Unit decrease aims at graduating students sooner

By Lauren Chase
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Imagine if the minimum number of units required to graduate went down from 180 or 200 to 180 for all baccalaureate degrees. That might mean having to take fewer classes.

This decrease in units is an issue that will go before Cal Poly's Academic Senate in the next few months.

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By Collin Hester
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Other ways of getting to class

By Audrey Amara
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A girl furiously pumps her legs as she rides her red, 10-speed beach cruiser to class. Suddenly, something flies past her so fast that she can't see what or who it is.

No, it's not a bird or a plane — it's Andrew Badger on his electrically powered scooter.

"Watch out bike club, because scooters are starting to be a new trend," said Badger, a knowledge senior.

Bicycles are still a great way of transportation, but students are starting to experiment with alternative, more fun ways of getting to school.

"Z-Turbo (scooter) goes 12 mph for its normal speed, 15 mph with a good wind and 20 mph downhill," Badger said. His record from the business building to the University Union is two minutes.

Badger admits some students are intimidated by such a vehicle but can't think of one instance that someone had a negative comment.

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Season of sharing reaches beyond borders

By Whitney Kobrin
Managing Daily Staff Writer

Local organizations, along with the rest of the nation, are showing their holiday spirit by extending help to another country.

A community committee is working on a fund-raiser for the children of Afghanistan, said Angie Hacker, Associated Students Inc. president. The Student Community Liaison Committee (SCLC) is organizing the fund-raiser, which began Monday and will continue through Jan. 15. Hacker said she anticipates that because of timing, the fund-raiser will be an effective holiday event.

Derek Juerta, ASI commissioner of Community Relations, coordinated the fund-raiser. Juerta said the idea of this fund-raiser is more legitimate because of President George W. Bush's request that donations be made to the Children of Afghanistan. Controversy regarding the way funds were being used by the Red Cross deterred the SCLC from fund-raising for the Red Cross, he said.

The fund-raiser is comprised of two parts that include donations and civic outreach, Juerta said. Donations can be made at various places on the Cal Poly campus, including Kennedy Library, Campus Market, the University Union information desk and the Rec Center, Juerta said. Civic outreach will include contacting the Lions Club, Rotary Club and the Children's Center on campus.

"At the Children's Center, we will give letters to the parents requesting donations," Juerta said. "We will also send letters to the heads of other civic organizations."

Juerta said the goal of the fund-raiser is to raise a few thousand dollars for the children of Afghanistan, and he anticipates success.

After Jan. 15, the donations will be collected and given to ASI, which will send a check to the White House for the benefit of the Afghan children.

The SCLC is a group made up of administrators, students and staff from Cal Poly and Cuesta College as well as prominent members of the community, such as members of the City Council, the mayor, the chief of police, city administrators and members of Residents for Quality Neighborhoods, Hacker said.

"The SCLC was organized to increase communication between different sectors of the community, and has been a part of the San Luis Obispo community for nine or 10 years," she said.

The idea for a fund-raiser came after the SCLC started talking about the national response to the Sept. 11 tragedies. Hacker said the community held reflections and marches, and the SCLC began plans to create a response to the event.

Currently, the SCLC is working on establishing off-campus donation sites. Flies are being posted around campus, urging students to donate what they can.

Donations can also be sent to the ASI executive office, Cal Poly State University at San Luis Obispo. Checks should be made out to the American Fund for Afghan Children.
Stray bomb kills 3 U.S. soldiers

WASHINGTON — On Wednesday, a U.S. bomb carrying 2,000 pounds of explosives issued from Taliban target killing three American soldiers and wounding 19 others north of Kandahar, Afghanistan. Where the Taliban is making its last stand. Two of the special forces soldiers died immediately, the third died on his way to the hospital. Pentagon officials have not released the names of the victims and do not yet know if the error was human or mechanical.

Hamid Karzai, the newly designated head of the provincial government in Afghanistan was in the area where the bomb landed, but was not seriously wounded.

— AP

Man arrested for anthrax hoax

SPRINGDALE, Ohio — Clinton Lee Wagster, 45, who was on the FBI's 10 most wanted list, was arrested Wednesday outside a Kinloch store. He is wanted for other crimes, but most recently because he claimed responsibility for a total of 53 anthrax hoax letters that were mailed on two different occasions to East Coast abortion clinics. He also claimed he was appointed by God to kill abortion providers and is a member of the "Army of God." He has openly referred to himself as a terrorist against abortion providers.

U.S. Marshals said when he was arrested he was carrying $10,000 and computer components. They also said he had a loaded handgun in a stolen Mercedes Benz. Wagster is not connected to the actual anthrax campaign that has killed five and infected 13 others since October. But he is wanted for multiple bank robberies and escaping from Dewitt County jail in Clinton, Ill. He was awaiting sentencing on charges of motor vehicle theft and gun possession by a felon. He was facing a 15-year to life sentence. The cumulative reward of $100,000 was for his capture.

— Reuters

International Briefs

Middle East

Israel — There are the latest developments in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Palestinian police ordered the house arrest of Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yamon Wednesday, sparking angry demonstrations in the city. Police said they had a stolen Mercedes Benz.

— AP

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miles by being plugged into an outlet. One charge will last Badger all day. Badger said, "We are just trying to look out for the students' safety, and (the memorials) function as a reminder to progress forward," she said.

Badger said the mentors enjoy what they do and are willing to provide assistance because they believe it's a good way to give back to the community. "They're the type of people that pursue challenge in life," Merittens said. "(They like) being able to help a fellow woman or man get their business of the ground and gaining skills." According to the Web site, the program has three tenants — to provide mentors and memers for women to improve their leadership potential and the quality of their lives.

Triston Chandler, an agriculture systems management sophomore, learned his lesson about riding on campus last year. He is the owner of a red Honda Elite, a gas-powered moped. "I did a little lap around the police station before I knew it was the police station last year," he said. Chandler had been on a leisure ride before class to warm up the engine of his moped. His main problem was that he didn't have a muffler on it, so it was making a loud noise. Chandler said he was pulled over and got a lecture by a campus police officer.

"He asked if I had a license, why I wasn't wearing a helmet and if it was stolen," Chandler said. "These vehicles make noise, and more complaints are coming in from professors, said University Police officer Oer Carballo. "We are just trying to look out for people's safety," he said. Owners of all vehicles are supposed to abide by the rules of the road, and most students are cooperative, he said. Carballo has seen the worst instances when students use their vehicles recreationally. He classifies skateboards as one of the biggest safety issues. Recently, a student in Sonoma fell off a skateboard and injured himself, Carballo said. The price of the ticket for skateboarding on campus has also been raised, since the old price didn't seem to discourage the few students, Carballo said.

"Some (students) would even say they don't care about paying for a ticket because they can afford it," he added.
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Local artists let loose

By Jana Larsen
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

As you walk into the gallery at the San Luis Obispo Art Center, you will notice a bench in the middle of the room: have a seat. The pictures on display for the Brush Strokes 2001 Exhibition are worth taking a long, ponderous look at and even a second look.

The Twelfth Annual Brush Strokes 2001 Exhibition is on display until Dec. 10 at the Art Center at Mission Plaza. A renowned artist from Laguna Beach judged the artwork and chose 36 paintings from the 200 entries by the Oil-Pastel-Acrylic-Group (OPAG) members of the San Luis Obispo Art Center.

The show awards more than $1,000 in prize money to the participants. It is open to anyone in the state of California, the only criteria is that the artist must be a member of the Art Center.

Ken Auster, winner of the national Annual Plein Aire Painting Competition, was hired to judge the art at the center.

"He actually came and looked at the work instead of jurying the work by slides," said Karen Kile, executive director of the Art Center. "He didn't necessarily choose paintings that were like his style, which is a very free and abstract plein aire style. He did a very good job."

Viewers can feast their eyes on the beauty of the colors of the different mediums used and then open their souls to what the message each piece of art tries to convey. The Best of Show piece, "Magic at Daybreak" by Denise Schryver, allows the viewer to share the magical moment that happens just as the sun rises over the earth and sea below.

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“Magic at Duskbreak” is from outside of my studio area on our property," Schryver said. "The light and movement of the clouds and the fog just inspired me. It’s that special property," Schryver said. "The light and side of my studio area on our prop­

Grady, they are shar­ing the same starting to happen."

"I like it because it is kind of an uncomfortable painting," said Grady, winner of first place in mixed media.

Grady said she created the piece as she went, not really knowing where the painting would end up. She doesn’t paint with an idea in mind, and what she starts with and the final product usually are not the same.

"I react to the painting and to the materials as I work," Grady said. "The three-dimensional part of the white has the black shadow that is positioned all wrong. The white statue has a very feminine look like a diva, and the shadow looks very masculine. Then there is the ladder that disappears and it was really odd. And then I sketched in the hawk that wasn’t quite done. I brought it into the house and lived with it for a week and then I looked at it and said, ‘Wow, it’s done just the way it is.’"

The second place winner in mixed media, “Thread” by Judy Phillips, plays homage to the lives lost in the tragedy on Sept. 11. The message Phillips said she wanted to share with this painting is the fragility of life.

"That painting is in response to the Sept. 11 attack, it was based on the state of the buildings," Phillips said. "By naming it ‘Thread,’ it is to remind us that life does indeed hang by a thread."

The intensity of the emotion wrought by the tragedy can be seen in the media and colors used by Phillips. "It is a mixture of oil and acrylic, and it looks as if one thing is fight­ing another," she said. "I did that on purpose to get that open, kind of rough feeling. It was originally a different painting, the surface was one that I had prepared and liked. I wasn’t sure what to do with it so I let it sit aside for a long time. It was very, very dark and black with lots of colors running through it. Then I painted the picture as it is now with the dark still underneath."

These three paintings are just a taste of the local talent of the San Luis Obispo area. Many of the paintings are not only by local artists, but are of familiar scenery, such as “Bishop Peak” by Ken Christensen, “Cambria Ranch” by Jim Carlisle and an eye-catching acrylic called “The Fremont” by Tim Huhn.

"Duke’s Place, Moss Landing" is a painting to delight in and what makes it even more enjoyable is the artist. Peter Phillips, Judy Phillips’ husband, has been painting all his life, but only seriously for the last 10 years. But painting isn’t the only creation of beauty that he is known for around San Luis Obispo. He is a retired architect from the building program at Cal Poly.

"The last project I worked on was the Performing Arts Center. It was a lovely one to retire on," he said.

The works of the Phillips, along with all of the other art on display at the exhibition, are examples of the great talent living in the Central Coast area.

"Design is the strength of the show and those combining composition and a painterly quality ultimately became the selected works," Ken Auster wrote in his juror state­ment.

To view the selections of the Brush Strokes 2001 Exhibition, drop by the Art Center at 1010 Broad St. at Mission Plaza. The gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and for more information call 543-8562.
The members of popular local salsa group Salson, above, will perform at SLO Brew in downtown San Luis Obispo Dec. 7 at 10 p.m.

By Patti Green
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Sizzling salsa group heats up SLO Brew

By Kat Corey
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Gilbert Reed Ballet purs new twist on classic Dickens tale

What do you get when you combine three ghosts, a cripple and a greedy old man all clad in tights? You get the timeless classic, “A Christmas Carol,” brought to the Performing Arts Center (PAC) by the Gilbert Reed Ballet. The compelling Dickens tale that has touched the hearts of many in the spirit of the holidays has taken a different route from its original play format. The Gilbert Reed Ballet will present this cherished story without uttering a single word. They will dance the role of ae old man whose stingy Christmas attitude takes a dramatic turn for the better after a life-altering visit from the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future.

Barbara Halón, executive director of “A Christmas Carol,” said it is incredible to see Gilbert Reed’s work on stage. He choreographs in a very human way that always moves people, she said. “You don’t need the words,” Halón said. “He can tell the story with dance.”

George Frederic Handel’s breathtaking Water Music score, performed live by the San Luis Obispo Symphony, will accompany the performance. This is the second year the symphony, conducted by Michael Nowak, will perform live for the ballet. “Mr. Reed always wanted it played live,” Halón said. “It is a whole different feel.”

This is one of the very few times the symphony plays from the ground. Symphony enthusiasts who are used to hearing it from the stage say that the sound is so much richer from the pit, Halón said. It focusses the music so it doesn’t get dispersed like it does from the stage, she said. “It is monumental for this community to have a live orchestra side by side with his daughter Julia Ruth, who also plays his daughter in the ballet. Hand in hand, the Gilbert Reed Ballet and San Luis Obispo Symphony will mesmerize many in their collaboration to see if they are safe for you.

Go to the Student Health Center or your doctor’s office during the cold and flu season. What should I do if I get a cold or upper respiratory flu? Get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids. Over-the-counter remedies can alleviate the symptoms—pseudoephedrine for runny nose and congestion, acetaminophen or ibuprofen for aches and pains. Gargling with salt water [1 tsp of salt per glass of warm water] can help with a sore throat. Cough preparations with “DM” help a dry cough and those with an expectorant help with a cough that produces mucus. The sure to read the labels of these products to see if they are safe for you.

Students can make an appointment by calling the Health Center at 756-1211. Can Pol Poly Student Health Center Advice: What Should You Do If You Have a Cold or Cold-Like Flu?

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Ballroom dance club president Julie Christy helps a new member of the club learn to waltz on Friday at the Oddfellows hall.

"We are really trying to expand student involvement," said math junior Rachel Grunsky, vice president of the club. "We are bringing practices back to campus and we may be lowering prices (for lessons) next quarter."

Christy, this year's president, has been a member since her freshman year. The club plans to have one formal dance per quarter in addition to the weekly practices.

Ballroom dance met this quarter on Sundays, but winter quarter they will be meeting Thursdays in building 3, room 225, at 8 p.m. Memberships are $35 for eight lessons and $50 for the whole quarter. Students don't have to have any prior experience to join; there are two lessons per night, one for beginners and one for intermediate dancers. After the lesson there is a dance party where students can practice the moves they just learned.

"It's definitely a lot of fun," Grunsky said. "You get to taste a lot of different dances. I like tango, it's a dance you can play with. You can dance to the music. It's a passionate dance."

Grunsky found out about ballroom dance last year at one of the socials. Ballroom dance, Salsa Club and Swing Dance Club work together to put on some of the major dances. Grunsky was a member of the swing club when she found out about ballroom dancing. The dances are put together with beginners in mind, with different skill levels, dance styles and age classes.

"The ballroom dance club also attends one competition a quarter. Next quarter they are traveling to UC San Diego on March 2 for a competition. In the spring they will travel to Stanford for a competition."

The ballroom dance club also has a Web site at http://www.calpolyballroom.org/CPBDc_main_2.htm. Their site has a list of their practice dates and the club officers, as well as information about the different dance styles.

Ballroom dance club vice president Rachel Grunsky

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Correction: In the story entitled "The two sides of Poly's political rope," which ran Tuesday, Dec. 4, there were three campus groups that participated in the "Support the Troops" rally. The College Republicans Club initiated the rally in support of the war effort. Raise the Respect aimed to bring awareness about the dangers of discrimination and racism during times of war, and Progressive Student Alliance protested against the war.
People who shop for the nudity editor.

In response to "Abercrombie has more than one downhill," Dec. 5, who's looking at "trendy numbers, meaningless symbols, mythical sports teams, worn slo­ gans..." or even prices? The real story I shoul d know is, "As Abercrombie is for the guaranteed hot, sexy employees, and the two-story tall images of naked men! Clothes! Who's look­ ing at clothes? That's why they require proof of age when you purchase any of their soft porn catalogs. I truly enjoy being a victim of marketing.

Bianca Marian is a landscape architecture senior.

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The subject of his obsession

that what I've been experiencing is shared by one in 50 Americans. (No Canadians could be reached for comment.)

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But it would be better to keep the dunes open and continue to improve the bird sanctuary and other measures that preserve wildlife, instead of kicking out the community altogether.

The public and the birds have co-existed for years — why should that change? Obviously if both have gotten along in the past, both can continue to do so. Compromises should be made on both sides, but the final line should not be drawn.

Lots of things can be done instead of denying the public access. One is to keep things the way they are. At the moment cars are free to drive the beach, but once a Powell is spotted a makeshift fence is erected. The fence keeps things safe and reminds the drivers to watch for birds.

Another idea is to put money into the bird sanctuary. The Oceano Dunes were created with animals and the public in mind. Oceano is the only beach in the state that allows vehicles to drive on it.

Let's not forget the economic impact of completely closing down the dunes. Friends of Oceano Dunes report that a lawsuit has been filed by the Environmental Defense Center and the Sierra Club to close down the dunes for all months except October. This closure is for the protection of not only the Snowy Plover, but the Least Tern and the Steel Head Trout during their mating seasons.

Complete closure of the dunes is not a good idea. The Snowy Plover and the rest of the animals should be protected, but shutting the dunes to the public is not neces­ sary. Closing off the dunes to all public access would end years of recreational enjoyment.

Since as late as the 1940s, people have had fun on the dunes. Boardwalk running, surfing, and four-wheeling would all stop if the dunes closed. The dunes are meant to be enjoyed by everyone, and the public in mind. Oceano is the only beach in the state that allows vehicles to drive on it.

Abercrombie and Fitch President, I'd like to explain how the things that Kenneth Hafer was reptitively saying in "Abercrombie has more than one downhill," Dec. 5, are in fact the very things that make Abercrombie such a common business. The clothing at A&F is not more expensive than Gap or Banana Republic. What you're essen­ tially paying for is the overall "shopping experience" you clearly do not get at Goodwill. Does Hafer think wood-plank flooring and elaborate wall paneling pays for it? How much those wall-size prints of much sought-after A&F models — world famous photographer Bruce Weber isn't doing it for his health. Those very same pic­ tures (which are changed every season) are then applied to the shopper bag. And judging by how many of my friends have them up on their walls, I'd say those are in pretty high demand too. I've even had customers offer to pay me just to give them back without pur­ chasing anything else. As for the PR crown jewel, being a "hot..." accoding to Chris Streeter, former general manager of University Graphics Systems, the modest $6 newstand price probably does not cover the printing cost of producing a 320-page, multi­ color, perfect-bound book.

So getting back to the whole A&F model thing, another benefit you're "paying for" is the fact that any item purchased can be returned at any time, for any reason, without a receipt, and even without the tags on it. Or what about the fact that a full shift of employees stays up several hours after closing to keep the store in perfect order, keeping the stock that of super-chic cotton T-shirts in the perfect color order as set out by the home office (men's in ascending, women's in descending). Those very same strict guidelines from the home office, along with "immediate turn-around, organizing the sales floor and re-dressing of dozens of man­ nequins to exact home office standards, on a weekly basis, quite often still 2 in the morn­ ing at my store. As for that audio system Evans Williams was joking a lot at "Work at Abercrombie lacks in excitement." Dec. 5, you're paying for that, too. Four-hour long custom remixed and licensed CDs are changed every month with versions of songs heard nowhere else, pumped out to the sales floor by one of the most powerful audio sys­ tems I've ever seen. How about that Trimtron flat screen television your parents sat and watch from leather couches while you pay for your supposedly overpriced clothing! That television shows only A&F TV, a sports/adventure/music segment custom pro­ duced by Abercrombie — once a new one comes out every month.

None of this is free, not the clothing overpriced. You're getting exactly what you pay for, and a lot more. I didn't previously realize you were paying for. I dare you to name any other store that offers this level of quality and service with that experience at a better price. Retailers like Old Navy, Target and Ross exist for a reason; when shoppers want something that involves more than picking up clothes off the floor of a warehouse-like setting without customers, they come to Abercrombie.

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The Cal Poly dating scene

Chuck: Everyone I know is in a relationship right now. I find that even people at the bars are in relationships. You know, you have 15 to 30 minutes of conversation before you give them the 'ah, my boyfriend this' and then you have to do the courtesy 10 minutes so that they never thought you were picking up on them.

Kathy: As far as age goes, I don't think it makes that much of a difference. But I don't want to enter into something like marriage if I can't bring to the table what I need to bring and always need to bring. It's about stability. I want to be able to be financially stable and independent.

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