The 14-unit limit, at first, upset students because it only allows for three normal four-unit classes.

Crystal Phend

The registration changes, which began winter quarter, appear to have streamlined the add/drop process and even got students with low priority into classes in the first enrollment cycle, according to a recent analysis by the Office of Academic Records. No further changes are expected for spring quarter.

"We wanted to make the process more efficient and more equitable," said Director of the Office of Academic Records Thomas Zuur said.

The changes included a reduction in the number of units students could grab on the first rotation from 16 to 14, an increase in the total units limit from 20 to 22 and the institution of electronic waitlisting and add permits.

In past years, students with high priority could register for as many units as possible, and then drop a course once classes began. This left students with lower priority scrambling to fill even the 12-unit minimum for financial aid.

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Mardi Gras was a safer and less disruptive Mardi Gras, a situation that may continue into the future.

Rob Bryn, spokesperson for the San Luis Police Department, said that he is concerned about how last year's riot reflects on the university. "There were 5,000 people on Football that night," Bryn said. "The idea that they were all college students paints a negative brush on the student community and is simply not correct."

Over the long Mardi Gras weekend of 2004, costs associated with law enforcement were estimated at $500,000.

According to the city's statistics, 195 people were arrested—44 percent were local individuals, 48 percent were from out of the county and 8 percent were unknowns.

The age demographic for those arrested last year averaged from 29-year-olds and under.

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students signed up and then the system added students to courses overnight as spaces became available.

Waitlisters provided stability at the beginning of the term so teaching was not delayed and group assignments could be made earlier, Zuur said.

"If we can have most of the seats filled at the beginning, that's good for students and good for the faculty," Zuur said.

More than half of the 1,700 undergraduates available for waitlisting, which does not include senior project and other special courses, had waitlists. About 30 percent of the 7,122 students on those waitlists were able to enroll automatically overnight.

However, many students had difficulty getting used to the new process for crashing courses, especially when trying to switch sections.

"Students didn't understand that if they were already enrolled in a course they couldn't waitlist it," Cartter said. Students were also bypassed on the waitlist if they had time conflicts with other courses, or had reached the unit load cap. In some cases, all the students on a waitlist were passed over for these reasons.

Another problem with the waitlist process was that courses with co-requisites, like laboratory sections with lectures, proved too complicated for the current registration software. Zuur said PeopleSoft will allow additional options, which may include waitlisting for co-requisite classes.

"It was quick and dirty for now," Zurr said.

The Office of the Registrar continued the waitlist process with data gathered as students used POWER, the online registration system. An audit trail detailed the date and time students enrolled or dropped each course, as well as whether the request was met. This information was identified and saved for each student.

"When students come to us (with problems) we know what and when an error may have been made," Patti said.

These are classified as academic records and must be maintained by the university for 75 years.

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"...There is a gap between saying we are a global leader and standing on the sidelines as new international institutions and alliances take shape without us."

Reid accused Bush of failing to challenge Saudi Arabia's treatment of dissidents, letting China handle negotiations with North Korea's missile-seeking regime, and allowing Europeans to grapple with a threat from Iran.

"It is time that America stood tall again as the real superpower that we are, and that we led the world in dealing with these terrible threats and building a durable peace instead of just hanging back and letting others show the way.

Reid's assessment of Bush's foreign policy represented some of the most biting remarks by a senior Democratic leader since the president won re-election last November. Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry frequently criticized the president's handling of the war on terror and of conducting an arrogant foreign policy. Election-day interviews with voters indicated the public preferred Bush's leadership, but more recent surveys taken before Sunday's Iraqi elections show a decline in support for the war.

Pelosi largely repeated criticism of Bush's plans for Social Security that she and other Democrats have been leveling for days.

"We can solve this long-term challenge without dismantling Social Security and without allowing this administration's false declaration of a crisis justify a privatization plan that is unnecessary," she said.

Bush has called on Congress to pass legislation this year that will make Social Security permanently solvent. At the same time, he wants younger workers to have the option of diverting a portion of their payroll taxes into private investment accounts. As part of those recommendations, some administration officials have said the president may call for future retirees to receive smaller starting benefits than current law guarantees.

Pelosi said the reduction could amount to 40 percent, and added, "Any cut is unacceptable, but a cut of that magnitude is unconscionable." She also said Democrats will insist that Social Security legislation not add to the deficit, and remain fair to the middle class.

The Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) is considering petitions submitted by the University Union and ASI to increase their respective fees effective Fall quarter 2005.

In anticipation of a Spring 2005 advisory student referendum, CFAC is soliciting statements of advocacy (either pro or con) from students to be included in the voter information packets. Statements must be submitted by February 11th. For more information, contact Victor Brancart at 756-2091 or vbrancar@calpoly.edu.

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Regulation last week.

SAN DIEGO — A 74-year-old plastic surgeon has surrendered his medical license following accusations that he blinded a patient in one eye during cosmetic surgery to smooth out wrinkles.

Richard Escalada relinquished his license to the Medical Board of California earlier this month, a year after board officials accused him of negligence and incompetence.

The accusation stems from a 2000 operation in which a woman was blinded in one eye and a 2002 case in which a patient experienced severe bleeding after breast surgery.

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Utah student suddenly learns she is not a legal U.S. resident

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — Until she returned from a brief visit to Mexico, Utah State University student Heilit Martinez thought she was a 20-year-old legal resident of the United States.

But since being detained by border officials, she has learned she is 15 and an illegal resident.

"When I was in junior high, I felt the way most Americans do about the Mexicans crossing the border," said Martinez. "I felt all the illegal aliens should be deported. My parents would laugh when I said that."

Martinez said she had known one of her parents was a Venezuelan and the other was a German citizen. She understood that she also was a German citizen, but she had never lived in that country and her family moved to the United States from Venezuela when she was 2-years-old. She grew up in a suburb of Salt Lake City.

"Up until I was 12, I thought I was an American," she said. When she found out she wasn't a U.S. citizen, her parents told her she was a legal resident.

"I look like everyone else. I have no accent when I speak English. I know as much U.S. history as the average Joe, if not more: I've been singing the national anthem since my lungs let me and I knew the words," Martinez said. "I've just always felt American."

She had a Social Security card from her father. When she asked about her alien resident card, he told her it was lost, she said.

At USU, she landed a job as a resident assistant. In October, she attended a conference in New Mexico for resident assistants and she and the other USU students made a quick trip across the border to Mexico.

When they returned they were questioned by U.S. border agents. Martinez said she was a German citizen. The border officials could not find her listed in a database of permanent foreign residents. She was taken into custody and was told she was in the United States illegally.

"They said, 'Right now we are waiting for your passport to come to deport you. You don't belong here and you have no right to be here,'" Martinez recalled.

Martinez said she tried to call her parents and they hung up on her. She then contacted a sister and an uncle, who told her the immigration officials were right.

Sen. Orrin Hatch has introduced a bill that would give her an immigrant visa or otherwise make her a legal resident. If the bill doesn't pass, the 15-year-old Martinez will be deported, possibly to Germany or Venezuela.

Meanwhile, she still attends USU, but can't legally work. Although she still carries on with her day-to-day activities, she knows her future is not in her hands.
San Luis Obispo prepares for its flogging

Allison Terry
March 2nd

Blending traditional Irish music, upbeat, hard-driven punk and quite a bit of Guinness, Flogging Molly could be described as a typical band. After spending the summer in huge arenas on the Vans Warped Tour, Flogging Molly is taking its show to smaller venues to promote the release of its third album, "Within A Mile Of Home." The band will make a stop tonight at San Luis Obispo Memorial Veterans Hall. Doors will open at 7 p.m., starting with opening bands the Briefs and Tsunami Bomb.

Singing tributes to survival, struggle, Ireland and drinking, Flogging Molly combines slamming guitar with a fiddle and an accordion.

Members of Flogging Molly include Dublin-born Dave King (lead singer, acoustic guitar), Bridget Regan (fiddle, tin whistle), Dennis Casey (electric guitar), Matt Hensley (accordion), Nathan Maxwell (banjo), Robert Schmidt (mandolin, banjo) and George Schmidt (drums).

Calling from Fresno on Friday afternoon, frontman Dave King took some time before a show to talk us the Mustang Daily about the band, touring and celebrating life.

"I think it was like. I'll play what I play and you play what you play, and the next thing you know is that we have this sound that just seemed to come about very easy. It wasn't a concept or planned out. It was inspiration from what are people in the right place at the right time.

MD: How did you guys come up with your concept of mixing punk and Irish music?

DK: It was no real concept. It was just that I felt like I needed to go back home, but I seriously couldn't not go back home. When I heard Bridget play the fiddle, it sort of sang to me - it was like, I'll play what I play and you play what you play, and the next thing you know is that we have this sound that just seemed to come about very easy. It wasn't a concept or planned out. It was inspiration from what are people in the right place at the right time.

MD: How do you guys keep the show going for your fans to get out of your music?

DK: I think that meeting the people that we meet, the shows themselves - that's the main thing. I'm sure a lot of bands will tell you there is a lot of drudgery that goes along with it, like going from town to town but that's what it is, it's life on the road. I think that the pinnacle of the day for any band is those two hours that we're onstage. That's what is most important and the most fun.

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MD: What do you want the fans to take away from your shows?

DK: Every, every show. Last night was absolutely beside myself with emotion.

MD: What do you do to calm down and get your focus back on the road? Why isn't that nervous.

DK: I honestly, will have a couple of drinks to take the edge off my nervous self. And I also need to remember that if I make a mistake, it's nothing. A mistake is one thing, but just go out there and have some fun. But yeah, I do get nervous.

MD: Does the band have any pre-show rituals?

DK: No, not really. With seven people in the band, it's quite a lot of people. We just do our own thing and that's about it.

MD: How much Guinness do you guys go through in one show?

DK: Quite a bit. Yeah, we go through quite a bit. Let's just say we'll never finish a gig when there is any left.

MD: What do you want the fans in San Luis Obispo to look forward to?

DK: Have a good time, and get out there. We certainly do so I see no reason why everyone else shouldn't too. There are no barriers when you come to see a band like us - it's just a lot of energy, a lot of passion and a lot of fun - a celebration in a way. So celebrate life for God's sake.

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Let the triple fines, non-party begin

Today may seem like any old week, but students beware: it's not. On Wednesday, fines for regular violations are tripled and you may be banned from campus. This is in response to media photographers and student reporters trying to cover the March 9 protests. The city has assured us that this year the celebration will be no different.

The vast majority were caught in the midst of unlawful assembly and public intoxication, but it's the way it is. The SLC can't expel students who were merely at the on-campus protest, so San Luis Obispo police officers on the streets are your friends. The city has assured us that this year the celebration will be no different. So San Luis Obispo police officers should not barge into your apartment or friend's house, don't stay in large groups if something crazy happens.

You may also be wondering how the university can prosecute you if you live inappropriately off-campus. According to university off-campus jurisdiction, a student can receive probation, suspension or expulsion if you're going to pick fights. I suggest you stay quiet.

We didn't even want one last year. The Montana Daily is saying something about the triple fines. The most prevalent display of violence was on last year's Mardi Gras 2005 plan fail. We don't want to take the fall if the increased number of police, triple fine zones and mandatory DUI checkpoints don't stop a few beers from being drank and a few brawls from being flashed.

Let the party begin. The triple fines, non-party begin. The trolling has begun. It's easy for some people to sit from a safe distance point and blame hot air about last year's Mardi Gras. After all, they did not have their friends arrested for no reason, shot with rubber bullets and kept from traveling home out of concern for their safety. But while a small percentage of revelers probably deserved incarceration, the vast majority were caught in the midst of unlawful assembly and public intoxication. I urge you to share the following info with your friends so that everyone will simply know the facts.

Even if you are drinking on your front porch or on your lawn, this is considered "drinking in public" and you will receive a triple fine. Don't get mad at me. I didn't make this ordinance, but it's the way it is. The SLO Municipal Code states that it's unlawful for any person to consume alcohol beverages while on any city street, sidewalk, alley, railroad working lot, public-maintained place or any place open to the public.

Last year, my dad called to ask what all the commotion was about after hearing about it out of context. My parents live in San Diego, so San Luis Obispo is a pretty close community. Students asked where they were supposed to go if dispersed by police officers. The answer is walk away if police are dispersing a crowd because it is actually a felony to stay around and watch. Even though he was standing and watching, I know someone that was arrested last year for doing just that, standing around. It may seem cool to take it all in, but I don't want you to realize the potential consequences. Even if it means taking the longer route to your apartment or friend's house, don't stay in large groups if something crazy happens.

Last year, the common theme was that police were abusive and acted inappropriately. The problem was that few students filed complaints. Only few official complaints were reported by students, resulting in a lack of attention from authorities. You can't expect anyone to take you seriously if you say, "A friend of a friend was shot in the eye with a rubber bullet." If anyone you know was mistreated call 781-7317 and file a complaint. This way we can diagnose the problem and work toward solutions.

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Ideally, Mardi Gras in San Luis Obispo would be a time where we would invite our friends from out of town, not a cool parade, go to fun parties and be safe at the same time. There are many different theories of what has gone wrong and how to fix them, but the bottom line is, the message from the San Luis Obispo community seems pretty clear. I am a strong advocate of the community, and what hurts me the most is how this weekend brings about such strong divisions between students and residents. It seems we are a community for a whole year until this weekend, when our community is broken down. So what is built up must be obvious to my expert advice. Be safe. Be smart. Be part of the community.

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The Mustangs next face Boise State on Friday as a Pac-10 confer-
dual meet. Cal Poly will return home Feb. 12 to host Cal State Fullerton in another conference dual meet.

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By Dan Watson

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The search for a new Cal Poly athletic director, one that began in February of last year and since included a field of more than 70 applicants, finally came to an end Sunday when Alison Cone was named to the position as announced by President Warren Baker.

Cone will direct more than 500 student-athletes and 20 Division I teams at Cal Poly.

"I think that it was not a very difficult decision," Baker said. "She has all the qualities, but more than that, and it's not just on paper, we have seen her performance on campus. We've seen what she's done in the Big West Conference and in the NCAA. In every instance she's a leader of high integrity, enormous energy and great enthusiasm."

Since 1994, Cone has worked at Cal Poly in the athletic department and was named Interim Athletics Director following the departure of John McCutcheon.

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But the search continued past the 2004 school year, and Cone became more and more comfortable with the job requirements.

"It was a timing issue," Cone said. "When John left, we were facing a significant budget deficit. We had the opportunity to take to our students a referendum to see whether or not they wanted to support scholarships, and that was the most important thing at the time."

The Athletic Referendum, which narrowly passed via a student vote and kept the department from making significant budget cuts, was one of the first issues Cone tackled. At the time, the department faced a $670,000 deficit before the referendum vote and some sports were in jeopardy of being dropped.

"I didn't think I could effectively lead our department and be a candidate at the same time," Cone said. "So I made a choice that I wasn't going to be a candidate assuming it would be stepped up pretty quickly. When that didn't happen, and we went past the referendum, things changed."

By the time Cone finally applied, she had the support of current administrators and coaches.

"She doesn't have to spend a year figuring out who we are," football coach Rich Ellerson said. "She knows who we are and she can prioritize things with great insight."

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R ich El lerson on Alison Cone

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Men's tennis reaches for a win

The Mustangs' men's team was swept this weekend by rain. Twice, delays were followed with tight matches.

Friday, the men followed a two-hour rain delay by defeating Clmont Mudd-Sparks. Against the Dons, Cal Poly (1-4) won all three of the double matches with Travis Crawford and Davy Jones defeating Andrew Bertolino and Andrew Hogan 9-8, (9-7) in the No. 3 match. In the No. 2 match, Fred Dewitte and Brent Van Linge defeated Timo Kiewele and Roderiguez 8-4 and in the No. 1 match Matt Baca and Aaron Elbert defeated Rafael Corradas and Huttenberger 6-2, 6-1 in the No. 3 singles match.

Fred Dewitte reaches for a shot. The Mustangs went two-of-three over the weekend against some tough teams.

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