Poly broods in budget limbo
Administration unprepared to handle proposed cut

By Julie Pacheco
Staff Writer

California hasn't had a budget for nearly two months, and Cal Poly faces more cutbacks if the California Legislature approves a 10 percent cut in funding for the California State University system.

State schools are prepared to deal with an 8 percent cutback, but with the budget unprecedented, Gov. Pete Wilson's suggestion to cut funding by 10 percent could still be implemented.

"The 8 percent cutback translates into an overall reduction of $123 million to all state universities," said Colleen Bentley-Adler, a spokesperson from the CSU Chancellor's Office. "If the Legislature adopts Wilson's suggested 10 percent reduction, $168 million will be cut.

The extra $46 million the CSU could lose would mean big trouble for Cal Poly, said President Warren J. Baker.

"Last spring when we decided at the CSU system level to plan for an 8 percent reduction," Baker said, "if the cutbacks are greater, we will have big problems for the coming year.

Cal Poly is still dealing with an 11 percent budget reduction for the 1991-92 school year and we are now trying to find out how much will be cut this year." Baker said. "We are still trying to accommodate reductions from one year ago and are now dealing with the possibility of more cutbacks this year.

"The cut is caused by a severe economic downturn and this university is becoming a problem," Baker said.

Full quarter will be starting soon, and we still don't have a budget to work with. The phasing out of the home economic and engineering technology departments are a result of last year's reductions, Baker said.

If the Legislature decides to adopt the 10 percent cutback for state universities, students will be most affected next winter and spring quarters.

"We are starting full quarter with the assumption that 8 percent will be the reduction for this year," Baker said. "If cutbacks go up to 10 percent, then Cal Poly programs and services will be severely affected winter and spring quarters."

The 8 percent cutbacks for the coming year will be dealt with through continuing enrollment, temporary programs and the merging of departments, said Baker.

If the 10 percent cut is implemented, new strategies will have to be adopted by Cal Poly's administration to deal with the decrease in funding.

"We will try to maintain the class schedule and make temporary decisions that will give us the time we need to find a resolution to this problem," Baker said.

"At this time, we haven't made permanent plans to deal with a 10 percent cut."

Winter IRA increase back to $19 after new athletic director lobbies
By Michael Sheats
Staff Writer

Cal Poly will once again plan to raise the winter IRA fees by $19.

This increase is the first of a series of gradual fee hikes Baker originally approved in last fall's IRA sports referendum to finance the school's move to Division I. Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker reduced the amount of the fee increase to $13 in order to ease the burden of other fee increases fees aside from athletics.

However, John McCutcheon, the new athletic director, pushed to get the starting fee back to the original amount of $19. He said that with the additional $6 from each student, the athletic program's move to Division I could have been hampered.

McCutcheon convinced Baker and the Athletic Governing Board, who both approved his request.

"There was a possibility, in the most pessimistic sense, that we would have had to cut a sports program," he said. "We tried (before asking for the additional money) to make the athletic budget as bare-boned as possible, and we had no other alternative.

McCutcheon said without the additional money from the hike, the athletes would have been treated unfairly.

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Council candidates outline platforms, perspectives
Walker vents frustrations over 'undemocratic' council
By Jill Blomstrom
Staff Writer

Richie Ray Walker says he is fed up with the undemocratic "silly (City) Council" and would like to see big changes take place in the way the city is run.

"All my life I've been taught that a democracy is a government of the people, for the people, by the people. Well, I've been through it all, I've seen it all, I've heard it all, and I haven't found anything synonomous with what I learned," said Walker.

A San Luis Obispo resident since 1955, Walker feels the city has taken away freedom from its citizens in the form of over-regulations.

Walker said the current City Council seems to say no to property rights, no to business rights and no to voting rights of the citizens. For example, Walker said the people's rights were taken away when they were initially not allowed to vote on state water.

Also, Walker said property rights of businesses are much too strict. Walker said the choice of how to run the
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WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush announced Wednesday that the United States and its allies have given Saddam Hussein a 24-hour deadline to stop flying warplanes over southern Iraq and end his "brash repress­ion" of Shiite Muslims.

Bush's formal "no fly zone" announcement that Iraqi warplanes — both fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters — will be shot down if they fly below the 32nd parallel came after days of warnings.

"Twenty-four hours from now, coalition aircraft, in­cluding those from the United States, will begin flying warplanes over southern Iraq and end his 'Tiarsh repres­sion' continuing. At the United Nations in New York, Iraqi Ambas­sador Abdul Al-Amir Al-Isaheri was summoned to the French U.N. mission to receive a "communication" about the prohibited zone in southern Iraq from the U.S., British, French and Russian envoys.

Bush denied that he was motivated in any way by domestic politics.
GOP convention a rousing experience for SLO couple

Brenda Lynn Mills
Staff Writer

The Astrodome was the site of the Republican National Convention last week and for two San Luis Obispo residents, it contained an experience they will never forget.

Margrite Gowgani, the co-chair for the Bush-Quayle 1992 presidential campaign in San Luis Obispo County, was the only Republican delegate from the county to attend the convention.

She said it was her first national convention, and it was an exciting week.

"The convention really charged everyone up and reunited Republicans from everywhere," she said. "It was an honor to be there to represent the county."

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"It must have been like planning the Olympics," he said. "It was incredible how they fit 60,000 people in one place along with all the fancy decorations."

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The two highlights of the convention, he said, were Reagan's speech and President George Bush's acceptance speech on Thursday night.

"At one point I got up and stood on my chair because I'm only 5 feet tall and thought I might drown in all the balloons that were falling around me," he said.

California had the largest representation with 201 delegates, her husband said. California also had the most diverse representation with 23 percent Hispanics, 11 percent Asians and over 50 percent women, he said.

Mr. Gowgani also said the convention had a well-rounded ethnic, age and gender representation.

"Some of the delegates and guests we already knew and the others we eventually got to know," he said. "The convention was a unique opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to people we always had wanted to meet."

Among the people they met were Environmental Protection Agency Director Bill Reilly and actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, he said.

Mrs. Gowgani said that all of the people in Houston were hospitable, going out of their way to make everyone's time there special.

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Cal Poly Fire Department not a dispensable service

By the Cal Poly Firefighters Association

As the state budget crisis worsens, and we, as those paying the bill, experience the effects through cuts of valuable programs and, more importantly, faculty and other personnel, there comes a time when we must all take a stand and show our resolve.

Those in control did not yield to all of the dedicated employees whose hard work was rewarded with layoff notices.

Now the administration is considering making a cut that will jeopardize the lives of all those who live, work and visit this campus.

The considered cut is that of the Cal Poly Fire Department (CPF).

CPF responds to all emergency calls for fires, medical emergencies, rescue and hazardous materials on Cal Poly's 2,500 acres.

The department also responds to public service calls, has public education programs for the campus community and has mutual-aid and auto-aid agreements with both the San Luis Obispo city and county fire departments.

In order to understand the seriousness of the proposed cuts, several issues must be examined. These issues include the response time and the loss of campus resources.

If CPF was eliminated, the university would most likely contract out to the city for fire response.

Currently, CPF responds to any call in the campus core in under 1½ minutes. If in quarters, the city fire department would take three to five minutes from Station 2 on Foothill and Chorro boulevards.

City units, however, spend considerable time at Station 1 on Garden Street for training or out-of-quarters completing inspections or other duties, doubling the response time.

We are not implying that the city fire department could not do the job well.

Those of us who live in San Luis Obispo are fortunate to have such an efficient and professional fire department protecting us, a real time consideration, especially in Cal Poly's situation.

The situation we are referring to is fire insurance.

The majority of the buildings on campus are not insured for fire due to the high costs.

Imagine the cost of replacing Yosemite Hall or even Kennedy Library. There is no money to replace these buildings.

The CPF is trained and equipped to arrive in under two minutes to stabilize the situation, combining efforts with the city if necessary to minimize loss of life and property.

Let's look at the medical situation. Currently, if you injure yourself on campus, CPF would arrive, assess and treat your injuries and transport you to the Health Center via Disabled Student Services or Public Safety or to Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center via an ambulance company.

Transportation to the Health Center is provided at no cost to you. If CPF is eliminated, a private ambulance company would respond to all medical calls on campus because the city would respond to fires only.

Again, we are not questioning the ability of the local ambulance companies; private companies need to turn a profit.

That means no more free rides to the Health Center. Over 70 percent of CPF's 500-plus calls annually are medically related, and the least expensive ambulance ride is $350.

CPF responds faster than the ambulance also.

What if it was a busy day and no ambulances were available? No trained medical personnel would arrive for quite a long time. Not good if you have a compound fracture or a heart condition.

This commentary was submitted by members of the Cal Poly Firefighters Association.

If Apostoloff Friend intends to turn our city into a theocracy, one wouldn't be able to discover this from his fine investigative journalism.

Next time, send out a reporter who isn't too lazy to ask some tough questions and get some real answers.

Dave Gross
Computer Science
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**SLO Symphony tunes up for Broadway by the Sea**

By Romina Vitols

Staff Writer

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SCLC meets to outline plans

RQN property maintenance ordinance leads fall issues

"There was an amazing transformation," Four Corners president Dottie Connor, is our strongest supporter," Pirson said.

"The ordinance will not be presented to the City Council until late September or early October."

The committee also addressed several other issues. Among them were an increase in the neighborhood cooperation week happenings, on the call, and others. According to Connor, "We are not targeting any group," Connor said. 

"It will be by a case-by-case basis."

Marquet Pirson, executive director to AHU located at 600 N. Westview, asked Connor to bring this proposal to the next RQN for discussion.

Connor responded with, "I would like input and need your support."

Pirson said that the SCLC's opportunity to discuss issues that are directly or indirectly adverse to students is very important. He said that it is a chance to revise a decision and interject what is acceptable and what is not, before it goes to City Council.

"We suggest that as a policy to discuss such issues," Pirson said. "It is a system that is in concept within the student body."

He added that there was a positive change after talking about the six-occupancy ordinance last year with SCLC.

JEFFREY

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standardize water and sewer rates.

Expanding and promoting tourism is another high priority for Jeffrey. He wants to focus on private development of a convention center along with developing golf, tennis, and equestrian facilities.

Downtown, Jeffrey said he wants to expand the trolley loop to accommodate bus and motor patrons. An emphasis on advertising and promotion is also part of his plan, he said.

WILLIAMS

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the diverse people she has met through the years, including those who live, work or visit San Luis Obispo.

"I have a soft spot in my heart for this vehicle," Williams said. "I would like to see it stay one of the most appealing features of San Luis Obispo."

Williams, along with the Planning Commission, emphasizes the need for the city to retain its open space.

She said she would like to see agriculture pursued as an integral part of the local economy.

"It always has been, and it always should be," Williams said. "It's important to keep our open space and green fields."

One thing Williams said she would like to see built during the next four years would be a "first-class recreational facility." She said that the city needs a center that would accommodate the needs of young families by providing outdoor space, a gymnasium, a pool, tennis courts and child-care.

"If it is done the right way, it shouldn't cost a great deal of government money," Williams said. "Involving the community would be the only way to make the project happen."

Williams also said the city needs to be more diverse economically. She said that San Luis Obispo needs a broader tax base so that it doesn't have to be so reliant on government revenue.

Jeffrey favors state water. He said he does not view state water as an issue of growth issue." He said he feels that there seems to be a conflict between the economic base of the community.

Jeffrey is presently working as director of Occupational Therapy at Hillhaven Care Center. He has worked there since late December, devoting his time to counseling and promoting the feasibility of a fraternity new to campus.

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the athletes) would have to do things like travel without any meal money and make long, all-night bus trips."

McClurkin said he realizes there will be concern on the part of the students. However, without the full fee hike, he said, it would be difficult not only for the teams to maintain Division I, as mandated by the election, but it would also be difficult to stay where they are.

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Star Trek

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pays to be as strong as ever. According to Metheney, the University of Idaho at Boise, the teams have a course in the Klingon language.

"Believe it or not, it's really a language," Metheney said, complete with nouns, verbs and adjectives.

"There are plenty of adjectives used to describe Star Trek dinners."
WALKER

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business should be in the hands of the business owner who pays the bills, not the City Council.

Walker said the job of the council should be to fix things that need to be fixed and to leave the rest alone.

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Saturday, August 29th, between the hours of 12:00 and 1:00pm, you'll hear the first of two siren tests of the new San Luis Obispo Early Warning System. The sirens may sound more than once during that hour. This test is to make sure the equipment is working properly. The improved system is capable of alerting citizens independently in 12 specific areas of the County. The system also has a more advanced feedback mechanism, to locate any siren malfunction so it can be quickly corrected.

Because the system is new and more technically advanced, a second test will be held on September 19th to make final adjustments.

If you hear these sirens at any other time, tune in to 920 or 1400 AM on your radio, or any emergency broadcast station for important announcements.