Baker announces plan for drastic budget cuts

By Shera Roberts
Staff Writer

By 10:55 a.m. Thursday there was standing room only in Chumash Auditorium as faculty, staff and students crowded in to listen to Cal Poly President Warren Baker speak on the new budget-reduction proposals.

Within an hour, Baker announced the possible phasing out of an entire school and two departments. Approximately 75 faculty and administrative positions, as well as 16 staff positions, could be eliminated if Baker approves the proposals submitted by the Academic Program Review Task Force and the Dean’s Council and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob.

Baker said Academic Affairs will receive reductions totaling $5.4 million, and an additional $2 million will be cut in other areas.

According to the proposals outlined by Baker, the entire School of Professional Studies will be phased out over a three-year period. The industrial technology program will be restructured through a joint effort by the Schools of Business, Engineering, and Architecture and Environmental Design. The recreation administration program will be phased out. And there will be a 15-per cent reduction in the physical education activity classes.

In the School of Liberal Arts, the journalism department will be reduced in size and consolidated with other communications programs.

The sheep and swine units will be phased out from the School of Agriculture. The ornamental horticulture program will also be reduced.

By William Douglas
Staff Writer

Students already enrolled in the ill-fated programs will either get their chosen degrees before the programs are phased out or be allowed to transfer to a similar school or program, Baker said at a press conference yesterday after he announced the proposed cuts to faculty and staff.

"The university will accommodate students already in programs," Baker said.

Baker announced that the School of Professional Studies will be phased out over a period of three years. The industrial technology program will be restructured into the Schools of Business, Engineering and Architecture. Other programs in the Schools of Business, Engineering and Architecture. Other programs in

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Cultural relations and leadership at Cal Poly were topics of discussion during Wednesday night’s ASI Board of Directors meeting.

With only one remaining meeting this year, the board was informed of changes being made on a bill which would establish a Cultural Relations Committee on campus.

During last week’s meeting, board members felt uncomfortable with the term “underrepresented,” which they thought implied women and disabled students, rather than specifying the actual aim at ethnic minorities.

Several members also had a problem with the term because it denied white students the opportunity to become part of the committee unless they were already involved with ASI. The only position on the committee that are available to students at large are four spaces designated to ethnically-underrepresented students.

Doug Ito, ASI director of the School of Education and co-writer of the bill, said the suggestions the board gave last week were being looked into.

"We will have an updated version of the bill, ... and some of the things we’re looking into are the addition of two more members at-large, representing the student populace, and a more clear definition of what an “underrepresented” student is," said Ito.

An updated version of the bill will be presented to and voted on by the ASI Board of Directors at the June 5 meeting.

Students react to academic losses

By Tracy Condron
Staff Writer

Students who listened to Cal Poly President Warren Baker’s proposed academic budget reductions on Thursday morning gave reactions ranging from acceptance to fear.

The proposed reductions in next year’s budget would trim the budget allotment of every school at Cal Poly, as well as the library, athletic department and cooperative education budgets.

In making the proposed $5.4 million in budget cuts, the Academic Program Review Task Force, a committee composed of 14 faculty members, considered five criteria. Those five areas were relevancy, quality, resource requirements, program demand and overlap between programs.

Dennis Albani, an ASI director representing the School of Agriculture and Chairman of the Board for the 1991-92 school year, said he thought the proposed cuts were reasonable.

"See AUDIENCE, page 6"
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rapists should be castrated

Yet another campus rape has taken place. My deep sympathy is with the woman whom the scum violated. There can be few things more devastating.

I wish to address what we as society should do about this type of behavior. Only through united effort can the existing lenient penalties for rape be changed.

What I suggest is effective and just — testicular castration. Technology exists to positively identify a rape suspect from physical evidence and such analysis can be 100 percent accurate.

I can hear bleating hearts exclaim, "With this, they can be justifiably insulted into the rape through castration.

Such a practice would stop repeat offenders. It would also serve as a strong deterrent and send a clear message to society about this serious problem.

For that fact from one in five American women will be raped at least once in their lifetime. Who has the right to tell anyone this is normal? Until people become as angry about this as I am, the situation will not improve. If you are angered by this, even if you don't feel that castration is the answer, write to your legislators and let them know how you feel. At the very least, we need stiffer penalties for such a deplorable, callous crime.

Lance Huntington
AERO

Who cares about a reputation?

Well... what do you know?

Another Greek-related rape. Surprise. It is unfortunate that women participate in Greek functions must worry about their personal safety and integrity. How ironic that the Greeks who take part in Greeks Against Rape appear to be the main source of the problem. Is the 24-hour rape hotline a cover-up? It seems that those mentioned in the article are concerned more with preserving their already tarnished reputation than with the victim’s well-being.

For example, eight rapes were Greek-related last year, but unfortunately this year’s statistics were withheld. I wonder why. What about the rapes that go unreported? No one will know about those rapes except for the victims. We applaud Delta Theta’s attempt to rectify the situation at hand, but what’s done is done. Stop whining about your predatory reputation. Do you think we or anyone else cares about your reputation?

And what about your so-called "unhurt victim"? Do you think she cares?

Michael Dichtigio
Michael Goodman
Erie Sherwood

Co-eds should open their minds

By Marcuss Rodin

About a month Don Ryujin, a Cal Poly psychology major, was the instructor in one class I am taking. He gave a provocative talk dealing with prejudice, racism and sexism. He defined prejudice as discriminating behavior with negative emotion. He referred to racism and sexism as discriminatory behaviors alone.

Ryujin further stated that racism is an integral part of American culture. He said that Americans have a prototype which doesn't include blacks, Hispanics and Orientals. He said that the message in American society is that minorities had better stay in their places. He said that unless there is substantial change in thinking, people's racism or their prejudices will be directed against the other minorities.

Here at Cal Poly it is another story. The emphasis is primarily on climbing the financial ladder of success, on keeping your grade point average, on regurgitating what your professors want and not on becoming more aware of others or about other cultures. There is too much small-searching on this campus and little questioning of the status quo. One only needs to listen on in conversations between students. It's conformity at it's pinnacle.

As for female students at Cal Poly, they seek the same as male students, but in addition they are looking for a good catch in their quest of their Mrs. degree.

I have been on many campuses throughout the United States and find it amazing how vacuous and bitter so many Cal Poly students are compared to students I have interacted with elsewhere.

From my own personal experience, the word "prejudice" seems to best describe many of the Cal Poly students particularly the females. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines "prejudice" as "an unreasonable or discrimination against a particular group and specially the elderly.

After attending this university for two years, I feel the majority of students don't have a clear understanding of other cultures and other races of female students at Cal Poly do indeed show a prejudice toward older students and even older teachers.

In my very first class I enrolled in, one female student in her late 20s referred to the instructor as "old." She then went on to infer that she wouldn't be an inspiring teacher because of his age. She dropped the class.

I completed the class and found this professor to be a warm, caring and knowledgeable teacher.

I subsequently chose him to be on my thesis committee.

In my attempt to establish some type of social life here, I have gone to many functions, including club meetings and events. I along with the older male students who I have spoken to, have felt unfriendly. It seems to me that these students are afraid to talk to others in my age group, simply afraid of the "old woman." I am sure that in the future, when we are in my classes or other places on campus, may be friendly on the surface, but show no interest in getting to know me.

These Cal Poly females can't conceive what it would be like to go out with an older, mature man. It just isn't in their repertoire. They prefer to present themselves as narrow-minded and against in their dating preferences.

I understand, we are living in the 90s and this is not the freewheeling 60s. Times have changed. In this day and age, it is necessary to be more conversant in other cultures and other ways of life. Nevertheless, does this necessitate regressing in our social mobility and in closing our minds to certain people because they don't fit the prototype of the type of man a young college woman should be going out with?

By Marcuss Rodin
Japan may soon allow limited imports of rice

TOKYO (AP) — Japan may soon bow to pressure from its trading partners and allow foreign rice to trickle into its long-closed market, a newspaper reported today.

Imports would be limited to 5 percent to 10 percent of the $23.5 billion Japanese rice market, said the Yomiuri Shimbun, Japan's largest circulation paper. Rice grown outside of Japan now accounts for only 0.5 percent, it said.

The Yomiuri report quoted unidentified government and governing party officials as saying Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu's decision to allow rice imports could be announced in late June, shortly before a summit of leading industrialized nations in London.

U.S., Soviets assist Angola in peace talks

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Soviet-American collaboration was the key factor in Angola in peace talks to be signed on Friday between government and rebel leaders.

Support by Washington and Moscow made possible the Angola peace agreement setting after years of devastating warfare.

Proud of what they have wrought, Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmer- tyntsh will be on hand at the Necessidade School of Business July 1-2

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AIDS

From page 3 people were actually diagnosed with AIDS. Fifty-two people in San Luis Obispo County have died from AIDS.

Even in the face of those statistics, Walsh emphasized that the disease is preventable. Prevention, he said, can be exercised in a number of ways.

"The solution to the threat of AIDS relates to our behavior, and our behavior relates to our sense of ethics. That is what needs to be developed," he said.

Walsh also said he feels that students should be willing to get tested, which is something that few actually do.

"Denial continues to exist," Walsh said. "People think, 'It's not our problem' or 'It won't happen to me.'"

For sexually-active persons, Walsh said, maintaining long-term, monogamous relationships is the safest way to avoid AIDS, when "two people are in a relationship and love each other enough to remain faithful."

Walsh also addressed the issue of caring for AIDS patients.

"There is a lack of commitment to care," he said. "We need to be more compassionate and understanding. We can't enter this half-heartedly."

Jaime Ford, president of the local AIDS Support Network, urged people to get tested for AIDS. He said the biggest problem with the disease is that people are not aware of AIDS but they are not acting on their awareness.

The AIDS Support Network in San Luis Obispo provides services for AIDS victims and their families such as recreation, support groups, and crisis hotlines.

Wednesday's AIDS awareness presentation was organized by four students in Steve Mc Dermott's Small Group Communications class. The students were assigned to do a project that would be socially significant.

One of those students, Val Williams, a speech communications junior, explained the motive behind the idea of the project.

"Our goal was to try to change people's attitudes and behaviors toward AIDS and the whole AIDS issue. We focused on what people could do to combat AIDS, such as testing and changing sexual behavior," he said.

OPINION

From page 2 I'll close with a statement from Shakespeare: "Our doubts are traitors and make us lose the good we oft might win by fearing to attempt."

Might some of these preppie Cal Poly co-eds make an attempt at trying something new in their lives, they might discover that there is a whole new realm of relationships, a whole new realm of experiences out there for them to discover by spending some time with men who have lived life and who have much richness of experience to share.

As an added bonus, they may discover that older men aren't so quick to the draw in regard to sexuality and that they tend to appreciate a woman more for her uniqueness rather than primarily for her body.

When you do make love with an older man, you may discover that the major difference between older and younger men is the difference between a craftsman and an apprentice.

Marwell Bodin is a graduate student.

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The School of Professional Studies will either be continued through other schools or eliminated altogether. Baker said students currently enrolled in programs slated for elimination will be transferred to one of the other six schools.

The proposal calls for ornamental horticulture, animal sciences and journalism to be reorganized by reducing the size of the departments or by consolidating them with others. Baker said journalism may be consolidated with the speech communications department. He said the changes will not affect the student newspaper and radio station.

Baker also outlined cuts for the physical education department, calling for a 40 percent reduction of P.E. activity courses. Baker said racquetball, tennis and handball classes may be the first to go.

"P.E. activity classes are not required classes for any major," Baker said. "That was one of the reasons they were subject to a greater reduction."

The criteria for deciding which programs should be cut was the program's relevancy, quality, resource requirements, program demand and program overlap, according to the budget cutting recommendations made by a committee of 14 faculty members representing each of the seven schools.

CFA

From page 1 program could result in the reduction of approximately 75 faculty and administrative positions, and 16 staff positions."

Conway said unions in general are not able to get the basic information on the budget. *Questions about where funds have been used have gone unanswered," he said.

"We've had no discussion whatsoever," Glinski said. "We've been kept out completely. The chancellors and trustees have told the president that they must cooperate with the bargaining committees. "We have not been allowed representation on any committee. They (Baker and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Koob) don't believe in unions on this campus. They'd like to see us disappear."

Baker said, "Based upon the Set CFA, page 8 criteria for deciding which programs should be cut, things have been discussed on any committee."
Drop down the hole to visit 'Alice' at Cal Poly's theatre

By Karen Travis
Staff Writer

When Lewis Carroll first conceived the story of a young girl named Alice who tumbles "down the rabbit hole" into the wonderland of nonsense, he never could have imagined its form effects.

Now, 139 years later, the story and her adventures in Wonderland is coming to San Luis Obispo June 1-2 through the eyes of Lori Silvaggio, artistic director of the San Luis Obispo Civic Ballet Company.

Although the original version of "Alice in Wonderland" consists of adult themes, including some violence and death, Silvaggio said her version is different.

"Our ballet is more of a story of a little girl who encounters many bizarre, illogical things," Silvaggio said. "The characters represent real people that all children and adults meet throughout life.

"In a way, we are all Alouses, because we always have people to please who can be bizarre and we all encounter many real-life challenges.

Tami Ewing, an instructor for the Civic Ballet Company, said this philosophy is amplified by some of the story's characters: the Cheshire Hatter sound like they are talking intelligently when really they are making no sense at all," Ewing said.

"In Silvaggio's ballet, young Alice encounters all of the same fantasies found in Carroll's version," Ewing said.

After falling into the seemingly bottomless hole, Alice will first meet the Lobster, the Cheshire Cat and the famous White Rabbit.

"Our White Rabbit is being played by the energetic Bert Haedt," Ewing said. Haedt played the famous White Rabbit at the Civic Ballet Company when he was 11.

"Now she's 16, and just outstanding," Ewing said.

In addition, the ballet will feature Lisa Freeman-Deyo of the Los Angeles Chamber Ballet, Freeman-Deyo, one of Silvaggio's first students, will play the role of the Caterpillar.

Ewing said Silvaggio is "excited to have Freeman-Deyo return."

The role of Alice has been double-cast and will be performed by 10-year-old Jacque Carnahan and 11-year-old Roxanne Paris.

"Jacque and Roxanne are the youngest girls in the ballet," Silvaggio said. "Both are extremely talented and have a great sense of quality of naturalness and realness," she said.

All of the costumes have been designed and constructed by Judy Freeman of San Luis Obispo. Freeman has been in charge of costumes since the Civic Ballet started in 1981.

"The costumes are beautiful," Ewing said. "Those are very colorful and appropriate for the ballet, from the bright red ladies to Alice's traditional blue dress and white pinafore."

Ewing said this production of "Alice in Wonderland" will be different than the average ballet.

"Alice will be a speaking ballet," Ewing said. "Almost all of the performers were chosen for their dancing as well as their acting abilities, and that makes it a wonderful job."

Ewing said the music is more contemporary in Silvaggio's ballet, written by Greg and Prokofiev, as well as Beethoven.

All of the proceeds will benefit construction of the new San Luis Obispo County Performing Arts Center.

Performances of "Alice" will be on Saturday, June 1, at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and on Sunday, June 2, at 2 p.m. at the Cal Poly Theatre.

After both matinee performances these "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" will be held for the entire audience on the theater patio in front of the box office.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $8 for children, senior citizens and students. They are available at the Cal Poly Ticket Office. Tickets also can be charged by phone at 756-1421, and on a walk-in basis at the Dance Shop at 1023 Morro St. in San Luis Obispo.

"Dress Circle" ticket may be purchased for the Saturday evening performance for $50. This includes a champagne and dessert reception at the Viva Grand Restaurant, and seating in the first 10 rows of the theater.

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MEETING

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will be restructured and reduced in size. The two-year technical program also will be phased out, and the horseback riding program will be eliminated.

In the School of Engineering, the engineering technology programs will be reorganized and reduced in size.

The outlined proposals also call for a 20-percent reduction in the funding of intercollegiate athletics.

These proposals were established by the 14-member Dean's Council and Koob for review and any necessary revisions.

Additional proposals for reduction were in personal positions. They include a 10-percent reduction in the College Farm, a 7.5-percent reduction in the library personnel and a 60-percent cut in Co-op Education.

Approximately 75 faculty and administrative positions also could be eliminated. Most of these cuts will be fall- and part-time lecturer positions.

Baker also outlined several nonacademic reductions. The Public Affairs Office is being closed, resulting in a reduction of five to seven positions. The university will be combining Facilities Administration and Business Affairs under a single vice president-level administrator, a position that will be held by Academic Affairs' Frank Lebens. The position of vice president for University Relations will remain vacant for 1991-92. And funding for the director of student housing will be transferred from the General Fund to the Dormitory Fund.

"We are making every effort to reassess and to find funding for any permanent people who are in targeted areas of reduction," said Baker.

Baker also discussed next year's enrollment dilemma.

California Governor Pete Wilson has called for an increase in enrollment under next year's state budget.

"If the CSU drops below two percent of the line he does not anticipate any tenured or tenure-track faculty to be laid off," said Baker.

Baker also outlined the issues that the council and Vice President Koob will be working on.

An increased enrollment will cause a "bottleneck" in classes because the conscientious hiring of new faculty, Baker said. But if enrollment continues to drop, some classes will fall below the budgeted level.

"This is a double-edged sword," he said.

The outlined proposals will be presented to the President's Advisory Committee on Budget and Resource Allocation for final review on June 5.

Baker said, "In view of the hard work of the Review Task Force and the careful analysis by the council and Vice President Koob, it is not likely that these recommendations will be modified significantly."

He did invite anyone to attend the June 5th meeting to share any other alternatives that may exist.

"By Friday, June 7, I will make a decision," Baker said.
haven't done," he said. "A lot of opportunities for students to start doing things they've been here. Some of the best teachers are the newer ones."

The proposed budget cuts aroused greater apprehension in other students, however. "I'm afraid we'll lose KCP and Mustang Daily," said journalist Pam Dayton. "We will lose our hands-on work."

The reduction of staff and restructuring proposal for the journalism department has disappointed students who feel the journalism department was just "making its mark."

"I just think it's really sad. We already don't get the same benefits as the technical majors, and we tried so hard to make a name for ourselves," said journalist senior Kristin Stone.

One positive comment came from a graduating senior who, for obvious reasons, wasn't affected. "I'm happy to be graduating, getting my degree and getting on my own," industrial technologist and editor Jim Aberer said. Aberer was relieved that with the budget reductions and the proposed restructuring of the IT department he won't be around to see it happen.

On the brighter side, faculty members felt this was a time for the student body to pull together and support departments that will feel the effects of the budget reductions.

With the proposed idea of restructuring the ornamental horticulture program with the landscape architecture program, the horticulture student says he is ready to welcome ornamental horticulture students into his department if that becomes the case.

"I'm taking the perspective of doing the best with the situation, hoping that no department is to be completely eliminated," said senior Warren Leiter. Faculty members are concerned, too. The proposed plan to phase out recreation administration was not well-received.

"It's too bad that they (the administration) are determining how to cut faculty by the five criteria and - rather than be phased out - the departments should stick it out," the chairman said. She said the services provided, especially in the county area by the department would no longer be feasible.
In other discussion, the Board considered a resolution which recommends development of a leadership program next year.

The resolution states that the ASI Board of Directors Committee completed an analysis of successful leadership programs across the nation. It states that the student population is projected for a growth of more than 20,000 into the next century and that the majority of students have not fulfilled their leadership potential.

The resolution recognizes that a void has been left in the area of leadership programming by the removal of the Winners in Training program last quarter, due to ASI’s decision to end funding. It states that the university has a responsibility to offer students a chance to develop leadership skills.

In the bill, the School of Agriculture, the Student Affairs Staff Development Committee and the Housing Department expressed their support for leadership programming.

Shawn Reeves, ASI vice president of finance, said, “Without a fee increase (to help establish a leadership program), I don’t know how you’re actually going to pay for it.”

In response, ASI vice chair Brett Berridge, author of the resolution, said that he had left the details somewhat flexible and that the decision would be left up to the board. He also said it (the feasibility of the program) depends upon what kind of support the program receives from the university.

The board will also be voting on this resolution during the final meeting of the year on June 5.

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