Campus lights are shining bright

The campus outdoor lighting system has been upgraded and repaired and is now back to original levels.

Please report any lights not functioning to Facilities Services at 756-2321 or Public Safety Services at 756-2281. Be sure to give specific locations and the number of the light pole. While good lighting contributes to your security, you can increase your safety by walking with a friend, traveling on well-lit and well-traveled pathways, carrying a flashlight and whistle, and letting friends know where you are going and when you'll be back.

Cal Poly also has an escort service available from 6 to 11 pm Sunday through Thursday to take you to campus locations as well as adjacent areas. The Escort Van phone number is 756-2281.

During fall, winter and spring quarters, city buses offer service until 10 pm on routes 1 and 5. Beginning Spring Quarter, route 1 will serve the Cal Poly-Foothill area and the Broad-Johnson area. Route 5 serves the Cal Poly and Laguna areas and returns to the Laguna area every 30 minutes.

If your club or group would like to increase the safety of its members, consider Scared Safe, a “hands-on” program on personal safety awareness.

For more information, call Public Safety Services at 756-2281.

$5.7 million cut could cut 106 jobs

Unless the Legislature finds a way to mitigate the effects of the governor’s budget or increases student fees, Cal Poly might have to eliminate up to 58 faculty and 48 staff positions and plan for a 1993-94 cut in budgeted expenditures of $5.7 million from this year’s $115.4 million.

A preliminary proposal drawn up by PACBRA (the President’s Advisory Committee on Budget Resources and Allocations) calls for a potential 5 percent reduction in instructional programs, a 7.4 percent cut in nonacademic areas, and no reduction for the library.

“When it is important to note,” President Baker said, “that this is just the first step in a long budget process. These latest estimated reductions were determined solely to provide information to the CSU Board of Trustees and still do not necessarily reflect the final percentage reductions.”

The effect of the cuts on individual programs is still unknown.

“While no program is targeted for elimination,” Baker said, “some might be severely reduced.”

The PACBRA plan, as well as plans from the other CSU campuses, will be discussed by the system’s Board of Trustees March 16.

After the trustees' meeting, Cal Poly will adjust its total reduction if necessary. The campus’s program managers will then draw up prioritized lists of possible specific cuts.

Before a detailed budget plan is submitted to Baker for final action in late April, it will be reviewed by the Associated Students Inc., Academic Senate, Staff Council, and faculty and staff union representatives.

Cal Poly to ask for charter status

Cal Poly last week was to submit a proposal to CSU Chancellor Barry Munitz requesting charter status. President Baker approved an ad hoc committee’s recommendation to move forward with the process, which would enable the campus to explore various approaches to the university’s operations and accomplish its objectives in a more effective way.

Munitz proposed the charter concept early this year to give individual campuses flexibility to manage themselves in exchange for educational innovation and improvement. He asked Cal Poly, Humboldt State, and officials planning a new campus at Fort Ord to consider the possibility and develop proposals.

The outline plan developed by Cal Poly’s Charter University Task Force is the first to be written. It asks for independence in developing and dealing with:

• Academic affairs, including degree programs, enrollment, curriculum, graduation requirements, and the academic calendar.

• Student programs and services.

• Employee relations, including pay, benefits and working conditions.

• Resources and expenditures, including fees, facilities, bond proceeds and other fiscal matters.

Baker said he will ask Munitz to take the proposal to the CSU Board of Trustees to request relief from various CSU system regulations. He said the trustees should take that first step before the proposal is taken to the Legislature.

It was originally thought a charter campus bill would need to be introduced in the Legislature in March, but CSU officials now believe that could happen as late as June.
Zero tolerance for discrimination

The university community is enriched by individual differences, and diversity is valued and respected. All individuals must be free to live and work without harassment, abuse, mockery and discrimination.

If you think you have been a victim of discrimination or racism, sexual harassment, or acquaintance rape, Cal Poly wants to hear about it.

For more information on the university's rules, regulations, policies, practices or procedures, contact the Campus Student Relations and Judicial Affairs office in Adm. 206-B, or call 756-2794.

Student tutor volunteers needed

If you are interested in tutoring and mentoring elementary or junior high school children, University Outreach Services (UOS) is looking for you.

Tutors are needed at Alvin Avenue and El Camino schools in Santa Maria from 2 to 5 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Transportation is provided.

An information meeting will be held from 11 am to noon Thursday, April 8, in UU 219. Those who can't attend can obtain an "Early Outreach Volunteer" packet from UOS in Adm. 206, or call 756-2792.

Pre-doctoral program seeking applicants

Applications are being accepted for the California Pre-Doctoral Program, designed to increase the number of minority teaching at the university level in disciplines in which they are underrepresented.

The program specifically helps CSU minority students continue their studies at the doctoral level, especially at the UC campuses.

Each pre-doctoral scholar works with a faculty sponsor to develop a plan that leads to enrollment in graduate school.

The program provides:
- Travel funds for the student and faculty sponsor to visit Ph.D.-granting institutions and attend a professional meeting.
- Opportunity to apply for a summer internship for the student to participate in research training.
- Funds for related activities such as membership in professional organizations and special research costs.

The deadline to apply is April 23. Scholars selected will be notified by June 30. Interested faculty members and students should call Charles Crabb, interim associate vice president for academic resources, at 756-2186 for requirements and application forms.

Co-op, job listings available on CPNN

The Career Services Student Employment Bulletin, which lists Cooperative Education and summer job opportunities, can now be viewed on CPNN, Cal Poly's computerized news network.

Listings are updated every Thursday, except during finals week and quarter break.

The bulletins can be accessed on any networked computer under the "Campus Services and Facilities" menu option. The sub-menu is Career Services/Job Bulletins. Prior job listings along with job descriptions, company information, and application forms are available in the Student Employment Office in the Student Services Building.

Students just beginning their job search are urged to attend Co-op and summer job information sessions, which will begin the second week of Spring Quarter. For further information, visit the Student Employment Office or contact Joan Ganous at 756-5970.

Employment status report available

Students who would like to find out more about careers, employers or graduate schools might find Career Services' Employment Status Report helpful.

Profiling Cal Poly's 1991-92 graduates, the report lists the number employed, job titles, salaries and employers. Also listed are the number attending graduate schools or involved with other activities.

For more information, call Shel Burrell at 756-5974.

START seeking student staffers

Student coordinators, guides, and a program assistant are needed to help with Cal Poly's START 93 program, to be held during the summer.

START provides all incoming educational-equity freshmen and transfer students and their parents or supporters specialized academic advising and scheduling during a two-day visit to campus. There will be six two-day sessions in July.

Recruitment and training for the 14 positions will take place winter and spring quarters.

Student coordinators will be assigned to help with one of the following components of the program: reservations and housing, academic advising, student program activities, or parent activities.

START guides work directly with students and parents in all program sessions.

The program assistant will handle program reservations.

For more information on the guide positions, come to an information forum at 7 pm Thursday, April 8, in Santa Lucia Hall's main lounge.

For more information on the program assistant or coordinator positions, call Debra Ross at Student Academic Services at 756-2301.

Career Services needs peer advisors

Career Services is looking for motivated individuals interested in assisting Cal Poly students with resume and letter critiques, career resource information, interviewing tips, and other career-related information.

Volunteer peer advisors are needed for two to four hours per week for the full academic year beginning fall 1993. To be eligible, students must have completed one year of course work at Cal Poly and have one year of course work remaining before graduation. A minimum 2.5 Cal Poly GPA is also required.

If you have strong communication skills, enjoy working with people, and would see this opportunity as a priority, stop by Career Services in the Student Services Building for an application packet. Deadline to submit application materials, including references, is April 9.