CSU leaders push four-point plan

By Jason Foster
Editorial Staff

California State University administration and faculty leaders are urging support of a plan they say will not eliminate the strain of the budget crisis, but will save some departments and tenure-track positions from certain death.

The push is in to pass Chancellor Barry Mintum's four-point plan. The plan calls for the legislature to:

— Hold cuts to the CSUs to no more than $100 million or 6 percent below the 1991-92 budget.

— Adopt the 40 percent student fee increase for 1992-93.

— Enact legislation that provides incentives "golden handshakes" for the CSU faculty to take early retirement.

— Allow the CSU administration to be independent in running its own business affairs.

The CSU Academic Senate says the plan will preserve classes, guarantees on program closures over the 1992-93 school year and prevent layoffs of tenure-track faculty. It has been urging the campus academic senate to get faculty to write to state legislators to support the plan.

"Given the other alternatives, it's the best one," Jack Wilson, chair-elect of Cal Poly's Academic Senate, said Wednesday. "It's a well-thought-out plan.

"If we get all four points passed, it will be in the best possible shape we could be in, given the fiscal crisis."

Wilson said that the whole plan hinges on the first point — whether the Legislature would be willing to hold the budget cut to 6 percent. Gov. Pete Wilson's budget currently calls for an 11.3 percent cut, which plans to save $110 million.

If the Legislature decides to cut by much more than that, Jack Wilson said the effects would run wide and deep at every CSU, including Cal Poly.

"If something passes that is substantially greater than a 6 percent cut, there would be a number of departments here on campus that wouldn't be here in the fall," he said.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker expressed his support for the plan at a recent media luncheon.

He said the CSU is "facing a decade of diminished capability," and that the CSU would be hurt if the four-point plan fails.

He also said he had been in contact with Gov. Wilson and several legislators to try to get them to support the plan.

There have been signs of support of the plan from the Legislature.

On Monday, the state Senate Appropriations Committee passed the golden handshake bill, and sent it to the Senate floor. In passing the bill, however, the committee cut out parts that would have given support staff the same retirement benefits.

Nevertheless, Bob Gurian of the California Faculty Association told McClatchy News Service that the bill would still save the CSU money by encouraging highly-paid, older faculty members to retire.

Jack Wilson also thought the passage was a positive sign.

"That probably would encourage some older faculty to retire now," he said.

But even if all points of the plan are passed, it will not be a cure-all.

Jack Wilson said there is almost no doubt that the CSU system will experience a large reduction in its budget. The only question is whether the CSU will have time to plan for it.

"The bottom line is there will be severe cuts in the CSU system sometime within the next year," the mechanical engineering professor said. He added that if the four-point plan passes, some of the cuts would be put off until next year so that the university would have another 12 months to plan for them.

"Some form of that legislation will still occur if the four-point plan is passed, he also said.

Jack Wilson said the budget scheme would change if the economy showed strong signs of recovery, but he said "it doesn't look like the economy will turn around in a hurry."

Assembly approves budget increase for schools, Wilson has plans to veto

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The Democrats' recession-scared attempt to give schools a 1.5 percent budget boost was approved Wednesday by the fractious Assembly and shipped to Gov. Pete Wilson, who says he'll veto it.

The measure marks the first time this year that a key component proposed for the 1992-93 state budget has emerged from the Legislature and reached the governor's desk.

It occurred just days before the deadline for state-issued IOUs, as Wilson and legislative leaders held their 15th closed-door meeting on the budget crisis.

Negotiators said pressure was building on the Republican governor and Democratic leaders to reach agreement on the budget by July 1, the start of the 1992-93 fiscal year, and avoid the need for IOUs.

"If we don't get a budget for July 1, then every single one of us — Republican, Democrat, everyone who's in public office in the Legislature — is going to fall victim to the wrath of the public," said Senate GOP Leader Kenneth Maddy, prior to a meeting with the governor.

Republicans and Democrats are battling over how to erase an $11 billion revenue shortfall. Both sides agree that a stopgap, $6 billion solution could keep the state running.

Democrats want to deal with the deficit by carrying over part of it into the 1993-94 fiscal year, raising $1 billion through tax increases, mostly on business and the wealthy, and making a series of budget cuts.

Wilson is opposing a carryover and the Democrats' tax plan.

The education bill, a rejection of the governor's proposal to cut school budgets by $2.3 billion, was approved 45-30 after lengthy debate, some of it tearful.

The measure, passed the day before by the Senate in a bipartisan vote, received a partisan vote in Los Angeles.

The jobs program is the most ambitious of the suggestions.

Modeled after Franklin Roosevelt's Depression-era Works Progress Administration, the plan as envisioned by the NAACP would give work to people on projects to rebuild the nation's sagging infrastructure.

Baker confers the masses

Cal Poly President Warren Baker conferred more than 3,000 students for graduation during spring commencement on June 13. For more information, see page 5.

NAACP head calls for national jobs program

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The head of the NAACP called Wednesday for a New Deal-style national jobs program to jump-start the economy and bring employment to the nation's battered inner cities.

Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the civil rights organization, said the Los Angeles riot and other urban problems nationwide illustrate the need for such a massive jobs program.

"We are in a very dangerous situation as a nation," Hooks said. "I think we are fast in danger of becoming a poor, ascetic, weak Third-World nation."

The jobs program proposal was one of several ideas that came out of a two-day retreat at the University of California, Los Angeles, by officials from the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People.

The retreat was called to come up with responses to the Los Angeles riot. Sponsored by the accoalitions in the Rodney King case, the rioting killed 52 people and caused about $800 million in property damage.

The NAACP will consider, at least on a limited scale, a few ideas embraced by conservatives. These include enterprise zones and the elimination of some government regulations and bureaucratic tie-ups that businesses say are driving them out of cities, Hooks said at a news conference.

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The summer Week of Welcome orientation introduced almost 200 students to Cal Poly.

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**Slovak leader officially named premier of Czechoslovakia**

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Vladimir Meciar, the populist leader seeking independence from Czechoslovakia, was formally appointed premier and formed a Slovakian government on Wednesday.

Meciar had won June 5-6 elections in Slovakia, Czechoslovakia's poorer eastern third.

Meciar and Czech leader Vaclav Klaus agreed last week to split Czechoslovakia in two, making a peaceful division almost inevitable.

Strasky was vice-premier in the outgoing Czech regional government.

**U.N. report says women have more access to birth control**

A World Health Organization report issued Wednesday titled "Reproductive Health, a Key to a Brighter Future," said access to contraception has increased rapidly in the past few decades, giving women more control over their bodies and their lives.

"A woman who has no control over her fertility cannot complete her education, cannot maintain gainful employment," the report said, "and has very few real choices open to her."

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The biggest rise has been in east Asia, where contraceptives use is higher than in industrialized nations.

**Some super delegates still are reluctant to back Clinton**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Old feuds and a general lack of enthusiasm about the candidate are making some Democratic Party insiders reluctant to back Bill Clinton's presidential bid.

Less than three weeks before the Democratic National Convention, more than 200 of the so-called super delegates remain unaligned, even though Clinton is already guaranteed the nomination with nearly 400 more delegates than the required 2,145.

But analysts say Clinton's success will be determined by his message, not the harmony in the Democratic Party, even if party officials were eager to display a unified front in this presidential campaign.

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Nation's mayors want urban enterprise zones, more aid

HOUSTON (AP) — The nation's mayors concluded their annual meeting Wednesday with calls for urban enterprise zones and as much new federal aid to American cities as the government sends overseas.

The mayors rallied around a bipartisan call for more federal assistance to combat poverty, crime and despair in inner cities.

"The cities of America are the orphans of the cold war," said the group's new president, Republican Mayor William Althauser of York, Pa.

"The task of saving our cities is enormous, because the duration and depth of neglect has been enormous," Althauser said.

The mayors left unresolved the group's policy on a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution. Earlier, a panel of Republican and Democratic mayors was unable to agree on competing statements for and against a constitutional amendment.

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Oakland City Council OKs smoking ban for restaurants

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The City Council, heeding warnings about the danger of secondhand smoke, has decided to make Oakland the biggest city in Northern California to forbid all smoking in restaurants.

The ban would be phased in by 1994 under a new ordinance narrowly approved by the council Tuesday night.

The law, approved 5-4, requires restaurants to set aside 60 percent of their seats for non-smokers starting Aug. 1 and increase non-smoking sections to 80 percent by August 1990. The ban would take effect the following year.

Current law requires restaurants reserve 40 percent of their seats for non-smokers.

Some restaurants opposed the new law, saying they would lose patrons to nearby cities with less stringent anti-smoking measures.

El Cerrito, Hercules and Martinez have similar anti-smoking laws on the books. One takes effect in Walnut Creek in September.

**Police say race could be reason behind fatal attack**

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The fatal attack on a 24-year-old white man by a group of black youths may have been racially motivated, police said.

"That does look like a real possibility," said Oakland homicide Sgt. Bill Wallace. "There was no robbery attempt. Nothing was said to provoke it. The guys snuck up on (the victim) from behind."

Michael Enos of San Leandro was knocked unconscious, then was punched and kicked in the head by his attackers, who ran away laughing, investigators said Tuesday.

Enos and two friends were walking to a friend's house after a concert when the attack occurred on Grand Avenue near Lake Merritt early Saturday morning.

He was rushed to Highland General Hospital, where he died a short time later.

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Summer WOW enrollment is higher than expected

Week of Welcome orientation packs Cal Poly Theatre with more than 400 people

By Jackie Jones

Despite the budget cuts facing the university and a first-time $5 registration fee, enrollment for Cal Poly's summer WOW (Week of Welcome) orientation over the Father's Day weekend was higher than expected.

"If you want an idea about the turnout, the Cal Poly Theatre was packed," said Monique McCarty, a Cal Poly journalism senior and two-year veteran of the WOW program. "I'm still on a high from the overall success of this year's program."

Walt Lambert, supervisor of the weekend in place of Ken Barclay, Director of Student Life and Activities, estimated the crowd to be more than 400 people. One hundred and sixty-one students registered in advance and an additional 20 registered that day. Lambert figured there were at least 200 parents, a crowd larger than expected. Lambert said even the deans of the individual schools were impressed with the number of students. He added that several of the deans asked where all the students were coming from.

Harry Sharp, associate dean for the School of Liberal Arts, said, "I was surprised with the turnout especially since summer enrollment was low."

The event was organized and run by the six-member WOW board. Five of those members were present for the weekend including the chairperson, Kim Jacobson, a recreation and administration senior; Monique McCarty, a journalism senior; David Reed, an industrial engineering senior; Rollyn Harlington, a history senior; and Janet Boyton, a human development senior. Eric Bauer, a mathematics junior, couldn't attend for personal reasons.

"From the start the 200 enthusiastic students made the weekend, Reed said. "They were so excited to be there, some hadn't even gone through high school graduation ceremonies."

The event opened with a welcome from Jacobson, ASI President Kristin Burnett and Philip Bailey, dean of the School of Science and Mathematics.

After the welcome, the students listened to Bailey's speech about academic success, and the parents heard a panel of WOW counselors discuss what to expect from their college-age child.

"We wanted to stress to the parents that college is not only for the student, but for them too," said McCarty, facilitator of the panel discussion. "The parents were very thankful and pleased with the discussion."

Icebreakers in Mott Gym the students and discovering dorm life for the parents concluded Saturday's activities in the residence halls.

Sunday morning after a Father's Day brunch, seminars were held for transfer and non-transfer students to discuss any questions they had.

Lambert predicts even greater success in numbers for summers WOW programs to come because of the need to begin school earlier and take classes that are tight due to budget cuts.
Television baseball is painful sports entertainment

By Noel Eidsmore

I realize that there are a lot of baseball fans around here, but I’ve got to say that there are few things more painful than watching a professional baseball game on TV.

As much as I love baseball, summertime is a drought for sports on TV, because I could care less who is in the pennant race until it’s over. Luckily we have the Olympics this summer, which will include the NBA Superstar Basketball Clinic in Barcelona.

You can’t tell me that 162 games are really necessary to decide who the four best teams are. You need anything to help so you can see enough hot dogs and beer to pay the player’s salaries. Add some teams to the damns playoffs, cut the schedule down to a nice round 100 games, and give “Cricket on Prime Ticket” a chance to catch on until football starts.

Do you think I don’t understand me? I enjoy playing the game, but when the ESPN game of the week is Montreal vs. St. Louis City, I could care less. I’ll switch to the Home Shopping Network and get more riveting play-by-play.

In fact, if you want to improve the game, make it into a sort of Las Vegas dinner show. Do some magic tricks between innings, or have a candid camera in the crowd and show fans picking their noses on national TV.

This would be much more entertaining than hearing the recital of useless statistics, which inundate the game so completely that the score of the game becomes secondary to the third base coach scratched himself.

Remember, Darrell Miller? I turned the color commentary for an inning of a Cubs game last year? Now that was entertainment. Get some good stand-ups in the press box, and fill the breaks in the action with funny stories, not boring analytical statistics in baseball.

I truly believe that most statistics in baseball are from the need to fill air time. Commentators should make up some statistics, and let fans decide which one they think is the best.

“Now pinch hitting is Jack Wayne, who was in the farm leagues for 10 years before he realized he was left-handed. Jack is a trout breeder from Haiti, and has never had a hit against a left-hander with an "I" in his last name during a night game in any state west of the Mississippi...”

You know what else might make professional baseball more exciting? Aluminum bats. I don’t know why, but the idea of Mark McGwire of Cecil Fielder with one hand, and hitting at the Skydome in Toronto with those hotel windows to aim for, makes the hair on the back of my neck stand up.

I question the physical conditioning of a lot of professional baseball players, John Kruk said in Sports Illustrated that he wasn’t an athlete, he was a ballplayer, and I have to agree. There are some great athletes out there, most of whom also play football, and then there are the pitchers.

A lot of those guys look like they follow a strict daily regimen of vanilla shakes and meat-lover’s pizzas. That probably have arterial sclerosis changes in their cardiovascular systems.

“Now on the mound is Bad Wheels” Sharp, weighing in at a slim 275 pounds, who caused a 30-minute delay in the game his last outing when he cracked the rubber during his warm-up tosses...

And what the heck is with this bench-clearing brawl crap? That should not be tolerated. If a pitcher decides to play some chin music (one of the worst cliches in baseball), let him and the charging batter duke it out until the umpires think they’ve had enough, then toss them both.

Nothing ever gets solved when both teams race onto the field. They just run around and hug, everyone holding their breath until they real-
Cal Poly students move on...

Photos by P. Philip Hartlaub

On June 13, more than 3,000 students graduated in two ceremonies held at Mustang Stadium. Graduates started their procession at various points in the Cal Poly campus and converged at the Air Conditioning Building where a police escort (upper left) led them into the stadium.

George H. Soares (upper right), an attorney and dairymen, was the featured speaker in both ceremonies. Soares graduated from Cal Poly with a agricultural business management degree in 1966.

Members of the graduating class (lower right) and members of the audience booed President Baker before and after he made his remarks in the afternoon ceremony.
Summer Mustang thought of the week:
It's all in the ability of the magician, not in the size of his wand.

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The other ideas range from starting a voter registration drive to implementing the recommendations of the McCone Commission report drafted after the 1965 Watts riots. The NAACP also will look into opening a new office to coordinate efforts in Los Angeles.

The jobs program is the most ambitious of the suggestions. Modeled after Franklin Roosevelt's Depression-era Works Progress Administration, the plan as envisioned by the

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According to police, Enea and his friends passed by a service station on the other side of the street where 15 to 20 people were gathered.

Witnesses said something — no one was sure what — was yelled across the street to Enea and his friends. Enea's friends told police they thought they were being taunted, but that they tried to ignore it and kept walking.

Then six members of the group, all black males aged 18 to 24, crossed the street, witnesses told police. One witness told detectives that the six attacked the trio and that one of the youths hit Enea in the back of the head, possibly with some kind of object, Wallace said.

A man coming out of a nearby tavern chased away the youths with a steering wheel locking bar. The six attackers ran back to the service station and fled.

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Batman Returns: no realism, no plot, no fun
DeVito is gross and Pfeiffer confusing in multi-million-dollar sequel

By Peter Hartlaub
Editorial Staff

Sometimes a summer movie like "Batman Returns" can have plot holes and impossibilities and still get away with it because the movie is fun.
"Batman Returns" is not fun.
The original Batman was fun. Jack Nicholson was a frighteningly comedic Joker. In "Batman Returns," the villains are just dull and depressing.
Danny DeVito, as the Penguin, never really gets into his role like Nicholson and ends up with a repulsive character that isn't particularly interesting or frightening. He just looks gross, stupid and out of shape.

When Batman and the Penguin finally square off, it's kind of as if DeVito and Patrick Bving are squaring off on the basketball court — there is never any doubt about the outcome.
Despite the influence of the usually original Tim Burton, "Batman Returns" is contrived and predictable.
Bad guys are introduced.
Bad guys get framed. Batman redeems himself.
Bad guys get killed in emotional "Terminator II" sappy ending.

Roll the credits.

Unlike the original, Batman the sequel is not centered on Batman himself and instead spends too much time developing and explaining the bad guys, the Penguin and Catwoman (played by Michelle Pfeiffer).

While Pfeiffer does an admirable job with a great character despite the shoddy screenplay, her acting does not overcome the plot impossibilities surrounding her character.

Tim Burton could not possibly have created more plot holes during this confusing and undirected two-hour movie. He creates scenes that lack reality just to be cool and surreal.

He creates a world that, while visually impressive, is dismal and depressing. At times it seems he is obviously copying the mood, music and scenery from his 1990 movie, "Edward Scissorhands." It just ends up looking stupid.

Catwoman's character changes from a mousy secretary to an aggressive, sexy villain with better eyesight, martial arts knowledge and near immortality. All for no apparent reason.

This is not the only lack of reason in the movie.

Vicki Vale is gone from this movie for no apparent reason.
The Penguin has supreme technical knowledge for no apparent reason.
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Freeman and Pfeiffer are supposed to be sexual partners in this film, but they are not. What they really need are the comedic characters of Danny DeVito and Patrick Bving to square off — there is never any doubt about the outcome.

It seems that lately, movie studios are spending more and more money to create worse and worse movies. "Batman Returns" cost Warner Brothers over $55 million just in production costs. They'll probably make $200 million.

Hopefully they'll spend a little of it on a decent story for "Batman III."
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