News of attack surprises dorm residents

Cuesta students say they were not told about December dorm assault

By Matthew Hoy
Staff Writer

Cuesta College students staying in Cal Poly's Sierra Madre Residence Hall were never informed of an attack as they lived there for nearly a week after the attacker roamed free.

The attack, which occurred in Sierra Madre on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 12, is still news to many Cal Poly students a month later because most had already returned home after completing final exams.

But for Cuesta students who remained in Sierra Madre's Tower Zero for their final week of classes, news of the attack was also a surprise, they say — because no hall personnel told them about it.

Erika Maas, a Cuesta College student who lives in Sierra Madre, said she wasn't aware of the attack until almost a week afterward. "I think they should have told us," she said.

Maas and several other students were warned of the attack when they went home a week later and her parents showed her a Telegram-Tribune article about it.

"I didn't hear anything about it until I read it in (Mustang Daily)," Holmes said.

The night following the attack, doors leading into Tower Zero were left open after a tenant mistakenly changed locks on the occupied tower, according to Cal Poly Housing Director Stephen Lamb on Monday.

The locks are normally changed when the dorms are closed down immediately after fall quarter because of Cal Poly students' lease agreements, Lamb said.

But locks on Tower Zero were also changed, despite Cuesta students who knew about the attack.

By Linda Aha
Staff Writer

Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed budget for the 1993-94 fiscal year paints a gloomy scene for many Californians — especially those in the California State University system.

Fee increases, enrollment reductions, department cuts and staff eliminations all are part of the governor's plan.

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Major health care services are considered to be at-risk when examining the budget cuts. Mandatory health care fees will soon be introduced and is on a five-year plan.

We are making small, incremental changes. We could never cut enrollment enough to keep up with the budget cuts.

"We are making the decisions in the next two weeks on enrollment for the fall," he added. "We are not going to send out a letter in April or May that says, We know we accepted you and we appreciate your interest, but our budget won't let us take as many students as we normally do.

Fee hike for health services considered

By Linda Aha
Staff Writer

Tack on another possible fee increase, this one coming from the Health Center.

The California State University Board of Trustees voted to authorize Chancellor Barry Munitz to allow individual campuses to charge students for health services that were formerly provided free or at a nominal cost.

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Health cards, which sold for $25 last quarter, are most likely to be the target if a fee increase hits Cal Poly.

Mandatory health care fees are currently implemented at San Francisco and Sonoma state universities — are possibilities that could ease the lack of funds, Yamada said.

"The situation for the Health Center has been bleak," he said. "In the last two years, we've lost about $1 million.

"This means people and resources," Yamada said.

While suffering from budget cuts, the Health Center has laid off 12 employees, including one doctor and one nurse practitioner.

The Health Center also had to discontinue special student services not covered under the basic services, such as oral health and weekend treatment, as well as reducing lab and X-ray services.

Under the trustees' policy, the Health Center must supply only basic services. But Yamada said they must do more.

"We need to think about what the students need," he said. "If a student comes in with hemorrhoids from an intramural sports injury, they need timely response.

Tuesday's expanded opinion section

In Your Opinion: Students talk about the next round of cuts and fee hikes

Peter Hartlaub says public-access teacher evaluations have been a long time coming.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Ronald Reagan marched into the White House a dozen years ago with a budget he said would erase the federal deficit by 1984 and proclaimed, "There is nothing wrong with America that we can’t fix.”

But last Wednesday, President Bush had to admit that the budget President-elect Clinton inherits is still badly broken, despite 12 years of Reagan-Bush promises to eliminate the red ink.

And while Democrats and Republicans hostilely dispute who is to blame, nobody contends that the government’s finances are in big trouble.

In his final look at the government’s fiscal house before leaving office, Bush projected Tuesday that the budget shortfall will hit a record $327 billion in fiscal 1993, which ends Sept. 30. After digging slightly, he estimated that it will rise again to $220 billion by 1996.

But the Bush projections follow six different spending plans presented over the past two years to tell the American people that the worst thing that could happen to them, next to a nuclear war, was a tax increase, and Reagan was never really sure which was worse,” Charles Schulz, chairman of President Carter’s Council of Economic Advisers, said.

Conservative Republicans say Bush lost his nerve and hurt the economy by agreeing to raise taxes in the 1990 budget deal.

“They didn’t keep the faith, they didn’t stay the course,” says James C. Miller III, a top Reagan administration budget director, and chairman of the board of Citizens for a Sound Economy, a conservative pro-business group.

Bush administration officials point to other factors outside the Federal Reserve, which they blamed for slowing the economy by keeping interest rates too high.


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New program takes recycling one step further

Styrofoam among polystyrene trash to be recycled

By Brad Hamilton
Senior Staff Writer

Cal Poly has kicked up its effort to keep America clean by beginning polystyrene recycling.

Polystyrene includes Styrofoam, "Green Cuisine" salad containers and any other items displaying the recycling number "six." Posters displaying actual polystyrene items denote the recycling bins located next to the trash bins in the Snack Bar and Sandwich Plant.

Recycling will begin at Vista Grande Cafe when bins arrive in about a week.

The ordered recycling bins will also replace the converted trash bins lined with plastic bags used at the Snack Bar and Sandwich Plant, according to Custodian Richard Wagner.

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The cubes are shipped to SLOCO Recycles in San Luis Obispo, the recycling center with which Cal Poly contracted.

The $8,000 baler sits behind the storehouse, Wagner said. The pallets are packaged and transported to various plastic companies which use them to make things like clothes hangers, computer discs, compact disc cases and park benches.

More information on recycling polystyrene can be found on table tents and signs. Occasionally, students might encounter an employee standing next to the recycling bins explaining the program.

Wagner said the program took about 2 1/2 years to materialize. "We've reached a point where we have to do this," he said.

The program was talked about, but nobody knew how to implement recycling polystyrene, Wagner said.

The custodian also said the main problem with the program has been the contamination of the polystyrene bins.

"We won't reject contaminated bales of polystyrene, but it just makes it more difficult for us to sift through," she said.

The idea to recycle polystyrene materialized in 1989 with the establishment of the National Polystyrene Recycling Company (NPFRC), funded by eight leading manufacturers of polystyrene plastics. NPFRC plans to expand its program to recycle at least 250 million pounds of polystyrene per year by 1995, an amount equal to 25 percent of the polystyrene produced in the United States for food service and packaging applications each year, according to a NPFRC press release.

Wagner said no bags of polystyrene were worth recycling last Monday, the first day of the program. Now 12 or 14 bags a day are clean enough, she said.

Cal Poly uses 123,500 Styrofoam cups a month. The Sandwich Plant and Snack Bar use 46,900 cups a month and Vista Grande uses 19,000.

Recycling polystyrene is an effort to cut down on the trash dumped in landfills.

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Old recycling bins found around campus are designated just for glass bottles and aluminum cans.
This week, students were asked for their opinion on Gov. Pete Wilson's budgetary decisions and how they might affect Cal Poly and the rest of California's education system.

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-- Heather Derr
Ag Business

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-- Mike Rockenstein
Political Science

It's not Gov. Wilson's fault; it's Willie Brown, he's in control.

We're going to get hit hard and it's not going to be fun, but at the same time, the whole country's going to get hit hard.

I really can't say anything about it because I don't know that much about it, but it's going to hit hard, definitely.

There will probably be department cuts and activity cuts and clubs, and maybe even sports. But I don't really know, I'm kind of new here.

-- Tom Mobley
Political Science

I don't think (Wilson) made the right decisions at all. I think that education is the foundation of our country, and I think we need to support that more than any other category. I think they need to put more money into schools because that's really the only way you get results; through schooling. The places that are (receiving) money to expand, maybe they just need more reform. I think with education we'll have less prisoners in the future.

I sympathize with (Wilson's) position; it's just like Baker's here at school. They have some tough decisions to make, and they're trying to please anyone, as any politician would.

I guess you have certain people agreeing with certain decisions and not with others. I disagree with them and agree with others. I sympathize with their positions.

-- Mark Theodore
Crop Science

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By Peter Hartlaub

I had this really bad teacher once. It was a sociology class at Cal Poly and he was much too bad for his badness to be described in one word or two. Basically, he had an ornery, nervous way of carrying himself, like a guy who had shot up a lot of heroin. He thinks he is a fine contributor to the teaching industry. I have an opinion. He has tenure.

I accept defeat. But at least allow me to make a complaint to the teaching industry. I have an opinion. He has tenure.

I understand he can't be fired on the basis of my hasty student input. I think he acts like a walrus on heroin. He thinks he is a fine contributor to the teaching industry. I have an opinion. He has tenure.

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I suppose, then, that this pleading is directed at them.

I respect your authority, professor, but I am an administrator, academic senate. You make a lot of money defending what I do, you're much smarter than I'll ever be and you have really cool long titles before your names that I can only dream of.

But despite the fact that you all use much longer words than I do, I think we're in the same level in the area of human concern.

So give us this one justice. For the same reason you tip children on your modes of transport. For the same reason you send a thank you note to your aunt, even though the scarf she gave you was really ugly. For the same reason you say "hello" to the security guard at Taco Bell, no matter how much he looks like Horshack from "Welcome Back Kotter."

Prove to us that not every thing we learned in Mr. Roger's Neighborhood was complete bullshit.

Give us your teacher evaluations. Not because you have to but because it's good karma. It's courteous. It's fair.

This school doesn't have the money to constantly provide us with quality teaching in every single classroom. That's okay, people in administration and the academic senate. We know you're doing the best you can and it's all you can do.

But as long as you're in the doors of this school, you should remember to give us a break. I sit here here on Capital hill...

I give a 15/25 on that question and feel the final. I don't know what the most unjust part about the class was — that I didn't learn anything or that I got an A by regurgitating Saturday morning cartoons.

I remember having something to do with legislation with social services. All I could remember having anything to do with legislation was this "Schoolhouse Rock" commercial I heard while watching children's television when I was 8 years old. You know the one...? I am a bill, I am only a bill, and I'm sitting here on Capital hill...

That doesn't have to be a bad thing and despite our comparatively small vocabularies and lack of investigations, firings or public stonings in the U.C. for teachers without positive ratings. Just a little free speech to make things easier for students in an academic world that is quickly becoming more difficult.

It's not even like evil terrorist guerrillas from some fascist third world country or The Poly Review are trying to organize this. This is creditable. It's ASI. They all dress nice and have useless little nameplates and lots of classy stationary and they argue policy all the time for fun. Trust me, they're harmless, but in a pretty reasonable kind of way.

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I remember sitting in the wal­ rus' final and one of the easy questions was about legislation of social services. All I could remember having anything to do with legislation was this "Schoolhouse Rock" commercial I heard while watching children's television when I was 8 years old. You know the one...? I am a bill, I am only a bill, and I'm sitting here on Capital hill...
ATTACK

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Business administration
senior Jon Gillett, a former resi­
dent adviser who lives in Sierra
Madre, said communication was
lacking when he was a resident
adviser last year.

"I was never told, as an RA.,
through official channels that a
rape occurred," Gillett said.

"When there is a rape some­
one should make a general state­
ment that rapes (and) attacks occur on
the campus, and a general warning
issued."

But while residents of Sierra
Madre were informed of the at­
tack in an all-hall meeting, there
was no such meeting at nearby
Tenaya Hall.

Many dorm residents left
their doors unlocked before news
of the attack, said speech com­
munication freshman Jennifer
Machi, who lives in Tenaya. Now
she says people are more
cautious. "I think everyone
around here locks their doors a
lot more," she said.

Lamb said Tenaya Hall did
not have a meeting because the
coordinator of student develop­
ment there, Christopher Lamb,
did not return from his
honeymoon in time to coordinate
it. But there will be a meeting
this weekend, he said.

Police are still looking for the
attacker who entered through
the unlocked door of a student's
second-story dorm room. The 18­
year-old Cal Poly student was
awakened by a man who climbed
on top of her. He fled when she
bit his tongue as he attempted to
kiss her.

They suspect the same man in
three other similar attacks on
women in the area. The suspect
is described as a male, between
18 and 25 years old, with short
dirty-blond hair and long finger­
nails.

BUDGET

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"We sort of do some crystal­
balling and guess where our en­
rollment should be. If we were to
go ahead and reduce enrollment
as quickly as they reduce our
budget, then we'd end up with all
kinds of problems."

Although the picture looks
bleak for Cal Poly students con­
terned with fee increases and
possible departmental cuts, Cal
Poly administrators say no offi­
cial decisions have been made
yet.

"It needs to be emphasized
that this is only the governor's
proposal," said Rick Ramirez,
budget director for Cal Poly.

"When it's all over, the cuts could
increase — as they did this year
—or they could be much less.

"It's too soon for panic. This is
only what the governor is propos­
ing, not necessarily what the
Legislature will agree to."

Wilson's proposed cuts fell
within the range Cal Poly ad­
iministrators were expecting.

"We're dealing with a range of
between zero and 10 percent and
his proposed cuts fall well within
our range," Crabb said. "It's kind
of funny because a 5 to 6 percent
budget cut actually could be
catastrophic. But because we
planned for so much more, it ac­
tually doesn't seem that bad.

"We look at it and say, 'We can
handle this.' I guess it's kind of a
conditioning."

College deans are currently
working together to determine
departmental cuts, Crabb said.

"The deans work on figuring
out the worst-case scenario and
then we can build upward from
that," Crabb said.

Wilson's cuts could be as high
as 8 percent, a level that Crabb
said would be "disastrous."
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