Campus deans discuss dealing with budget crisis

Cal Poly cuts likely to start near $10 million or more

"There's good and bad news that come with this," said Joe Sabol, associate dean of the College of Agriculture.

While it does allow for extra resources to be disbursed once a faculty member retires, Sabol said, it also costs the department years of experience and knowledge in its faculty.

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"It's a frustrating time for students and faculty alike," he said.

"People's jobs are at stake."

Poly presidential poll

Bill Clinton 43.8%  
George Bush 27.7%  
Ross Perot 10.0%  
Undecided 18.5%  

"Because of the nature of this institution, with its emphasis in agriculture, engineering and applied fields, it draws a conservative student," he said, "but in fact, in the last 15 years we probably haven't been much more conservative than Berkeley."

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Crime statistics ...  

Only theft and liquor law violations increased last year at Poly, but officials warn that the relatively low crime rate here shouldn't be reason to let your guard down.

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A complete rundown of local races, plus a look at the opinions of Poly students.

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Campus poll: Clinton ahead

Political science professors and Mayor Dunin discuss results, possible shift to left on 'conservative campus'

By Jodi Ross  
Staff Writer

Students seem to be drifting across the political spectrum from right to left, according to a recent straw poll conducted at Cal Poly by Mustang Daily.

One hundred thirty students were questioned at random in the library, University Union and El Cerrito Bookstore. The questions concerned both local and national government. Mustang Daily reporters conducted this poll by interviewing people at random but this poll is not scientific.

According to the poll, 43.8 percent of students asked said if the presidential election was held today they would vote for presidential candidate Bill Clinton, while 27.7 percent said they would vote for incumbent George Bush.

Randal Cruikshanks, a political science professor, said that he is not surprised by the results of the poll although he does not think they are representative of the nation as a whole.

Cruikshanks said he thinks that there is a "major concern around the country" with Bush as president, and if given the choice of the two (Bush and Clinton), people would choose Clinton.

"Historically this has been a very conservative campus," he said, "and if these numbers are reflective of reality, that shows some shift."

John Culver, interim department head for political science, agrees with Cruikshanks that Cal Poly is generally a conservative campus, but he thinks that it is changing.

John Culver, who headed a review committee that submitted a department evaluation report to administration in July, said that report could still play a role in determining how departments will be affected.

"It's a frustrating time for students and faculty alike," he said.

"People's jobs are at stake."

"Agriculture"

Joseph Jen, newly appointed dean of the College of Agriculture, said he's determined to salvage the programs within the college, but added that the elimination of programs that have taken decades to build would be a devastating loss.

Despite the gloomy financial outlook, Jen pointed to the strong and dedicated people who compose the college.

"We can pull through this situation and steer the college, but added that the college is in "turmoil" because of changes with the budget."

However, he said the emphasis of the college — to quickly move students through a quality program — has not changed.

"We are attempting to be as efficient with our funds as possible," he said, "and if these numbers are officially retired, as they could withdraw their paperwork before the date."

According to Jen, the college was in "turmoil" because of changes with the budget."

"People's jobs are at stake."
Japanese leader charged, governing party in turmoil

TOKYO (AP) — Prosecutors on Monday charged Japan's most influential politician with pocketing $4 million in illegal contributions, but he won't have to show up in court and faces only a $1,700 fine.

Party kingpin Shin Kanemaru, 78, was charged with accepting the money from a multi-linked executive of a trucking company, said a Tokyo District Court official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

On Friday, under pressure from prosecutors, he submitted a written statement acknowledging he had accepted the money from the company Tokyo Sagawa Kuryuin. Kanemaru, a member of Parliament, is expected to be fined $1,700, the maximum penalty for his violation of the $12,500 ceiling on annual donations from a single donor.

He cannot be charged with bribery because only Cabinet and ministry posts wield the power to return favors. But while Kanemaru faces the equivalent of a slap on the wrist, the case could cause political disarray.

Former death row convicts freed as political prisoners

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The government Monday released from prison a white supremacist who slaughtered seven people and an ANC member who together killed three white women with a car bomb.

They were among the first prisoners freed under a government-ANC agreement to release hundreds of prisoners in an effort to restart South Africa's political transition on ending apartheid.

Robert McBride, convicted in the car bombing, was greeted by cheering African National Congress supporters as he walked out of Durban Prison. He punched the air with a clenched fist and yelled "Amandla (Power)" and "Viva, ANC."

Under the agreement, about 150 political prisoners are being released immediately and another 300 could be freed by Nov. 15.

Boxer calls it 'investing,' but opponent says it is taxing contributions

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Former stockbroker and U.S. Senate hopeful Barbara Boxer's favorite word in campaign speeches is "invest." She wants to invest in schools, invest in health care, invest in infrastructure, invest in people.

Boxer's repeated use of the word "invest" invariably irritates Bruce Herschensohn, her Republican rival for the U.S. Senate seat of retiring Democrat Alan Cranston.

Herschensohn says it is deceptive use of the word to promise voters government services without facing up to the fact that it is the voters who will pay for those services and programs.

In the wide array of issues Boxer stresses, three basic stands underlie all the rest.

First is that with the end of the Cold War, military spending should be slashed dramatically and redirected to social programs at home. Second is aggressive enforcement of environmental protections, and the third is that it is time for more women in the Senate.

She said the U.S. could save $300 million per day by requiring its allies in Europe and Asia to pay for their own defense.

Boxer supports using some of those proposed defense savings to reduce the federal deficit. But she would spend most of it on education, health care, cleaning up the environment and retraining defense industry workers.

She supports the federal Environmental Protection Agency, which Herschensohn would abolish, supports a permanent ban on offshore drilling on California's coast, and rejects Herschensohn's contention that environmental zealots are damaging the economy with excessive regulation.

Boxer's support of abortion is just one part of her appeal to women voters.

"In a country that's 50 percent women, it isn't fair that 98 percent of the Senate is male," she says. "I never, ever ask someone to vote for me just because I'm a woman. But if you think I'm equal to my opponent, put it in the equation."

California sets limit on rice farmers use of pesticides

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The state has agreed to enforce limits on rice pesticides that end up in the Sacramento River, ending legal disputes between the city of Sacramento and state water agencies that started in 1987.

The state and regional water control boards will set limits on the five most common rice herbicides and insecticides by next year. The boards previously used only one aggregate measure of all pesticides.

The out-of-court agreement was reached earlier this month, but just released by the parties.

In past years, Sacramento officials blamed a bitter taste in city water miles downstream from the rice fields on residues of herbicides like thiobencarb and molinate that are used to eliminate rice paddies weeds.

State officials now claim that stricter regulation has reduced the total pesticide burden by up to 99 percent.

One part of the lawsuit remains unresolved: the issue of environmental damage to the river's fish and other aquatic life from the more potent insecticides still is contested.

Accused Lindhurst school gunman arraigned in court

MARYSVILLE (AP) — Eric Houston, charged with killing four people during a hostage crisis at Lindhurst High School last May, made his first appearance Monday in Yuba County Superior Court amid tight security.

Houston, 20, didn't enter a plea to four counts of murder and 10 of attempted murder. Arraignment was delayed until Oct. 13 at the request of his attorneys.

The former Lindhurst High student was indicted by a Yuba County grand jury earlier this month for the May 1 assault at the Olivehurst school.

Authorities say Houston attacked the school to get revenge against a teacher who had flunked him in civics.

The teacher, Robert Brent, and three students — Judy Davis, Beamon Hill, Jason White — were killed. Two others were wounded.

Get all of these.
Burglary and liquor crimes on increase at Poly

Officials fear that crime stats are misleading to students

By Kelly Gregor
Staff Writer

Starting this year, the Federal Campus Security Act requires all universities to provide students, faculty and staff with crime statistics for the previous three years. These statistics show that the CSU system overall saw a notable decrease in both burglary and liquor law violations, while Cal Poly, on the other hand saw a small increase in burglary and liquor law violations, while violent crime reports stayed the same with one reported incident of aggravated assault and one rape.

Risser said students living in the residence halls are easy targets for theft if they leave their doors unlocked. He cited past cases where people have used phones in unlocked rooms and called 900-numbers, leaving the residents with hefty long distance phone bills.

Risser said Cal Poly typically has crime rates similar to most rural campuses and lower than most urban campuses in the CSU system. However, these rates are sometimes inaccurate because crimes are not always reported.

Risser said he has had many complaints about lighting on campus, especially on the pathways next to President Baker's house in front of the Children's Center. He said Cal Poly doesn't have the funds to add lights everywhere, but keeping that path's adjacent bushes trimmed helps make it a safer place to walk.

Many students make themselves vulnerable by taking short cuts, Risser added. "They take the least lighted, least traveled, most dangerous paths on campus," he said. "They need to think about it. Often prevention could be so easy."

This year, the Federal Campus Security Act required all universities to provide students, faculty and staff with crime statistics for the previous three years. Risser said this information is now given in a handbook for all new students and staff, and will probably be included in CAPTURE schedules in the future.

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TEXAS INSTRUMENTS
You missed it. Over the summer the campus forum was closed for removal, Cal Poly staff almost got away with it. In the library became the scariest piece of campus, possibly in the entire state.

But perhaps the most bizarre piece of news was when three engineering technology students announced a lawsuit against Warren Baker. The suit states that Baker didn't follow the policies of the university handbook when he announced that BT was slated for elimination.

For those of you who are new, Baker is definitely two things; 1. Not very popular. Baker is definitely two things; 1. Budget evil. It was Pete Wilson (a legislature that decided to throw away our money, administry* bought for our sins. He's gone a lot. And when he really existed. For about the Baker Elvis around. For 6. Tour with Guns 'n' Roses as the old talking Abe Lincoln doll from Disneyland, cut off the nose, and gave the BakerLincoln a New England accent. Then — like an Elvis sighting, only no sideburns — I ran into Baker one day in the supermarket. First I was shocked to see that he was more than just a torso. Yes, there were legs pushing that shopping cart. Then I felt dirty in an intrusive sort of way. Kind of like walking in on the parents while they're having sex.

But still, for the mystique of the situation alone, I had to follow the BakerElvis around. For who those are, I seem to remember him buying shrimp, teryarui sauce, and some mixed vegetables. I think there was a bell pepper although it may have been a summer visitor. The implications of this event shocked me.

Warren Baker barbecues and he plays with his golden retriever and shoots baskets on the weekends.

And who knows, maybe he even has a Sega Genesis and plays Sonic the Hedgehog on rainy days. But none of us would ever know because he insists on being so damned distant.

So to Baker and his staff of public relations masterminds, I have a few suggestions to improve the image:

1. Stop acting like a college American Gladiator
2. Give him more hair and put it in a pony tail. Encourage students to call him "Freddie."
3. Trade in his Cadillac and blue pinstripes for a motorcycle and black leather. When riding from campus home to the administration building, pop a wheelie in front of the University Union.
4. Invite every student over individually to his home for a classy evening of wine, cheese and Pictionary.
5. Blow the top off this list.

Baker is almost never seen around campus, even when he exists and admittedly, the county's population, it's crucial that we continue developing our park system to protect and provide access to the natural beauty of this area. Similar PARKS AND RECREATION DISTRICTS have been created in over one hundred fanned California counties and communities. But in San Luis Obispo, our citizens' rights to do this are obstructed in two ways. First, none of the arguments in favor of Measure B have been included in the sample ballot booklet distributed by the county, though fallacious opposing arguments appear without challenge. Second, residents of all cities in the county are excluded from participating in the vote, even though they make up the majority of parks and recreation facilities users. Only residents of unincorporated areas of the county have been allowed to vote on this measure. As a result, all those living in unincorporated areas outside of the city limits, including CAL POLY STUDENTS LIVING ON CAMPUS, are in a privileged position to overweigh the inequity of this election procedure. If you're registered at a campus address by Oct. 5, and if you vote on Nov. 3, you can say NO to unfair elections and YES to preserving our park system.
It began innocently.

I drove to his house, pulled into the narrow driveway and honked the horn. He came out of the house, his blue back-pack in hand. He didn't look too thrilled to be going to the library, but then, neither did I.

As he approached my car, I turned the volume down on the radio and leaned over to unlock the door for him. He sat down heavily beside me, and I felt a wave of nausea come crashing my way.

"What's up?" he asked.

I turned the volumenob swiftly to the right, the music blurred, and he burst into laughter. A brief moment passed, and a look of disgust swept across his face.

"You listen to country music?" he asked with a disapproving tone to his voice.

Yeah, and what exactly is the problem?

He certainly wasn't the first to ask me that question, or give me that look, or ask me that question in that tone of voice.

Within the last few months, I think that just about everyone who has come in my car has commented on my music selection, or my lack thereof. And I've grown tired of defending myself.

The truth is that months ago I was forced to start listening to country music. That's right - forced.

The radio stations in this town were just killing me. On my way to school, I could choose to tune in to the whining sounds of Paula Abdul blowing kisses in the wind, or to the mangled rapping of less-than-attractive men selling listeners to get down with Eazy-E.

If I was really lucky, I could here Mario Carey practicing her eardrum-piercing vocal cords, or maybe even catch the tail end of a hip-hopping Bobby Brown classic.

Then one day, as I scanned the aisles for something tolerable, I found myself in Sunny Country...and what do you know? If I listened to the words (which I could actually understand), the singers told "stories," cheapy as that may sound, it's true. These weren't tales of raping and murdering wives, or of killing someone's baby. (Here I make vague references to the topics of notorious Slayer and Metallica fans.)

Absent were the words of Nirvana, admitting that they smelt like teen spirit, or of Warnant singing about Cherry Pie.

As I drove, I watched his hand move the volume nob to the left, the music getting louder and louder. "What's up?" he asked.

"Not much," I responded, and he asked with a disapproving laugh, "What's up?" he asked.

"What's up?" I asked as I cranked the volume nob up so he could hear it.

As he turned the volume nob swiftly to the right, the music blurred, and he burst into laughter. A brief moment passed, and a look of disgust swept across his face.

"The guy gets his car, his job and his wife back!" he answered, laughing hysterically.

OK, OK, so I admit that the underlining theme of many of the songs may be similar. But the fact remains that I would much rather listen to stories of broken hearts and shattered dreams than of body parts and piercing screams.

So, like it or not, I'll keep listening to country music until something better comes along.

Romina Vitols is a journalism junior. She reported this piece for the Mustang Daily.

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Culver said he was not surprised by the results. He said Cal Poly is representative of California and the nation as a whole.

Culver said he thinks that Clinton is more appealing to college students and to the nation because he is younger and speaks about the issues that are affecting young people.

"Students should be very disturbed by the economic problems in the country and the social decay," he said.

San Luis Obispo Mayor Ron Dunin, Mustang Daily's political analyst, said he was surprised by the poll results showing Clinton in the lead.

"I always considered Cal Poly a very conservative campus, so I thought that the votes would be more equally spread between President Bush and Clinton," he said.

Dunin said the change is due to the fact that young people today are more sophisticated and more knowledgeable than in the past. They are looking at the present situation and are looking to secure their education, he said.

"This last year or so has shown Cal Poly shifting toward a more liberal campus," he said.

In local politics, a majority of the students said they did not consider themselves informed about city politics, but 80.5 percent said "yes" to a question asking "Do you care about San Luis Obispo city politics?"

This surprised both Cruikshanks and Culver who said they believe that students are not concerned with local government.

Dunin said he was surprised at the lack of student knowledge at the local level.

"I thought the general student population had deeper knowledge due to the fact that they are living in the community," he said.

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From page 1 grace to the college, he said. Classes that were once dropped were reinstated, as well as the faculty needed to teach them.

- Engineering
  The College of Engineering could not be reached for comment.

- Science and Math
  Philip Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Math, said the additional funds have helped, but that the college is still a long way from where it was two years ago.

  "We would have had to cancel about 30 sections without the fund," he said.

  Bailey also cited figures that showed the college supporting 100 faculty two years ago. This year, even after the extra funding, the college has only around 130.

  "If it hadn't been for early retirements, we would have had to go without operating expense money," he said.

- Business
  John Rogers, dean of the College of Business, said that his college had planned a different strategy than the others.

  "We scheduled classes last spring that we knew we couldn't cover without additional funds," he said. This gave students time to arrange their schedules, he said.

  Rogers said the fee increase helped the college maintain the schedule that had been planned.

  "But there was that chance of students having to deal with canceled classes," he said.

  Still, he said, the college is dealing with combined cuts of 16.5 percent over the last 18 months, while maintaining the same number of student credit units.

- Liberal Arts
  Interim Dean Harry Sharp offered a similar description for the College of Liberal Arts.

  "We're definitely a smaller organization now as compared to last year," he said.

  Sharp said the college is doing many things to combat the budget crisis, including recording the demands of courses and determining how many classes are needed based on student enrollment. Additionally, the college admitted less students this year, Sharp said.

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