Webb decided an active club would benefit students more than just an annual newsletter from the national organization.

"We've actually the only student organized club of AFB in the nation," said Webb. "Other schools we see at national conventions are reviewing this fact and as a result our academic program is complemented and we gain greater visibility."

Through AFB, student members can make contacts with alumni employed successfully in the field of corporate fitness. AFB keeps members involved in community volunteer work and puts out a quarterly newsletter which lists internships and summer employment opportunities.

To assist its members in the job search, the Cal Poly AFB publishes brochures aimed at corporations interested in starting their own fitness programs.

"We show the companies what they need," said Webb. "And as a result they'll come to Cal Poly to hire!"

According to Webb, members of the AFB have two common goals.

"Our mission is to further wellness and health fitness in the corporate setting," said Webb. "A goal also is to further professionals in this area."

ADIA, Calif. (AP) — regarded Louisiana Slew as a field of eight entered to Wednesday's $60,000-Sunny Slope Stakes, the race on opening day of Oak Tree at Santa Anita, and is assigned race 7.

Lukas Slew, who is owned by Sen. J.E. Petite and trained by D. Lukas, was purchased as a weanling at Keeneland last year for $2.5 million. Lukas Slew has made two starts to date, finishing second in the other entry in the race by Lukas is Santiago, who will be ridden by Meza. Entries assigned 11 1/2 with the exception of Chief, who will be ridden by Sollis and is assigned 11.

Entries entered are Sobree La who will be ridden by Lafitte; Smokey Orbit, Eddie, Rucks, Lay A.C., Chris; Littled Red Cloud, An; Cannibal, and Don B. Blue, by Stevans. All eight entries go to the total purse will be $10,000.

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Women runners win fourth straight Aztec meet

Manning and Lopez lead Poly cross country team

By Andy Froker

If history does, in fact, repeat itself, the Cal Poly women's cross country team is in its way to another national championship.

In each of the past three years, the Mustangs have followed an early season win at the Aztec Invitational in San Diego with a victory at the NCAA Division II meet. By winning the invitational for a fourth straight time last weekend, the Mustangs have served notice that another title is within reach.

"The Aztec Invitational has proved to be a measuring stick for our team's competitive abilities," said Coach Lance Harter.

The Mustangs measured up quite well as they scored a mere 48 points to trounce Division I foes New Mexico and Arizona by more than fifty points.

"Prior to race time, I honestly believed New Mexico and Arizona had the talent to detract our string of team titles," said Harter. "We were going against some of the best that money can buy," he added, referring to the stockpiles of foreign athletes attracted to the Division I programs.

Sure enough, the New Mexico team went out fast and had five runners in the top ten at the mile mark. "They were ahead by 22 points, but they shot their energy early," said Harter. While Lobo runner Carole Royal stayed out in front to win the individual title, he rest of the New Mexico team fell victim to the Mustang pack.

Juniors Katy Manning and Lori Lopez led a surge by the Poly team during the second mile, keeping verbal contact with their trailing teammates. Not only did this exhausting exercise help their teammates, it proved very intimidating to the other teams, said Harter.

"They both had opportunities to control the lead but sacrificed the individual title to keep the team together."

Once capturing the team lead, the Mustangs wasted no time pulling away from their fading opponents, putting four runners ahead of the Lobos' second finisher.

For the second meet in a row, Manning was the first Mustang across the finish line, placing fourth in 17:24 on the 3.1 mile course. Lopez finished four seconds later in fifth place.

Jennifer Dunn, running only her second race in a year after redshirting last year, placed seventh (17:36).

"Her competitive memory is serving her well as each week she loses the gap on our duo (Manning and Lopez)," said Harter.

Junior Jill Ellingon ran another strong race to finish 11th (17:44) and round out the front-running Mustang pack. Sophomore Noreen Bettencourt, running the best race of her career, completed the team score with a 21st place finish (18:00), while freshman Sherri Winkler came in at 18:09 to take the 27th spot.

"Noreen and Sherri are the two keys we look for to determine our team destiny," said Harter. "If they can close the gap, we're going to be very, very tough to beat."

Harter was understandably pleased with the team's performance. "Before the meet I thought we would be a week or two away from bringing everything together. Obviously, we matured very quickly in one week."

Prep kicker sets record

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Dirk Borgognone's first thought after booting a 68-yard field goal, the longest in prep school history, was self-preservation.

Moments after the kick cleared the uprights Friday night, Borgognone, 17, saw his Reno High School teammates rush onto the field shouting, "Record, record, record."

"I didn't run right at them," recalled a still stunned Borgognone. "I ran in a half circle so I wouldn't run straight into the mob and get killed."

The kick broke the high school record of 66 yards set in 1982 by Eric Affholder of Agoura, Calif. The longest field goal in college history, 69 yards, was made by Ove Johansson of Abilene Christian in 1969, and Tom Dempsey of the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League holds the pro record with a 63-yard boot that beat the Detroit Lions in 1970.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — While acknowledging problems in air safety, the chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday that airliners are still "the safest way to travel" and the public should not be unduly alarmed by the rash of aviation accidents this year.

But NTSB Chairman Jim Burnett told the Senate Commerce aviation subcommittee that the Federal Aviation Administration has failed to respond to changes brought on by airline deregulation, including the rapid increase in the number of small airlines and increased air traffic.

He said FAA inspectors are not only too few in number but often have "a very gentlemenly" relationship with the airlines they are supposed to monitor. Breakdowns in communications and coordination among air traffic controllers, especially in towers of busy airports, also remain "very disturbing," he said.

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Asked whether air travel was safe, Burnett, whose agency investigates airline accidents, replied: "I don't think there's any basis for aviation consumer to be alarmed over a decrease in safety."

But Engen opposes the new law, saying it is not enough and could lead to "a very gentlemenly" relationship with the airlines they are supposed to monitor. Breakdowns in communications and coordination among air traffic controllers, especially in towers of busy airports, also remain "very disturbing," he said.

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Supporters of a seat-belt law say it is far better for drivers to buckle up before they get into the car, even if they are not required to do so. Many believe that seat belts are safer than passive restraints and that they are more effective in protecting passengers in all types of accidents.

Opponents of the new law argue that seat belts are not as effective as passive restraints in protecting passengers in all types of accidents, especially in crashes where the vehicle is severely damaged. They also contend that seat belts are more expensive to manufacture and install than passive restraints.

The Brown bill will make it illegal for drivers over 15 who fail to buckle up to be fined up to $20 or required to attend traffic safety school for a first offense under the bill.

A subsequent seat-belt citation could result in a maximum fine of $50. The measure's passive restraint provision says that all new passenger vehicles sold in California after Sept. 1, 1989, must have passive restraints, a term that usually refers to air bags or automatic seat belts but is more heavily padded "friendly interiors."

Supporters of a seat-belt law predict that it will save more than 1,000 lives a year and prevent thousands of injuries.