Graduation in four years: an unrealistic goal?

By Ken Dintzer 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 22 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 one of the longest engineering programs in the state. "We have approximately 3,100 students working on engineering degrees; Berkeley has about 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 units at Cal Poly must have at least 206."

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"The serious student can finish in four years, said Philip Rubly, dean of the School of Science and Mathematics. "If you're going to school full time, it's a nine-month job and it takes a lot of cramming, but it's very difficult to do this."

"The average number of units taken by Cal Poly students per quarter is about 13.4. 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 quota of information. "By

Architecture students Stan Chow and Mike Bohn work on plans for the remodeling of Tehama Ltd, part of the new engineering building. Students offering larger unit classes, students could take a few 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.'"

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"But it's not realistic to expect a student to graduate on schedule. Anybody 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."

"One could wonder why students reject the schedule set forth in the Cal Poly catalog for a degree. One computer science major said, 'I'm just protecting my grade point average. I would die if I tried to keep up with the flow chart they give you when you're a freshman.'"

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New city ordinance allows alcohol in some designated areas

By Susan Harris

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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 will take 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.

All ASI officers were elected by the students and need to be held accountable by them. Decisions can be made that will affect many of us for years to come; we need to play our part.

The first meeting will find President Bader addressing the senate during an open forum session. San Luis Councilman and Foundation Assistant to the Director Robert Roberts will encourage students to become more aware and active, informed student constituency is very important.

We also have to just now sit back and watch. Some of us are stuck pondering Ier chores — go it, only to find herKlf in an uncomfortable position or wait until the door to the closet opened, and discovered firewood in our engineering department, I hope it doesn't affect their knowledge's sake.

San Luis Councilman and Foundation Assistant to the Director Robert Roberts will encourage students to become more aware and involved in city affairs.

The senate will also be considering proposals concerning the Children's Center Reserve Fund and the Foundation representative selection process. They will also vote on the Senate standing rules, which are the operational guidelines that the group will follow throughout the year.

The future of the bowling alley seems to be up in the air; it is no doubt an issue that will remain controversial.

Student government is here for the students; it can only be effective if the students take the initiative to make it so.

California lottery starts tomorrow

On your mark, get set, Go! Tomorrow marks the start of the long awaited California lottery with only one question that remains to be answered: How much money will California's education system receive?

Now that the moral and ethical questions don't really matter, Californians are waiting patiently to flock to the thousands of retail outlets that will sell the $1 tickets in hopes of getting rich quick.

Don't be too disappointed — the odds of winning the big multi-million dollar prizes are multi-million to one.

We all have to just now sit back and watch. Some of us will win; some of us will lose. Some of us will refuse to play, while others will become true believers in the great American dream (and now famous MTV adage) of "Money for nothing..."

Gotta a minute? by Berke Breathed

I would rather

Junior, what's the point?

The question is an old one. It has been discussed at length by experts in many different disciplines and debated for countless hours to no avail.

What is the purpose of a college education? Why do I bring up this topic that admittedly has no correct answer? Because I am amazed, almost disgusted at the seemingly ignorance of many Cal Poly students.

While questioning students around campus about their opinion concerning moves to devolve the U.S. dollar, I came across a disproportionate number who had no idea what I was talking about.

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 hope for result is to help balance out our huge international trade deficit by making American goods more affordable overseas.

To me this is an issue that is of immediate importance to all citizens, especially college students who will be expected to adjust their future livelihood.

The American business community depends on foreign markets for a large share of the money from which pays the salaries of American workers. Almost all of us will someday seek those jobs.

It seems that, all too often, we are stuck into restrictive curricula, with no way out to pursue our own course of study in such the well-rounded members of society.

It goes beyond the school mandated classes; it is more of a general attitude that seems to pervade the thinking of many college students.

We are programmed from the beginning that all knowledge needs to be applicable. If you can't use it, forget it; if it isn't going to get you a job, who needs it? Common sense like these are so short sighted, it begins to scare me.

I know this is a polytechnic university and that if I wanted a real intellectual environment I should go to school somewhere else. But, I don't want to go somewhere else; I would rather do what little I can to promote the pursuit of knowledge, just for knowledge's sake.

To add a short story to this discussion, I would like to tell you an incident that happened to me.

Several years ago, I was talking with a student about the future of newspapers. She was very concerned that I was "wasting my time" by working in the news business and I shouldn't be trying to make a living in journalism.

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CAMPUS COMEDY

A friend was taking her Ph.D. oral exam at UCLA. Although nervous, she managed to answer all the questions the committee put to her. When the ordeal finally ended, she turned in relief to the door — and discovered there were two doors. She quickly chose one and walked through only to find herself in an enormous utility closet. As she was pondering her choices — go back into the room or wait until she heard the examiners leave — the door to the closet opened, and the entire committee joined her.

--contributed by D.C. Lloyd

During a faculty meeting, the speaker jokingly announced, "I've some good news and some bad news. The good news is that a student survey has revealed that coeds here find middle-aged professors sexy."

"The bad news," he continued, "is that they think middle age is twenty-five."

--contributed by Joen Wakefield

At Southwest Missouri State University, I saw this message posted on a classroom door: "The Advanced Argumentation Class will Meet in Craig Hall, Room 312, Today." Below the message two students had written:

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--contributed by Caryn Cook

As the only female instructor in our engineering department, I am always breading my male students on their use of the sexist terms "girls" and "gals" (not to mention "broads"). An older student, a paramedic, had a particularly difficult time adjusting to the use of "girls" and "gals."

One morning he came running into class late, I looked at him quizzically awaiting an explanation. "Sorry," he said, "I got up delivering a uh, baby lady."

--contributed by Kathleen A. T.

My husband started ten years after high school was closed down by the English composition class. When the final paper was graded, I teacher suggested I give up a composition with a folder because, she said, I should have given a good impression by making the paper look neat. She also implied that using a folder could mean the difference between an A or a B.

My husband raised his hand and said "What's your favorite color?"

--contributed by Theresa Low

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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 caller, who claimed to speak for Islamic Jihad, a Shiite Moslem fundamentalist group, said: "We have executed the Soviet cryptographic attache and the doctor. Our demands still stand. We are not going to execute any more today."

There was no way to authenticate the call. Hospitalic 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 attache as Nikolai Versky and the doctor as Nikolai Versky.

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

Heckler leaves secretary post

WASHINGTON (AP) — Margaret Heckler stepped down Tuesday as secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to become ambassador to Ireland while President Reagan denounced reports that she was forced from the post as "malicious gossip" and "falsehood."

"I think Mrs. Heckler was justifiably upset by the kind of gossip that was going around," the president said as he stood at his side. "I don't know where this was coming from. It was malicious, it was false. She executed the policies that I wanted for the agency."

Some had persistent reports that the White House staff, particularly chief of staff Donald Regan, had disapproved of Heckler's performance and had applied pressure to get her out. The department, with 145,000 employees, has a $330 billion budget — the largest in the government.

Journalist killed in Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Afghan rebels said Tuesday American journalist Charles Thornton was killed in a battle zone in Afghanistan on Sept. 25, and that two American doctors and another journalist with him were wounded.

The rebel source, speaking in Peshawar, Pakistan, said the men were being escorted through the battle area by rebels.

Some rebels said an Afghan helicopter strafed the jeep, killing one rebel and Thornton. Other rebels said guerrillas hiding in a nearby bluff mistook the party for Soviets and opened fire on the American.

All the rebels spoke on condition they were not identified.

On Monday, guerrillas said a land mine exploded under the jeep and destroyed the vehicle. It was impossible to confirm the stories, but the rebels all concurred in saying Thornton had been killed.

The Arizona Republic said Monday night that Thornton, 50, of Phoenix, was a medical reporter for the paper.

Craft Center offers fall classes

By Lynette Wong

Students have the opportunity to get away from the pressures of school and enroll in non-academic classes taught through the Craft Center by skilled student instructors.

"These classes are just for fun and relaxation — an outlet from your schoolwork," said Laura Thompson, University Union program coordinator.

Thompson said the Craft Center is offering two additional classes because of student interest.

A color darkroom class will teach students photo techniques and how to develop color film. A new photo enlarger was purchased in the spring and is now available for use.

The other new class resulted from students asking for help on their bike repairs. Thompson said students who take the bike wheel building class will learn "how to build their wheels from scratch."

Craft Committee Chairman Pat Pugh said this class will also instruct students in how to build rims and customize them for racing and biking.

For those interested in learning how to tune-up their cars, an auto maintenance class is available. It will be taught in the ASI hobby garage located near the entrance to Poly Canyon.

Thompson said there was a definite need for this class.

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Hearing devices

Cal Poly Theatre to have aids to amplify sound

By Carol Melhuish

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

Harriet Clendenen said the amplification system was purchased with funds from a W. E. Foundation grant. The system includes a microphone and microphone receivers which cost roughly more than $2,000. The remainder of the grant will be used to purchase a computer to be used by disabled students, 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 W. C. 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 in the Cal Poly Theatre.
Crisis
Self-help groups can provide counseling

Beloved father dies suddenly. It happens just when your me loses a job and you're going through divorce and recovering from an illness. While you're going through a stress loss, a medical disease is accompanied by emotional difficulty in about six to seven 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 Kaz, 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 ensemble called GROW, Inc.

In their open meetings, these groups discuss life-enhancing techniques that can be useful to anyone everywhere. The men in this ad and also have some great advantages like:

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suffering." On the other hand, "when you do it, you have a sense of power, of being in charge of your life," she said. "You can't be in charge of your life if you don't think you're in control of your life."

The problem, obviously, is that you're not in control of your life. But you can be in control of your feelings and your own behavior. And that's what you need to do if you want to keep your emotions in check. The trick is to learn to control your thoughts and feelings. And that's what we're going to talk about today. We're going to talk about how to control your thoughts and feelings.
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 1896 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
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 Erikson, 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.

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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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 begin diverting some selenium-contaminated drainage water onto land in the next six to eight weeks, officials said.

The agreement is expected to help meet this month's initial 20 percent required reduction of runoff into Kesterson to divert tainted drain water to Kesterson to divert wastewater to Kesterson.

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

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Reservoir meets agreement

Kesterson to divert tainted drain water

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.

About 100,000 people have undergone the surgical procedure since it was introduced in the United States in 1976, said George Waring, an ophthalmology professor at Emory University, at a meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

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5-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 Tuesday it's just like raising her own two children.

"They're very much alike when they're newborn," said Laurie Middleton, who works in the children's zoo nursery. The 5-pound, 2-ounce lowland gorilla, born Friday or early Saturday, is the offspring of Cam, 22, a former resident of 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."

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Actor Fred Berry

"What's Happening" checks out of hosp.

GLENDALE (AP) — A Fred Berry, who stars as plump Ronn — of "What Happening" — and his son has left Glendale Advent Medical Center after tests a stomach disorder, hospital spokesman said Tuesday.

"Fred Berry went home yesterday. He had his and went home," said hospital spokesman Rozell.

Rozell said Berry's condition was good when he was admitted.

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As an employee health specialist at a large corporation, a club organized by students to aid students in finding a job in corporate settings often involves the nation of fitness in education majors alone, said Jim Webb, a university professor in the physical education department. AFB, after the national organization of the same name, is open to all majors. Present membership includes nutrition, exercise science, biology and even an occasional business major, said Webb.

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’re actually the only student organized club of AFB in the nation,” said Webb. “Other schools we see as national organizations are reviews of 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 positions in this area.”

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Women runners win fourth straight Aztec meet
Manning and Lopez lead Poly cross country team

By Andy Frokjer  

If history does, in fact, repeat itself, the Cal Poly women's cross country is on 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 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 50 points.

"Prior to race time, I honestly believed New Mexico and Arizona ad the talent to dethrone 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, half of the 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 fourth seconds later in fifth place.

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

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

Junior Jill Ellingson 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 triple 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 were a week or two away from bringing destiny," said Harter. "If we can close the gap, we're going to be very, very tough to beat."

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 on 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 64 yards set in 1982 by Eric Affholter of Agoura, Calif. The longest field goal in college history, 69 yards, was made by Ove Johannson 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.

The soccer-style kicker said he still can't believe the record is his.

"It was low, I figured it would drop short. From where I was I didn't think it went through," said Borgognone. "When they (officials) came out with their hands up I almost died and had a heart attack. When I made it, I jumped about five feet off the ground. It was so hyped."

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Airline “safest way to travel,” Burnett tells Senate committee

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 gentlemanly 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.

The hearing was called to examine a variety of air safety issues against a backdrop of an unprecedented string of airline accidents worldwide that has claimed more than 1,600 lives this year.

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 a decrease of safety.”

NTSB Administrator Donald Engen, separately, also disputed suggestions that rash of accidents reflect a less safe air system.

“We’re keeping the system safe. I will not allow the system to become unsafe,” Engen told subcommittee, promising to “bear down” on airlines to assure that they follow federal air regulations.

But Engen rejected a suggestion that the U.S. might have to restrict the number of planes allowed into the air, saying he has “found reason to constrain” traffic and preferred “to keep air commerce flow freely.”

Various air safety experts as well as a members of Congress have raised concern that number and experience level of air traffic controllers may be insufficient to deal with the flow of traffic brought on by deregulation as rising economy.

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