CAPTURE unit limit to be lowered in spring

By Cass Canfield

Students planning on taking 18 units next quarter may find it difficult at first, but the CAPTURE unit limit is being lowered to 16 units for the first few weeks of the registration process.

"What we are trying to do, in a not so subtle way, is improve the opportunities for students who register late in the registration sequence," said registrar Gerald Punes, while addressing the Student Senate Wednesday.

Punes also commented that they are trying to discourage "shoppers," people who register for a full load, and then wait until the end of the add/drop period to drop any unwanted classes.

Students wishing to register more than 16 units will have to wait until those with last priority have a chance at the system. This open enrollment period will start March 20.

Then all students will be able to add up to 20 units until the end of the add/drop period. Currently, students cannot add over 18 units through CAPTURE, and can only overcome the system by a trip to the Records Office.

Also next quarter, graduate students will be able to register for 100 and 200 level courses, a privilege that was previously denied to them.

However, graduate students will not be able to register for more than 16 units at any time through CAPTURE, said Punes.

The possibility of doubling the amount of phone lines open for registration is doubtful, said Punches.

"Realistically a 32 line system is twice as big as we theoretically need for a campus this size."

An idea for easing congestion that was suggested at the meeting was to reserve two of the phone lines to handle drops exclusively. The main drawback, said Punes, is that it would take away lines that could be used for adds and could congest the system even more.

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Travel scam touches Poly

Professor's 'free' cruise would have cost $500

By Michael J. Levy

Congratulations! You have been selected by Contest Awards Clearinghouse to receive an exciting luxury cruise to the Grand Bahamas. (I repeat, this cruise is absolutely free.)

Recently, electronic engineering professor Lori Atwater found a postcard in her mail with this message.

When Atwater read the card, she was excited. But then she called her company's office the following Monday between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m., Central time. When she did so, she found that the trip was not free. Rather, she was to pay $299.50, plus a variety of hidden costs.

"It was a real vacation to the Bahamas, it would cost about $500."

Atwater was still interested, but she told the company's phone representative that she wanted to talk to her husband first.

She was told that she had to call back within 2 1/2 hours or the offer would be void.

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Severe rainfall decline could prompt stricter rationing

By Steve Harmon

San Luis Obispo suffers from water shortage due to a steady decline in the amount of rainfall over the past two years, Tina Metzger, city water conservation coordinator, said.

"I'm not sure people realize we're in a severe situation," Metzger said. If water levels continue to decrease, she said, the city is prepared for a worst-case scenario which would require strict rationing.

Cal Poly uses 10 percent of the city's consumption, Metzger said. Off-campus use by students and faculty also compromises a large portion of overall water use.

Metzger has been coordinator since December and said the water scarcity situation is critical and getting worse. She said it is important people start conserving.

The city normally draws its water from more than one source but because of the steady decline in rainfall, only one reservoir provides water to the city.

"We were using the Salinas Reservoir but the water level got so low that the water was too murky to use," Metzger said.

"Now we're drawing solely on Whale Rock Reservoir in Cayucos and it's declining fast."

San Luis Obispo is only allowed to use 55 percent of water from Whale Rock because other communities also use it.

Another source of water from the Salinas Reservoir was discontinued. The water reservoirs to fight fires, she said.

Restrictions on water use currently affect 130 of the city's 130,000 residents. The city has been experiencing 10 to 10 percent rainfall levels over the past two years.

In the future, the city will ask residents to conserve water as a way to maintain the water levels in the reservoirs.

The Office of the Attorney General of California said these companies are not violating state law, except that many are not listed under the new registration law.

The office suggested that students never give their Visa card numbers to anyone over the phone unless they know the company is reputable. If money is sent to a company, by

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Letters to the Editor

Celebrants of death are sick

Editor — I congratulate you on your editorial, “Death isn’t always a bad thing.” I think you’ve hit the nail on the head. The disgusting behavior of those who celebrate the death of another human being gives me the impression that beneath the gloss of civilization we aren’t far removed from our ancestors who used to take their children to public hangings for amusement.

Philip L. Fezer
Associate Professor
Political Science

Abortion is up to the woman

Editor — In response to Lara Cartwright’s letter about abortion being a woman’s choice. You are absolutely correct. I would also like to offer you a new way to think about this issue. I have heard you all say that you want to control the number of abortions occurring. Well, what do you think you are going to control the number of abortions? I think you are going to control the number of abortions by telling women what they can or cannot do to their own bodies.

M. Arthur Harshaw
Construction Management

We cannot take life on a whim

Editor — In response to Lara Cartwright’s letter of Jan. 25 on abortion being the woman’s choice. I can understand where you are coming from because a new life is with us. You mentioned that it is in a moral question and that your morals do not coincide with those beliefs of the Christian professors. Just because some people don’t put value on the life of an unborn child, (note: unborn child), doesn’t mean that you or anyone else has the right to take the life of another. It is common knowledge that morals are closer to universal laws and not toTestors. Just because some people haven’t learned how shameful it is to hold children and cammaraderie was gratifying. But on Saturday, I almost always work alone. I am no, few of the physical factors of the job are why I keep it on my schedule.

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I wish to ask my local legislator what you can or cannot do to your body. My body is not for the government, it is not for the needs of the people or generations.

Adam Hamalian
Construction Management

Alcohol law is misunderstood

Editor — There is apparently some confusion on campus about the new law concerning a one-year license suspending privileges for alcohol offenders. The article in the Jan. 11 titled “Officers lose license under new alcohol law” quoted SLO Police Department as saying, “it applies to both minors and those over 21.” Either he was misquoted or he was unaware of the content of the law.

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So I have become two people in the public’s eye; one of them is probably a constant reminder to me of a rule I was taught early in life. Perhaps a brief illustration of last Thursday and the events that Saturday will provide some illumination.

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Wendy Maurer
Associate Professor
Political Science

From editor to custodian

By April Kary

Every Saturday morning when my alarm goes off, I say “Wow!—  it’s Saturday again!” Yes a workday, but I love Saturday because it is the first day of the weekend work project option. I hope everybody does not always believe what they read or hear. As long as drug laws exist, we do not have the right to tell anyone what they can or cannot do to their own bodies. I believe in the American freedom to make the life choices that we want to make.

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CONSERVATION

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The utility, in an effort to encourage the public to conserve water, has announced a special rate for customers who use less than a certain amount of water per month.

"We don't want to say the fees are too high," said the utility spokesperson. "But we do want to encourage people to conserve water." The new rate, which goes into effect this month, will charge customers a lower fee for using less than a certain amount of water per month.

Regional planning, which is the focus of the utility, is aimed at ensuring that there is enough water for the region's future needs. The utility is working closely with local government officials to develop a long-term water supply plan.

"We are committed to providing clean, safe drinking water to our customers," said the utility spokesperson. "But we also need to plan for the future and ensure that we have enough water to meet our needs." The utility is currently working on a multi-year water supply plan that will be presented to the public in the near future.

CFA

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of the faculty on campus is part-time. Last year, according to data provided by the university's human resources department, more than 200 part-time faculty members were hired here and only 18 tenure-track employees.

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"Lecturers are not afforded the same benefits as tenured and tenure-track faculty members. A tenure-track employee is given a six-year probation period until they are considered tenured members. During this period they are evaluated in accordance with the university's evaluation procedures.

Part-time lecturers were urged to join the association to come up with ideas to bring to collective bargaining counseling in order to implement some of their complaints or ideas into reality.

Calendar

Saturday

"Dreams, Biofeedback and Power," a workshop that will present a Christian approach to using and understanding dreams and biofeedback in counseling, personal growth and spiritual life, will be held at Nativity of Our Lady Church in San Luis Obispo from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A $10 donation is requested.

A Cal Poly Extension workshops on medical office bookkeeping practices and employee benefit programs will be presented in Santa Maria. For more information call 756-2053.

House focusing on trying to roll back pay raise

WASHINGTON (AP) — House opponents of a proposed 50 percent congressional pay raise said Thursday they can't stop the increase and are focusing on long-range efforts to roll it back and to change the system of automatic salary hikes.

Rep. Thomas J. Tauke, R-Iowa, a leading opponent of the raise, said he will try to organize a meeting of opponents next week that will assume the raise will become law Feb. 8.

Under a special procedure not used for other legislation, the congressional pay raise would become law unless both the Senate and the House vote to stop it.

The Senate is virtually certain to reject the increase in a vote promised by its leaders. But in the House, Rep. Tony Coelho, D-Calif., the majority whip, has said there wouldn't be a vote, and Rep. Dick Cheney, R-Wyo., the minority whip, advised Republicans that no legislative business is expected by the deadline.

"We cannot budge the speaker," said Rep. Robert C. Smith, R-N.H., who has organized a House letter-writing drive to demand Speaker Jim Wright, D-Texas, schedule a vote. Thirty-five House members, 33 of them Republicans, have signed the letter, and Smith said he will keep trying even though "there's nothing I know if in a parliamenary way" to force a vote by the deadline.

Tauke said: "Next week, we'll have a meeting of members here to develop a long-range strategy after the pay raise goes into effect, as it apparently will.
Giant Tennis Clearance!

By Rob Lorenz
Staff Writer

Donations from alumni and parents have shown a significant increase over the last six months, and the increase is largely due to a more aggressive phoning program.

"Basically, the bottom line is that we're 50 percent ahead of last year's campaign," said Eric Doepel, the Annual Giving Officer at Cal Poly. "We start on July 1, and this is the mid-year campaign detail. We've got $300,000 from the campaigns, and there was $200,000 at this time last year."

There are two major ways that funds are solicited: a mailing campaign, which goes out about every three months, and phonathons, which are ongoing throughout the quarter.

"We're about $14,000 ahead of the mailing (compared to this point last year), and we're about $100,000 ahead on the phonathon," said Doepel. "We've really increased our phonathon level."

The money obtained through the various campaigns goes to a variety of different accounts. The money is contributed to accounts stipulated by the donor. For example, if a donor wishes his donation to go to the mechanical engineering department, then that is where the money will go.

"About 85 percent of the funds that we raise go to what we call restricted accounts," said Doepel. "It could be the School of Architecture or it could be the library. The other 15 percent goes to what we call the annual fund. That is used by the president at his discretion. Part of it is to fund development operations here at Cal Poly."

Sometimes the phone lines will be set aside so that a specific major or organization can try to raise money for itself, instead of relying on general phone calls.

"All last fall, for example, every department was set up with a time," said Doepel. "They call for specifically restricted money for their department that night, which is the best way to go. You're on the phone, and you're a political science student, talking to a political science grad, raising money for political science. That's the easiest way to do fundraising because it's very specific."

Sometimes the cause can be even more specific than just an individual department. For example, last year the band got on the phones for the specific purpose of raising money for its trip to Japan. Everyone who donated money knew exactly how it was going to be spent.

The main goal of the office is to increase the base of annual donors and significant increases have already been made.

"Last year, we had 12 percent response from alumni, which was up from two percent," said Doepel. "The response from parents was about 24 percent, and we're shooting for about 40 percent response from them. On alumni I'm going for 15 percent, and if you're supporting young, then there must be something to say about the university."

Agressive phone efforts pay off for Annual Giving
Back to school for mom
Juggling part-time jobs, families and school keeps these women scrambling

Story by Tara Giambalvo
Photos by K.M. Cannon

Susan Baker is a liberal studies major. Kathy Fryer works part time at a bank.
Rita Hanft wants to be a lawyer.
Lori Foster belongs to the Wildlife Club.

These four are part of a growing group of women who return to school while raising their children.

Foster, like the others, struggles with typical student woes. She juggles a full class load, a part-time job and club activities.

However, she is a 34-year-old, soon-to-be single parent.
She is what college admissions officers call a re-entry student.

Foster said she was studying in high school, but her focus changed when she met her husband. She delayed her college education because she was happy being a wife and mother.

At that time, she said, "marriage and motherhood were the ultimate goal."

But a few years ago, she said, she felt she lacked something and decided to go back to college.

She found the adjustments hard at first, but she said older students have some advantages over younger students. They have fewer anxieties about finding a job after college.

"I don't envy (younger students) in a lot of ways," she said. "A lot of them are winging it." "I think I'll have a tremendous advantage over younger graduates looking for jobs," she said, "because employers count life experience."

Her story is similar to that of other women returning to school.

Most re-entry students are women who married young and spent their early adult years as a wife and mother, said Paula Steinhart, adviser to the now-defunct Women's Re-entry Group at Cal Poly.

"She's usually divorced and needs money," she said. "She's usually over 30, and she usually has children."

Steinhart said she believed the average age of a re-entry student may now be closer to 40.

Fryer, 40, fits the profile exactly.

She married young and put her husband through medical school. She is a single parent raising three daughters.

"When I got divorced, I found I needed a marketable skill," she said.

Women re-entering college life may find a re-entry group helpful, Steinhart said, at least for the first quarter.

"What we really need is a re-entry center," she said, because about one-third of all college students will be re-entry students by 1990, according to an article she read.

A group can offer support in meeting women who are in the same situation, she said, because loneliness is the most common complaint among re-entry students.

The counseling center offers a re-entry support group, but its leader could not be reached for details.

Barbara Mori, sociology professor at Cal Poly, said older women experience a different college social life than younger students, regardless of marital status.

"You're not going to run for prom queen or the cheerleading squad," she said.

Steinhart said she was concerned about making friends in the beginning.

"At first you feel lost," she said. But now she has an equal number of younger friends as friends of her own age.

She said her fellow Wildlife Club members "treat me like anyone else."

Fryer also found younger students interesting at first.

"I do find it difficult when I walk into a class and I'm the only one my age," she said.

But, "I have found (younger) students are very supportive."

Fryer, 43, did not use a campus re-entry group, but she and about seven other women, ranging in age from late 30s to early 40s, formed their own informal support group.

"We try to meet for lunch about once a week," she said. "We try to remember why we're here. I just take it one quarter at a time."

Fryer is one of the few women who is still married. She said her family has been supportive.

Her daughter reminded her of some of the mother-daughter activities she has missed and said, "You can't give up now."

Mori said the time already committed to school often spurs a woman to finish, but family support is necessary to a re-entry student's success.

"Some women were made to feel they were bad mothers, poor wives because they were neglecting their families for studies," she said. "Unfortunately, many women still fall for it. It becomes too much and they give up."

Foster said she and her 12-year-old son support each other.

"We compare grades and sit down after dinner and do homework together," she said.

Mori said many of the women who return to school enter traditional careers such as teaching or nursing.

"It's acceptable to neglect your kids for traditional careers," she said. You're nurting other people's kids."

Many women are still of an age when they come under math anxiety," she said.

Women from an earlier generation were told they weren't good at math, she said, so few are comfortable entering math-oriented careers such as engineering or architecture.

Hanft, 39, chose a relatively nontraditional career track. She is a political science major and will enter law school next fall.

Giving up a steady paycheck and job security were the most difficult obstacles for her to overcome.

"It was hard adjusting my lifestyle and learning to get by on less," she said.

But she said the only failure is in not trying. If someone shoots for the stars and only makes it to the moon, Hanft said.

In three years — the time it will take her to complete law school — she will be 42.

"I'm going to be 42 anyway," she said.

"Should I be 42 and a lawyer or 42 and not a lawyer? The time will pass anyway."

Hanft said she had no trouble adjusting to the stress of school.

"I was so glad to be doing something I wanted to be doing," she said.

"But subtly, it's there."

Older women, however, tend to be more directed, she said. They know what they want and why.

Hanft said she is more self-assured now than she was in her 20s.

"It's easier to make up your mind when you're older," she said.

Foster and Baker also considered themselves more self-reliant now than they did when they were younger.

"I can remember exactly what it felt like to be a younger student having boyfriend problems, wondering if he'll call," Baker said. "As an older student, you're a little more secure with yourself."

Hanft said she would not want to be 20 again.

"People sometimes talk about going back to their 20s if they could know what they know now," she said. But "the 30s are absolutely the best time of your life."

She waited until her two sons were almost grown before she went back to school.

She said she decided after her divorce to devote the first half of her life to working and raising her sons.

The second half of her life she would spend doing "what I wanted to do," she said.

Steinhart said few older women experience age discrimination when they look for a job.

They have been successful in finding jobs, she said, perhaps because they are less picky than younger graduates.

Older women are often thrilled to find a job in their field, she said, and don't expect a large salary as do younger women, especially after surviving the economic struggle during school.

Mori said sometimes age discrimination does exist.

"It's not supposed to happen," she said.

Susan Baker, like many other re-entry students, said she believes family support is one of the most important aids to women returning to school.
Seventeen assault weapons bought back

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Seventeen assault rifles, including seven bought by an office group, have been turned in to police under a councilman's plan to buy up such guns following the Stockton school massacre, police said Thursday.

The semiautomatic weapons included one Uzi and 16 AK-47s, the type of gun used by a man last week to kill five students and wound 29 others and a teacher, said Lt. Fred Nixon, a police spokesman.

Since the councilman's offer, eight guns have been delivered to the Van Nuys station, five to the Hollywood station, two to the Foothill station, one to the Pacific station and one to the Southwest station, said Nixon.

The total was given a major boost by a group of workers from a San Fernando Valley real estate office who purchased seven AK-47s for more than $2,500 and brought them to the Van Nuys police station.

Councilman Nate Holden, who is a mayoral candidate, announced Tuesday that he would buy semiautomatic assault rifles for whatever their value up to $300, using $50,000 from a political action committee fund.

Jeffrey Fox and four others at Properties Plus of Tarzana bought the seven guns in the morning and gave them to police in the afternoon.

"We just decided to go ahead and get these things off the street," Fox said, calling it a symbolic action.

Buying the AK-47s took 20 minutes, he said.

"We saw stuff in gun shops this morning that I didn't even know existed... real fierce weapons," Fox said.

Police Chief Daryl Gates has also called for a ban on assault rifles, and on Thursday the directors of a private gun club at the Police Academy decided to stop selling assault rifles, said employee Curt Hartman.

Holden rejects criticism that his effort is a publicity stunt for his campaign to unseat four-term Mayor Tom Bradley in the April election.

Students, adult shot at D.C. school

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three students and one adult were shot outside a District of Columbia high school Thursday in an affluent neighborhood, according to a school spokeswoman.

The shootings at Wilson High School in Northwest Washington came a week after a shooting incident outside a school in Stockton, Calif., in which five children were killed.

Thursday's incident occurred moments after the high school students were dismissed for the day. None of the injuries was thought to be life-threatening, according to WUSA-TV.

No arrests were made immediately.

One victim reportedly was shot in the face, one in the stomach and two in the leg.

Doug Hill, a local weatherman, said he was driving in front of the high school when he heard automatic gunfire and screams. Hill said about 200 to 250 students were outside of the building when he heard eight or nine shots from an automatic weapon.
There's nothing fishy about it… classified advertising works!
Russia Madden's injury casts dim light on season

By Michael J. Levy

When Russia Madden tore ligaments in her left leg nearly three weeks ago, the women's basketball team lost its top rebounder and one of its top scorers.

Madden went down with a loud 'pop' and limped five minutes into the game against Fresno Pacific. Before her injury, she had been thinking about how far she'd come along this year without getting injured.

"I was praying. Lord thank you for letting me get so far. And five minutes into the game, I knew I was hurt." She was hunching the man upstairs because she has suffered four injuries in three seasons at Cal Poly.

The fourth year junior was on defense when she fell and tore both her medial and collateral ligaments.

"I was playing defense, and I got in front of my man and played the one-on-one game, and he beat me. When I fell to the floor, my leg was still planted." On Wednesday, the six-foot forward was fitted with a mobile brace by her doctor, which allows her to begin rehabilitation.

"In school though she would be starting rehabilitation soon, she is not too optimistic about returning this season.

"Yeah, I want to come back, but realistically, I don't think I will. I was going to go out for the team, doing the high jump. If I'm ready for that, I'll be happy.

Assistant coach Sheri Bates agrees with Madden's realism.

"We would be silly to get her in the last game or two when she's not 100 percent healthy.

In addition to her points and rebounds, the team also lost one of their leaders. Madden said that both she and junior guard Jody Hasselfield are the team leaders, but Madden prefers to lead by example.

"I kind of like to think of myself as the team motivator," Madden said. "I try to get everyone emotionally into the game. I try to get everyone pumped up, especially on defense. I like to yell a lot.

She also likes to intimidate her opponents by talking to them during the game. Even though she may appear to be cocky, off the court Madden says she is just the opposite.

"The way I act on the court, is the opposite of how I am off the court. When I'm off the court, I'm modest and to myself. When I'm on the court I have the attitude, "Yeah, I'm good. So get off my back." Madden packed up that on-court attitude the summer before her junior year in high school. She used to play basketball with guys from around her neighborhood, and they would tell her that they didn't want to hurt her. She would just respond by talking back to them, and making a couple of shots in the game. Then they took her seriously.

By playing with the faster guys, Madden could handle the slower-paced games with the women. Many of these players have gone on to play at bigger schools, like UCLA, UNLV and Oregon.

These pick-up games helped to make her a better player. In her junior season at Lakewood High in Long Beach, she was named both all-league and all-city first-team in the Press-Telegram, a paper in Long Beach. With these honors, she began to receive letters from interested schools including New Mexico State and Washington.

In the third game of her senior season, she hyperextended her knee. The injury kept her out most of the season, except the last game. Despite only playing three games in her senior season, she was again named all-league and all-city.

During her last game, several scouts were in the stands, including one from Cal Poly.

She chose Cal Poly over the other schools because of Poly's architecture program.

"I had wanted to go into architecture since ninth grade. I knew about it at Cal Poly academically. In league, everyone would ask me, 'Where are you going?' And I would say Poly, they would say 'Why don't you go to a big school? I'm happy I chose it, too.'

With all of the letters of interest to Madden received from various schools, and all of the good things they would say to her, she tried to keep everything into context.

In addition to her athletic talent, Madden has a 3.8 GPA. In addition, she is an active member of the campus Christian group.

"I became a Christian when I was 10. As far as sports, I try to play for the glory of God, not for myself."

Madden is majoring in city and regional planning under the School of Architecture. She would like to get a job in city planning, like developing tract housing subdivisions.

In terms of the near future, Madden plans to graduate in March 1990, after her last year of basketball eligibility. She would then like to go on to UCLA to get her master's degree.

"Turning to this weekend's game, the Mustangs will be at Cal Poly Pomona tomorrow night. Pomona is the number one team in the CCAA, and is ranked fourth nationally. Pomona is led by two key players. Senior point guard Kayci Gooden, who is a good shooter, and forward Nicki Bracken, a good post-up player.

In order to win this game, Bates said the Mustangs have to play a great game.

"We'll have to play a solid game. We can't break offensively or defensively. We need to be real smart, and be patient with our offense. Don't turn the ball over.

"That's a tall order without a player like Madden."