Senior priority changing

New policy will let students choose their three quarters

By Cynthia L. Webb
Daily Staff Writer

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 Friedman, 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, Friedman 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. "Everyone starts at the same spot.

When winter quarter registration begins on Oct. 28, students who want to use a quarter of their priority will be able to activate it through CAPTURE, Friedman said. Students who have senior priority right now will be eligible for the priority status.

\[HOW\ THE\ \ CHANGES\ \ AFFECT\ \ YOU\]

- Students who have been at Cal Poly for at least three quarters may request priority status for next quarter (winter, 1994).
- Students will be allowed three quarters of priority to be used at their discretion.
- Transfer students and first-quarter freshmen must attend Cal Poly for at least three quarters before they become eligible for the priority status.

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Fire on the move

Los Padres blaze chars 10,000 acres

By Brooke Richardson
Daily Staff Writer

On Thursday, Andrea Kissinger of Atascadero walked along the area where her boyfriend, Travis Brown, died. Brown's vehicle was hit by a northbound train on Sept. 17. A young, somber-faced woman paced the railroad tracks behind Cal Poly Thursday afternoon. Head hanging low and feet dragging, she slowly stumbled across the rocky course between the steel bars where her boyfriend died less than a week earlier.

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Without warning

Man's death sparks renewed concern over busy railroad track crossing

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Judge allows King beating officers free on appeal motion

LOS ANGELES — In a surprise decision, a judge Monday allowed two policemen convicted in the Rodney King beating to be released from prison for at least two weeks so they could prepare a U.S. Supreme Court appeal.

U.S. District Judge John G. Davies set Oct. 12 as the new date for Laurence Powell and Stacey Koon to begin the 30-month sentences to a federal appellate court.

Koon and Powell, said he didn't give any special treatment to the officers.

Judge Davies acted irresponsibly and is exasperating an already tense situation," she said in a statement. "There is a perception in the African American community that there is a double standard at work in our criminal justice system."

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THURSDAY

• Circus Groove, of Lompoc, plays the U.P. Plaza

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• Kogerfest '93 community-wide festival / 541-4872
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MONDAY

• Last day to register to vote in Nov. 2 election
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UPCOMING

• Transit Tuesday Fair at corner of Palm and Osos streets / 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Oct. 5
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The party is over — SNAP officers will soon hit the streets.

By Tracy Brunt Calvin
Daly Jeff Miller

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 weekend 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 patrols as initial response to noise complaints.

ASI will pick up the tab for $1,500 in liability insurance for the first year of patrols. The city still covers the remaining $15,323 of the budget. "Noise violations constitute the largest amount of calls to the police," said

San Luis Obispo Police Captain Bart Topham said at a recent SNAP advisory board meeting. Since students commit most of those noise violations, Topham said the community should have "students working on student problems.

However, SNAP will not differentiate between those See SNAP, page 3
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...they will assess the situation and decide whether to issue a Distur-...nances Advisement Card (DAC). The DAC is a warning to the person responsible for the event. If police are required to return within 24 hours, the person will be held liable for the cost of the violation and the cost of the police personnel.

AGENDA: After testy debate with ASI, students ready for nighttime campus patrols to begin

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"I think it would make it easier...to pick the time that works best for them. We trust the students to be responsible." - Laura Freberg, Chair, Registration Committee

Students who are unsure of when the best time to use their priority should talk to their advisors, department heads and use Cal Poly News Network in the library, she said.

"We hope that instructors can start to talk about this mid-fall so that students will be as informed as possible," she said. "The winter CAPTURE schedule will have detailed information also."

Records officials said they believed some problems may arise because of the new changes. "It will take a number of quarters for the flow to even out," said Tom Zaur, director for academic records. "There may be a rush of people at first that want to use the new sys-

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'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 extremely happy about that.

Warren Baker then acted appropriately in canceling the festival amid a drunken crowd of raucous revelers. President Adrick M. Kimball’s question "academically centered" enough a detail?

It seems many of the ’90s style surf samurais have tossed away Jeff Spicoli’s stoney but legendary quote "surfing’s not just a sport, it’s a way of life." After taking a sleepy look at the early morning scene, it seems surfing has been warped into more of afad than a soulful escape. The whole idea nowadays is to be seen as a surfer rather than float for fun and relaxation. All it takes to be cool in the surf style, 81st rule of hip stickers in your back window and you're in. A good pair of Oakley Blades wouldn’t hurt either, but this is only for the serious Bra.

A stomach-churning summer of obstacle course surfing and too many episodes of Barney might set one’s mind in other directions. For my buddy Ken and me, the strange smells and insane waves of Baja California set us in a southbound mode with no turning back. While it is unfortunate that it took the death of a student to get attention, the fact that the ambulance took nine minutes to arrive, and notice that Heather was ill? Were there not two medics that she noticed Heather barely make it to the medic truck and stuck in my arms as she went into hypothermic shock. These "social movements" are part of the fabric of our community’s frayed nerves. And indeed, a festival that boasts of our student-run newspaper, will Cal Poly host? While we seem to sit around the Rec Sports administrators and staff, with concerned looks on their faces, stood around the Rec Centers pool deck watching people — guards, instructors, etc. — should know the fact that the ambulance took nine minutes to arrive, it took Rec Sports ten minutes to react.

There are mornings when parking — let alone surfing — at the ever-so-popular Pismo Beach Pier almost makes you want to head back home and check out the new Barney episode with an a.m. chili dog and a Pabst Blue Ribbon. Yummm.

Drop your pants and run for the border

By Tim Williams

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Drop your pants and run for the border

Leaving the U.S. at 4 a.m. seemed like a bad idea at the time, but arriving two hours south of Ensenada at 8 a.m. with a hippie on the beach and not a group in sight, it felt good to be lost. All that left the van were a couple of bottles and hoodies, 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 mind. It was Todd on his stringless Surf God board. Hey, for 20 how could you go wrong. On day two the Surf God board was made retractable, 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 Silverado custom conversation van 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 owners for celo (the sky) when you want a bag of hielo (ice). 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 officiate the surf, we just went with the flow of surfing.
Yet another tourist shot in Florida

MAY 1 — 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 on a Miami highway.

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

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No arrests were made, he said.

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FIRE: Los Padres engulfed by aggressive blaze; 10,000 acres have been blackened

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Seven air tankers, 10 water-dropping helicopters and 42 engines supported firefighters’ efforts, he said.

One edge of the blaze burned slowly toward the northeast, approaching the San Rafael Wilderness. Winds averaged a low 3 mph but temperatures Monday hit the 90s as the fire fed on brush, chaparral and timber, said Clayton.

Firefighters from Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Ventura counties, the California Department of Forestry, the federal Bureau of Land Management and the USFS fought the blaze, authorities said.

The fire, about 100 miles northwest of Los Angeles, apparently was caused Saturday by two hunters who were smoking cigarettes, although an investigation was continuing, said USFS spokesman Delay Espin.

Anyone found responsible could be billed for firefighting costs, which totaled $128,000 as of Sunday night, Espin said.

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

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on its way. There is only a stop sign and a small warning: Private Railroad Crossing. "Stop signs just don't do it," Kessinger said.

The road where Brown's car struck the tracks is technically a private road, it regularly traveled by Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo residents. The road accesses university crop buildings, houses, and the Institute of Religion, a building owned by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It also is used as a shortcut from campus to Montana Village, a popular student apartment complex located behind the Institute.

Brown was on his way home after spending Saturday evening 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 that intersection) too. It seems like a flashing red light would be in the student interest too."

Barton Olsen
Former Cal Poly History Prof.

"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 Calif., 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. The PUC prioritizes the requests for crossing signals. If a site is chosen to receive the signals, the state generally pays the approximately $50,000 for the equipment installation, according to Furtney. But in order for the crossing to be put on the list, it needs to be nominated. And there is some confusion as to who owns the road.

Bob Rittumara of Cal Poly's Facilities Planning says he is running a site search right now to find out who owns the private crossing. He said should know by the middle of this week. Rittumara said he is sure 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 Kessinger's fears.

"It's scary now," she says.
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