Senior priority changing

New policy will let students choose their three quarters

By Cynthia L. Webb

Senior priority as students have known it for years will be a thing of the past starting in winter quarter, records officials announced Monday.

Beginning winter quarter, a new policy will change senior priority to a new priority registration available to all students. Priority registration will be available for any three quarters a student chooses during the duration of their academic careers, said Marcia Friedmann, associate director for academic records.

Instead of waiting until senior year for priority, students will be able to choose any three quarters, even if they are not consecutive, Friedmann said.

Students who have senior priority right now will be eligible for three more quarters of priority with the new policy, she said.

With this plan, everybody is considered equal," she said.

"If that doesn't work, then we'll try to get it in 25,000 acres, then 30,000," he said. "We're not optimistic we can do it before then." There was no consensus.

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Fire on the move
Los Padres blaze chars 10,000 acres

Staff and wire reports

Los Padres National Forest and could triple in size before it is contained, authorities said.

Temperatures well into the 90s and rugged terrain hampered the efforts of 1,500 firefighters to stop the blaze, which hopped from ridge to ridge in the Figueroa Mountain area, said U.S. Forest Service spokesman Earl Clayton.

Firefighters on Monday pulled back from the flames in some areas and worked on a perimeter that would contain the blaze at 20,000 acres, Clayton said.

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Students fed up with campus attacks are doing something about it,

By Craig DeBarge

Students fed up with campus attacks are doing something about it.
Today's forecast: Sunny skies and light winds, smoky overcast from Solvang Fire.

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TODAY

- Peace Corps recruiters at Cal Poly! 800-832-0681
- Last day, Rape Crisis Center phone volunteerism: info 545-8888

WEDNESDAY

No events

THURSDAY

- Circus Groove, of Lompoc, plays the U.U. Plaza

FRIDAY

- Last day to sign up for WPE and EPT/ELM into:756-2057
- Last day to drop classes
- Sierra Club full moon hike / 929-3647
- Last day to sign up for WPE and EPT/ELM
- Sierra Club Adopt-a-Beach Clean-up / 995-1594
- Last day to request credit/no credit
- Transit Tuesday Fair at corner of Palm and Osos
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IN OUR OWN HANDS

A quest to stop Poly's after-dark assaults ends with a new twist: the do-it-yourself approach to a safer campus.

By John Hubble
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Carmelita Gutierrez didn't know exactly what she was getting herself into. She simply knew why.

In spring quarter, I noticed there were some sign-up sheets," she said. "It didn't say much, just 'Campus Watch.' And I kind of figured it was something about patrolling the campus at night." Spurred by fresh memories of a wave of campus sexual assaults, Gutierrez signed on.

I was into joining just because of the assaults last year — January (and) February, that succession," she said.

Indeed, the beginning of winter quarter was heavily punctuated by crime, the harbingest of which featured dorm attacks and parking lot rapes. In one horrific two-week period in February, a woman was raped in Cal Poly's R-2 parking lot and two acquaintance rapes were reported in the city within 48 hours.

Enough was enough, Gutierrez thought as she read the news. So she signed her name onto the lime-green list. Now, months later, the soil science senior has become one of Cal Poly's first volunteer student patrol officers, a pioneer member of the university's Community Safety Awareness Club.

Until recently, response among Cal Poly students to the yearly dose of campus assaults would run a numbed, routine gamut: shock, disgust, shallow promises to not venture out alone, to lock doors. Weeks later, most everyone would forget, darkness would fall and, often, another attack would occur.

This year, that seems to have changed. Exasperated by the climate of fear lingering in the university's lonely parking lots and bush-shrouded walkways, students have lobbied for, created and joined a unique, altruistic program bent on curbing late-night assaults. And, contend its organizers, what a long, strange trip it's been.

The party is over — SNAP officers will soon hit the streets.

AGENDA
MUSTANG DAILY

WEEKEND

- Koegler '93 community-wide festival / 541-4872
- AIDS Support Network Walk for Life / 781-3660
- Sierra Club Adopt-a-Beach Clean-up / 995-1594

MONDAY

- Last day to register to vote in Nov. 2 election
- Last day to add classes

UPCOMING

- Transit Tuesday Fair at corner of Palm and Osos streets / 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Oct. 5
- Last day to request credit/no credit
- American Association of University Women mini-convention — Oct. 9 / 434-0783
- Handel Oratorio Choir seeking new choir members for Dec. 11 & 12 performance of Handel's Messiah

Members of the Community Safety Awareness Club are almost ready to begin patrolling the campus. From left, co-founder Mike Crutchfield, organizer Keith Ellis and patrol volunteers Carmelita Gutierrez and Bernard Garcia / Daily photo by Chris Lazansky.

SNAP, a student-run program bent on curbing late-night assaults, has received final approval to begin patrols. Starting the first week of November, the SNAP patrols will hit the streets.

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ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS INC.

ASI was something far less than support. Some board members said they liked the program and wanted to see it funded. Others felt bruised by the pair's full-speed-ahead tactics and flawed, heavy-handed public relations, what Yenigues and Crutchfield contend they found in ASI was something far less than support.

It was mid-March when political science seniors Michael Yenigues and Mike Crutchfield began pushing for some type of program to allow students a band in policing the campus. Both admit to striding into the executive offices of Associated Students, Inc. with the subtlety of a typhoon, petitioning student government officials to accelerate response before another student was attacked.

Boil, while they conced to using an abrasive come-on and flawed, heavy-handed public relations, what Yenigues and Crutchfield contend they found in ASI was something far less than support.

That this tabe of the club's birth should somehow offer a tutorial into the workings of ASI or the Cal Poly administration is perhaps a loaded conclusion, but both Yenigues and Crutchfield contend they found in ASI was something far less than support.

By Tracy Brunt Calvin
Daly Staff Writer

Students expanded the scope of smoothing community relations to branch out from the campus and reach into the community when Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) received final approval to begin patrols.

Starting the first week of November, the SNAP patrols will hit the streets.

SNAP, joint venture between ASI and the community, will replace the city's police with trained student patrol officers as initial response to noise complaints.

San Luis Obispo Police Captain Bart Topham said at a recent SNAP advisory board meeting.

Since students comment on most of these noise violations, Topham said the community should have "students working on student problems." However, SNAP will not differentiate between those noise violations.

ASI will pick up the tab for $1,900 in liability insurance for the first year of patrols.

SNAP is accepting applications for positions until Oct. 4. An informational meeting will be held in U.U. 216 on Sept. 30 at 6 p.m.

The city will cover the remaining $15,923 of the budget.

"Noise violations constitute the largest amount of calls to the police," said San Luis Obispo Police Captain Bart Topham.

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Early reaction shows students like senior priority restructuring

By Tracy Bryan-Cafaro
Daily Staff Writer

A new system that would eliminate graduating senior priority and allow students to take three priority quarters whenever they choose was met with cautious approval from students Monday. "It's really important that students..." Friedman said. "There may be a rush of people at the last minute. This way will be more fair. It's not perfect, but it's a step in the right direction."

"It's not perfect, but it's a step in the right direction," said Tom Zuur, chair of the Academic Senate for registration and scheduling committees. "I think it would make it easier for us to work," said Laura Freberg, chair of the registration committee. "We made sure to communicate with other professors and department heads. Hopefully, we didn't miss anything." "I think priority registration for all students will make the system more equitable," said junior Nicole Dawson. "It will take a number of quarters for the flow to even out," said Tom Zuur. "This new policy is going to be fair. It's not perfect, but it's a step in the right direction that will change a system that in the past was fraught with inequality."
‘Spring Festival’

Let’s talk specifics

After years of dormancy, Cal Poly’s long tradition of holding a spring festival is about to return. We’re excited about it.

Poly Royal, a decades-old tradition which formerly showcased the best of our university, died slowly in 1969 and was replaced by the more academic-centered Spring Celebration. President Warren Baker then acted appropriately in canceling the celebration amidst a drunken crowd of raucous revelers. President celebration, and he is also now correct in agreeing to cancel the festival. That undoubtedly does much to soothe the community’s frayed nerves. And indeed, a festival that boasts of our center on academics.

It is not a Festival yet. The time between the cancellation and the next spring celebration is what kind of celebration will Cal Poly host? While we seem to sit around and wonder about what the festival will be about, not what we hope it will be about.

The drive back up the coast and the border crossing topped off the much needed weekend. A few last fish tacos and we were on our way home. With our heads buzzing, our minds reflected the legendary solitude we encountered on that beach. Our flashlight to the 70's where surf shops were scarce, and people were concerned with the waves, not the guest to be identified as a surfer, made us hesitate before leaving our paradise. We were looking forward to get back to a country with indoor plumbing.

A surfing — at the ever-so-popular Pismo Beach Pier seems surfing has teen warped into more of a fad than a fun and relaxing. All it takes to be cool in the surf style, 81 worth of hip stickers in your back window and you’re in. A good pair of Oakley Blades wouldn’t hurt, but this is only for the serious Surfer. A stomach-churning summer of obstacle course surfing and too many episodes of Barney might set one’s strange smells and insane swells of Baja California set us in a southbound mode with no turning back.

The doctors believe that her body temperature topped off the much needed weekend. A few last fish tacos and we were on our way home. With our heads buzzing, our minds reflected the legendary solitude we encountered on that beach. Our flashlight to the 70's where surf shops were scarce, and people were concerned with the waves, not the guest to be identified as a surfer, made us hesitate before leaving our paradise. We were looking forward to get back to a country with indoor plumbing.

Following the course and a Rec Sports person came in. I immediately got out of the pool. Heather was in my arms as she went into hypothermic shock. These people — guards, instructors, etc. — should know the procedure is not designed to assist Cal Poly we are lucky Heather Wolf did not die.

‘Rec Sports administrators and stuff, with concerned faces, stood around the Rec Center’s pool deck watching paramedics working on a Cal Poly student Wednesday at 10:45 a.m.’

The key words in this sentence are “stood around.” On Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Heather Wolf, a construction management senior, lifted herself out of the pool and made it to a lounge chair. We had been sharing a pool and made it to a lounge chair. We had been sharing a pool and not known what was wrong. At that time the Rec Sports person asked if she needed towels. I received two towels. I am telling the whole story because not only the students but also the community is equally as important.

Anyway, even if you can make it out of the parking lot without responding to a few “Shaka Bra’s” and can avoid hitting the convoy of lowered VW Squirebreeks from Santa Maria, you still might make it to a few alternative surf spots only to find about the same situation. It seems many of the ‘90s style surf aesthetics have tapered away. Jeff Smart’s storied but legendary quote “surfing’s not just a sport, it’s a way of life.” After taking a sleep look at the early morning scene, it seems surfing has been warped into more of a fad than a fun and relaxing. All it takes to be cool in the surf style, 81 worth of hip stickers in your back window and you’re in. A good pair of Oakley Blades wouldn’t hurt, but this is only for the serious Surfer.

The last two days of our trip, although not as epic in the water as the first, were filled with rounds of poker, many cold beverages and a naked surf session by yours truly. This was a life long dream of mine, and since there was no one to offer me advice, our female surfing compatriot, I set up to bang ten “al fresco.” It was a lifting experience.

Applauding bike lane success

San Luis Obispo City Council members and local bicycle activists are to be commended for moving to put bike lanes in the city.

While it is unfortunate that it took the death of a local man last spring to get discussions started, the move shows this community can pull together to respond to the needs of its citizens.

Already, some business leaders have said they are concerned about the effect newly-approved bike lanes on Marah Street will have on their businesses. Precious downtown parking spaces will be removed to make room for the increased bike traffic lane.

Bicycle activists need to realize that the future of downtown businesses is a valid concern for all those living in this community, and business officials opposed to bike lanes need to realize the safety of bicycle riders—many of whom are Cal Poly students—is equally as important.

Before approving more lanes, council members also need to consider how the weight of bicyclists in the plaza area is being considered. Lanes already approved on Johnson Avenue may have the same social effects on the area’s walkers as bike lanes. If the council had taken some time to digest this, I think they would have found that many of our students do not include traveling under the Johnson Avenue underpass at all.

Despite the fact that the debate will continue to exist, it is the type of mature and open-minded discussions we need in order to create a change that will lead to the best solutions.

Bicyclists need to come to realize that they are not the only ones who matter on the roadways, and businesses will benefit more to reevaluate their bottom line is not profits but the safety of all citizens in our community.

Leaving the U.S. at 4 a.m. seemed like a bad idea at the time, but arriving south two hours of Ensenada at 8 a.m. with a car in hand and break and not a group in sight, it felt good to be lost. All that left the van were a couple of boots and holler, three surfboards and Three Amigos.

“My wave!” I heard over my shoulder. Apparently I wasn’t the only one with thrills of Big Wednesday in my mind. It was Todd on his stringerless Surf God board. Hey, for $20 how could you go wrong? On day two the Surf God board was made retraceable, much like a fishing pole. Todd spent a lot of time in the sand, but it did give us a lot more room in the van for the ride home.

Two words to the wise when traveling to Baja’s coast: Take a Chevy Surfstarr custom van conversion and an English/Spanish dictionary. A few of the roads would have been hairy in a small car (and not as plush), and you get some pretty strange looks when asking the store owner for cielo (the sky) when you want a bag of hielo (ice).
FIRE: Los Padres engulfed by aggressive blaze; 10,000 acres have been blackened

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Yet another
tourist shot 
in Florida

MIAMI — Just as travel agents from Germany were getting a VIP tour to persuade them to keep sending tourists to Florida, another out-of-state visitor was shot to death in a Miami highway.

The seemingly senseless killing unleashed a new flurry of negative publicity about crime against visitors in a state with a $31 billion a year tourist industry.

Miguel A. Sanchez, 40, of New York City, was gunned down Sunday night while going to a restaurant.

A motorist pulled alongside his car, turned and fired a single shot through the passenger window, hitting Sanchez in the head.

"At this point we really do not have a motive," said Metro-Dade police spokesman Ralph Fernandez.

In New York, a relative said members of Sanchez's family had urged him not to go to Florida.

"They told him not to go ... I guess he didn't think it would happen to him," said Olga Morales, Sanchez's sister-in-law.

The attack on Sanchez follows the slayings of 10 foreign tourists in Florida in the past year.

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There is a difference.
RAILROAD CROSSING: After a tragic death, a question arises over who is responsible for keeping the busy area safe

At the Institute when he was killed. His car was hit by a northbound Southern Pacific freight train. Brown, a 21-year-old San Luis Obispo native, was a member of the Mormon church and had just recently returned from a two year mission in Utah. He was not a Cal Poly student.

Barton Olsen, a retired Cal Poly history professor who has been a youth teacher at the church for 35 years, is particularly upset about Brown's death. Like many others, he feels it could have been prevented by proper warning signals. He recalls that in 1975, another young man just back from a mission was killed at the same crossing.

"I've always thought it was interesting that there was a light (at Foothill).... and wondered if it would be better if there was a light (at that intersection) too," Olsen says. "It seems like a flashing red light would be in the student interest too."

Now Olsen, like many others, wants to know who is responsible for the dangerous crossing that has taken at least two lives and what can be done to prevent it from happening again.

Mike Furtney, a spokesman for Southern Pacific, said the railroad company is not responsible for the crossing signals.

"In California, there's a process it needs to go through," he says. "The crossing needs to be nominated to be put on the Public Utilities Commission list."

The county, city or property owner can nominate a crossing for the list. Furtney said he is unsure the crossing is not Cal Poly's property.

"It looks like Cal Poly is clear," he says. But crossing arms and lights won't bring Brown back. And even if they do get put up, the warning signals may never stop Keessinger's fears.

"It's scary now," she says.

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