New modern languages major gets the go-ahead

Students can switch to the major this fall, new students to be accepted in 1999

By Jaime Zaffellato
Daily Staff Writer

The five-year process of getting approval for a new major to come to a close this quarter with the addition of a modern languages major.

"The major is unique to the CSU," Academic Computing Program Analyst Mary Whiteford said. "Other CSUs have a specific language like Spanish or French.

Cal Poly students will learn at least three languages. "We are going to be an unusual modern languages major in that we are requiring students to concentrate on two languages instead of just one," Bianca Rosenthal, the office major's department head, said.

Students must declare Spanish as their first concentration and may choose from either German or French for the second one. All three languages will still be offered as minors, along with Italian and Japanese.

Students should be able to begin enrolling in the major next fall. The major was not approved in time to be an option for incoming students, but will be at Fall 1999.

"We want anyone that wants to apply to drop by the department office and talk to us," Rosenthal said. "Then we may be able to answer any questions they might have.

Between 20 and 25 students will be accepted into the major next fall. Students wishing to apply for the major right now must be at least a sophomore, and no higher than a junior.

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Bike sale called off

Public Safety has called off its annual Bike Sale due to forecasts of rain. The sale has been tentatively rescheduled for May 26 and 27.

'99 HarborFest poster contest announced

The 18th annual Morro Bay Harbor Festival, planned for October 1999, needs a poster to promote the event. Judges are looking for a maritime design that commemorates the fishing village character and harbor environs of Morro Bay.

The creator of the winning design can win up to $1,000. Deadline for entries is June 30, 1998. The judge's panel consists of the seven Morro Bay Harbor Festival directors and advisors from the graphic arts and commercial fishing industries. The winner will be determined on or before July 25.

Be aware: May is Multiple Sclerosis Month

Gov. Pete Wilson declared May 1998 as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month. This proclamation was made to help create understanding and support for those with MS. The MS Association of America originated this program and provides patient care to MS sufferers across the country.

MS is the leading neurological disorder of young adults, affecting as many as 500,000 Americans. Its symptoms can range from blindness to partial or complete paralysis. At present, there is no known cause, cure or prevention. For more information call 1-800-LEARNMS.

Be a mentor

The Teen Academic Parenting Program (TAPP) Mentor Project, sponsored by E.O.C. Health Services, is looking for volunteer mentors to work with pregnant and/or parenting teens. The project is designed to help teens continue their education and establish long- and short-term goals. Call 544-4555, ext. 316 for more information.

Corrections

In yesterday's diversity art exhibit story, photographer Thi Hoang's name was misspelled. Also, in Friday's story about the Kennedy Library art exhibit, photographer Keith Selle's name was misspelled. Mustang Daily regrets the errors.

Boeing 737s returning to air

WASHINGTON — When Boeing designed the 737 in the late 1960s, it figured fuel pump wires could last a lifetime if they were coated with Teflon and sealed in a metal tube. The government agreed and did not require inspections after the planes rolled off the assembly line.

Now, 30 years later, reports of frayed wires and punctured tubes have disproved the initial assumptions. The Federal Aviation Administration ordered the oldest 737s grounded until emergency inspections can be completed.

The initial results were heartening: Of the 142 fuel pump tubes inspected on 71 planes by Monday afternoon, half showed signs of wire abrasion and electrical sparking. Each plane has two fuel pump tubes. The impact on travelers was minimal, however.

Continental Airlines had to cancel about a dozen flights on Monday as the last of its inspections were begun, but that was less than 1 percent of the airline's 2,000 daily flights.

Critics say authorities have long ignored wiring problems in civilian and military aircraft, which could cause problems as benign as a flickering reading light to as serious as a fuel tank explosion such as the one suspected in the crash of TWA Flight 801. The Federal Aviation Administration says that isn't so, although it admits it has worked to better understand the wiring around fuel tanks since the TWA accident in July 1996.

By the end of this summer, the agency also plans to initiate a comprehensive inspection program for all of the operating systems on older aircraft.

"One of the things you can't do when you engineer a new airplane is guess everything about it," said Michael Barr, a former Air Force fighter pilot who now heads the aviation safety program at the University of Southern California. "You need an airplane to actually fly and accumulate a lot of hours before you learn all of the potential problems."

Barr said the oldest 737s have reached that point, and changes and additions to the inspection regimen are now necessary.

The Boeing 737 is the most widely used commercial airliner, with more than 2,700 registered worldwide. On Sunday, the FAA grounded 179 original Boeing 737 models, the 737-10 through 200 series, after an inspection of a United Airlines plane found bare wires and signs of electrical failure.

"We're not suggesting that every airplane should be grounded tomorrow," said Marcus Corbin, a defense analyst for the group. "But we think this is a problem that hasn't gotten the attention it needs yet."

The FAA says such a review is part of a new plan to inspect all operating systems in older aircraft. The agency has already developed a program for inspecting the construction of older aircraft.

"The goal will be to have a program that will provide appropriate safety for aircraft and their systems regardless of how long they operate these aircraft," said Thomas McDougan, the FAA's aircraft certification director.

Barr, head of the aviation safety program at USC, said that while that program is needed, recent events have shown that the existing safety system works as intended.

He said: "The accident investigator who suspected a problem seems to have talked to the FAA. The FAA required the inspection which detected the problems that are now being fixed."

Go all out for Mustang Daily's 2nd Annual Gonzo journalism contest

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Probably the closest analogy to the ideal would be a film director/producer who writes his own scripts, does his own camera work and somehow manages to film himself in the action, as the protagonist or at least the main character."

—Hunter S. Thompson
The Great Shark Hunt

In the spirit of the Duke of Gonzo, Mustang Daily is proud to present the second-ever Gonzo Journalism Contest. Everyone can enter, and winners of the contest will get to see their names in print for the Gonzo Issue, June 1. Entries must be factual (sort of) narratives and no longer than 801 words.

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By Glen Johnson
Associated Press
Davis shows big gains in California race

SAN FRANCISCO — A sec-
ond independent poll is show-
ing a big gain for Lt. Gov. Gray Davis and a decline in support for Rep.
Jane Harman in the race for the Demo-
cratic nomination for governor.

The Public Policy Institute of California reported
Davis’ support increasing from 12 percent of likely voters in April to 23 percent in May, while businesswoman Al
Cheech’s support remained unchanged at 19 percent and Harman’s declined from 18 per-
cent to 8 percent.

Since the poll of 600 likely vot-
ers has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percent, the difference between Davis and Cheech is sta-
tistically insignifican. But Davis’ 11-point gain and Harman’s 10-
point decline are beyond the mar-
gin of error.

Those shifts parallel results of the latest Field Poll, Field report-
ed Davis rising from 11 percent in late March to 19 percent in late April, while Harman dropped from 13 percent to 17 percent and Harman declining from 17 percent to 11 percent.

The latest Field Poll has a 4 per-
cent margin of error, reported Lungren favored by 24 percent in March and by 27 percent in April.

In the U.S. Senate race, the Fra-
nces Field Poll, Field report-
ed Lungren leading Barbara Boxer lead-
ing all candidates with 39 per-
cent. Among Republican candi-
dates, businesses Darryl Issa lead state Treasurer Matt Fong by 22 percent to 10 percent.

Issa’s support was up 5 per-
cent since early April, and Fong was up 1 percent while Boxer’s was down 4 percent. The Senate poll also has a 3 percent margin of error.

PPIC poll director Mark
Balduzassari said a substantial number of voters say they will cross party lines for governor in California’s new open primary.

He said 26 percent of the Republican voters plan to vote for one of the three major Democrats running for governor instead of Lungren, who has no major GOP opposition. But only 4 percent of the Democratic surveyed said they planned to vote for Lungren.

In the Senate race, where
Boxer has no major opposition for the Democratic nomination, Balduzassari said only 13 percent of the Democrats planned to vote for a Republican while 11 percent of the Republicans favored Boxer.

Balduzassari also said “subtle but important shifts are under way in voter preferences about candidate qualifications and campaign financing,” with 42 percent of voters saying they did not know how to evaluate candidates and lack of government experi-
ence turning into negatives.

A month ago, Balduzassari said, 60 percent of the voters were indifferent to whether a can-
didate used a personal fortune or relied on contributions from vot-
ers.

But in the survey last week, voters by a margin of 52 percent to 34 percent said a business background for the candidate whose campaign is financed by contributions from business would be more important than experience running a business. Voters were evenly divided on that issue a month earlier.

Albright to meet with Netanyahu

WASHINGTON — Trying to
overcome Israel’s rejection of U.S. terms for Mideast peace talks, Presi-
dent Clinton directed Secretary of
State Madeleine Albright to meet here Wednesday with Prime

Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The terms — including a pull-
back from 13 percent of the West

Bank — have not changed, administration officials said Monday where there evidently is room for bargaining is how a withdrawal of Israeli troops may be implemented.

Clinton decided to try again after meeting with Albright, national security adviser Sandy

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Warren Baker got his head back against the dark, hunter green couch in his office; wearing pleased with his answer.

Warren and I were left at the door at 1 a.m. facing my university.
As for off-campus locations, the department considered Pacheco and Teach elementary schools, but to no avail. Neither site worked out because both schools will undergo construction this summer.

In addition, moving off campus poses a logistical problem for transporting food and equipment.

Iversen said she hopes to negotiate a contract with the psychology and human development department for future use of the preschool lab.

Berrio said: "We're very sympathetic with their dilemma." She added that her department has had to sacrifice its own programs to accommodate Poly Trekkers in the past.

However, the educational needs of the department have changed, she said. Human development has added three technology courses (HD 309, 310 and 311) to its curriculum. Also, more students are working on group projects.

As a result, the students need room 125 and 127 for group work, specifically computer projects. Department Head Linden Pacheco and Teach elementary schools will undergo construction in the summer, she said.

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By J.R. Bass
Associated Press

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—Suirende Walker
executive manager of Morro Bay’s Chamber of Commerce

Circles the chain of volcanic peaks along Highway 1, and continue on South Bay Boulevard and Los Osos Valley Road. This would connect Morro Bay with Los Osos and San Luis Obispo.

Simple fixes like planter boxes, benches and awnings.

Walker says funding for these improvements has come from donations made by the community and a loan fund that had been given to the Chamber the city wasn’t using.

We are picking off one or two projects at a time,” Walker said. “We haven’t started any major construction at this time.”

April Ford, a graduate of Cal Poly’s architecture department and part of Cooper’s part-time master’s program, worked on R/UDAT as a team member and a Morro Bay resident.

“This was a great experience for me,” Ford said. “The community had a chance to make an active plan. It is a living document that is moving ahead and the city is very serious about making it happen.”

Ford said that has been such a motivating and immediate action taken by the city.

“Council members and the planning commission are jumping on the plan to make changes right away,” Ford said. “They are really taking the bull by the horns, and I’m proud to be part of it.”

Ford said she recently received a $250,000 matching commission of Morro Bay, which has enabled her to keep working with the project.

“Being a resident of Morro Bay and having the knowledge of the R/UDAT is really an asset,” Ford said.”Now I am sort of the connect between the city, Cal Poly and the local chapter of the AIA (American Institute of Architects),” Cooper said.

It has been good for the future of Morro Bay.

“The wonderful thing about Morro Bay is that it’s not going to put this project on the shelf like so many cities do,” Cooper said. “Every work the people have put into the rec recommendations made and what the strategic plan said is how it needs. Revisiting the issue and dialogue is what will keep this project going.”
Right after Labor Day weekend, construction will begin on a wooden boardwalk at Pismo Beach. The East Coast-style plank boardwalk will span from Hind Avenue next to the Pismo Pier toward the south to the Simpson Street cul-de-sac. Business owners and city officials think the boardwalk will attract visitors to the downtown area and provide a safe, off-street area for people to walk.

Pismo Beach plans to add boardwalk

By Jeremy Roe
Daily Staff Writer

Construction on a wooden boardwalk at Pismo Beach is scheduled to begin right after Labor Day weekend. The structure will connect crucial parking and popular tourist spots to the beach.

The East Coast-style plank boardwalk will span from Hind Avenue next to the Pismo Pier toward the south to the Simpson Street cul-de-sac.

Construction is planned to start as soon as the summer tourist season ends.

“We have a design approved, now we expect construction after the summer time,” said Pismo Beach Mayor John Brown. “They’re afraid to have heavy equipment down there in the summer.”

Pismo Beach Director of Public Services Dennis Delzeit said it would be irresponsible to begin construction earlier than Labor Day because of the volume of tourists who enjoy the beach and use the pier parking lot.

Business owners and city officials think the boardwalk will attract visitors to the downtown area and provide a safe, off-street area for people to walk.

“We wanted a place where people could move along the beach,” said Brown. He said he hopes people who use the boardwalk will also find it easier to patronize Pismo’s shops and restaurants.

Certain uses of the boardwalk, however, will not be allowed. Planks will be spaced to discourage skateboarding and rollerblading.

Brown said, “The estimated cost of the boardwalk is $630,000, which includes everything from the planning and design stage to the construction of the walkway, according to Delzeit. Building the structure will take about four months to complete, so the boardwalk should be done by January 1999.”

“We have very few (lateral) boardwalks on the West Coast,” he said. “I think it’ll put Pismo on the map.”

A lateral boardwalk spans from one end of a beach to the other. Another type of boardwalk is the pier, which extends out into the ocean from the beach. Piers are more common on the West Coast, according to Delzeit.

The boardwalk will be funded primarily through grants. Brown said the state has money set aside for attracting people to the coast, including areas like Pismo Beach.

The city shouldered $60,000 of the cost of building the structure.

Original plans called for a curved walkway, but were changed to a straight line with diamond-shaped turnouts along the way where people can stop and take in the view. The Pismo Beach City Council approved the final design.

“The first phase is paid for,” Brown said. “We just have to get it built.”

Long-term plans may include a single-span foot bridge like the one at the Amtrak station in San Luis Obispo, which would incorporate Pismo Creek into the boardwalk’s pathway. Brown said this will provide more common on the West Coast, including areas like Pismo Beach.

The Pismo Beach City Council has helped both the city and surrounding businesses.

By Christine Lawlor
Daily Staff Writer

Morro Bay’s “Old Town” needed a new look, and a project run by Cal Poly students has helped bring both the vision and the reality.

Construction hasn’t yet begun, but new additions such as an outdoor amphitheater, a pedestrian promenade and an open-air market are just a few of the projects expected to revitalize the look of Old Town Morro Bay.

The scenic Embarcadero part of town has, up until now, been the focus of Morro Bay’s tourist industry.

Now town leaders want to bring Old Town up to speed.

Last August Morro Bay underwent an analysis by a mini-RUTAD (pre-date), or Regional Urban Design Assistance Team. This RUTAD team was made up of primarily Cal Poly students — 50 volunteers, professional architects, construction managers, engineers, commission planners and facility managers.

“We’re making the town a better place for business and more attractive for customers,” said Brown.

Fifty volunteer including Cal Poly students met to brainstorm and collate ideas to renovate the look of Old Town Morro Bay. The next time you visit you may notice some new additions including an outdoor amphitheater, a pedestrian promenade and an open-air market.

Morro Bay Additions

• Using Old Town’s alleys and areas behind stores and between buildings for "pocket parks" and parking.

• Redevelopment of the Centennial Starway linking the Embarcadero with the ocean end of Morro Bay Boulevard. The team suggested adding an outdoor amphitheater, a pedestrian promenade and an open-air market.

• A roundabout, common in Europe, at the junction of Morro Bay Boulevard, Quintana Road and Highway 1 that would be attractively landscaped and have directional signs.

• A "temporary park" in front of the Morro Bay Mud Fudge eatery.

• Planter boxes and trees lit with lights, banners along the buildings, more pedestrian-oriented street lamps, lead with directional and shopping information.

• A large parking area in the middle of the block bounded by Morro Bay Boulevard, Main, Harbor and Monterey streets.

• A 28-mile drive route that would circle the chain of volcanic peaks along Highway 1, and continue on South Bay Boulevard and Los Osos Valley Road. This would connect Morro Bay with Los Osos and San Luis Obispo.

• Simple signs like planter boxes, benches and awnings.

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