Students irate over degree fee

Acquiring a second bachelor's is now costing $100 per unit

By Erika Eichler
Daily Staff Writer

A bill implemented at the start of fall quarter requires California State University students seeking a second bachelor's degree to pay $100 per unit for all courses.

That has some Cal Poly students wondering how they'll be able to stay in school and survive on already-lean budgets.

"You kind of have this goal and all of a sudden the budget you've put together over two years is $7,000 short," said graphic communications major Dennis Sullivan.

Sullivan — one of the 93 Cal Poly students affected by the change — said he paid $623 in tuition fees in summer, but was sent a $1,743 fee bill to attend this quarter.

While ASI representatives have been bombarded with complaints by many students like Sullivan, both ASI and administration officials said they are powerless to change the system because it is mandated by a bill passed through the Legislature.

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Architecture student seeking her second bachelor's degree

Blaze engulfs more of forest

By Lee Arends
Daily Assistant Managing Editor

LOS OLIVOS — More than 1,400 firefighters, many from San Luis Obispo County, on Tuesday continued to battle an 11,000-acre brush fire in the Los Padres National Forest located near Lake Cachuma in Santa Barbara County.

The blaze, dubbed the "Morro Fire," has been burning since Saturday and has twice reached some level of containment, only to turn and again slip out of the control of fire crews.

U.S. Forest Service officials said it will be at least two to three days before they reach containment.

Inside today's Mustang Daily

Students beat record-breaking heat; temperatures to drop by Thursday

By Erika Eichler
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Three weeks ago I returned from my second trip in the last 10 months to the former Yugoslavia. Altogether, I've spent almost six weeks in that part of the world. I'm there with a humanitarian organization. I go because I have to, because I feel like maybe I can do something. But I really don't ever get used to the bloody reality of a war, and I certainly can't feel I've done enough.

Real life leaves a more indelible impression than history books. I wake up to weird numbers. When he smiled, and he rarely does any more, Jovan Malesavic's face completely transformed.

"No one from my family is here. They are still in Srebrenica," he said through a translator. "But it would never last. Momentarily, he would look back at his surroundings — a refugee camp near Belgrade, in Serbia — or think of his home and family. Once again, he would be only another sad, lonely face in a sea of sad and lonely faces.

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Malesavic shares a tight room with 11 other refugees, but said his face saddened again as he continued.

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Heat wave has Poly sweating it out

Sizzling temps to remain today, then break Thurs.
By Kristi Rampold
Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly students tired of the arroch­
ing heat that has plagued the Central
Coast in the last few days can look forward
to cooler temperatures beginning tomor­
row, according to a local meteorologist.
Temperatures in San Luis Obispo
have been in the upper 90s to 100s all
week, and Sunday’ s 104 degree heat broke
a record high for the same
day set in
1978, said
KSIV
meteorologist
Sharon
Graves.
Although
today’s high
will still be
close to 90 degrees, tomorrow’s high is
expected to be in the 80s, Graves said.
Meanwhile, Cal Poly students on
Tuesday were finding many different ways
to cope with the heat.

Civil engineering sophomore Laura
Owen said she’ s been wearing loose
clothing and no socks. “What I really need
is a moo-moo,” Owen said.

Students said they are most bothered
by heavy perspiration.

“I get way too sweaty when I’ m
walking to class,” said Bill Robeson, an
architecture graduate student. “It’ s just
too hot.”

This week’ s heat wave was caused by a
change in the wind direction, according

Students cooled off at the Rec Center pool on Tuesday as temperatures crested
into the 80s. Temperatures are expected to cool by Thursday. / Daily photo by Carli Lazansky.
Fire officials survey the charred remnants of formerly lush, green wilderness in the Los Padres National Forest on Tuesday. A fire has ravaged more than 11,000 acres this week, and fire officials expect it will be days before the conflagration dies down. Daily photo by Steve McCrank.

**FIRE DANCE:** Crews maintain respect for their enemy while doing battle in Los Padres

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the pilot apparently trying to determine where services were most needed.

The payload of earth was released over one of the larger blazes on the opposite slope. Hotshots closed in quickly to stamp out any tradings.

This was the scene Tuesday just east of Figueroa Station, a ranger's office in the Los Padres National Forest.

George Kenline, Resources Director for the U.S. Forest Service, surveyed the operation and elaborated on the procedures.

"Fire lines usually are manned by teams of two hotshot crews — 15 members per crew," Kenline said. "These crews (at Figueroa Station) are from the CDC."

Another inmate in California's minimum-security prison population are offered the chance to train for firefighting, according to Jean Masquelier, district ranger for the forest service.

"The inmates are paid a nominal fee," she said. "Nothing special, but it's better than cooling your heels in prison."

The inmates who work the crew seem to like it. "It's something different," said Brian Grady, a member of the CDC fire crew from Mountain Home, a community in Tulare County.

"We had steak for breakfast," he added.

Grady said his unit arrived at base camp around noon on Sunday, and fought fires until the early hours Monday morning. They rested before resuming their assault Tuesday.

Grady had been working seven hours straight. He said he wasn't too fond of a consideration by the planners in base camp to put the hotshots on 24-hour shifts.

"I don't much care for it," he said.

Masquelier and Kenline described the conditions under which the hotshot crews work, and the dangers of fighting brush fires in the valleys of the forest.

"It's almost better when there's a wind (moving the fire line)," Masquelier said, "because you know which way it's going."

Without a wind, "the fire creates its own wind, velocity and direction," she said. "It gets pretty squirrely for the firefighters."

And there are other ways flames can trick crews.

When fires burn at the bottom of a gorge, "they just sit there, building up flammable gases but deprived of oxygen," Kenline said.

Hotshot crews monitoring from higher ground may gain false confidence in the slow progress of the conflagration, he said. Any shift in the wind could provide the needed oxygen to the fire, allowing it to race up the slopes, overtaking the crews.

"It's almost explosive when it catches," he said.

Because of the dangers inherent in wildfires, Kenline said he respects them.

"If it gets out on an open stretch of grassland," he said, "it looks just like a rolling wave of flame, turning end-over-end."
Summer is finally over, and if you didn’t spend time in school like I did, you probably were vacationing in some beach resort area, with toned bodies abounding and waves rippling through the ocean.

The little vacation I did get was a day good in San Francisco. After flying there on the train, my pal and I saw Pier 39 and Ghirardelli Square for a couple of hours, then turned around and headed home.

The next day I got to see Union Square and Chinatown. And boy it was a treat. It was so crowded!

Here I am, Miss I-Live-in-Cowtown, visiting the big city. I felt very out of my element.

I spent an entire day淘宝 and realized I didn’t have a splitting headache, and I discovered I didn’t have a migraine of my life and the endless honking of the car horns ringing in my ears. I swore I’d never come back.

At the end of the day, I could really see the difference between San Francisco and San Luis Obispo.

After we got back from our mini-vacation, I drooled starting school again, and on the first day, it was very hard for me to be there at 6 a.m.

Of course, the wonderfully-conceived construction on my school campus on the very first day of school greeted the returning student body. I was welcomed by: “Hi! I’m so glad you’re here. I’ve been waiting for you!”

With my luck, I didn’t find a thing I wanted to buy in any shop, and it took the whole afternoon to find a place I wanted to eat.

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Yes, that may sound selfish, but I am sure many of you were probably thinking the same thing. I think we enjoy having traffic back in San Francisco.

I not only had to deal with the traffic outside campus, but also the line of cars fighting for the parking spaces that we all know are so hard to find.

I guess I should of been thankful for the lovely space of нет traffic circulation, but if I exaggerated, the space was in a parking lot off the street... but it was too late, they were already fighting for a parking space.

This was long before the carpooling days. I got through classes, OK, and I adjusted to the number of students being in the courses.

At the end of that first day of school, I also realized I didn’t have a splitting headache, and I didn’t have to be in my car looking for a space for all that time.

This was just little of San Luis Obispo, where the traffic is quiet and the people are walking and driving are a little more room.

Lisa Irquin
Big-city blues in small-town SLO

OK, I admit it. I’m a vicarious joiner, but I’m trying to curb the habit.

I haven’t sent any Fox magazine subscriptions to friends’ work addresses for a year or so, and if my girlfriend is nice, I may even call the folks at Baskin Man and tell them to stop trying to collect on her subscription.

I love filling out reader-service cards in magazines, and I bet my friends love getting the avalanche of junk mail that comes along with membership to a grand corporate mailing list.

Ever send your bald boss a Hankellif Infopak that you know will have to go through a few layers of office staff to reach him? Or fill out one of those “my child is a bedwetter” forms and have the information get to my bedwetting editor? I also have a stack of those cards filled out. I probably sent to him off the Baskin-Robbins birthday cards he sent to me.

What if I go with my girlfriend and Stupak offers me $1,200 to give me “casino action” for my 21st birthday? What if I go with my girlfriend and Stupak offers me “casino action” for a night with her? What would I do?

I’m not only a 21-year-old guy with a sweat-off shotgun. Naive sources might think the guy was out for the meager cash bonus that an afternoon ice-cream store job might yield, but savvy readers will see the whole story.

Wise readers will note Stupak’s head resembles a praline-peneo chocolate-late dipped sugar cone.
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Out of Bosnia

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Bosnian war takes toll on reporter

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things at night now — instead of dreams, I have voices. I hear the relief worker in Croatia. "They put him in a cement
mixture. Silas. He was a 6-year-old kid."

And the college girl in Belgrade. "My friend, she tried to tell
us that they raped only her mother, not her, but she was a
beautiful girl. And after that, she didn't play the piano anymore.
No more music."

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While such things are only
tenuous dreams for the boy, the
mixed with Serbs, Croats and
supports him as he waits for the
homes because of the war
Muslims. But these people, who
were driven out of their
neighbors regarding each other as
support in this environment;
Sarajevo who spoke on condition of rest of my family is."

As in every case of extreme
human tragedy, these people have learned to
adapt, their outward actions revealing little of the
terror they have experienced.
The children slowly began to
act like children again. A 9 year-
old girl, Darovic's daughter,
children stood and watched,
trudged slowly away. Near her,
an elderly man stood with steel

Background: Region has history of hatred

Far from being a new phenom-
omen, ethnic strife in the Balkans dates
back as far as the Roman Empire.

Historically, Eastern Orthodox
Serbs and Catholic Croats often clashed.
During Turkey's expansion, Serbs was accused and Croats re-
mained in the protection of the Austro-Hungarian empire.

During this Turkish occupation, many of the people began to
leave — Serbs and Croats by birth
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DEGREES: Students endure drastic increase for second bachelor's diploma

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"The trustees authorized it, but they stated publicly that they didn't agree with it," said Johnyes Service, CSU Interim Director for Academic Affairs. "The state placed lower priorities on people who already had a degree. We do not think it's a wise thing, but it certainly could have hit more students."

ASI President Marquam Pires said he sees the new rule as another example of the state skimping on education.

"By not wanting to work with reeducating workers, it's a contradiction to what the state says it's doing," Pires said. "California is shooting itself in the foot. It's just another example of how the state is willing to invest in other areas and not education."

Cal Poly Budget Director Rick Ramirez said he had hoped the bill would not pass.

"It's an idea that looks good on paper," he said. "But when you actually try to make it work, it is something that is hard to achieve."

Some students said they believe the new law is discriminatory.

"(Students with degrees) have put a lot more taxes into the state than 20-year-olds," said Katrina Rosa, an architecture student seeking her second bachelor's degree. "California is supposed to be the Education State? They're telling me it's not OK for me to be educated."

Because of the increased fees, on Wednesday Rosa said she had to drop her course load from 13 to eight units. She also had to increase her weekly work schedule in order to support her three teen-age daughters while she is still in school.

"It will take forever to graduate," she said. "I really want to do this. I thought many years about this. I always felt that, particularly in California, if I ever wanted to go back to school it was affordable, within reach."

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would have an estimate on when the blaze could be brought under control.

"It's hard to say," said U.S. Forest Service District Ranger Jean Masquelier. "There are so many variables." Officials are most concerned that the fire will spread into wilderness areas adjacent to the national forest that are not accessible by road crews.

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A California Department of Corrections "hotshot" stamps out a lingering flame on Tuesday on Figueroa Mountain Road on one face of the "Moro Fire" in Los Padres National Forest in Santa Barbara County. Daily photo by Steve McCrank.

F I R E  D A N C E

Crews work arduous hours defending Los Padres Nat'l. Forest

By: Lee Arenal, Daily Assistant Managing Editor

LOS OLIVOS — The mountainous landscape felt like a scorching battlefield the morning after a war. Dense smoke stung the eyes and impaired breathing. Thick black flames filling the sky turned the sun into a hateful red eye, casting every object in a dim, ruddy light with mint green shadows.

A surveillance helicopter buzzed over the heads of an orange-clad militia standing in a loose line down the near slope, each member tending to a small, disconnected lick of flame.

Beyond this line of fire workers lay nothing but blackened earth and heat-damaged trees. Ash and burnt leaves blew upslope.

Through the smoky half-light, another front-line fire crew known as "hotshots" could be seen on the opposite side of the vale, shouting commands and attending to a significantly larger blaze — part of a wildfire that has turned out of control since Saturday in the Los Padres National Forest.

Suddenly, a shape pushed through the clouds, revealing the source of the low throb that was heard pounding through the air. A cargo helicopter lumbered closer, looking like a huge metallic locust and carrying a bag of dirt a hundred feet below.

It paused, then performed a minute-long, sweeping circle, passing directly overhead. The chopper paused, 

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